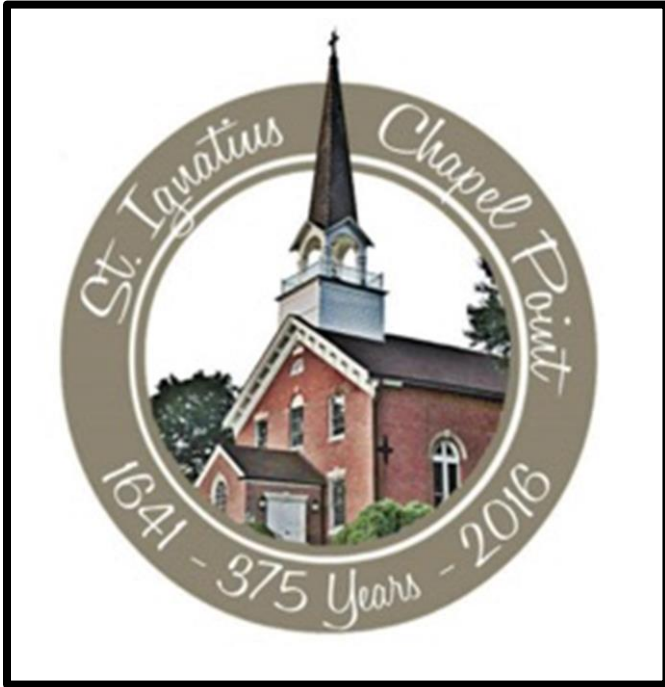


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Public Masses have resumed with 50% capacity limits. Reservations and Masks are Required
The Eucharist

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.*

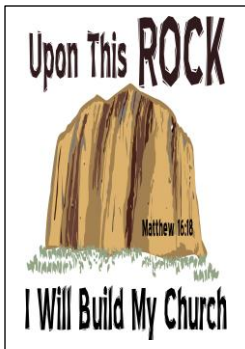
Cemetery: *There are grave sites available for active parishioners in the new section at the base of the hill. Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington administers the sale of lots and burial. Because we do not have an adequate endowment, the costs of maintenance come from general parish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

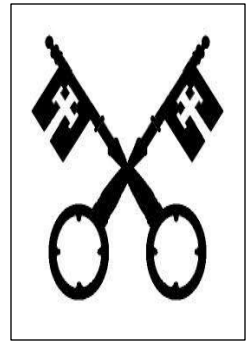
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: *If you would like to learn about becoming a Catholic, please contact the Religious Education Office. Classes begin at the end of the summer.*



Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 2020

**“You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church
and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.**



Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 23 – 7:30 a.m. – Julian Dyer +

Sunday, August 23 – 9:00 a.m. – Kevin Moore +

Sunday, August 23 – 11:15 a.m. – Mary Ann Pearson +

Contemplation in Action- learning to find God in real people not in my head

Ah, remember the days when we would write letters. I have been trying to organize a number of piles of paper that have accumulated here and in my personal effects. Fr. Storck exchanged hundreds, probably thousands of letters among himself and his two brothers. Mrs. Thoman facilitated communication among her children by receiving information and producing family updates with carbon paper. The point is not so much the paper, as the time to stop and think, digest and communicate with others. My mother saved everything I sent home for decades; beginning with letters from a week long Scout Camp, to letters from my first decade in the Jesuits.

I was ready to pitch them out, but I had to skim them first. In my letters from the novitiate, I was struck by the Jesuit ideal of being contemplatives in action, and how obvious that was in our early training. I spent six months at Wernersville, living in a religious community and studying the spiritual writing and the Constitutions of the Society of Jesus; all the while working in some local good work. I taught English; having no particular concern for written punctuation or spelling. I also ended up agreeing to be the Scoutmaster, and finding my whole troop grounded when their report cards came out. In the second semester, I worked as an orderly at Little Sisters of the Poor in Baltimore, and Calvary Hospital in the Bronx. Then I made my 30 day retreat and headed out again to minister after Easter in the southwest corner of Virginia.

We had intense experiences of prayer and learning humility in community under superiors. The two orderly experiences provided vivid experiences of mortality and suffering. We were not just having an experience for ourselves, we were providing essential assistance to those no longer able to care for themselves. Prayer and reflection helped in finding God in things I would not likely have chosen to do on my own. The real stretch was living with a Glenmary priest and brother in a simple house with no indoor plumbing or reliable heat. I was sent out to witness to any number of people whom I would have avoided if walking toward them on the street. I took the priest's place at a Baptist Lay Evangelism school to show we were indeed believing Christians. When it came time to put their techniques into practice, they kindly assigned me a non-practicing Catholic family. As much as I got into the methodology, I knew I could not push them to say they accepted Jesus as their personal Savior; given my own experiences. I knew it would be forced and of no lasting value.

That same month I counseled a young man out of necessity, his wife had walked out on him after a violent encounter. I knew counseling patience and avoiding violent acts on his wife was falling on deaf ears- and even more so when the ambulance headed up the street to a young gunshot victim. He had shot himself not his wife. I visited him both in the hospital in Pennington Gap as well as in Bristol Tennessee/Virginia.

Prayer and reflection had not led me to always say and do the right thing, but rather to have the strength to keep trying when I didn't. As I skimmed those letters the other night I was reminded of how different I was by June, from what I had been in September; how much I had found God in the craziest situations. Those letters helped me see the development and the joy I got in telling about what I was doing to learn about God, God's people and the world. Maybe it wasn't a bad thing for my mother to have saved those letters for nearly 50 years, and me to read them for the first time since I wrote them.

Fr. Clifford is on vacation and will return to the office on September 1.

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, the dispensation is still in effect for attending Mass. We have not filled up yet at any Mass, so if you decide at the last minute you want to attend, please come and we'll make room.

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.

The Annual Jubilarian Mass has been cancelled for this year.

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.

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.

Wayside Food Bank Report – August 2020 On Saturday, August 15, Wayside Food Bank distribution at Holy Ghost Church served 22 families, which represents 52 adults, 7 teens and 18 children for a total of 79 individuals served. We are still using a modified distribution to protect our volunteers and clients. The drive thru seems to be working well and we're thankful to all our awesome volunteers who help each month.

Say YES! to Volunteering Catholic Charities is recruiting 50 volunteers to take on a weekly, year-long commitment to service. **General Volunteer Roles:** Are you friendly, dependable, culturally sensitive and able to encourage a person going through a big change – for example, returning to the community after incarceration or learning to speak English or finding a job? **Become a virtual mentor or instructor.**

Pro Bono Volunteer Roles: Are you a doctor, nurse, lawyer or financial professional? Contribute your expertise pro bono to our most marginalized neighbors. All roles require an application, dialogue with program staff about expectations, and at least a 75-hour commitment including orientation and training. Except for medical professionals, volunteering is done remotely via video chat, phone calls, email, and regular mail. **Want more information?**

Attend our Volunteer Open House on **October 1**. Register here (<http://bttr.im/z03q8>) **Have questions?** Send us an email to Volunteer@CC-DC.org **Ready to commit?** Complete an **application** for the role of your choice. **Apply by October 14!** **SHARE Monthly Food**

Package Distribution Calling energetic early-risers who can do some moderately heavy lifting to join us at the **SHARE Warehouse** on a Friday or Saturday for the monthly food-package assembly and distribution. We start early! **Get information and sign up here:** **SHARE Food Package Distribution** (<http://bttr.im/iuidn>) **Volunteer Now Opportunities: Sew Face**

Coverings: Thank you to the many people who have already made and donated thousands of face covers to Catholic Charities for our clients and staff who work in the shelters and the community. As the pandemic continues, we need even more face covers. Here's how to help with this effort. <https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Face-Covering-Instructions-for-Catholic-Charities.pdf>.

Collection Report for August 15-16, 2020: Offertory \$2,705; Catholic Comm. \$90; Assumption of Mary \$403; TOTAL: \$3,198. 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