

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.

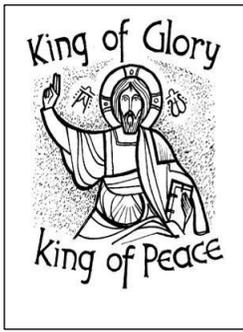
Cemetery: There are grave sites available for active parishioners in the new section at the base of the hill. Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington administers the sale of lots and burial. Because we do not have an adequate endowment, the costs of maintenance come from general parish funds.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



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe

November 23, 2019

“He is the head of the body, the church.”



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 23 – 5:00 p.m. – Tara Parente +

Sunday, November 24 – 7:30 a.m. – Michael Scroggins +

Christ in the Eucharist in the faith and practice of the church. Last week, I leapt back from present pastoral and theological concerns to the Middle Ages. Now let's look at the centrality of the Eucharist throughout the history of the Church. Jesus' words at the Last Supper told the disciples three things. That the bread he broke and the wine he blessed were his Body and Blood. Secondly, they are told to eat of them; “Take and eat; this is my body.” *Matt 26:26-28 and Mark 14:22-24*. Thirdly, he told his followers to repeat his actions; “Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me.” *Luke 22:18-20*.

It is clear from Biblical and non-biblical references that breaking bread together was central to the worship of the church from the earliest of days. “They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers.” *Acts 2:42*. “On the first day of the week when we gathered to break bread...” *Acts 20:7*.

Not surprisingly, the idea of eating the body and blood of the Lord caused non-believers to accuse this strange new group of being cannibals. While Christians believed Christ to be present in the Eucharistic food, they knew they were not cannibals, and did not physically experience the bread as flesh. Over the following centuries, Christian apologists – those explaining the faith to others- made repeated attempts to explain how Christ was present in the Eucharist in ways that others might understand.

Justin, an early second century martyr, offered a very lengthy defense of the church and its Eucharist. “And this food is called among us [the Eucharist], of which no one is allowed to partake but the man who believes that the things which we teach are true, and who has been washed with the washing that is for the remission of sins, and unto regeneration, and who is so living as Christ has enjoined. For not as common bread and common drink do we receive these; but in like manner as Jesus Christ our Savior, having been made flesh by the Word of God, had both flesh and blood for our salvation, so likewise have we been taught that the food which is **blessed by the prayer of His word, and from which our blood and flesh by transmutation are nourished**, is the flesh and blood of that Jesus who was made flesh.” (First Apology, Justin #66).

Many Catholic Christian theologians stayed focused on two things- yes, the elements of bread and wine are to all human senses still bread and wine, but Jesus promised to be there through the action of the Church. They insisted that Christ was truly present and that it was difficult to grasp, but could be affirmed in faith because of what Jesus had said and done at the Last Supper. To make it easier for people to understand, they provided a number of different concepts, beginning with Justin's Transmutation and culminating in the transubstantiation discussed last week.

Jesus promised to be present under the appearance of bread and wine, a reality recognized since the earliest days of the church. We know that Martin Luther parted ways with the Catholic Church over many practices and teachings, but he found the real presence undeniable. Luther's Small Catechism states, “It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the bread and wine, for us Christians to eat and to drink, instituted by Christ Himself.”

While using the language and concepts of various ages to make the mystery more understandable; we need to be careful that how we explain the Eucharist does not sow doubt. We ultimately take it on faith that Christ is truly present in the form of bread and wine, as he said he would be, when we gather to celebrate His Last Supper. However we might explain this presence, we don't say that the Eucharist is only enlivening a memory or being a symbol. The bread and wine are surely symbols of spiritual nourishment, which might enliven our faith, but they are not just symbols and reminders, but a real presence of Christ among us, in our day, in our church and in our hearts and souls.

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be held at 9:00 a.m. this Thursday. The collection that day will go toward outreach ministries at our parish.

Have a wonderful, blessed and happy Thanksgiving!

Religious Education: We do have class this Sunday, Nov 24. There is no class next Sunday. There is a box in the Hall for any SafeNights donations to be dropped off.

Confirmation: We do have Confirmation class this Sunday, Nov. 24. Please bring your signed sponsor sheets to turn in if you have not yet. We will see you then! There is no class next weekend.

Youth Group Meeting: Our next Youth Group meeting will be December 15th where we will celebrate with our Christmas Party! Bring some cookies or snacks and join us for a night of Christmas trivia, games and fun!

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

Office Hours: The Religious Education Office will be open Monday-Wednesday 9AM-3PM. We will be closed on Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving.

Pumpkin Roll Fundraiser: Thank you so much to everyone who helped make our Pumpkin Roll fundraiser a success again this year. We had well over 25 orders for rolls! Please remember that if you ordered a roll, they can be picked up in the Parish Hall Kitchen Fridge. Rolls are in alphabetical order labeled with your last name. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Flowers on the altar this weekend were donated in loving memory for Hayden and Mary Ann Burch from their family.

Does your family have a bible? 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.

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

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 could also use an experienced person to help decorate with live greens on Friday morning. Clip boards are on the back table for signing up to be a docent 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.

The Journey, My Encounter with Jesus --Remember, our prayer and conversation experience will meet on this TUESDAY the 26th at 7 PM. Not on Wednesday, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Annual Coat Drive Please donate new or CLEAN, gently used coats to our coat drive. We are also accepting new hats, gloves and scarves. There is a need for very large coats as well. A container is in the back of the church for donations.

The Annual Giving Tree is up in the back of the church. We have adopted two families for Christmas; one is homeless, the second is a family of six children, a mother and father that are needy. We will also have tags on the tree for gift cards for the homeless who will be our guests during Christmas week. 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. The tags will say "Safenights" on them. Please return your wrapped gift by December 15.

Safenights Update We still have some meals 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. 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 stigooffice@yahoo.com.

'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.loyolaonthepotomac.com (301) 392-0819.

Financial Report: Weekend of Nov. 16-17, 2019: Offertory \$5,716; Renovation \$30; Votives \$15; Green env. \$85; All Saints \$10; TOTAL: \$5,856. Thank you for your support. Please double check your check. The bank won't accept checks with the wrong date. 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.