

# St. Ignatius Church – Chapel Point

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**Saturday Evening: 5:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday Mornings: 7:30, 9:00, 11:15 a.m.**  
**Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m.**

**The Eucharist**  
**Weekdays: 8:00 a.m.**  
**Holy Days: 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.**

**Registration:** We welcome all new members to our parish family. Your registration is important; it helps us to know those we serve. It is also necessary if you wish to be certified as an active member to be a baptismal or confirmation sponsor.

**Stewardship:** Christians share their talents, time and treasure to carry on the work of the Church. Your offerings are essential to St. Ignatius Church, for us to maintain our staffing, programs and buildings.

**Cemetery:** There are grave sites available for active parishioners in the new section at the base of the hill. Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington administers the sale of lots and burial. Because we do not have an adequate endowment, the costs of maintenance come from general parish funds. The phone number for Catholic Cemeteries is 301-932-1766.

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m., or by appointment.

**Matrimony:** Registered parishioners planning to be married at St. Ignatius must contact the pastor at least six months before the wedding.

**Baptism:** Parents planning to have their child baptized attend baptism classes which are offered the first Saturday of February, April, June, August, October and December. Please email or call Fr. Clifford to register for the class. Consider doing so, before your child is born.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:** If you would like to learn about becoming a Catholic, please contact the Religious Education Office. Classes begin at the end of the summer.



## Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 17, 2019

"You will be hated by all because of my name,  
but not a hair on your head will be destroyed.  
By your perseverance you will secure your lives."



### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 16 – 5:00 p.m. – Gloria Wills +  
Sunday, November 17 – 7:30 a.m. – Michael Scroggins +  
Sunday, November 17 – 11:15 a.m. – Jeff Bowersox +  
Sunday, November 17 – 6:00 p.m. – Dennis Vaira +  
Tuesday, November 19 – 8:00 a.m. – Braylen Sage (Happy Birthday!)

**Belief in the real presence** There has been a great deal of excitement and confusion created in some elements of the Catholic press. What that really comes down to is that some aspects of our faith are complicated, and our ability to explain them is not always very successful. The Pew Foundation which funds a great deal of research on religion, confirmed in 2019 essentially what they found in 2010. Of regular church going Catholics, 37% say that they do not believe that the Eucharist has become the actual Body and Blood of Christ. Even more so among those who only occasionally join in the worship of the Church; is the belief that Jesus is only spiritually present in the bread and wine.

We explain how Christ is present in the form of bread and wine through a medieval doctrine of transubstantiation. This works well for those who are faith filled medievalists; but is open to terrible misinterpretation by both current believers, who profess faith in the real presence; and current non believers in the real presence. The understanding was that things had *substance*-substance being the inner reality of the bread and wine; and also *accidents*- the physical texture, taste and composition. St. Thomas Aquinas, the most noted explainer of the doctrine, said the inner reality changed in the consecration, but not the accidents, the physical texture, taste and chemical composition. The accidents are what we experience as bread and wine. The problem is that what philosophers of one thousand years ago called *accidents*, most people today would call *substance* of a material thing.

The clearest short statement in Aquinas's **Summa Theologiae** :

**Question 75 - I answer that,** It is evident to sense that all the accidents of the bread and wine remain after the consecration. And this is reasonably done by Divine providence. First of all, because it is not customary, but horrible, for men to eat human flesh, and to drink blood. And therefore Christ's flesh and blood are set before us to be partaken of under the species of those things which are the more commonly used by men, namely, bread and wine. Secondly, lest this sacrament might be derided by unbelievers, if we were to eat our Lord under His own species. Thirdly, that while we receive our Lord's body and blood invisibly, this may redound to the merit of faith.

For someone without advanced theological understanding, this change in the inner reality, but not the material, chemical, DNA reality might be expressed as a spiritual presence and change. What is the dead giveaway that some explanation is not Catholic doctrine, would be to say that Christ is only *symbolically* present. The more interesting and valuable question to ask of those both who affirm and deny transubstantiation, is how they understand the term.

**Does your family have a bible?** We are always trying to find ways to encourage reading and studying sacred scripture. In an effort to promote this, we have purchased a few bibles for anyone who does not have a bible in their home. If you will read the bible, please take one. We want every home to have a bible that is read and studied on a regular basis.

**Knights of Columbus Annual Tootsie Roll Give away** This weekend after all Masses, members of Archbishop Neale Council Knights of Columbus will be giving away Tootsie Rolls and accepting donations for persons with intellectual disabilities. All money collected is donated to organizations here in Charles County such as Melwood, Spring Dell, HARC, Special Olympics and Freedom Landing. For addition information, contact Gus Tolson at 301.932.0330.

**The All Soul's Book of Remembrance** The Book will be kept on the altar during the month of November to remember All Souls.

**Religious Education:** We do have class this Sunday, Nov 17. We will be giving each class a list of a few things to bring as our part to help with the SafeNights held at the church Christmas week, so please be sure to help!

NOTE: There was an error in the original schedule. We DO have class next Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, but there is NO class the Sunday after Thanksgiving, Dec. 1.

**Confirmation:** THERE IS NO CLASS THIS WEEK! Our next Confirmation class will be next Sunday, Nov. 24. Please bring your signed sponsor sheets to turn in if you have not yet. We will see you then! NOTE: There was an error in the original schedule. We DO have class on November 24<sup>th</sup>, but there is NO class the Sunday after Thanksgiving, Dec. 1.

**Youth Group Meeting:** Our next Youth Group meeting will be THIS Sunday, November 17 @ 7PM. There was an email sent out for announcements regarding Summer 2020 Catholic Conferences. Please be sure to place your input if you would like to attend any summer events with us!

**Baptism Class:** Our next baptism class will be held in December. If you are interested in having your child baptized at our parish, please contact Emily Vara at [ignatiusreligion@yahoo.com](mailto:ignatiusreligion@yahoo.com)

**Office Hours:** The Religious Education Office will be open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9AM-3PM. I will be at a Catechetical Leaders meeting on Tuesday but will check emails periodically. Please feel free to call, email or come by anytime!

**Pumpkin Roll Fundraiser:** Thank you to everyone who helped make our Pumpkin Roll fundraiser a success last year. We are going to be doing it again this year to help raise funds for our Youth Group and Confirmation programs. We will be baking the Pumpkin Rolls in the St. Ignatius kitchen on Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> and they will be ready to be picked up on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Rolls are \$15 and can be ordered with or without walnuts, and are perfect for a Thanksgiving dessert. Please email or call Emily Vara by Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> if you would like to order one (or more!) rolls.

**The Annual Charles County Holiday Trail** We will be participating in the Holiday Trail again this year. St. Thomas Manor will be decorated for Christmas with live greenery. Fr. Clifford and our docents will give tours of the church and Manor House. The dates and times are: Saturday, Dec. 7, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 8, 12:30 p.m. - 4 p.m. We will be serving delicious home baked goods and refreshments. Fr. Clifford could use some help with docents and tours. Please contact him if you'd like to help. We could also use help with being a host or hostess in the Manor House Saturday and Sunday; to greet our guests and keep our refreshments nice for visitors. We also need people to help cut greenery here on the church grounds, the Thursday before, so our decorators can decorate on Friday. Clip boards are on the back table for signing up to be a docent, cut greens, and serve as hosts/hostesses. There are brochures on the back table if you'd like more information about this event and others being held in the county this Christmas season.

**Annual Coat Drive** Please donate new or CLEAN, gently used coats to our coat drive. There is a container in the back of the church. They will be donated to those in need this winter.

**Parish prayer gathering – The Journey- My Encounter with Jesus** Remaining sessions are; Tuesday Nov. 26 and Wed., Dec. 11. Each session will begin with a question and a Scripture reading, a brief video, and prayer. Meetings will be at 7 PM.

**Safenights Update** Thank you for the support we've received to date. We still have some spots that need help. NOTE: Lifestyles, Inc. Rules and Regulations do not allow anyone under 18 to help with meals and activities for the guests. This is due to the fact that the children may go to school with children that are served. Keep watching the bulletin and back table for ways to help with donations of supplies we need. The GIVING TREE this year will also have tags that include gift cards that we plan to give our guests for Christmas. It's difficult for them to carry anything bigger than a gift card; so it's thought that's the best gift if anyone felt led to give them something for Christmas. We are accepting monetary donations to help offset the cost to the parish for miscellaneous food staples, maintenance and kitchen supplies, and utilities. **Our next planning meeting will be Monday, December 2 at 7 p.m. in the parish hall.** If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Brenda Canter, Host Site Coordinator, at 301-934-8245 ext. 2 or [stigoffice@yahoo.com](mailto:stigoffice@yahoo.com). I am open to all input and suggestions to help make this huge endeavor for our parish a success.

*'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' ~Matthew 25*

**The Annual St. Ignatius Advent tea** will take place on Dec. 7 at 2 pm. Bring an appetizer or dessert. All lady parishioners and friends are invited for fellowship and fun. Make it part of your Holiday Trail visit. If you have any questions, contact Mary-Jo Kamin 301-392-3869.

**Gift Shop** will be open on Sunday after the 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Masses. The new 2019 Christmas ornaments are in! It depicts the painting behind the altar.

**Loyola on the Potomac Upcoming Events - Day of Prayer**-December 2, 2019; *Prepare Ye the Way*, January 2, 2019; *Embracing Hope* Fee: \$40, starts at 9:00 am includes Continental breakfast, Lunch, Mass. **Ignatian Weekend Retreats** January 3-5 (Men); January 10-12 (Men); January 24-26 (Men and Women); Fee: \$245; \$195 for first time retreatants And young adults (Under 30). **Loyola Sainly Tea**- December 15, 2019; 3:00 to 5:00 pm Fee: \$25; **Loyola on the Potomac - A Jesuit Retreat House**, P.O. Box 99270 Loyola Retreat Rd., Faulkner, MD 20632 [www.loyolaontheptomac.com](http://www.loyolaontheptomac.com) (301) 392-0819.

**Financial Report: Weekend of Nov. 9-10, 2019:** Offertory \$4,511; Renovation \$245; Votives \$10; Green env. \$13; All Saints \$35; Retired Priests \$100; TOTAL: \$4,914. Thanks.

**Please remember the following people in your daily prayers:** Mike Mandeville, Mercedes Vaira, Xavier Bean and family, Marian Melillo, Brian Thomason, Toni Gallagher, Bessie Farmer, Traci Renner, Bill Murphy and family, Bobby Terrett, John Abell, Frank Dunn, Tyler Sage, Dottie Gray, Ruth Watson, Pat Anderson, Rose Langley, Cliff Barnes, Skyla Shirriel, Steve and Joann Oliff, Antoine Watson, Victims families and survivors of abuse, Douglas Hamnes, Sharon Ryan, The staff and residents of assisted living and nursing homes, John Reese, Frankie Chiorcariello and family, Tim Moore, James Johnson, Shirley Watson, Victoria Liberty, Tamera Scroggins, Becky Dement, James J. Nalley, Mr. Johnson, Theresa San Luis, Elaine Gaddis, Butch Hayden, Stacie Hayden.