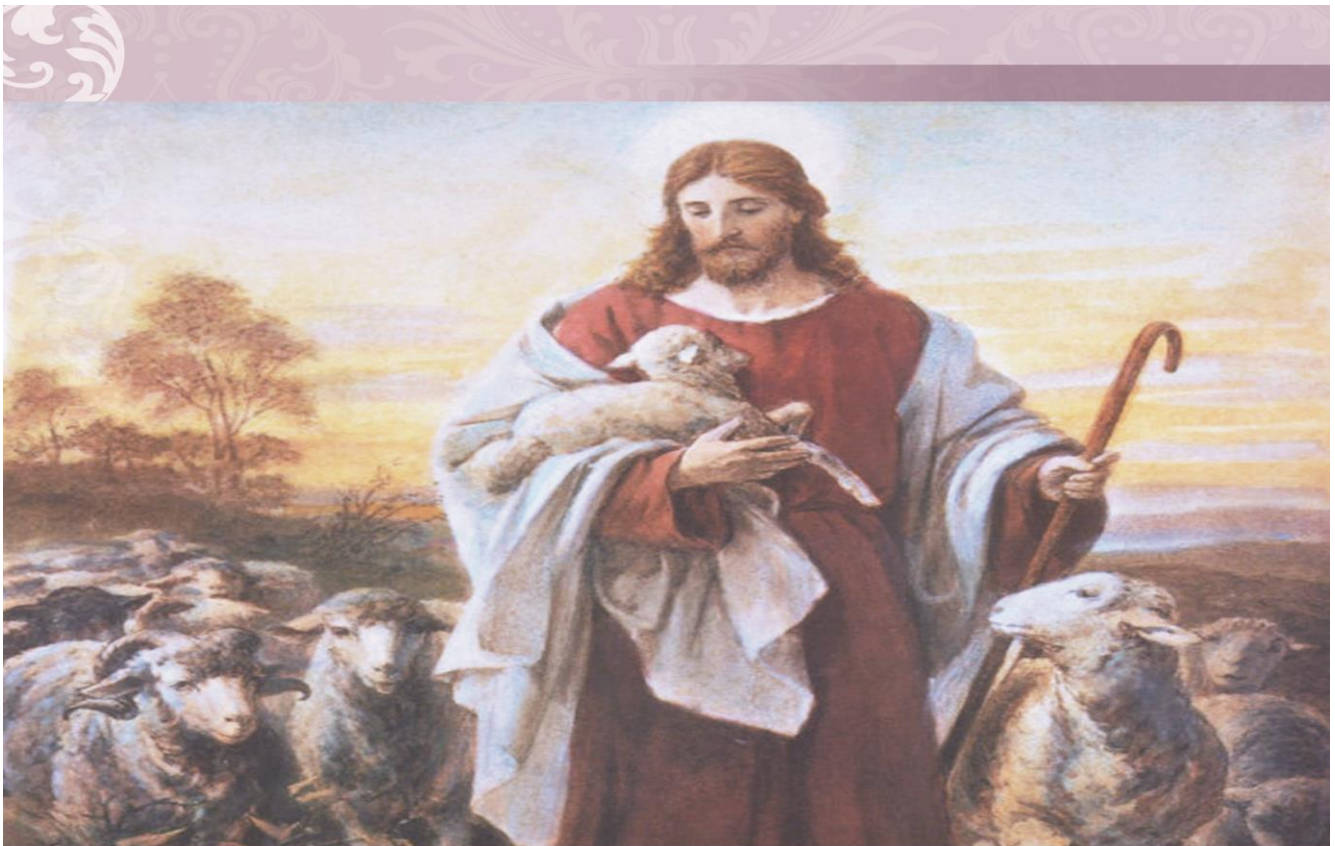


Catholic Community of St. Catherine of Alexandria & St. Ignatius of Loyola



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." - Jn 10:27-28b

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May 12, 2019

MASS SCHEDULE

St. Catherine: Saturday – 4:00pm (Vigil), Sunday - 10:30am

St. Ignatius: Sunday - 8:30am

Monday – Friday - 6:30am at St. Catherine Church

with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 7:00am to 8:00am

Confessions: St. Catherine: Saturday-3:00-3:45pm

St. Ignatius: Sunday 7:45am to 8:15am

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Please keep in your prayers those with long term illnesses and their caregivers.

To have names added to or removed from the prayer list or if you need a priest at the hospital, nursing home or assisted living facility, call 301/934-9630. Please leave your name/phone #, person's name, facility and room #.

Sacrificial Giving

Weekend of May 5, 2019

St. Catherine

Offertory: \$2,480

R&M \$1,910

St. Ignatius

Offertory: \$2,212

R&M \$421

Thank you for your generous support of our church & ministries.

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From the Desk of Father Ken,

I've always enjoyed the month of May. The weather finally warms up, the azalea's, dogwoods, and other spring flowers and trees bloom (not so good for the allergies though). We honor Mary with the May crowning, thank you to Emmie Farren and Samantha Cantu for doing the honors this year. We honor our mom's this weekend, and all those women who had a significant influence in forming us. As a priest I remember and pray for all my spiritual moms who have helped in my vocation.

May is also a month of sacraments, especially First Communion and Confirmation. This weekend Zachary Cantu, Kelly Fleming, and Desales Mudd, will receive the Bread of Life, the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for the first time with us. They don't have to cross their arms anymore! What a precious gift our Lord gives to us, may we never tire of receiving or ever take the gift of the Eucharist for granted.

On May 15, Emmie Farren, will be representing both our parishes as she is our only child receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. Emmie will join her 8th grade classmates from ANS and our 8th graders from the St. John Paul II Faith Formation Program in a beautiful Mass on Wed. May 15th at Sacred Heart. I look forward to concelebrating the Mass and sharing in the Spirit.

May is also a time of graduations. This year I've been asked to concelebrate and preach at the ANS 8th grade graduation Mass and for the first time give the homily at the St. Mary's Ryken Baccalaureate Mass, please pray for me that I may offer the words that our Lord would like spoken.

And in just a little more than a week, our new Archbishop will be installed on May 21st. A time of new beginnings for our Archdiocese. Through the intercession of our Blessed Mother, may the Holy Spirit renew us and fill all our hearts during this beautiful month with faith, hope, and love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



GOSPEL MEDITATION - Fourth Sunday of Easter

We all face obstacles in life. Perhaps it's a lost job, the death of a loved one, a sudden accident that places an unexpected dent in our finances. Sometimes the challenges are of our own making. Perhaps we've developed patterns of sin in our personal lives or our family relationships. We've all felt the jolting shock of, "This is all my fault." How do these things affect our relationship with God? Or, perhaps more poignantly, how do we now view God's relationship to us?

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus' words to us are encouraging ones. "No one can take them out of my hand." Did you catch that? In case you didn't, Jesus reemphasizes the point again a few verses later. "My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand." God's grip of providential care and mercy is so strong that nothing can separate us. We might think things take us out of God's hand - life circumstances, tragedy, our lukewarm attitudes towards faith - but Jesus tells us otherwise. Nothing, no one, can take us out of the Father's hand, and we can't take ourselves out! We can't remove ourselves from Him, not entirely. Even when grievous sin hardens us to grace, His love is still sustaining us in existence. And His mercy is always awaiting our repentance.

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." This Sunday, let us heed the voice of the Good Shepherd. Whatever we feel might take us from God's hand, we can turn back to Him. God is always inviting us to follow Him and to trust in His care and be sustained by His hand.

Mass Intentions & Readings

Monday May 13 – Easter Weekday *Our Lady of Fatima*

6:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory

Acts 11: 1-18 Jn 10: 1-10

Tuesday May 14 – Saint Matthias

6:30am Rev. Seamus Kuebler

Acts 1: 15-17 Jn 15: 9-17

Wednesday May 15 – Easter Weekday

6:30am Patty Colavincenzo

Acts 12: 24-, 13: 5a Jn 12: 44-50

Thursday May 16 – Easter Weekday

6:30am John B. Dobry

Acts 13: 13-25 Jn 13: 16-20

Friday May 17 – Easter Weekday

6:30am Joan Higgs

Acts 13: 26-33 Jn 14: 1-6

Sunday May 19 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

4:00 pm Edward Mohler

8:30am People of The Community

10:30am

Acts 14: 21-27 Rv 21: 1-5a Jn 13: 31033a, 34-35

Public Notary Available

Did you know that our Administrative Assistant, **Linda Harrigan** is also a Public Notary?

If you need a notary, you may see Linda Mon, Wed, Fri from 10:00am - 3:00pm.

To Have Your News Item placed in the bulletin, please call Linda Harrigan or send your article or text to

Linda Harrigan at:

admin.stcatherine-alexandria.md@adw.org

by Monday 12:00 Noon for the following Sunday's bulletin.

Child Protection Policy

The Archdiocese has mandated a policy for all volunteers to complete the process of getting certified to volunteer where you come in contact with children. Your first step is to register for an account on VIRTUS. www.virtusonline.org This is where all of your information is uploaded. Complete the volunteer application and bring it with you for your background check appointment.

ANS will be host the required "Protecting God's Children" workshop on Monday, June 3rd at 6:30 pm in the school cafeteria. You can sign up for the workshop when you set up your VIRTUS account. At this workshop, you will receive the ADW Child Protection Policy Booklet and a certificate of attendance of the workshop.

Electronic background checks are by appointment at the Rectory. The cost is \$18.50/person and you need 2 forms of ID. One must be a photo ID, also a passport, Work ID, military ID or birth certificate. Please call the Rectory for more information.



The Knights of Columbus a Catholic Men's Fraternal organization dedicated towards the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. If you are interested in joining, please contact WGK James Hojnowski at jhojnows@kent.edu or 301-861-6407 for more information.

Clothing Drive Announcement

The Knights have partnered with Turnkey Enterprises in order to collect clothing and fundraise. If you have any clothes you want to give away, please consider putting them in a bag into the storage shed outside the St. Catherine's Meeting Hall.

Installation Mass for Archbishop Wilton Gregory Archbishop Designate - Archbishop of Washington



When: Tuesday May 21, 2019

Where: Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
400 Michigan Ave. NE, Washington, D.C.

Time: 2:00pm (procession begins at 1:30pm)

Reception to meet our new Archbishop immediately following the installation Mass will also be at the Basilica.

All are welcome, there will be sections of seating open to the public.

Quo Vadis Camp - The Office of Priest Vocation annual Quo Vadis Camp for high school aged young men will be held at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary July 28-31, 2019. For four days, high school aged young men, who desire to grow in holiness, will have an opportunity for Mass, prayer and Eucharistic adoration, as well as time for fraternity, sports, and reflection. Bus transportation is available. More information is available and registration is open at www.DCpriest.org. Please contact the Office of Priest Vocations vocations@adw.org or 202/636-9020 with any questions.

Angel's Watch Shelter Pizza Collection

Donations for the St. Ignatius meal at the shelter will be collected next Sunday after Mass.

REMINDER

The Mother's Day Bake Sale
is after all Masses this
weekend.

Night at the Races

It's that time of year again for the annual Night at the Races sponsored by The Restorer's of Mount Carmel of Maryland.

The festivities will be in Sacred Heart Church Friendship Room, 201 St. Mary's Avenue, LaPlata, MD on Saturday, June 1; doors open at 5:30 pm. An All American Gourmet Buffet is 6:00-7:30 PM, followed by races and betting from 7:00-10:00 pm. Cos is \$20.00 per person or \$160 for a table of eight. Cash bar is available and there will be a 50/50 cash drawing. For another \$20 you can purchase and name a horse (also choose what race and position). This is a real bargain; gas, food, clothes, everything is going up - but not at our Night at the Races.

Owner of winning horses win \$100 plus what you win on betting. And what money is raised goes to help the Nuns at Mount Carmel. For making a dinner reservation and/or to purchase a horse, please call Sharon Vaughan at 301-934-2983. Thank you all and we look forward to seeing you June 1. And they are off!

Calendar

May 15	Confirmation (Sacred Heart)
May 15	Caregivers Support Group
May 18	St. Catherine Finance Council Meeting
May 21	Archbishop Gregory Installation Mass
May 25	Shelves of Hope Food Pantry
May 29	A Grateful Plate
June 2	Feast of the Ascension
June 8	Shelves of Hope Food Pantry
June 14	Movie Night under the Stars
June 15	Priest Ordination (BNSIC - DC)
July 21	St. Ignatius 160 th Anniversary Mass
July 27	Shelves of Hope Food Pantry
July 29	A Grateful Plate
August 10	Shelves of Hope Food Pantry
August 24	Shelves of Hope Food Pantry

St. Catherine Yard Sale

To all who worked tirelessly for the Yard Sale,
Thank you! We netted \$2,808!

The World Apostolate of Fatima

Invites you to participate in a Mass and Rosary in honor of Our Lady of Fatima at the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Monday, May 13th at 1:00 pm. Blessing of articles after Mass. Msgr. Mariano Balbago celebrating.

CATHERINE FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER

Grille No.13 in the Waldorf Market Place (across from Famous Dave's). EVERY DAY IN MAY, the restaurant owner will donate to the Catherine Foundation a percentage of the food and beverage purchases of our supporters. This includes alcoholic drinks. Just tell the server to make the donation and you will get a free ticket for a \$25 Grille No.13 gift card drawing. Join your family, friends, and colleagues at Grille No.13 throughout the month of May and support moms in our community who choose life. Contact: Janet Beck at outreach@catherinefoundation.org

St. Catherine Hall Closed

Please note that St. Catherine Hall will be closed between Monday May 6th - Friday May 24th for the Air Conditioning Replacement Project.

Thank you for your patience and support.

Shelves of Hope Food Pantry

Food Items for May

**Peaches, Mixed Fruit,
Apple Sauce**

(Cinnamon & Regular/Six Pack)

Pantry is open on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 9:30am
Volunteers are welcome to help out

ALL POOR BOX DONATIONS
SUPPORT OUR PANTRY

Growing in Faith – 4th Sunday in Easter

From the Catechism – In the person of Christ the head...the priest as the icon of Christ

1548 In the ecclesial service of the ordained minister, it is Christ himself who is present to his Church as Head of his Body, Shepherd of his flock, high priest of the redemptive sacrifice, Teacher of Truth. This is what the Church means by saying that the priest, by virtue of the sacrament of Holy Orders, acts *in persona Christi Capitis*:

It is the same priest, Christ Jesus, whose sacred person his minister truly represents. Now the minister, by reason of the sacerdotal consecration which he has received, is truly made like to the high priest and possesses the authority to act in the power and place of the person of Christ himself (*virtute ac persona ipsius Christi*).

Christ is the source of all priesthood: the priest of the old law was a figure of Christ, and the priest of the new law acts in the person of Christ.

1549 Through the ordained ministry, especially that of bishops and priests, the presence of Christ as head of the Church is made visible in the midst of the community of believers. In the beautiful expression of St. Ignatius of Antioch, the bishop is *typos tou Patros*: he is like the living image of God the Father.

From the writings of the Saints - *St. Bridget of Sweden*

"The time will come when there will be one flock and one shepherd,
one faith and one dear knowledge of God."

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP – Fourth Sunday of Easter

When I was little, I would always cling to the same routine each night before going to bed. I would say to my parents, "Good night." They would respond, "Good night." I then would say, "See you tomorrow, okay?" I would await their response, and if they did not respond, I would say it again louder, "See you tomorrow, okay?" I somehow felt that if they did not assure me that I would see them tomorrow, it would possibly not happen. What would happen to me if I awoke and no one was there? It seems silly now, but to a small boy, it was very serious.

In our lives, many of us have somehow bought into the notion that there is so much in the world that can take us away from God. We believe that worldly values, immorality, or evil itself can take us away from God's love and protection. But there are few greater lies than this. The reality is that if we find ourselves far away from God, the only force that carried us away was our own choices.

In John's Gospel, Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me...No one can take them out of my hand." Yes, we are tempted at every side, but no temptation can take us away from him. Unfortunately, sometimes after initial choices, we find ourselves in addiction or dependency, making our reconciliation with God impossible without the help of friends and loved ones. But make no mistake, no one or nothing can take those who are His sheep away from God.

When you think about this, you realize the importance of your actions. The power of your stewardship is great, because by utilizing your gifts, you determine if you will draw closer to or wander away from God. The world can't do that. The devil can't do that, nor can the wishful words of a little boy in the night.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Growing with the GOSPEL

My Family and Me

John 10:27-30 ■ 4th Sunday of Easter

CYCLE C



Read the Gospel and Color



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Kids' Corner

Puzzle

Find your way through the bible maze.



Mission for the Week

Every night before you go to bed, read from a Bible storybook. Ask God to help you love him more and more.

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Sharing the Gospel

Jesus loves you so much! He knows what makes you happy and what makes you sad. You are his precious child, and he wants to be close to you forever. Get to know Jesus by reading about him in your Bible. Find out what makes him happy. Learn how he loves people who need help, and try to follow his example.

Prayer

Dear Jesus, help me to stay close to you.

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WEEKLY FEATURE

Study Lectio: Evangelization We'll talk about signs of our modern times—sobering reminders of how desperately our world needs a restoration of a biblical worldview. We also look at the missionary character of the Church and answer the question: How can the evangelization efforts of the early Church help us today? This 10 session study includes the study guides along with the video sessions. Find this in the STUDY section under Bible Studies.

BOOK OF THE MONTH

History of the Catholic Church The Catholic Church is the longest-enduring institution in the world. Beginning with the first Christians and continuing in our present day, the Church has been planted in every nation on earth. The Catholic Church claims Jesus Christ himself as her founder, and in spite of heresy from within and hostility from without, she remains in the twenty-first century the steadfast guardian of belief in his Life, Death, and Resurrection. The teachings and redemptive works of Jesus as told in the Gospels are expressed by the Church in a coherent and consistent body of doctrine, the likes of which cannot be found in any other Christian body.

Find this book in READ in the Exploring the Catholic Faith section

OTHER NOTABLES

READ: *A Mother's Rule of Life* Holly's Rule is not just another set of schedules; it's a way for Christian mothers to answer God's call to holiness. With the help of your own Rule, you can get control of your own household, grow closer to God, come to love your husband more, and raise up holy Christian children. In these wise and practical pages, Holly shows you how. Do you want to be a better wife and mother? To have more order in your life? To grow in union with God? Are you desperate yet? With your own *Mother's Rule of Life*, you'll transform motherhood and its burdens into the joyful vocation it's meant to be. Learn from Holly Pierlot how to craft a Rule that's right for you and your family. Then use that Rule to help God draw you, your husband, and each of your children into Heaven

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

