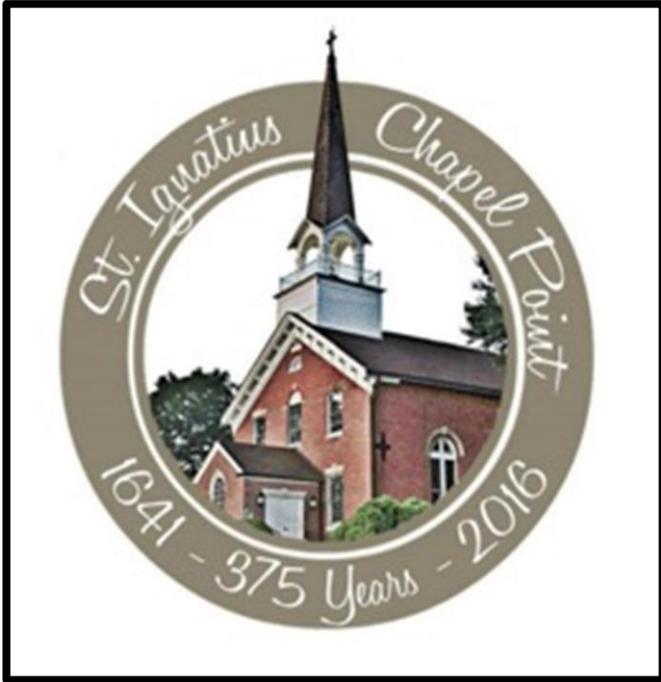


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***Public Masses have resumed with 50% capacity limits. Reservations and Masks are Required***

***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 9, 2020

“Jesus spoke to them, “Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.”



### Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 8 – 5:00 p.m. – Jeff Antroinen +

Sunday, August 9 – 9:00 a.m. – Ann Scott Jordan +

Sunday, August 9 – 11:15 a.m. – Kevin Moore +

**Five Months and counting** On Thursday, March 12, Governor Hogan announced a number of measures to stop the spread of the novel Corona Virus. Many of us saw the need for the suspension of normal activities which would promote the spread of the new and unfamiliar virus. Hardly any of us in the general population would have anticipated that five months in, the end would still not be in site. I thought that any mention of a normal Easter celebration was overly optimistic. I did think that we would return to our usual seasonal activities with the opening of school. I thought that being shut out of my mother’s retirement community was a change of pace and communication that would not be much of a burden. I started writing little pieces, since I had time on my hands and lots of ideas in my head. One day a couple of months in, I just got distracted with other things, and my extra writing stopped, not by a conscious decision, just by others things intruding.

I think that the existence of a nine month school year with a break in the middle has contributed to a habit of seasonal commitments and activities. It is time for the fall, for a slow start to a school year. Then it is getting darker earlier and the sun is setting farther south, but soon there will be Christmas lights and celebrations soon enough. Oh, but winter is back- yea but the next break takes us into spring. We do big things a bit at a time, with built in changes of pace. The pandemic however has been playing with a different set of rules. It does fit a preplanned calendar, it may be more or less intrusive for weeks at a time, but does not have anticipated seasonal breaks. This being held hostage for extended time is not part of our normal experience. We have become confident in the ability of government to smooth out disruptions. This time a divided Congress decided that the cost of allowing the economy to crash was greater than the cost of intervening. Something we as a nation have never done before, but the underlying cause had no quick fix. Once again people fall back on looking for God’s intent in punishing us. What for us is a disaster, is not all that uncommon in the history of creation. We should not judge by the brevity of our difficulties, but by the spirit of common purpose and effort to lift ourselves and our neighbors back to our feet. The generation which lived through the monotony and privation of the Great Depression, and those who went on to survive World War II with its years of real suffering, uncertainty and loss have much to teach us.

**Congratulations to Brayden Frye**, who will be receiving his First Holy Communion with his family at the 5 pm Mass this Saturday

**The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother**, Saturday, August 15, would normally be a Holy Day of Obligation. It is not this year, because it falls on a Saturday.

**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).

**To make a reservation to attend weekend Masses, email: [stigooffice@yahoo.com](mailto:stigooffice@yahoo.com) by 3 pm on Friday or call 301-934-8245 ext. 2 and leave a message.** Leave your name, phone number and first and second choice of Masses. **You don't need reservations for daily Mass at 8 a.m.** 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.

**Census** We are in the closing days of the 2020 census, which has been taken up every 10 years since 1790, in order to be distribute Congressional seats in proportion to the population. The rate of response to the Census is around 67% at the moment. Fifty years ago in 1970 the response rate was 78%. As communication has become faster and data collection an ordinary part of life, the percentage of participation has dropped repeatedly. When every household had to be individually visited and the majority of the nation was rural, the Census bureau understandably missed many, today it seems hard to imagine. This count will set the number of seat in each state for another 10 years. That also shifts a few electors out of states losing relation population to those gaining population. Voting is important, but answering the census is preliminary to that. Just think if everybody you disagreed with filled out the census and 50% of those you agreed with filled it out, the makeup of Congress would be stacked against you.

### **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.

**Free School Supplies at Children's Aid Society** If your child or someone you know needs school supplies, contact Children's Aid at 301-645-1561. Must be a Charles County resident.

**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. 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 see the Capital Campaign Committee letter that follows at the end of the bulletin.**

**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.

**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 [stigoffice@yahoo.com](mailto:stigoffice@yahoo.com).

**Collection Report for August 1-2, 2020:** Offertory \$4,624; Catholic Comm & Human Dev. \$242; Assumption of Mary \$20; Peter Pence \$10; TOTAL: \$4,896. Thank you for your continued support.

**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 Hamnes, 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



RESTORE  
&  
RENEW

August 1, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

Your Capital Campaign Committee continues to work on the Restore & Renew campaign and have been encouraged by the generous online giving by our parishioners and friends. While we have been unable to have parish meetings due to social distancing guidelines, we will continue to update you with progress announcements. We recently raised our thermometer sign to the \$900,000 mark and are busy working towards the million dollar level.

BECS has finalized their Facades Conditions Assessment which included the photographing, inspection and sampling of the exterior facades of the church, manor house and chapel. There was testing performed to determine the chemical analysis of mortar and paint coatings. This report further identified the deteriorative conditions and the recommended actions that should be taken for the restoration of our buildings. BECS and their historic preservation consultant are working with us as we meet with the Maryland Historic Trust in order to move to the bidding stage.

If you would like to send donations, you can mail a check made payable to St. Ignatius Chapel Point, noting "Restore & Renew" in the memo section and mail to the address listed below. Or, you can contribute online by clicking on our "Give to Restore & Renew" link found on our website, <https://www.chapelpoint.org>.

Thank you for your continued support of our beautiful, historic church.

Sincerely,

Thomas F. Clifford, S.J.

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Ed Kelly

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