

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.

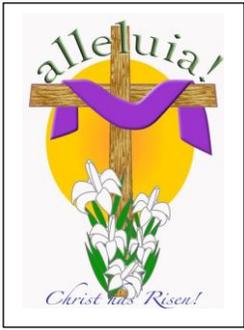
Cemetery: There are grave sites available for active parishioners in the new section at the base of the hill. Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington administers the sale of lots and burial. Because we do not have an adequate endowment, the costs of maintenance come from general parish funds.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



Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord

April 12, 2020

“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.”



A different Lent a real and Memorable Easter.

I suspect many of us have had more of a lent than usual this year. Many of us have had more time to stay at home due to the helpful restriction of Governor Hogan. We may have had more time and or need to pray than usual. The usual Easter tasks- coloring eggs, acquiring eggs and bunnies for baskets, readying the back yard for hiding eggs and playing games, have been all but abandoned.

We may even have found some of the usual religious rituals, more personal and fulfilling- such as meditating on the Stations of the Cross, reflecting on Jesus sacrifice for you, rather than listening to familiar words recited by a priest. You might have slowly read the Sunday readings and placed yourself with Jesus.

In this different sort of Lent- a personal encounter with unanswerable questions, uncertainty maybe even anxiety, the end of the season cannot be made to disappear by a simple ritual act or at a specific time – such as the Gloria at the Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday, or Sunrise on Sunday. The Lent we usually observe is a liturgical season, one defined in time to help us revisit the mysteries of Jesus’ Passion, death, and Resurrection in an annual cycle. This Lent of personal encounter with fear, doubt, anger and impatience will not end with lighting every candle and turning on every light in the church.

It will end either when the external threat and restrictions go away, or when our encounter with Jesus in prayer lifts us up and assures us of His abiding presence with us. We might better say that we recognize God truly and always with us as we pass through different challenges. We may still find that we are careful but unafraid as we accept the grace of God and stop comparing negatively, what we might have dreamed of to the reality we are living.

We might know we have come through this secular Lent, when we find that we can make this Easter truly memorable for the old and the young, alike not because of the chocolate stomach ache but because we look beside us and see the Lord not an empty basket.

Sincere sympathy to the family and friends of our lifelong parishioner, Inez Butler, who passed away last week. Inez was OUTREACH at our parish for many years. She took care of the least of our brothers and sisters locally by delivering food to those in need and in many other ways. She was always ready and willing to volunteer, and played a big role in our annual festival dinners. Sadly, due to the restrictions on the number of people who can attend funerals during this time, the funeral and burial will be limited to a few of her immediate family. Please remember Inez and her family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Archdiocese of Washington Holy Week Liturgies Livestream

Join in Holy Week Liturgies with Catholics around the Archdiocese

This year, Holy Week liturgies will be streamed online on the Archdiocese of Washington's YouTube channel.
<https://www.youtube.com/washarchdiocese>

The remaining schedule is as follows:

April 10 | Good Friday: 1:00 pm

April 11 | Easter Vigil: 8:00 pm

April 12 | Easter Sunday: 10:00 am; Archbishop Gregory will celebrate Easter Sunday Mass at the National Shrine that will be broadcast on EWTN, channel 185 on FIOS. Follow along on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram using #ADWholyweek!

The Archdiocese of Washington has a wealth of information on its website adw.org on the latest on the coronavirus and how it's affecting the Church. There are also many sources for livestreaming Masses and making a spiritual communion when you can't receive Our Lord in the Eucharist.

Religious Education News – From Emily Vara A few weeks ago I was offered and accepted a wonderful job as a music teacher at St. Philip the Apostle in Camp Springs, MD. That said, I will be leaving St. Ignatius this summer. I have loved serving the needs of the St. Ignatius community and getting to know so many of you and your families. I will miss you all very much, but I know that this is where God is calling me. Thank you for the kind words, prayers and support I have received since I arrived-it has been much appreciated!

~We wish Emily our very best wishes and many blessings for a bright and happy future in her new position.

Please check in by phone on your elderly family, friends and neighbors We're noticing that some don't seem to be aware of the urgency of this national health emergency. They are also not connected via the web, so we will have a few printed copies of our bulletin each week in the back of the church. Perhaps while you're hunkering down at home, give a call and keep them up on what's happening here at Chapel Point, and nationally, and see if there's anything they may need.

On-Line Lenten Resources

Dynamic Catholic <https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever/>

Loyola Press <http://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/lent>

Sacred Space (Irish Jesuits) <https://www.sacredspace.ie>

<https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/lent/>

Creighton University <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/>

<http://jesuits.org/news-detail?TN=NEWS-20180209123705>

Archdiocese of Washington <https://thelightison.org/why-confession/>

From the Office of Missions: Be a Missionary from Home

Most times, we believe being a missionary means going to a faraway land. However, preaching the Gospel message of Jesus Christ and being a missionary is not always about going away. Sometimes it means staying right where we are and using the gifts God has given to bring Christ to another. We can be a missionary from home!

Pray – set time every day to have a personal conversation with God. Throughout the day stop, talk to Jesus. Simply say a Hail Mary, an Our Father or even the prayer the angel taught the children in Fatima, “*My God I believe, I adore, I hope and I love you! I ask pardon of you for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love you!*” These little prayers will draw our hearts and minds closer to God.

Bring love and joy to the family – spend time with spouse, parents, brothers, and sisters face to face or via FaceTime. Pray together, eat meals together, play games together, laugh together, etc. Jesus says, “*For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.*” MT 18:20. Imitate the Holy Family.

Sanctify – Make holy the work that God has given each of us. - All the work we do throughout the day at home whether it be work, schoolwork, chores, games, etc., do it with love and offer it to God. St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta said, “*Do small things with great love.*” Small things bring us closer to God and makes us saints.

Nightly Rosary The Council of Catholic Women for the Archdiocese of Washington (CCW-ADW) invites all, who would like to unite in prayer at this time of uncertainty, to join in our nightly Rosary at 8 p.m., 7 days a week. We offer this prayer for the healing of the Church and for our currently health - challenged world. To join us, call 605-468-8016, ID 357090# at 8 p.m. seven days a week. If you have any questions, please email us at archdioceseccw@gmail.com. For other prayer resources please see our website <https://www.councilofcatholicwomen-adw.com/> See the tab: Coronavirus Prayer Resources, which lists many opportunities for daily Mass and meditations.

Our Parish Finances We are asking you to please mail in your weekly offering to the parish office. The address is 8855 Chapel Point Road, Port Tobacco, MD 20677. You can also leave them in the safe in the vestibule (back) of the church. Be sure to turn the knob so it goes into the safe. We are working on setting up on live giving on our website, hopefully by next week.

Restore and Renew If you'd like to make a donation or pledge to our Capital Campaign pledge cards can be found on the back table of the church. Thank you for your continued support to the needs of the parish.

Please remember the following people in your daily prayers: Pat Stuart, For those affected by the COVID19 virus, Brenda Pilkerton, Beth Dent, Nellie Pearce, Mitch Mills, Mary Simmons, Rick Simmons, 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, Brian Thomason, Toni Gallagher, Bessie Farmer, Traci Renner, 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