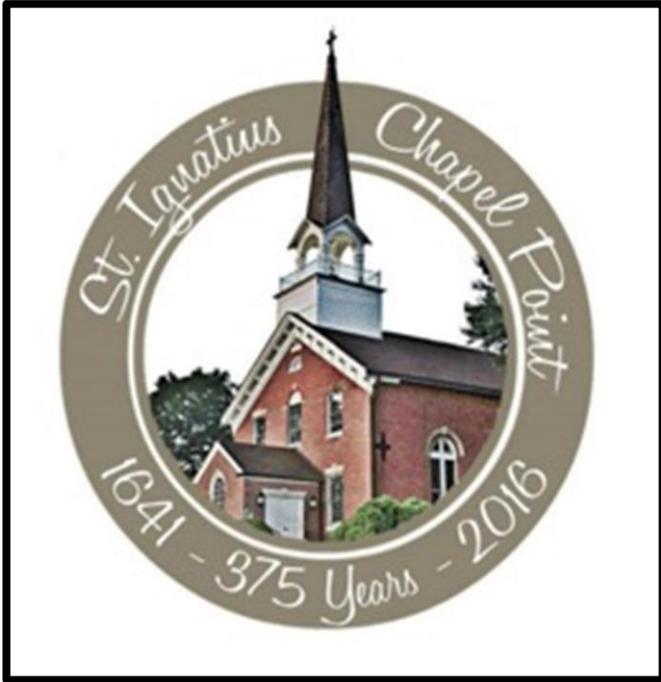


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Public Masses have resumed with 50% capacity limits. Reservations and Masks are Required

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.

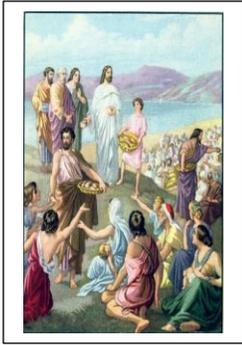
Cemetery: There are grave sites available for active parishioners in the new section at the base of the hill. Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington administers the sale of lots and burial. Because we do not have an adequate endowment, the costs of maintenance come from general parish funds.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

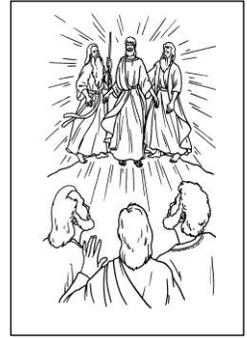
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: If you would like to learn about becoming a Catholic, please contact the Religious Education Office. Classes begin at the end of the summer.



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 2, 2020

“The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.”



Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 2 – 9:00 a.m. – Kevin Moore +

Sunday, August 2 – 11:15 a.m. – Mandy Lease +

THE CONTINUING EVOLUTION OF THE EAST COAST JESUIT PROVINCES We cannot help but note the passing of the Maryland Province of the Society of Jesus into yet another form. Last Friday, on the Feast of St. Ignatius, the Maryland Province ceased to exist. It merged back into a larger Province which now extends from Maine through Georgia. Our ancient connection to the Maryland Mission here under Andrew White and his successors, makes it more personal. Fr. White chose this spot for a church to serve the Native Americans and European settlers along the upper reaches of the Potomac valley. At various times in the colonial period, St. Thomas Manor served as the mission headquarters. In addition to serving the chapels of Charles and Prince George.

When the move toward independence put Maryland on the verge of religious freedom, the Jesuits freed from English religious regulation ceased to exist as a religious order in the Roman Catholic Church. Without state and church regulation, the priests of Maryland formed two organizations to regulate church ownership and religious practice. From 1773 to 1814 both the Select Body of Clergy and the Corporation of Roman Catholic Clergy met here, at Bowie and at Newtown to set policies. When the Pope allowed the Society to be reestablished, three Jesuits took vows as Jesuits in our recently finished church in 1804 (note the plaque on the back wall). After nineteen years as a mission in the restored Society of Jesus, the Maryland Jesuits became an independent Province in 1833, initially headquartered here. Tensions developed quickly between the native Marylanders who focused on our rural and plantation presence in Southern Maryland with the European immigrant Jesuits who looked at the exploding growth of cities with their need for parishes and colleges.

While those years sound tumultuous, the history of the Province did not settle into the ordinary and stable anytime soon. The Maryland Jesuits, like the world around them were constantly evolving. The demand for more Jesuits led to the establishment of somewhat independent missions of foreign Jesuits, in and around American provinces. Bishop Flaget invited French Jesuits into Kentucky, German Jesuits followed German settlers into Western N.Y. sometimes following them into Missouri and the Dakotas, serving native peoples and immigrants half way across the country. Of course there were English and French speaking Jesuits in Canada who turned their attention to northern New York and Maine. The Buffalo Mission and the northern tier of New York finally became part of the Maryland Province in 1876. That vast expanse had 154 priests, 171 brothers and 200 scholastics in training, speaking nearly a dozen languages.

It was soon clear enough, that all these Catholics and the priests to serve them, needed more decentralized administration. There were nine east coast colleges with 2,800 students and dozens of parishes. So... in 1926 the New England states separated from the rest of the east coast Jesuits forming a geographically compact New England Province. Seventeen years later, in the midst of World War II, the New York and Maryland Provinces split into 2 provinces midway through New Jersey. In recent years, with more ease of communication and drastically smaller numbers of Jesuits, national planning began around 2005 for some kind of re-amalgamation. So, in 2014, the New York and New England Provinces remerged, and now six years later, Maryland has rejoined its children to reform a province covering the whole east coast; with the exception of Florida.

Whether the new alignment will save Jesuit personnel and resources or improve planning and management may not be known in my lifetime. We can reasonably be sure that none of this rearranging of office chairs has any direct impact on the day to day operations of individual parishes, retreat house and schools. What we do know is that change is a constant and this decade's brilliant idea becomes a curiosity a few decades later.

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

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.

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.

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 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.

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

On-Line Giving We now have a fully functional electronic giving link on our webpage: 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.**

Look for a RESTORE AND RENEW FINANCIAL REPORT NEXT WEEKEND.

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 25-26, 2020: Offertory \$2,556; Votives \$6; Assumption \$10; Catholic Communications \$10; TOTAL: \$2,582. Thank you for your support during these difficult financial times.

Please remember the following people in your daily prayers: Shirley Watson, The staff and residents of assisted living and nursing homes, 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 Hannes, Sharon Ryan, John Reese, Frankie Chiorcariello and family, Tim Moore, James Johnson, Cecelia Yates, Victoria Liberty, Tamera Scroggins, James J. Nalley, Mr. Johnson, Theresa San Luis, Elaine Gaddis, Butch Hayden, Stacie Hayden

