

St. Ignatius Church – Chapel Point
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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.

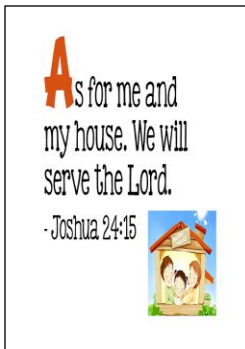
Cemetery: There are grave sites available for active parishioners in the new section at the base of the hill. Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington administers the sale of lots and burial. Because we do not have an adequate endowment, the costs of maintenance come from general parish funds.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



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 16, 2020

“My house shall be called
a house of prayer for all peoples.”



Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 15 – 5:00 p.m. – Kevin Moore +

Sunday, August 16 – 9:00 a.m. – Kevin Moore +

Sunday, August 16 – 11:15 a.m. – Rick Simmons +

Send her away There are a numbers of times in the Bible, when our moral sense is offended by what we hear God saying. However in several classic cases, we see God actually coming down on what we recognize as a righteous and even prophetic side of a question. In Genesis 22, God sends Abraham off to the mountain to make a sacrifice. A sacrifice which looks like it would be the offering of his son Isaac. Among pagan religions of the day human sacrifice even child sacrifice even the sacrifice of one’s own children was not unheard of or unusual. Abraham on the other hand a faith follower of his God is clearly distressed at the command. As the found patriarch of his people Abraham listens to the commands of God. Seeing his faith God retrains Abraham’s knife and provides a ram for sacrifice. There are plenty of prohibitions of human and child sacrifice in the Old Testament. Two examples would be Psalms 106:28 ff, Deuteronomy 12:30ff. We do not remember the dull ordinary prohibitions of human sacrifice, we do we remember and visualize God stopping the hand of Patriarch Abraham.

There are readings such as today when an encounter of Jesus with someone in need seems harsh. But we need to listen to the whole story. The disciples ask Jesus to send away the mother a foreigner a Canaanite, an annoyance. There is some grammatical dispute of the meaning of a rare verb. Were the disciples saying “get rid of her by sending the demon away.” That doesn’t matter because as Jesus does a number of times he uses apparent rejection to elicit a profession of faith rewarded by a healing.

In each case Jesus seems at first inclined to reject the plea of someone who was broadly rejected by people of the day. Those episodes include healing the Centurion’s servant Matt 8:10 and Lk 7:9; the woman with a hemorrhage; Mat 9:20, Mark 5: 25-34, Luke 8: 433-48. Yet in each case, He heals the needy sick person and praises the faith of the one making the request. “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” At first Jesus seems to accept the prejudices of other the day and then dismisses the prejudice against one of God’s needy. Then he goes further and praises the true faith of the outsider. ~Fr. Tom Clifford, S.J.

Fr. Clifford got his COVID test results back late Friday morning. He’s negative and is out of quarantine. Thanks be to God!

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.

To make a reservation to attend weekend Masses, email: 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 is 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 have an 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. 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.

Collection Report for August 8-9, 2020: Offertory \$4,750; Votives \$26; Human Development \$25; Assumption \$70; Restore & Renew \$200; Peter's Pence \$10; Cath. Comm. \$20; TOTAL: \$5,101. Thank you for your continued support.

Please remember the following people in your daily prayers: Chuck Gould, Danny LeSage, 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