

# St. Ignatius Church – Chapel Point

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## ***ALL PUBLIC MASSES as Suspended until the COVID gathering limits are Lifted***

***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.

***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 of Easter

May 10, 2020

**“Jesus said to his disciples:  
“Do not let your hearts be troubled.”**



**New Habits of Mothers' Day** There are several classic comic food related images of Mothers' Day. There is the cute smudge-faced child running in and jumping on Mom's bed to scream *Happy Mother's Day*, waking Mom up and then bringing her breakfast of something that has a passing resemblance to pancakes on tray. After all we know, the most comfortable place to eat pancakes is on a bed.

There is Dad; the hapless cook in the kitchen, flailing through the smoke and the buzz of a smoke detector, so that he can bring out a scorched carcass or a fallen cake.

For those afraid of falling to one of those stereotypes, there is always the restaurant; overcrowded and serving a meal much less satisfying that Mom would have made. For moms who have graduated from mere mother to grandmother, there might be crowds - generation upon generation crammed in the living room.

The comic is always possible, but the idyllic seems less likely, especially this year of staying in place and distancing. There are after all things we do not want to share with Mom.

Sure some will have planned a video that can elicit laughs and hugs for years to come. Some will be spontaneous, some tightly choreographed. But no matter what, this year Mothers' Day celebrations will be different. Every year is the first time that some mother's were absent for their day, sometimes permanently, but this year with the tight ring of protection around senior housing; there were will be many families reduced to phone call visits, no cake, no hugs no wrapped gifts.

This would be a good time for some new Mothers' Day practices. Don't think I'm going to give you the perfect idea, because I don't have it- you are on your own. Each mother is different, each relationship between a Mother and child is different, but that is perfect for a year when there is not an ideal answer. We just have to be ourselves in a way that expresses, love, gratitude and in a lot of cases patience.

Since my 96 year old mother lives on the fifth floor of her independent living community- on thing I can guarantee, I will not be jumping up to her window and waving, or holding a sign. She doesn't do Facetime or Facebook so my options are limited as at this moment is time for an idea to come to fruition. The perfect idea is probably never transferable- this year is ideal for something uniquely personal.

**Flowers on the altar this weekend** were donated in memory of the Burch family.

**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](mailto:stigoffice@yahoo.com). Please let Brenda know via email if you've requested to be put on our email list and are still not receiving the bulletin via email.

**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.

**Generous support** When the shutdown of ordinary operations occurred on March 14, none of us knew how long that would be the case. Now we are getting the usual monthly donations by mail that some people have been doing for years, others have begun to do so. We also now have 20 families which have given through our online link. It doesn't matter if you drop it in the chute under the guest book, in the vestibule, through the mail, or on-line giving, you have been generous. Weekly collection counts don't tell us much, since people are usually giving monthly and on no particular day. So please note that our average offertory during April this year is \$4,054, plus we have received \$8,150 for the Easter collection. The Archdiocese has allowed parishes to keep all of the Easter proceeds this year, which has helped a lot. As with most businesses and institutions, many of our costs are unchanging – property insurance, health insurance, service contracts and a portion of our utilities. **The generous support of parishioners has kept us up and serving the people of Southern Maryland for three hundred and eighty years. Thank you for continuing that tradition.**

Note: 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](http://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 Shirriel, Steve and Joann Oliff, Victims, families and survivors of abuse, Tyler Sage, 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