

St. Ignatius Church – Chapel Point

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ALL PUBLIC MASSES as Suspended until the Covid gathering limits are Lifted

The Eucharist

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

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.

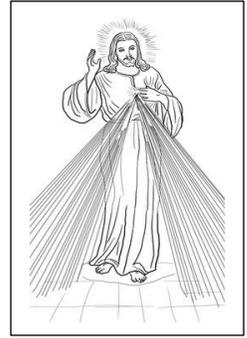
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: If you would like to learn about becoming a Catholic, please contact the Religious Education Office. Classes begin at the end of the summer.



Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday

April 19, 2020

“Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”



Sincere sympathy to Dick Dement and his family, on the passing last weekend of his wife and our parishioner, Becky Dement. Her funeral will be held at a later date.

Livestream our Mass St. Ignatius Church is now livestreaming Mass at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings on Facebook until the return to public worship. GO to our Facebook page or reach that page from our Website capelpoint.org. I believe that you can view the video without being FB member.

Is the Gospel about Doubt or Faith?

This Sunday is always a favorite of mine because of the Gospel – and the role of my name-saint.

If Thomas was not in the Upper Room that meant he was not hiding, not cowering – but out somewhere doing something for the rest.

Thomas not only did not see the Lord when he appeared to the others, but clearly did not therefore experience the unconditional offer of peace and forgiveness given by Jesus:

As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”

And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,

“Receive the Holy Spirit.

Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them,
and whose sins you retain are retained.”

Thomas was not turning his back on the Lord - just insisting on seeing the Lord as his companions had. There are many things of lesser import that we do not rush to embrace on the testimony of a few self-reported witnesses. The test of honesty is whether we can believe when we see. The Gospels were written so that those of us, outside the initial community of believers might some to believe.

“Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

In the end Thomas did not insist on putting his finger in the wounds.

The Evangelist John is not disparaging Thomas' route to faith- his very reason for compiling the gospel was that these are written that you may [come to] believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

John reports Jesus calling those believers "blessed" who had not been witnesses to his glorified risen presence. The Apostles and the women no doubt had a great privilege in seeing the risen Lord, but all believers are blessed to be in the "communion of saints." If you are in the Kingdom of God, it hardly matters if you had been in the Upper Room. T. Clifford, S.J.

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, many prayer resources, 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 Some are not connected via the web, so we will have a few printed copies of our bulletin each week in the back of the church if you are able to take a copy to someone that might not have access on line. 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.

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 brings 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 archdiocesecw@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 Thank you to all who have been contributing to the support of our church, even when we have not been able to gather. Because the donations do not come in all at once on a Sunday, there may be a delay in your donation being deposited and clearing your bank.

Not surprisingly we would like to make that easier on you! One more thing has to happen for the donation link to be fully functional, as soon as I get that notification I will send out the link to all on the Bulletin email list. The site is run by Parishsoft- our accounting and membership software provider. If you have envelopes now- please use the envelop number on the giving page. This will make easy to load donations up to our records. Checking accounts are less expensive for the parish to process.

The giving portal will accept one time payments, recurring payments, they can be from credit cards or checking accounts.

More Financial GOOD NEWS – the Archdiocese has announced the whole collection for Easter is exempt from the diocesan tax this year. This option will continue on the Give Now page for a few more weeks.

If you prefer not to use electronic giving, we are asking you to please mail in your weekly offering to the parish office. DO not write offering or donation on the envelope- there is no need to create temptation. The address is 8855 Chapel Point Road, Port Tobacco, MD 20677. You can also drop them in the chute under the guestbook. Be sure to turn the handle so that the donation drops into the safe inside the wooden column.

Restore and Renew If you'd like to make a donation or pledge to our Capital Campaign, there are envelopes and pledge cards which can go in the dropbox with other contributions. Thank you for your continued support to the needs of the parish.

Please remember the following people in your daily prayers: Alice Pickett, 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 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, James J. Nalley, Mr. Johnson, Theresa San Luis, Elaine Gaddis, Butch Hayden, Stacie Hayden