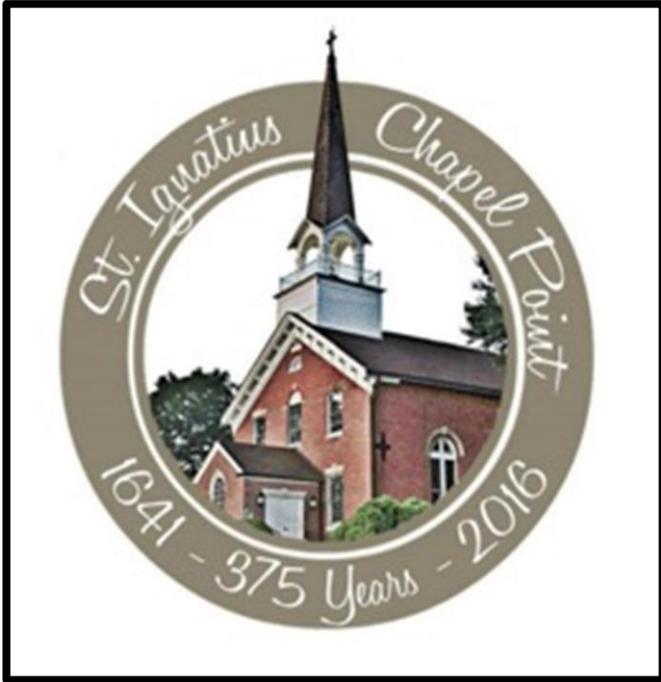


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Public Masses have resumed with 50% capacity limits. Reservations and Masks are Required
The Eucharist

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.*

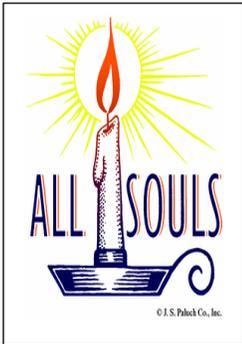
Cemetery: *There are grave sites available for active parishioners in the new section at the base of the hill. Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington administers the sale of lots and burial. Because we do not have an adequate endowment, the costs of maintenance come from general parish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



Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 1, 2020

“Salvation comes from our God, who is seated on the throne,
and from the Lamb.”



Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 31 – 5:00 p.m. – Isaac Blake +

Sunday, November 1 – 7:30 a.m. – Onykas “Jack” Johnson +

Sunday, November 1 – 9:00 a.m. – Elizabeth J. Barbour +

Sunday, November 1 – 11:15 a.m. – Dorothy Ann Bowling +

Sunday, November 1 – 6:00 p.m. – Michael Stumpf +

The Pope, Parents and the nature of Marriage Parents over the past centuries have dealt with the tensions between love of their children and their children’s decisions but the last half centuries has produced tensions that might have existed, but they were seldom spoken. The same sorts of tensions exist in the church. I certainly grew up in a church where you could tell a priest just about anything- without fearing you would be yelled at or condemned. Loved, encouraged, even admonished, but rejected-no.

In 2010 as archbishop of Buenos Aires, Pope Francis had encouraged his fellow bishops to accept some form of civil union for committed couples both gay and straight. Some union that was not marriage, but which gave some legal protections. He did so to prevent Argentina from adopting gay marriage, since he believed, as he does now, that marriage is between a man and a woman. He lost the argument and Argentina establish gay marriage.

In 2018 when Pope Francis was returning from Ireland, he engaged in a very free floating press conference, including his thoughts on homosexuality and parental responses. He encouraged parents to love their children and keep them in the family. He said:

There have always been homosexuals, people with homosexual tendencies. Always. Sociologists say, I don’t know if it’s true, that in times of epochal changes, some social, ethical phenomena increase; one of them would be this. This is an opinion of some sociologists. Your question is clear: what would I say to a father who sees that his son or daughter has that tendency? I would say first to pray, pray! Don’t condemn. Dialogue, understand, make space for son and the daughter. Make space so they can express themselves.

Then, at what age does this restlessness of the child express itself? It’s important. One thing is when it shows itself in a child. There are many things to do with psychiatry, to see how things are. Another thing is when it manifests itself after 20 years of age... But I’ll never say that silence is a remedy. To ignore a son or daughter with homosexual tendencies is a lack of paternity and maternity. You are my son, you are my daughter as you are! I’m your father, mother. Let’s talk! And if you, father and mother aren’t up to it, ask for help, but always in dialogue because that son and that daughter have the right to a family and that family of not being chased out of the family.

In an interview in 2019, the Pope said essentially the same things in an interview in response to two similar questions. In between he was asked about the church’s teaching which he indicated had not changed, he repeated the traditional Catholic statement about the ideal marriage; a man and a woman.

In 2020, an award winning film maker wanted to make a movie on the Pope, so he sat for a number of unrecorded interviews. The filmmaker was given access to prior Papal interviews including the 2019 Mexican interview. The two answers were presented without the Pope’s statement on the nature of marriage.

Check out the coverage in America Magazine.

<https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2020/10/28/podcast-everything-you-need-know-about-pope-francis-comments-same-sex-civil-unions>

Daylight Savings Time - Don't forget to Set your clocks back one hour this weekend!

Second Collection Next Weekend The Retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Washington is Nov. 7-8 this year. Our priests touch our lives in many ways: they baptize our children, comfort us in the confessional, witness our marriage vows and hold our loved ones hands as the Lord calls them home. Let us come together to help provide care and housing for our retired priests so they can live their retirement in dignity. Please be as generous as you can.

Flowers on the altar this weekend were donated in memory of all souls and celebration for all saints.

All Souls Book of Remembrance is in the back of the church this weekend so you can add your deceased loved ones names. Although there is an ink pen with the book, please try to use your own ink pen for the sake of safety and spreading germs. The book will be kept on the altar for the month of November in remembrance of all souls.

Congratulations to the Confirmation class This past Tuesday, we were able to celebrate the Confirmations originally scheduled for last April. Thank you to all the parents and children who have had to endure uncertainty. Thank you to Sarah Macmillan, who during a month on the job has had to design and implement a hybrid program, introduce it to her faithful catechists who have braved the virus to teach our students, and to organize a confirmation ceremony. Thank you also to Emily who prepared them last year and joined the congregation for the evening. This was not first time life intruded on the administration of sacraments at Chapel Point. Prior to 1791, there was no bishop to administer confirmation. Until 1808, John Carroll was the only bishop for the United States from Georgia to New Hampshire. The difficulty of travel among a disbursed population left Confirmations uncertain for decades to come. One can presume there were some disruptions due to the 1918 pandemic. We just keep adapting. ~TC

CONGRATULATIONS to our 2020 CONFIRMANDI! Please join with us in celebrating our parish's recent Confirmandi, who were sealed in the Holy Spirit this past Tuesday evening with Bishop Roy Campbell, Jr., a southern Maryland native, presiding. Congratulations to Ridgely Mae Bastain, Faith Marie Croson, Luke Anthony Deters, Joseph Anthony Diana, Jr., Adeline Grace Donnack, Mary Naomi Fisher, Shannon Marie Giles, Jacob Michael Goldsmith, Mary Emma Pleasance Hart, Camille Marie Love, Michael Gallagher Lyddane, Sean Patrick MacMillan, Lauren Elaine Mudd, Clarke Francis Peacock, IV, Alexander Michael Rieman, Kelly Ann Whitehead. May the Holy Spirit embolden you to be witnesses to Christ always!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD is offered at St. Ignatius during the **9:00 AM Mass**. It's 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.

FAITH FORMATION continues this Sunday, November 1st at 10:00-11:00 AM in-person, or virtually. Please remember to STAY HOME if you or anyone in your family is exhibiting any symptoms of illness, or if you have been advised to quarantine. We're all in this together to help keep each other healthy!

CONFIRMATION PREP continues this Sunday, November 1st at 5:00-5:55 PM, in-person and virtually. Please remember to STAY HOME if you or anyone in your family is exhibiting any symptoms of illness, or if you have been advised to quarantine. We're all in this together to help keep each other healthy!

VIRTUAL FAITH FORMATION is available with family-style learning at your pace during each week. Contact Sarah MacMillan at ignatiusreligion@gmail.com or call (301)885-7020 if you'd like to learn more.

YOUTH GROUP is happening NEXT SUNDAY, November 8th at 7:00 PM! Join us for an Escape Room Night! All middle and high schoolers and their friends are welcome. Cheese pizza will be available, with a suggested donation of \$1/slice. Contact Sarah MacMillan at ignatiusreligion@gmail.com or call (301)885-7020.

Last Spring's FIRST COMMUNION families: Be sure you have RSVP'd for our upcoming Mass of Holy Communion on Saturday, November 7th at 10:00 AM. Seating is limited, so be sure to reach out; if you didn't receive an email, contact Sarah MacMillan at ignatiusreligion@gmail.com or call (301)885-7020.

Gift Shop The gift shop will be open: Sunday, October 25 from 10-11 a.m. and Tuesday, October 27 from 4:30-5:15 pm, for anyone who made need a Confirmation gift. Confirmation will be held Tuesday evening. Gift Shop hours November and December: Nov. 8 and Nov. 22; Dec. 6 and Dec. 20 from 10 – 11 a.m. Advent starts Sunday, Nov. 29. Masks, social distancing and limited capacity are required.

Do you use 4' fluorescent tube? Last spring when we replaced the lights in the hall we ended up with lots of tubes. There are T12 and T 8 tubes. They are used but most still work we have tried to sort out the ones which are burnt out. Contact Fr. Clifford if you would want some of them.

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: stigoffice@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.

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 began 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.

Wayside Food Bank September Report On Saturday, October 17, the WFB served 26 families including 63 adults, 7 teens, 23 children for a total of 93 clients. We are still using a modified distribution with drive up only and limited volunteers to keep everyone safe. If you have questions or would like to help at Wayside Food Bank, please contact Dianne Lyon d.e.lyon@comcast.net.

Upcoming Retreats at Loyola on the Potomac Ignatian Weekend Retreats

We Journey in Hope, November 6 – 8 (Men), November 13 – 15 (Men and Women). *The weekend retreat fee is \$245/ \$195 for first time retreatants or young adults (35 years and younger).* **Directed and Private Retreats November 30 – December 4, Fee: \$425 Directed/ \$380 private.** **Days of Prayer November 30 (The Advent of Hope);** *Each day of prayer begins at 9 am and includes: Continental breakfast, Lunch, and Mass. Fee \$40.* **New Year's Eve Retreat; We Run the Race With Endurance; December 31, 2020 – January 1, 2021.** *Dinner, time for prayer and reflection, and Eucharist to bring in New Year--followed by a Social, and Brunch New Year's morning. Fee: \$110.* *For more information go to www.loyolaonthepotomac.com or call (301) 392-0819.*

Fall Oysterfest - Saint Francis de Sales, Benedict - Sat. Nov 7th - Noon to 3 pm, Including drive thru pickup option with MENU: Fried oysters, steamed shrimp, fresh local BBQ/spit roasted hog donated by Serenity Farms, homemade apple sauce & cole slaw plus dessert. Delicious bake sale goods also available/raffle/mini-flea market. Adults drive-thru \$20 with advance purchase/\$25 day of fest Children \$5/\$20 for more than four children in family Dine-in \$25 per adult; reserve table for six in advance and one person eats free. Visit the parish web site www.stfrancisbenedict.org and use Paypal/Credit portal to purchase tickets or call office at (301)274-3416) and for more info. 7209 Benedict Avenue Benedict, Maryland 20612.

Pray at the Polls Join Catholics throughout Charles County in prayer asking for God's blessing on the upcoming election, that we elect to all offices virtuous men and women who are open to the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit and for a return of peace, unity, justice and prosperity to our suffering nation. This is a **strictly non-partisan** event. Our entire focus is prayer and we are only asking for one hour of your time. Sign up at www.tinyurl.com/prayerbalming.

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.**

Collection Report for the weekend of October 31 – December 1, 2020: Offertory \$4091; Votives \$11; Mission Sunday \$160; Restore & Renew \$20: TOTAL: \$4,282. Thank you.

Please remember the following people in your daily prayers: Traci Renner, Gary Stumpf, Ruth Watson, Van Watson, 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, 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, Pat Anderson, 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, Theresa San Luis, Elaine Gaddis, Butch Hayden, Stacie Hayden.

Prayer Before an Election

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.

We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, Men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.

We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom.

We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Catholic Bishops guidance

<https://www.usccb.org/offices/justice-peace-human-development/forming-consciences-faithful-citizenship>

Prayer cards for our nation and election can be found on the back table of the church.

