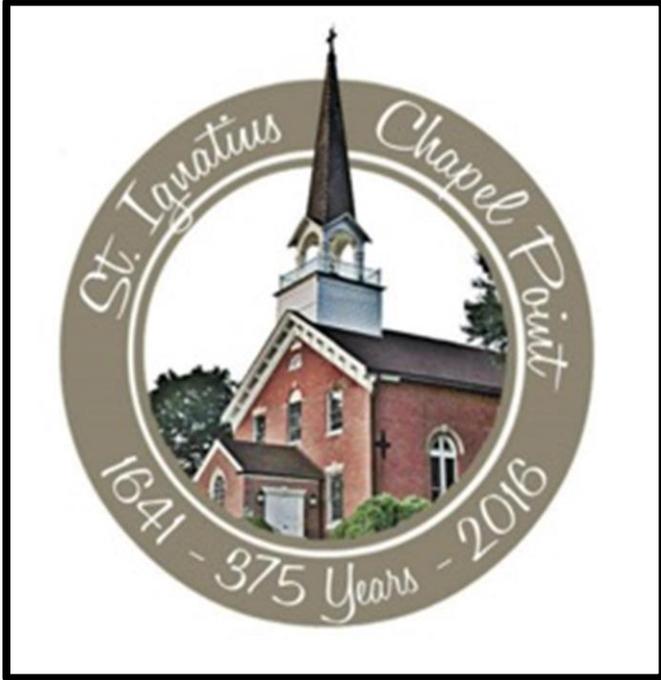


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Public Masses have resumed with 50% capacity limits. Reservations and Masks are Required
The Eucharist

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.*

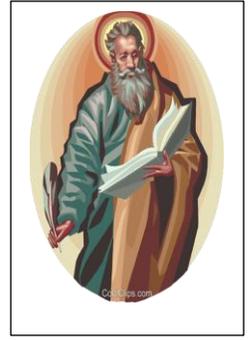
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: *If you would like to learn about becoming a Catholic, please contact the Religious Education Office. Classes begin at the end of the summer.*



Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 2020

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.”



Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 20 – 9:00 a.m. – Kevin Moore +

Sunday, September 20 – 11:15 a.m. – Rick Simmons +

Heads-up on voting process during the pandemic.

As Christians we have a responsibility to exercise our right to vote. This year we have the challenge of decided not just for whom to vote but also how to vote. Some of you have been voting at the same polling place for 20, 30, 50 years. Some of the election judges who check your identity, hand you the ballot and walk you to the scanning machine have been there as long as you have and that has presented a new problem. This year there are many fewer workers who are willing to take the risk of greeting and directing people for hours and days. Many of the usual volunteers are not anxious to take that risk this year. Due to the hesitancy of voters to go out and wait in line to vote and of poll watchers to staff the polling place, more early voting and mail voting are expected.

LIMITED In-Person Polling Places

This year in Charles County, there will **be only two early voting locations**, beginning on October 26. They are Sacred Heart Friendship Hall in La Plata and St. Charles High School in Waldorf. **On Election Day, there will only be 9 polling places in the whole county.** **The Seven county high schools, Sacred Heart Friendship Hall and Pixawaxen Middle School will be the only places you can vote in person on November 3.**

MAIL in Voting

Another method of voting is by mail. In this year's Primary elections registered voters were automatically mailed a ballot. In the General Election, **you must apply for a ballot.** You should have **received an application for a ballot in the mail.** Return that as soon as possible to get your ballot. If you are concerned about your ballot being received on time due to the slowdown in the mail system, **there will be three Board of Elections, ballot drop boxes beginning on September 30.** They are Sacred Heart Friendship Room, The Board of Elections at 201 E Charles St. in LaPlata and St. Charles High School. Three more drop boxes will be added on Oct 15. They will be Westlake High School, Lackey High School and SMECO in Hughesville.

What is the best way to vote?

Whatever way you are move likely to vote is the best way for you to vote. I have in recent years voted early, in person. I never know when something will come-up at the last minute which might interfere with my voting so I prefer to vote early.

I normally do not vote by mail unless I will simply not be in town on Election Day. There is some risk of making a mistake which you would not make in person. There are two mistakes one can make that would lead to a mail ballot being rejected. The most common by far is that the ballot did not arrive at the stated deadline. Second that the person voting did not sign the oath or signed it in a way that did not look like their signature of record. Putting more than one ballot in the ballot return envelope will also lead to rejection. If there are stray marks or if you voted for two people for the same office the intent of the voter is unreadable and therefore uncountable. So take some time to decide how and where you will vote, then you will need to decide for whom you will vote.

Second Collections Due to the CORONAVIRUS, second collections dates have been changed. **This 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

FIRST DAY of in-person religious education Sept 27 You must register organizing students for classes in a way that is safe and calm means that **YOU CANNOT REGISTER ON THE 27TH**. Parents will not be allowed in the Hall either to drop off or pick up children because that always creates overcrowding. Sarah MacMillian is working hard to plan the layout of classes and students. **THIS MEANS WE CANNOT HAVE OUR USUAL LAST MINUTE REGISTRATIONS.** YOU MUST register in advance, email the forms to to ingatiusreligion@gmail.com or follow this link to google [St. Ignatius Chapel Point CCD 2020 Registration](#).

Attendance at Sunday Masses – We kept our full schedule during this time, so that we could accommodate as many people as possible with physically distancing in a small church. We have on a few occasions filled the lower church to capacity. We can always open the upper church, but its seating pattern would only add about 20 people, unless some of them are families, who can sit close together because you live close together. The purpose of reservations is that those who make them know that there is space for them. We have not had to turn anyone away or open the balcony, so we still have more room. The mass which usually has the most room is 11:15. Sometimes the 6pm has very few people, other times it is essentially full on the main floor. Do not feel that the lack of a reservation will mean you will be turned away, you may just end up in the balcony. With the return of students to religious education, it is likely that attendance at the masses will increase.

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.

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 Reports for September will be reported the first week of October

Please remember the following people in your daily prayers: The Dunphy Cosenza 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 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.