

St. Ignatius Church – Chapel Point

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Saturday Evening: 5:00 p.m.

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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.

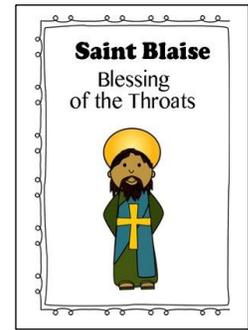
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: If you would like to learn about becoming a Catholic, please contact the Religious Education Office. Classes begin at the end of the summer.



Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

February 2, 2020

“Behold, this child is destined
for the fall and rise of many in Israel,
and to be a sign that will be contradicted.”



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 2 – 9:00 a.m. – William Hassenzahl +

Sunday, February 2 – 6:00 p.m. – Rita Shorter (healing)

Wednesday, February 4 – 8:00 a.m. – Ann Tucker +

Welcome to new Catholic member Shelby Guazzo, who was received into the Catholic Church last Sunday at the 11:15 Mass. Continue to make her welcome as you have.

Feast of the Presentation/Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary/ Candlemas Today's Feast is evidence that the Catholic feast developed over time, but arose from early biblical events and early popular devotion. Easter was the central event memorialized among the founding members of the Church. Jesus rose from the dead to gain us salvation. The Apostles and early followers experienced the risen Lord, so they remembered and celebrated a Feast of the Resurrection from the earliest days.

Eventually, the church celebrated the necessary precursor to the Easter feasts- the Incarnation. God in Christ had to come among us as one of us, in order to redeem us, so the church-wide celebration of Christmas came into being. Since Christmas marked the beginning of Jesus life on earth, there were lots of other feasts celebrating other biblically attested moments in Jesus' life.

The male children were circumcised seven days after birth. Once a date was set to celebrate Christmas, the Feast of the Circumcision followed seven days later or on the eight day of Christmas, the Octave of Christmas. That Feast on New Year's Day carries on that tradition but celebrates Mary, the Mother of God. The next Feast in the Church calendar came into being before the celebration of the Feasts of Christmas and the Circumcision. The Epiphany, was really the first feast celebrating the Incarnation which came into broad acceptance.

Today's Feast celebrates the scene with Simeon in the temple. Jesus is presented to God in the Temple in accordance with contemporary Jewish practice. His mother was ceremonially purified 40 days after the birth of her child. Though in the Liturgical calendar we have entered into Jesus baptism and public life, we also still celebrate these feasts measured for the birth of Jesus. Simeon rejoiced at seeing the Savior and addressed God: “Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: **a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.**”

That reference to light has made it a feast associated with candles as a source of light. In this day and age, we light candles and commemorate our baptismal promises at the Easter Vigil. In the ancient past, the church renewed those promises and processed with lighted candles on the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Mother. This then developed into Candlemas day, when candles would be blessed for the coming year. All good reminders of the obedience of the Holy Family to the dictates of the laws of their religion.

Archbishop Neale School Second Collection This Weekend We will have our annual collection this weekend at all Masses to support Archbishop Neale School, our local Catholic school. Please be as generous as you are able.

Religious Education: We do have class this Sunday, Feb. 2nd. As a reminder, starting within the next few weeks and throughout Lent, our Religious Ed. classes will have class confessions. During class time, each class will take one Sunday to go over to the church and have the opportunity to go to confession. Parents, you are welcome to go to confession the same Sunday as your child, but we ask that you let all the students go to confession first. Only second grade is required to go to confession. This is an opportunity for the rest of the classes to participate in the sacrament together.

Confirmation: We do not have class this Sunday, Feb. 2nd. Next class is on Feb. 9th and sponsor conversations are due this weekend.

Youth Group Meeting: Our next Youth Group meeting will be this Sunday, Feb. 23rd! Join us to learn about St. Valentine, how we can show love to others through service, and begin work on a service project. I hope to see you there!

Summer 2020 Announcement We will be attending the Alive In You Service Camp and Conference in Columbia, SC from June 16-21, 2020. We will be doing service around the city for 3 days: painting houses, building ramps, planting flowers, etc. The conference portion will begin on Friday night and end on Sunday morning with Mass. On Saturday afternoon, we will have free time to explore the host city! The cost is \$365 and scholarships are available and \$50 deposits are due March 1. We will also be doing some fundraising through the springtime. If you are interested, please email Mrs. Emily at ignatiusreligion@yahoo.com.

Baptism Class: Our next baptism class will be held in February. 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 and Thursday from 9:30 AM-4PM and Tuesday from 11:15AM-5PM. The Religious Education email is ignatiusreligion@yahoo.com and you can call us at 301-934-8245 ext. 5.

Wayside Food Bank Report and Wish List for February In January, WFB served 30 families: 71 adults 8 teens 31 children TOTAL 110 clients. We could use all sizes of diapers, small and large sizes, ramen noodles, and instant hot cereal, and small containers of bleach and laundry detergent. Please leave donations in the back of the church or the front of the hall.

Safenights at LUMC We have another opportunity to serve the homeless in our community when La Plata United Methodist Church in La Plata hosts Safenights the week of Feb. 16-23. Our parish will provide dinner on Thursday, February 20 at 6 p.m. Our menu will be a variety of soups/chili, hot ham and cheese sandwiches and desserts. If you'd like to help out by making a crockpot of homemade soup/chili, help serve and clean up, and fellowship with the guests that evening; make fruit salad, or make a dessert that can be dropped off in the hall, please sign up in the back of the church. Contact Brenda Canter in the office for questions; stigooffice@yahoo.com.

Free Gift for All Please pick up a copy of Matthew Kelly's latest book; *Rediscover the Saints, Twenty Five Questions That Will Change Your Life*; in the back of the church.

News from Archbishop Neale School Archbishop Neale is now accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year. Please contact Mary Ellen Howard, Admissions Director at admissions@archbishopnealeschool.org to take a tour and see the exciting things that are happening at ANS.

Fr. Clifford's email address I would ask anyone contacting me with business related to my responsibilities as pastor, to email me at CliffordT@adw.org. I will retain the pastorchapelpoint@yahoo.com for the time being.

New Website same address – The Archdiocese has contracted with ecatholic.com to host parish websites. Our website, www.chapelpoint.org has moved to the *ecatholic* server. Bulletins are loaded in the "HOME" button.

Maryland March for Life February 24, 2020 Join the family-friendly, peaceful, prayerful witness in Annapolis!

We will march through Annapolis and rally at Lawyer's Mall to be the voice of pro-life Maryland! The Rally will serve as a visible witness in support of defending vulnerable life, and it will feature speakers from the local and national pro-life movements. For the March, please arrive in St. Mary's parking lot

109 Duke of Gloucester Street Annapolis, MD 21401 no later than 6:00 p.m.

The lot will then close for marchers to assemble.

4:30 - Youth Rally (requires pre-registration)

5:15 - Religious Services (Catholic Mass & Non-denominational Service)

6:15 - Assemble for March

6:30 - March through Annapolis 7:00 Rally on Lawyer's Mall

8:00 - Free Food and Networking with pro-life groups back at St. Mary's School

4th Annual "Walk in the Park" 5K Fun Run/Walk Join us at St. Francis Xavier Church on Saturday, April 25th for this fun event to benefit our parish's Newtowne Manor House Preservation/Restoration Fund. This run/walk is open to all ages and abilities. Course starts at St. Francis Xavier Church and follows the road into picturesque Newtowne Neck State Park. Registration starts at 8 a.m. and run/walk starts at 9 a.m. The registration fee of \$20 which includes a t-shirt will help preserve this religious and historical landmark. Kids 12 and under are free. Information on registration is available on www.stfrancisxavierchurch.org. If you need additional information, please contact Sarah Matisick at 301-247-7416.

Renting in Maryland? You May Be Eligible for a State Tax Credit The state of Maryland has a program that helps low-income renters struggling with rising rent payments, particularly those who are over 60 years old, permanently disabled, or have a dependent under age 18. To learn if you qualify for up to \$1,000 in financial assistance, contact the Housing Partnership Initiative (hiphomes.org) at 301-916-5946 or ccastro@hiphomes.org. Or visit MarylandTaxCredit.com.

Join the OLSS Travel Club on a 6 night/7day luxury motor coach trip to Mackinac Island and Michigan's upper peninsula from May 31-June 6. Depart/return from OLSS in Solomons. Trip price of \$879 pp includes bus, hotel, all gratuities, all tours, daily breakfast, 1 lunch and 4 dinners, including a dinner cruise. Visit the Grand Hotel, take a carriage tour and ferry boat ride, and LOTS more! A \$100 (refundable) check deposit is needed by March 15 to hold your space. Contact Mary Beth Brown for more details 443-623-6368 or marybeth@bytheseatravel.com.

The Gift Shop is closed until March

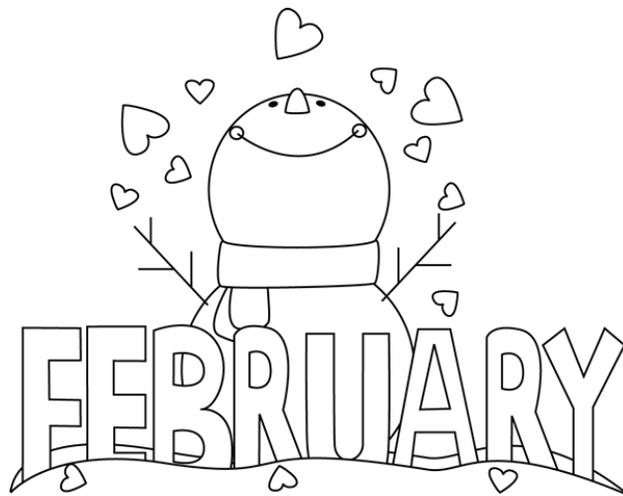
ANNUAL PARISH PANCAKE SUPPER is Tuesday, February 25 at 6 pm. Sign up lists to attend and/or volunteer to help are in the back of the church on the glass display case. Thank you to Vicki Howard for chairing this event again this year.

Green envelopes The bright green envelopes we've had in the back of the for donations and tour groups that come here, are being replaced by "Restore and Renew" envelopes. These are for anyone who would like to make a gift to our restoration efforts. You can put them in the collection basket or the drop box in the back of the church.

For those that receive monthly envelopes: The yellow envelope will now indicate our *Restore and Renew Capital Campaign* beginning with March envelopes. You can make a donation or if you've made a pledge, can make a payment with the envelopes.

Financial Report: Weekend of Jan. 25-26, 2020: Offertory \$6,067; Votives \$25; Ash. Wed. \$20; TOTAL: \$6,112. **Restore and Renew (yellow envelopes) last week:** \$1,311. This amount is a separate account from our regular offertory. Thank you for your continued support.

Please remember the following people in your daily prayers: Mitch Mills, Mary Simmons, Rick Simmons, Kevin LeSage, Dorothy Simms, Antoine Watson, Vickie & Greg Pickeral, David A. Proctor, Ms. Pickeral, Irene Proctor, Mary Jane Zuknick, Vibha Pubbi, Mike Mandeville, Xavier Bean and family, Marian Melillo, Brian Thomason, Toni Gallagher, Bessie Farmer, Traci Renner, Bill Murphy and family, Bobby Terrett, John Abell, Dottie Gray, Ruth Watson, Pat Anderson, Rose Langley, Skyla Shirriel, Steve and Joann Oliff, Victims families and survivors of abuse, Douglas Hammes, 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



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