

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.

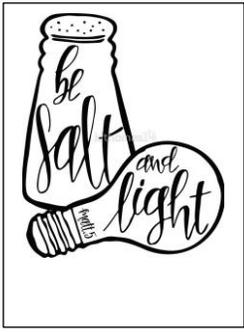
Cemetery: There are grave sites available for active parishioners in the new section at the base of the hill. Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington administers the sale of lots and burial. Because we do not have an adequate endowment, the costs of maintenance come from general parish funds.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



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 9, 2020

**"Share your bread with the hungry,
shelter the oppressed and the homeless."**



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 8 – 5:00 p.m. – Keith Grier +

Sunday, February 9 – 9:00 a.m. – Fred Troger +

Monday, February 10 – 8:00 a.m. – Peyton Romine (Happy Birthday)

National Marriage Week <https://www.foryourmarriage.org/celebrate-national-marriage-week/>

Seventy years ago almost anyone would wonder why in the world we needed a Week dedicated to the celebration and support of Marriages. For years those who had returned from war couldn't wait to get home to the fiancé they left behind and get married. Levitt was cranking out those little \$9,000 suburban homes. Culture, advertising, and religion focused on the family because everybody was.

Twenty years later, the year I was graduated from high school, cracks were already appearing in the mosaic of the happy family. Once something becomes the social ideal, all of its weaknesses and failures get unrelenting attention. Dramas such as *Death of a Salesman* 1949, *Cat on a Hot tin Roof* (1958), novels *East of Eden* (1952), *Peyton Place* (1957) and their movie adaptations, probe and displayed the interior failings of outwardly happy marriages. Not all marriages were ever perfect but when we make things that are not, and hot them up in bright lights as ideals, they invite in the critical eye.

With the rise of hippies and the Vietnam War, every societal norm came into question. New stories and movies depicted communes and wife swapping. The marriage remained the dream of most young people, but relationships less committed and stable began to appear. We should remember that many of the utopian communities of the 19th century involved some form of "complex marriages" or polygamy. Virtually every family encountered family members who "lived together" before marriage. Parents did what they often did, show displeasure and their children's choice and tolerant hope for a future marriage.

Once American recognized problems in society, individuals and groups started groping in the dark for a solution. Most such solutions are destined for failure because we want to fix someone else. The emphasis must be on society encouraging and holding up ideas, but especially inviting those who are married, and those who are not, to look within themselves and each other to rediscover the joy of marriage.

Now after half a century of experimentation and substitutes for marriage, there seems to be an appetite for rediscovering the beauty of marriage. Check out the link at the top of this column to fit ideas for renewal and strengthening your marriage.

Annual Appeal Next weekend, parishioners will be asked to prayerfully consider their pledge to the 2020 Annual Appeal. Please take a brochure and frequently asked questions on your way from Mass today to learn about the many ministries and programs supported by the Annual Appeal. This information is to help guide your giving. We hope that every parish family will make a pledge next weekend. No donation is too small. Thank you in advance for your generous response.

Religious Education: We do have class this Sunday, Feb. 9th. 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 have class this Sunday, 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. **Sign-up forms 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. Sign-up forms will be available on our website.

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: I will be out of the Religious Education office this week, as my father is having surgery in SC, so please keep him in your prayers. As always, feel free to reach me through email at ignatiusreligion@yahoo.com and you can call the office 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. With the cooperation of Fr. Golas and skills of Patriot Builders, Wayside Food Bank paid to have new steps constructed on the back of the parish hall. This is such a help to those who have mobility issues who visit the food bank each month. Our distribution this month will be Sat., Feb. 15, with **stocking on Friday, Feb. 14. Please note this one time change for stocking due to scheduling conflicts.** If you can help with either day, please contact Dianne Lyon at d.e.lyon@comcast.net. Our wish list for February is; small containers of laundry detergent and bleach, ramen noodles, hot cereal, and diapers in all sizes. Please leave donations in the back of the church or the front of the hall. The next Meals and Hope food truck at Holy Ghost parking lot will be Monday, February 24 from 5-6 p.m. for anyone in need of a hot meal.

Safenights at LUMC Our parish will provide dinner on Thursday, February 20 at 6 p.m. We have gotten offers of help from many, and thank everyone who's volunteered to make something or serve Feb. 20. Contact Brenda Canter in the office for questions; stigoffice@yahoo.com.

Scout Sunday Join us on February 23rd during the 9 a.m. mass to celebrate over 100 years Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Scouts will dress in Class A uniform and receive a patch. Please contact Joan Peacock 301.752.9402 or joanpeacock1@gmail.com for more information or questions.

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. SIGN UP NOW SO WE CAN PLAN ON HOW MUCH FOOD TO PURCHASE.

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.

The Gift Shop is closed until March

Save the date: Spring Wine Social - Saturday, May 2 following the 5:00 Mass

If you can read this...you can teach another adult to read! The Charles County Literacy Council will host its next tutor training on Saturday, Feb. 29 at the United Way House in LaPlata. If you can devote one hour a week for at least six months, please consider this worthy endeavor. Contact Linda Heimpel at 301-934-6488 or charlescountyliteracy@comcast.net You may also contact Julie Mitchell for additional info. juliemitchell120@gmail.com

Loyola on the Potomac -Days of Prayer February 24, 2020 *The Greatest of these is Love*; **Lenten Days of Prayer March 9 and April 6, 2020** *Our Hope is in the Cross*;

Ignatian Weekend Retreats *Lord teach us to Pray* **Feb. 28-March 1-Men; March 6-8-Men; March 13-15-Women; March 20-22 –Men; April 3-5 –Women; April 17-19 -Men & Women; April 24-26 - (Spanish) Men and Women-Fee: \$245, **First-time retreatants and Young adults (under 30) - \$195** **Triduum Retreat** *So that All might Live*; **April 9-12-Celebrate the Passion and Resurrection of our Savior with us. Fee: \$295.** For more information on retreats or to register go to www.loyolaonthepotomac.com. Or contact Angel Restrepo at (301) 392-0801 orangel.restrepo@loyolaretreat.org**

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 Feb. 1-2, 2020: Offertory \$5,986; ANS collection \$1,281; Votives \$25; Easter \$25; Church in Dev. World \$40; TOTAL: \$7,357. Thank you.

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 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

