

# St. Ignatius Church – Chapel Point

8855 Chapel Point Road, Port Tobacco, MD 20677  
Sharing God's Word and Sacraments Since 1641  
[www.chapelpoint.org](http://www.chapelpoint.org)

Pray the Rosary with Pope Francis



Rev. Thomas F. Clifford, S.J. – Pastor  
[CliffordT@adw.org](mailto:CliffordT@adw.org)

Brenda Canter – Business Manager  
[stigoffice@yahoo.com](mailto:stigoffice@yahoo.com)  
Office Hours: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Monday- Friday

Emily Vara - Coordinator of Religious Education  
Email: [ignatiusreligion@yahoo.com](mailto:ignatiusreligion@yahoo.com)

For all parish offices call: 301-934-8245

Archbishop Neale School  
Linda Bourne - Principal  
301-934-9595

***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.



## Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2020

**"Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father,  
and I will love him and reveal myself to him."**



**UPDATE ON REOPENING PUBLIC MASSES** I know that the decision of the Archbishop not to resume public masses is a difficult one. Governor Hogan has allowed the counties to make decisions appropriate to them. Prince George's County will continue the stay at home declaration until June 1; the District of Columbia will continue regulations through June 8; and Montgomery County has indicated that they will continue until the situation improves. So three of the jurisdictions within the Archdiocese containing the vast majority of Catholics remain on stay at home recommendations.

I am not given to quoting Martin Luther, but as a Christian leader when the plague struck Wittenberg, he sent a letter of advice to a friend, John Hess. Some would say, stay and take God's punishment, others, flee to save yourself. To serve the church, he responds with a view of protecting his neighbor.

*"I shall ask God mercifully to protect us. Then I shall fumigate, help purify the air, administer medicine and take it. I shall avoid places and persons where my presence is not needed in order not to become contaminated and thus perchance inflict and pollute others and so cause their death as a result of my negligence. If God should wish to take me, he will surely find me and I have done what he has expected of me and so I am not responsible for either my own death or the death of others. If my neighbor needs me however I shall not avoid place or person but will go freely as stated above. See this is such a God-fearing faith because it is neither brash nor foolhardy and does not tempt God."*

This is indeed a very odd disease, which leaves the majority of those infected without any symptoms; others suffer long; and some die quickly. Because of modern medicine and its understanding of the spread of viruses, and its machines and methods, most of us have not known many victims; though most of us knew Fr. Ed Dougherty. Some may even know other people older than he who may be at risk. I presume that when I go out to shop, I pass many perfectly healthy individuals and maybe a few who have been infected. My mask, their masks, and our distancing has preserved me from infection up to now, so I know that I have not infected someone else, which is the aim of the restrictions.

Indeed, at some time, when the chances of spreading the virus are decreased, we will all need to learn new things we must do to protect others as we move about more.

We will need to spread out more; even in church; which means we will continue with the 5 weekend masses; and if necessary, add another. We expect some more detailed advice on procedures in the next two days. In the meantime, we can pray for those still struggling to breathe and especially those separated from family in their suffering.

**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.

**Important Update on the Jubilarian Mass**The annual Jubilarian Mass has been postponed to the fall. More information will be available in upcoming weeks. Contact the office for Family Life for additional questions at [visiblesign@adw.org](mailto:visiblesign@adw.org) or call 301-853-4546 .

**Marriage Preparation Updates** During the time of the coronavirus, the Office for Family Life is offering virtual marriage preparation classes. The next session will start in June. For more information please contact the Office for Family Life at: [visiblesign@adw.org](mailto:visiblesign@adw.org) or call **301-853-4546**.

**Natural Family Planning Classes** The Office for Family Life will be offering an introductory NFP Class online on Saturday, June 27 from 10am - Noon. Please [click here](#) to register or call the Office for Family life for more information at 301-853-4546.

**Morning Reflection for Grieving Parents** The Office for Family Life will be offering an on-line one hour reflection for parents who have lost a child on Saturday, June 20 from 9am – 10am. Any parent who has lost a child is welcome to attend, no matter how long ago the loss or the cause. For more information contact the Office for Family Life at [visiblesign@adw.org](mailto:visiblesign@adw.org) or 301-853-4546.

### **Pray the Rosary in May**

The Holy Father is encouraging everyone to pray the rosary at home with your family during the month of May.

### **Please Help the Little Sisters of the Poor**

The Little Sisters of the Poor need support as they provide care for the elderly at their Jeanne Jugan Residence during these challenging times. Since the Little Sisters are unable to go to the local parishes and collect donations for the needs of their residents, please consider donating any of the following items and have them delivered to:

**Jeanne Jugan Residence**  
**4200 Harewood Road, NE**  
**Washington, D.C. 20017**  
**202-269-1831**

**Donations can be delivered at the main entrance.**

**Most needed items:**

- Disposable gloves
- Disposable head covers and shoe covers
- Isolation gowns
- Disposable masks
- Laundry detergent
- Disinfectant wipes and spray
- Nutri-grain fruit bars, fig newtons
- Individual servings of applesauce
- Frito lay variety chips
- Nabisco variety pack cookies, mini cookie treats
- Individual serving box juices
- Bottles of Juice (apple, cranberry, lemonade, cranapple, etc)

**Generous support 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.

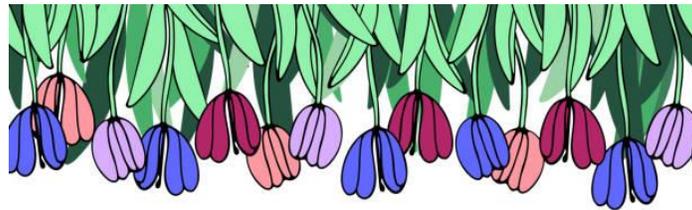
**On-Line Giving** We now have a fully functional electronic giving link on our webpage: [www.chapelpoint.org](http://www.chapelpoint.org). This has many advantages- especially in these times when we do not meet face to face. You can make donations using your checking account or credit card. You can 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:** David Dixon, 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



*miss you*

