

## 2. DIRECTIONS FROM ST. STEPHENS TO ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH.

- Exit St Stephens Church, Kingsville, MD 21087
- Turn right at **Bradshaw Rd** 4+mins
- Turn right at **US-1 N/Belair Rd**
- Continue to follow US-1 N  
About 12 mins
- Turn left at **Conowingo Rd**  
About 2 mins
- Turn left at **E Jarrettsville Rd**
- St. Ignatius will be on the left  
About 2 mins
- **THE CEMETERY SITS ALONG THE ROAD SIDE.**
- **PAUL AIME' I, THE FOUNDER OF WOODBINE, IS BURIED UNDER A LARGE OBLISK MONUMENT.**

St Ignatius Church 533 East Jarrettsville Road,  
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### St. John's Episcopal Church

As you leave St. Stephens and follow the directions to St. Ignatius Catholic Church, Hickory, you will pass St. Johns Church at the intersection of Bradshaw Rd. and Rt. 1.

This church, built in 1816, replaced the church of St. Johns built in 1725 which laid in ruins. This church was located in the colonial town of "Joppa Town," a major seaport of the day on the Gunpowder River about 6 miles due east from Woodbine. Established in 1692, it was attended by many Fleury ancestors, including Sheriff Col. William Young whose name appears among the vestryman and pew holders of the congregation.

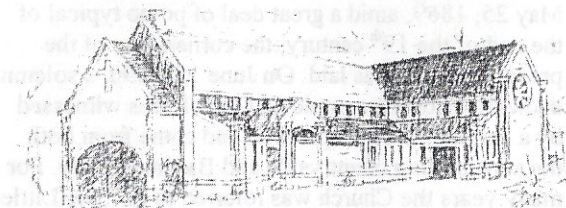
Col. Young's grand-daughter Clare married Paul Aime Fleury I, a Catholic, in 1794. They built Woodbine Farm on a 273 acre tract of land called "Nanjemoy," part of "Sewall's Fancy" which initially been granted to her great-grandfather,

Nicholas Sewall by his stepfather, Lord Baltimore, Charles Calvert in 1679. Clare converted to Catholicism shortly before her death and is buried at St. Ignatius beside her husband Paul Aime Fleury I.

The site of the original **St. Johns, Joppa Town**, (not on tour) was developed in the 1960s. The Panitz Company sold/donated lots to the Episcopal Church, effectively preserving about 50% of the land where Joppa Town stood. The Episcopal Church subsequently re-consecrated the grounds and built the aptly-named Church of the Resurrection adjacent to the foundation of the original "St. John's Parish" of Joppa Town in 1970. The Church of the Resurrection has proved an excellent custodian of this site and its history, preserving its archaeological ruins and serving as a repository for documents, research, and artifacts related to colonial Joppa Town.

### History of St. Ignatius Catholic Church, Hickory

St. Ignatius, Hickory is the oldest, active parish in the Archdiocese of Baltimore, and is rooted in the Gospel, faith and tradition as a Roman Catholic Church. There is a tradition that a member of the Wheeler family, relatives of the Fleury family, donated the land for the building of St. Ignatius church. Paul Aime I, his wife and children certainly attended mass and other sacramental ceremonies at this location. Paul and Clare are buried here.



Since its completion in 1792, St. Ignatius has been a strong Catholic presence in Harford County. Six area parishes were begun as missions of St. Ignatius.

Paul Aime and Clare Young Fleury, founders of Woodbine Farm are buried in this cemetery marked by a tall obelisk. As well, many ancestors of the Fleurys of Woodbine are interred here, including members of the Wheeler family. Below are a few milestones of the parish.

- 1786 Building of St. Ignatius begun.
- 1792 St. Ignatius Church completed; dedicated on September 27 by Archbishop John Carroll. King Louis XVIII gave Archbishop Marechal of Baltimore a gift of a chalice for St. Ignatius. Side rooms built onto church for use as a rectory. The second mission church, **St. John the Evangelist in Long Green** built. (*Land donated by Jenkins family-ancestors of Fleurys of Woodbine Farm*)
- 1822 An addition of 35 feet added to the main church, and cypress roof replaced with slate.
- 1848 Bell purchased from the Joshua Register Bell Foundry of Baltimore for \$598.00.
- 1865 Belfry built for a cost of \$672.00. Rectory built. Cost \$5,734.00. The side rooms of the church became a school, which was closed in 1886.
- 1871 The Stations of the Cross purchased, framed, blessed and hung where they remain today. Painting of St. Ignatius purchased in Europe. The book's slogan incorrectly reads "In this sign you will conquer". This was the Roman Emperor Constantine's slogan. St. Ignatius' book should read "Ad Maiorem Dei Gloriam; or "For the Greater Glory of God."
- 1878 Organ purchased from Hook & Hastings in Boston for \$1400.00.
- 1884 Electricity installed in the church.

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