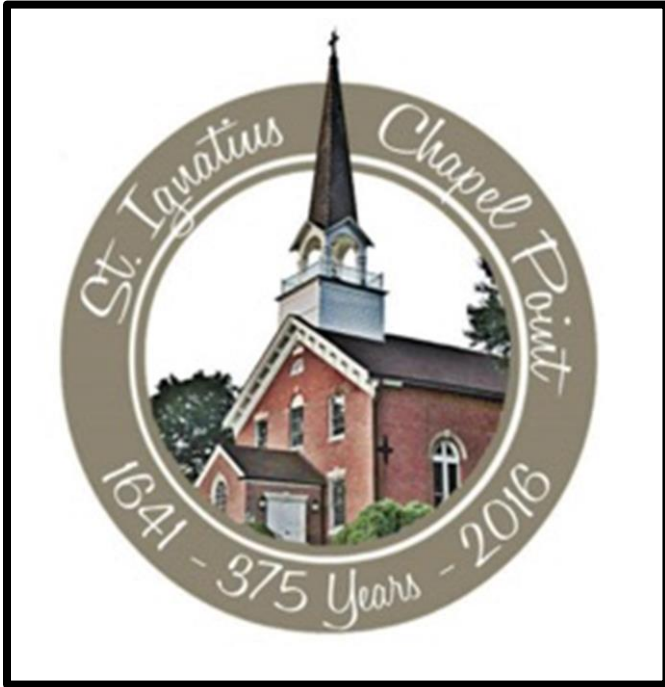


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Public Masses have resumed with 50% capacity limits. Reservations and Masks are Required
The Eucharist

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.

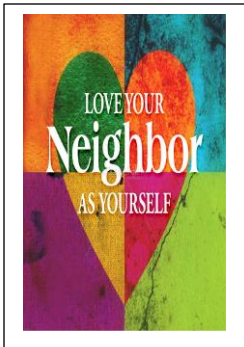
Cemetery: There are grave sites available for active parishioners in the new section at the base of the hill. Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington administers the sale of lots and burial. Because we do not have an adequate endowment, the costs of maintenance come from general parish funds.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

September 6, 2020

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name,
there am I in the midst of them.”



Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 6 – 7:30 a.m. – Gram Rooney +

Sunday, September 6 – 9:00 a.m. – Chester Bowling +

Sunday, September 6 – 11:15 a.m. – Kevin Moore +

Friday, September 11 – 8:00 a.m. – Ann Tucker +

The limitations of statues, stained glass and paint A statue, a painting or a window cannot capture the reality of persons, their place in history or our understanding of their character. You may notice that catholic statues and paintings tend to depict certain symbols which identify the person and our understanding of them. You will note the statue of Ignatius in the vestibule- his right hand raised and a book in his left hand. In the Ignatius window on the north side you will see the letters *AMDG* and *IHS* jump off the page of the book he holds. *AMDG* is Latin for *To the Greater Glory of God* and the *IHS* represents the name of Jesus. The book itself is usually described as a copy of the Constitutions of the Society of Jesus over which he labored in his later life. It represents his lasting institutional contribution to the life of the church.

I am fairly sure, that the number of young men who decided to follow Jesus in the Jesuits because they had read and loved the Constitutions would be rather small. At Loyola High School in Baltimore, our bronze Ignatius was humble and down on one knee giving up his sword to follow Christ. In more recent years, Ignatius as the pilgrim walking has taken several forms, all communicating that historically, Ignatius walked in pilgrimage from his home to the shrine at Montserrat and from there to a cave at Manresa. Along the way, he sought the advice of spiritual guides, finding God in prayer and in his encounters with others. The pilgrim Ignatius also speaks to those today who are seeking meaning, value and a calling in life.

We have a St. Catherine of Alexandria window (also north side) which depicts the instruments of her martyrdom, though few would know it without a guide. She leans against a wheel and holds a sword. The tale of her death is that she was sentenced to be broken on a torture wheel, but instead the wheel broke, saving her from that most agonizing death. Instead she was beheaded, which was quicker and less painful- even if it was more bloody and still brutal. There is something else which we know of all our religious figures, except Jesus and the Blessed Mother. There is something we do not usually depict, but we know to be true. They were all known to be imperfect sinners, saved by the grace and mercy of God. It would be difficult to depict in stone or glass the inner struggles of conversion, but we know that they refined and renewed the saints.

Happy Labor Day American Workers! Labor Day is a celebration of the *labor* movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country. Enjoy a day of rest from your labors.

Second Collections We will have the Catholic University of America collection next weekend, September 13 to support the University. Due to the CORONAVIRUS, second collections dates have been changed. **The weekend of September 20, we will have the Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land, since we didn't take up the collection this year for the Holy Land. On October 4, we will take up a second collection for Peter's Pence, the Holy Father.** If you have already given, thank you. If you weren't attending Mass for the sake of safety, this gives you another chance to support these worthy causes. Please be as generous as you can.

Religious Education Classes Neither the new instructions from the Archdiocese, nor the state's shift to the 3rd phase have any meaningful impact on our planning to resume religious education. Religious Education will be resuming for the 2020-2021 year on September 27th. We will offer both in-person and virtual programs. Please stay tuned for information to be posted on the website explaining more about each program and how to register. Current families registered with Flocknote will be receiving an email, too. We are looking forward to seeing you soon!

God's blessings to Athena Croson who will receive her First Holy Communion at the 11:15 a.m. Mass

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.

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.

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.

Our Gift Shop will be open NEXT Sunday, September 13 from 10 am – 11 am, between the 9 am and 11:15 am Masses. Social distancing and face masks are required. The special order of St. Ignatius ornaments are available.

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.

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 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. It confuses the tracking of funds when they have to be transferred in between the two accounts.**

St. Michael's and St. Dominic's Parish Seafood Dinner – CURBSIDE PICK UP ONLY, will be held on Saturday, September 26, from noon until 4 pm. The address is 17502 Aquasco Rd., Brandywine, Md. The menu is crab cakes, fried fish, fried chicken, green beans, parsley potatoes, apple sauce, cole slaw, hush puppies and rolls. The cost is \$27 for adult dinner, advance sale purchase, \$30 adult dinner drive thru, children are \$10 each and 6 and under FREE. Visit www.stmichaelbaden.org or call the parish office 240-681-3551 for advance tickets and more information.

Archdiocese - Information on the Website The archdiocesan website in response to the coronavirus is updated regularly with information, in English and Spanish, is available at adw.org/coronavirus, which includes a link to find a listing of live stream Masses and prayers available at adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayers/. The *Catholic Standard* and the Spanish-language *El Pregonero* newspapers are currently available online at cathstan.org and elpreg.org.

Collection Report for August 29-30, 2020: Offertory \$3,720; Votives \$3; Arch of Military Services \$15; Ash Wed. \$20; Cath Comm. and Human Dev. \$20; Assumption \$20; TOTAL: \$3,798. Thank you for your continued support during these challenging times.

Please remember the following people in your daily prayers: The Dunphy Conseza family, Francis Knott, Chuck and Barbara 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.