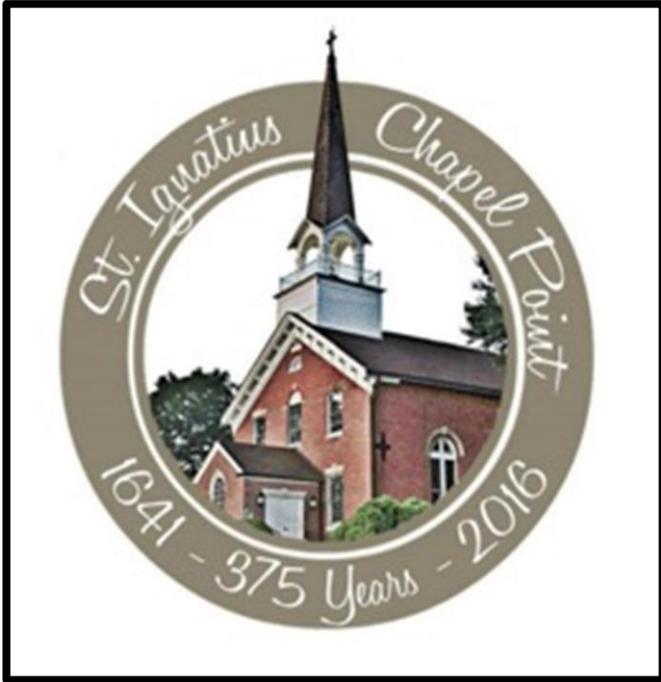


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***Public Masses have resumed with 50% capacity limits. Reservations and Masks are Required***

**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.*



## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 26, 2020

“Brothers and sisters:  
We know that all things work for good for those who love God,  
who are called according to his purpose.”



### Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 25 – 5:00 p.m. – Kevin Moore +

Sunday, July 26 – 9:00 a.m. – Becky Dement +

Sunday, July 26 – 11:15 a.m. – The intentions of Jennifer Leonardo

Friday, July 31 – 8:00 a.m. – Vocations to The Society of Jesus

**Ignatius and the weeds** In last week’s gospel parable, the master instructs his field workers:

*“No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them.*

*Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters,*

*“First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning;*

*but gather the wheat into my barn.”*

When we speak of examining our lives and our relationship to God, the goal is to appreciate and nurture those things which lead us to God and to change those that do not. There is no better example of leaving the weeds than St. Ignatius. When he was laid up by his battle injury, he came to follow the Spirit and renew his own life. Not only did he turn to God, he changed much of his spiritual practice for those who joined him in the Jesuits.

As a young man Ignatius found himself burdened by guilt. At times he felt that he was beyond God’s mercy. Once one is in that trap, one begins to see ordinary weaknesses as unforgivable sins. In the examination of candidates to the Society, one of the questions that persevered to my time was whether the candidate was scrupulous. Though that excessive sensitivity to personal guilt played a role in his conversion, he had come to see that it also prevented him from accepting God’s mercy.

Ignatius’ sense of guilt led him to do extreme and very visible penances. This meant extreme fast and for a while at Manresa, not cutting his hair or fingernails. In the 16<sup>th</sup> century the church mandated many fasts, but for a while his self-imposed fasts damaged his health. We would prohibit mandatory group penances in Jesuit house.

Once Ignatius had set his heart on being ordained, he had to find ways to support himself as a student- usually begging. In setting the rules for the new generations of Jesuits, he allowed even demanded that houses of religious formation would have endowments, so that the young could focus on their studies. Ignatius was not cut down early by his wound but allowed to mature, turn toward God and turn from his early exaggerated and self-destructive religious practices.

While we hang out with the weeds we should use our time as well as Ignatius.

**The Feast of St. Ignatius and the merger of the Maryland Province** Friday, July 31st is the Feast of our Parish's patron saint. This year it is also the day when the Maryland Province of the Society of Jesus will merge back into the New England and New York Provinces, which separated eight decades ago. The Maryland province came to be in 1833, with our first provincial governing from St. Thomas Manor. The plan of course had been to have a great gathering in Philadelphia to celebrate vows for those finishing novitiate and ordination for the new priests of the U.S. East Province. Plans have changed. Putting all the east coast Jesuits together is clearly not a great idea at the moment. The Southern Maryland Jesuit community will have our own observances, digitally linked to the broader Province, which will be headquartered in Manhattan.

**First Communion** It is clear that we will not be able to gather as a group and have a traditional First communion Mass any time in 2020. Since the students are prepared for the sacrament, we should not delay their reception of the Eucharist. When life returns to normal we can have a Mass in of a Sunday with singing etc. when they might receive together. In the mean time I encourage parents to request a mass when their child might begin to receive communion with the family.

**The Second Collection Next Weekend** at all Masses is the annual combined collection for Catholic Communication Campaign/Campaign Human Development. Please be as generous as you are able.

**Livestream our Mass** St. Ignatius Church will livestream Mass at **9:00 a.m.** on Sunday mornings on Facebook. Go to our Facebook page or reach that page from our website: [www.chapelpoint.org](http://www.chapelpoint.org).

**Please take note:** If you have underlying health conditions and are in the at risk category, please consider waiting a little longer until things improve more. The dispensation is still in effect for attending Mass. **To make a reservation, email: [stigooffice@yahoo.com](mailto:stigooffice@yahoo.com) or call 301-934-8245 ext. 2 and leave a message.** Leave your name, phone number and first and second choice of Masses. Please be patient with the regulations that are required in order to celebrate Mass. **You don't need reservations for daily Mass at 8 a.m.**

**The bulletin via email** For safety, we cannot put out paper bulletins in the church. If you'd like to receive the weekly bulletin via email, please email Brenda Canter with your name and preferred email address at [stigooffice@yahoo.com](mailto:stigooffice@yahoo.com).

**CANCELLED -Crab Feast Loyola on the Potomac** Sunday, September 13, 2020 has been cancelled. Contact: Alice Case (301) 392-0819 [alice.case@loyolaretreat.org](mailto:alice.case@loyolaretreat.org) for questions.

**On-Line Giving** We now have a fully functional electronic giving link on our webpage: [www.chapelpoint.org](http://www.chapelpoint.org). 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**, and are still not comfortable coming back to church, 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.

**Restore and Renew** If you'd like to make a donation or pledge to our Capital Campaign, you can give on line or call the office for a pledge card. All papers have been removed for safety. **PLEASE - 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.**

**Please continue to check in by phone on your elderly family, friends and neighbors** who are wisely staying at home while things improve with the pandemic.

## **A Catholic Response to the 2020 Census**

It is estimated that the state of Maryland lost nearly a billion dollars in state funding during the 2010 census, and subsequently, the state did not obtain its share of funding. **The 2020 Census is safe and confidential. It does not have a citizenship question.** Every person, regardless of immigration status, has the right to be counted. Completing the Census is easy. People can also respond – online, by paper, or by phone. Help is available in many languages. Visit the website <https://2020census.gov/en.html> Call 844-468-2020 in Spanish and in English at 844-330-2020. The Census Bureau has extended the response period to August 14, 2020.

**Collection Report for July 18-19, 2020:** Offertory \$2,278; Votives \$25; TOTAL: \$2,303.

**Please remember the following people in your daily prayers:** Amelia Zito, Karen Muhlenkamp, Peter Dahl, David Dixon, Elizabeth McCarthy, Alice Pickett, For those affected by the COVID19 virus, Brenda Pilkerton, Nellie Pearce, Mary 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, 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 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, Cecelia Yates, Victoria Liberty, Tamera Scroggins, James J. Nalley, Mr. Johnson, Theresa San Luis, Elaine Gaddis, Butch Hayden, Stacie Hayden