

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.

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.



Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2020

“I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.”



Fr. Ed Dougherty

By now you have all realized that there are lots of things which may characterize individual Jesuits, but few things which would be typical of all Jesuits. Fr. Dougherty, as with all of us, incorporated his Jesuit identity and training into his own personality, gifts and history.

Like many of his generation, Ed found his way from his Jesuit H.S. - St Joseph's Prep, into the Society of Jesus. About 45 days after his Prep graduation, he moved into the massive and silent hallways of the Novitiate of St. Isaac Joques. Unlike many who entered the Jesuit novitiate in those days, Fr. Dougherty remained in the Society from July 30, 1959, until the day of his death sixty years and nine months later. Along the way, he repeatedly renewed his commitment with first vows in 1961, Ordination in 1972 and final vows in 1978. Along the way, he taught suburban teenagers and African seminarians, and ministered in parishes in Africa, Maryland and Pennsylvania. He did not have a career, but a life's calling, with many types of learning and teaching.

As with students in Jesuit schools of his day, he studied 4 years of Latin and since with was gifted – he took Greek. As you gathered in his time here Ed loved languages and his ability in ancient languages, suggested that he might be one of those to help the church in a renewed focus on studying the Bible from the original languages. He continued to teach and proctor students at Georgetown Prep blending that with his biblical studies at the Catholic University. While he was pastor here, he taught Latin at Archbishop Neale School. Many of you noticed his interest in delving into the meaning of words and their meaning in particular sentences. His dissertation, completed in 1990, dealt with Syntax in the Apocalypse. In the days before personal computers - that meant copying out every word, phrase and clause onto index cards and classifying the usage, so that the cards had to be repeatedly sorted for each word and phrase type. To say that he had a personal relationship with each phrase in the book of Revelation, would be an understatement. Studying word order and sentence structure in the apocalypse, meant Ed honed his scholarly skills as a teacher of teenagers. If one doesn't know what he wants to communicate, he takes his life in his hands, walking into a classroom full of challenging young men. Ed knew what he wanted to say. You will be forgiven if you knew that something about a sentence set him on fire, but you were not always sure what it was that excited him.

Having seen him pull himself out of a car or navigate the steps of the sanctuary before his hip replacements, you might not have imagined his outdoorsman days forty years ago. St. Ignatius would have us find God in all things. In his younger days, Fr. Ed would relish trekking through the beauty of God's creation, whether backpacking on the gradual incline of the C&O Canal from Harper's Ferry to Potomac or the rugged stretch of the Appalachian Trail in Maryland and Pennsylvania, or in the Pecos Wilderness of New Mexico.

As his body ceased to be able to do the things he did as a younger priest- you remember him exercising his mind and dramatic expression by his weekly proclamation of the gospel- from memory, not from a book. He carried a small piece of paper in his pocket all week of the Gospel text for the following weekend, and studied it until he had it memorized.

When I arrived seven years ago, there were things that Ed felt he should lead me through and then there was what he wanted to lead me through. He stayed until the first Friday of January, so we could navigate his route and meet his people, the homebound to whom he brought the Eucharist. After he left here for home, his beloved Philadelphia, he gloried in the smooth navigable sidewalks of Society hill. He gave up 100 years of history, Old St. Joseph's parish a mere sapling having been founded in 1733. Now he has entered into the timelessness of eternity. ~Fr. Tom Clifford, S.J.

It is with sincere sadness that we report the passing of our former pastor, Fr. Edward C. Dougherty, S.J. from complications of COVID19. Because of the constraints imposed by the current pandemic, funeral arrangements will be postponed. In the meantime, we will all want to keep Father Dougherty in our prayers and entrust him to the Lord whom he served with such faithfulness here and throughout his life. **This Sunday's 9:30 a.m. livestreamed Mass intention will be for the happy repose of the soul of Fr. Dougherty.**

Saints of God, come to his aid! Hasten to meet him angels of the Lord! Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

Our sincere sympathy Mitch and Jeanne Mills and their family and friends on the passing of Mitch's mother, Anna Lee (Mills) Breitenbach on April 23, 2020.

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 chapelpoint.org. I believe that you can view the video without being FB member.

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.

The bulletin via email If you'd like to receive the weekly bulletin via email, please email Brenda Canter with your name and preferred email address at stigoffice@yahoo.com.

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.

Wayside Food Bank Report On Saturday, April 18, Wayside Food Bank volunteers served 33 families and a total of 108 clients; which represents (77 adults, 7 teens and 24 children). It was a very rainy morning, and this may have kept our numbers lower than we anticipated.

We have continued to serve our clients through the pandemic with a modified plan for distribution. We use a drive up check in and drive up loading to our clients vehicles. This keeps our clients in their cars and volunteers safe. Our volunteers wore masks and gloves and practiced safe social distancing. We also gave our clients tips on where to find instructions to make homemade masks if they didn't have them.

Thanks to our volunteers and shoppers for making distribution continue without a hitch. Shopping was somewhat a challenge on some of the items, especially toilet paper, but Andie Corby and Linda Fitzgerald went over and above, making multiple trips to the stores early in the morning and were able to get the supply needed.

Wayside Food Bank contd. Thanks to our distribution volunteers and shoppers that include; Andie Corby, Linda Fitzgerald, Michelle Humphrey-shoppers; Julie and Van Mitchell, Jen Fritz, Adele Adams, Linda and Steve Fitzgerald and Brenda and Allan Canter as our distribution team.

Special thanks to Delores for donating fresh eggs for our clients. Thanks to Allan Canter for the extra signage to direct our clients; and the tent and set up that kept our volunteers dry in the rain. Thanks to those that donated food through the Lenten Food Drive at St. Ignatius and Holy Ghost Churches. We are thankful to all those who give monetary donations as well.

Our next distribution is Saturday, May 16. Due to the current situation, we will continue with our modified distribution for May's distribution. If you have questions, please contact Dianne Lyon d.e.lyon@comcast.net.

WASHINGTON – As the world continues to face the ongoing effects of the global pandemic of the coronavirus, Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles and president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has announced that the U.S. bishops will join the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops on May 1 in renewing the consecrations of the two nations to the care of our Blessed Mother.

Through a collective dedication or entrustment of a nation to Mary, an act of consecration is meant to be a reminder to the faithful of the Blessed Mother's witness to the Gospel and to ask for her effective intercession before her Son on behalf of those in need. Bishop John Carroll of Baltimore, the first bishop of the United States, promoted devotion to Mary, the Mother of God, and placed the United States under her protection in a pastoral letter of 1792. The twenty-one bishops attending the Sixth Provincial Council of Baltimore in 1846 determined to name the Blessed Virgin Mary, under the title of the Immaculate Conception, as the Patroness of the United States, and Pope Pius IX approved this decision the following year. More recently, the dedication of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. [in 1959](#) was the opportunity for the bishops to once again consecrate the nation to the Blessed Mother. Several popes have likewise consecrated the world to Mary on various occasions.

The consecration on May 1 follows a similar action of the bishops' conference of Latin America and the Caribbean (CELAM) who consecrated their nations to Our Lady of Guadalupe on Easter Sunday. The renewal of consecration planned in this country for May 1 does not change the designation of Mary as the Patroness of the United States under the title of the Immaculate Conception. Rather, this prayer reaffirms and renews previous Marian entrustments, and unites us in solidarity with our Holy Father, who recently established the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, as a source of protection and strength.

“This will give the Church the occasion to pray for Our Lady's continued protection of the vulnerable, healing of the unwell, and wisdom for those who work to cure this terrible virus,” said Archbishop Gomez in a letter to the U.S. bishops. Each year, the Church seeks the special intercession of the Mother of God during the month of May. “This year, we seek the assistance of Our Lady all the more earnestly as we face together the effects of the global pandemic,” he continued.

PRAYER OF RENEWAL OF OUR CONSECRATION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Let us now entrust our country and ourselves once again to the Virgin Mary's care: Most Holy Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, you are the fairest fruit of God's redeeming love; you sing of the Father's mercy and accompany us with a mother's love. In this time of pandemic we come to you, our sign of sure hope and comfort. Today we renew the act of consecration and entrustment carried out by those who have gone before us.

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.

On-Line Giving We now have a fully functional electronic giving link on our webpage: www.chapelpoint.org. This has many advantages- especially in these times when we do not meet face to face. You can make donations using your checking account or credit card. You can make one time contributions, donations that repeat weekly, every two weeks or monthly, whichever you prefer. If you have an envelope number, please add that to the box that asks for it. The giving link can be found on the lower half, on the right side of the home page of the website.

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 in the back of the church. Be sure to turn the handle so the donation drops into the safe inside the wooden column.

We ask that you write a separate check for donations and pledge payments to the “Restore and Renew” capital campaign. We have a separate account for the restoration work.

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. You can also give on line. Thank you for your continued support to the needs of the parish.

Please remember the following people in your daily prayers: Elizabeth McCarthy, 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, 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 Shirriell, Steve and Joann Oliff, Victims, families and survivors of abuse, Tyler Sage, 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, James J. Nalley, Mr. Johnson, Theresa San Luis, Elaine Gaddis, Butch Hayden, Stacie Hayden

