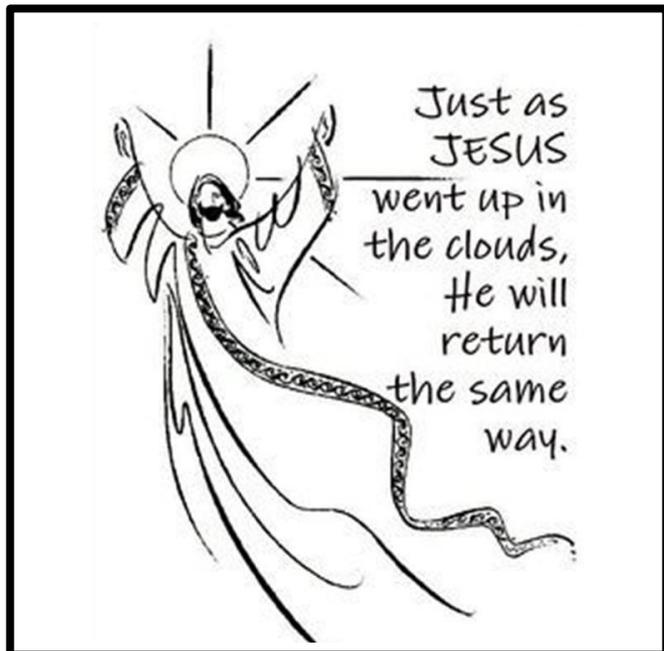


# St. Ignatius Church – Chapel Point

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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.

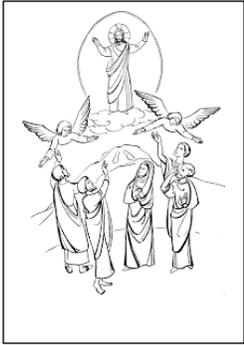
**Cemetery:** There are grave sites available for active parishioners in the new section at the base of the hill. Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington administers the sale of lots and burial. Because we do not have an adequate endowment, the costs of maintenance come from general parish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



# The Ascension of the Lord

May 24, 2020

**“He was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going.”**



## **Ascension - Exciting yet intimidating.**

After Jesus rose from the dead, His followers felt some kind of vindication - but they were not sure what it meant. They were making a great leap into the unknown. They could be reviled by their friends for turning to this itinerant preacher who insisted on love of all, especially those rejected by society. Jesus suffered death for speaking against the leaders of the day. If He had not worked miracles, served humbly, and reached out to heal many- he would have been rejected earlier. So why would they take such step?

Yes, He was from God.

Yes, He defeated death and promised an advocate, a protector and guide and a welcoming home.

But when? How? Where would this be?

Would he establish them as the rulers of the world or of at least of Israel? - NO

Would Jesus sweep His followers out of danger and uncertainty into a distant heaven? NO

Would they at least be safe and protected from all harm because of their faith? NO

The ascension was exhilarating, liberating but it settled a lot of question perhaps in ways that were disappointing - His followers were not on an express to join the Lord. They were staying where they were- encountering rejection and hardship as He did. The ascension gave the definitive message, your task is just beginning, what I have done you must continue for the imaginable future.

In each of our lives we experience similar moments- Really? You want me to keep going, I'm tired, I'm frustrated; I was hoping to go with You. How did they go on? Stayed tuned for next week and Pentecost.

This year, more than most, we may be looking into the future and saying I need the Holy Spirit to accompany me. That was surely the experience of the apostle, as the Lord disappeared from their midst. They were privileged, they were in awe, they were thankful for their experience of Jesus, but they could not help but have waited with some anxiety and worry.

So this week we think of our Redeemer who is no longer visible to us and still teaching. Next week we celebrate the sending of the Spirit to new hope, strength and courage.

**Memorial Day** This year, we have been reminded of the number of veterans who have become frail with age and illness as the Corona virus moved through nursing homes. We also remember that our natural condition is freedom. Those who served our nation's defense, did so either as volunteers, or under the most significant imposition on that freedom by the federal government in four trying periods of American history: The Civil War, World War I, World War II and the Cold War through Vietnam. They sacrificed for our safety and common good. We can never repay them enough, but we surely can remember them in our prayers and tell their stories to future generations.

We have been a bit delayed in getting flags in position. If you visit a Veteran's grave here which should have a flag, we have flags in the vestibule which you can place at the grave.

**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.

**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 Shirriell, 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

