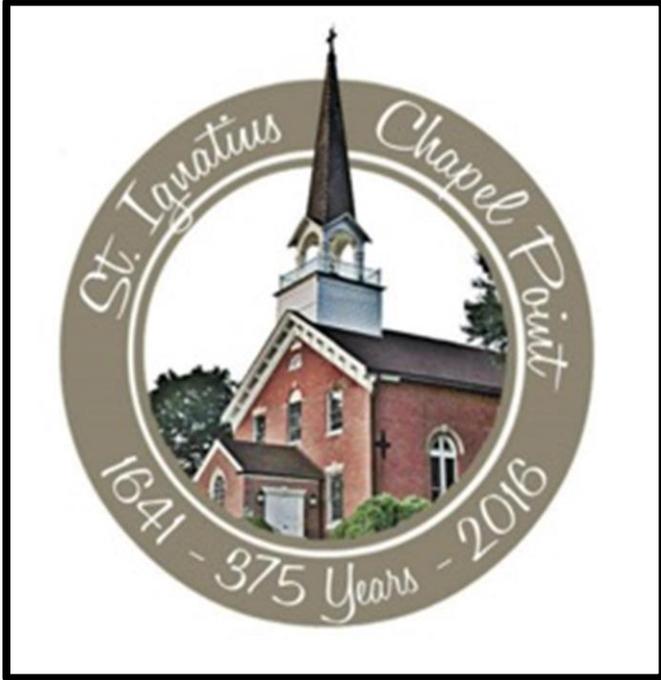


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Public Masses have resumed with 50% capacity limits. Reservations and Masks are Required
The Eucharist

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.*

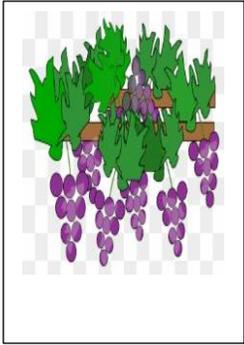
Cemetery: *There are grave sites available for active parishioners in the new section at the base of the hill. Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington administers the sale of lots and burial. Because we do not have an adequate endowment, the costs of maintenance come from general parish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

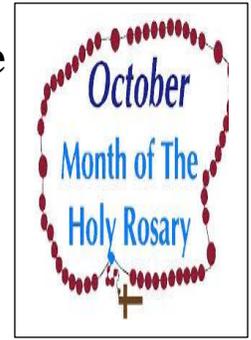
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: *If you would like to learn about becoming a Catholic, please contact the Religious Education Office. Classes begin at the end of the summer.*



Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 4, 2020

**“Brothers and sisters:
Have no anxiety at all, but in everything,
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
make your requests known to God.”**



Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 4 – 9:00 a.m. – Pat Kirkland (surgery)

Sunday, October 4 – 11:15 a.m. – Rick Simmons +

Monday, October 5 – 8:00 a.m. – Julia Greenwell (healing)

Tuesday, October 6 – 8:00 a.m. – Rose Langley (healing)

Questions about freedom and enforcing a moral order The Enlightenment philosophers laid the ground work for modern democratic republics to arise from the choice of citizens. The essential theory is that people are born free and equal, but give up a measure of freedom to create a government which will protect them from stronger, less well intentioned people. It is a tradeoff of some freedom, for protection of the rest of our natural freedom. Constitutional republics which grant limited powers to a government and at the same time limit them, seek to define what freedoms are sacrificed for what protections. In the case of the United States, the Ninth Amendment to the constitution says that citizens hold onto rights which they have not yielded to the Federal Government, not just those listed in the Bill of Rights. Not just listing rights implies more freedom, but necessitates serious debate about the relation of rights and freedom.

So there we have the genesis of a great deal of debate for the past centuries. How much power have we actually yielded to Congress, and what freedoms do we hold onto as beyond the interference of the state?

I remember a nominee who had been Pro-choice most of his political career and changed to defense of right to life. In a nationally televised debate he gave two apparently contradictory answers. He took an unequivocal anti-abortion position, and then within minutes, on an unrelated question said- well you know we cannot legislate morality.

While that may be baffling, it is because we often mean very different things when we speak of morality and freedom. I was disappointed, because he had not taken advantage of an opportunity to articulate a rationale which would help others to make sense of how we can decide what issues require government limits on personal behavior and those which do not. I believe most people have a hard time articulating when government should intrude in and when they should not. It is easier just to fall in with the people whose politics match ours than to provide a consistent rationale for laws.

What makes any consistent principle so difficult is that none of us, wherever we fall on the political spectrum, like government telling us what to do unnecessarily. Determining how to legislate is particularly difficult in what we might call personal morality. Many people both left and right, want to keep government regulations out of some aspect of people's "private" lives. People all across the political say you can't tell me what to do, I have my rights. On the right they are often known as libertarians. Strict Libertarians do not want to support schools and public works or outlaw drug use and prostitution. On the left they might want to go a step further on some of the same issues and protect the rights of those same people to act in public.

You have probably noticed, that we have lost the ability to dispassionately discuss principles and their implication. No matter what happens on Election Day, an ability to articulate consistent principles will be essential to set laws that encourage proper action to protect individuals and society, without being oppressive. It is a necessary conversation, but one I am not sure I have heard in my 48 years as a voter.

Second Collection This Weekend Due to the CORONAVIRUS, second collections dates have been changed. **This weekend at all Masses, 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.

Faith Formation (Religious Education) has returned to St. Ignatius! In-person Faith Formation occurs for **1st-6th Grades at 10:00-11:00 AM on Sundays.** In-person Confirmation Prep occurs for **7th-8th Grades at 5:00-5:55 PM on Sundays.** Virtual Family Faith Formation is also available. If you missed joining us the first week, it's never too late to register and join! We have some limited spots available for in-person faith formation, and virtual faith formation is always available. If you have any questions, please email Sarah MacMillan at ignatiusreligion@gmail.com or call (301)885-7020. We are looking forward to growing in faith with you!

Family Rosary Night on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary will be this **Wednesday, October 7th at 7:00 PM.** Weather permitting, we will pray together at our Lady's Shrine (just off the parking lot past the Outdoor Stations of the Cross). All are welcome! We will meet in the Parish Hall if weather is inclement; please remember to wear masks indoors.

Children's Liturgy of the Word is coming to St. Ignatius during the 9:00 AM Mass, beginning on Sunday, October 11th. It is a wonderful opportunity for our parishioners ages 3-6 years to hear the Word of God at their level. Contact Sarah MacMillan at ignatiusreligion@gmail.com or call (301)885-7020 if you'd like to learn more.

Youth Group is returning to St. Ignatius! We will meet on Sunday evenings at 7:00 PM. Our kick-off event will be on Sunday, October 18th! All seventh through twelfth graders and their friends are welcome! We plan to have a bonfire and fun! Contact Sarah MacMillan at ignatiusreligion@gmail.com or call (301)885-7020 if you'd like to learn more.

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.**

Journey with Ignatius Finding God in All Things a Virtual Pilgrimage an APP Join a community of pilgrims on the Ignatian journey to find God in all things. Follow the footsteps of Ignatius from his years as a young page in Arevalo, Spain to his final days as Superior General of the Society of Jesus in Rome, Italy. Read from Ignatius’ own writings, insights from selected Jesuit sources, and invitations to programs on Ignatian spirituality all while joining a community of prayer. The Institute of Advanced Jesuit Studies at Boston College is releasing a new APP for a virtual pilgrimage. It will begin on October 4 and end on Christmas day 2020. More details to come. Sign up now to be notified when the app is released!
<https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/centers/iajs/programs/Journey-with-ignatius.html> It is free-though if you like, they will certainly take a contribution.

Conference on Healing **St. Mary’s Church, Bryantown is hosting a CONFERENCE ON HEALING Oct 23-24, with Dr. Mary Healy.** The conference will be held Friday night, 7-9pm, and all day Saturday, concluding with 6pm Vigil Mass followed by Healing Service. Cost is \$10 and includes lunch & dinner on Saturday, pay at the door. Due to Covid, space is limited & preregistration is required. You can register through parish facebook page or by contacting Fr. Conley at frconley@comcast.net. Dr. Mary Healy is a professor of Sacred Scripture at Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit. She serves on the Pontifical Biblical Commission and is known nationally for her healing prayer ministry. For more info call parish at 301-870-2220.

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 2020: Sept. 5-6; Offertory \$5,939; Votives \$10; Catholic University \$40; Assumption \$25; TOTAL: \$6,014. Sept. 12-13; Offertory \$3,665; Catholic University \$211; Votives \$9; TOTAL: \$3,885. Sept. 19-20: Offertory \$3,137; Votives \$30; Cath. Univ. \$10; Holy Land \$40; TOTAL: \$3,217. Sept 26-27; Offertory \$3,288; Votives \$13; Peter's Pence \$50; Cath. Univ. \$40; TOTAL: \$3,391. Thank you for your support.

Please remember the following people in your daily prayers: Pat Kirkland, Eddie Fitzpatrick, Jules Greenwell, Rose Langley, 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, 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.



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