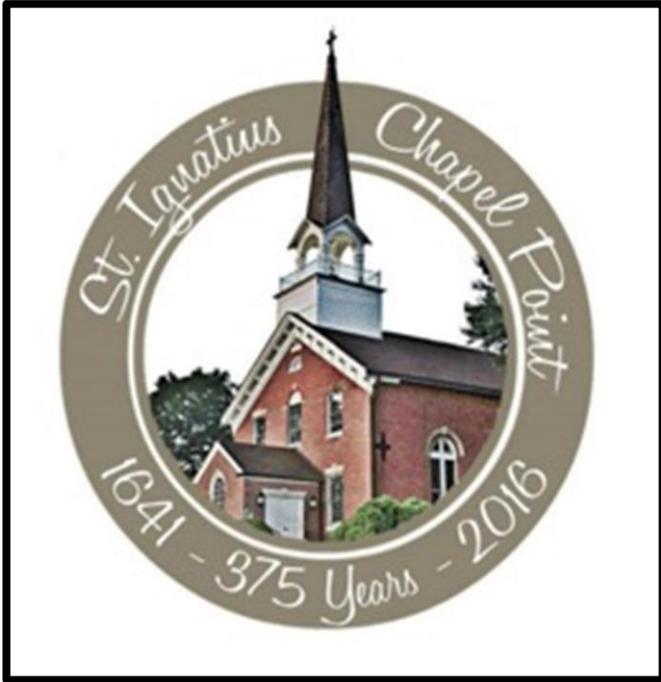


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Public Masses have resumed with 50% capacity limits. Reservations and Masks are Required
The Eucharist

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.

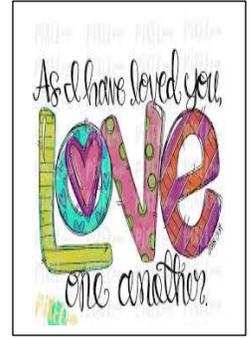
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: If you would like to learn about becoming a Catholic, please contact the Religious Education Office. Classes begin at the end of the summer.



Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 15, 2020

“Blessed are those who fear the Lord.”



Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 14 – 5:00 p.m. – Jacob Hancher +
Sunday, November 15 – 9:00 a.m. – Anna Clifford +
Sunday, November 15 – 11:15 a.m. – Edelen Gough +
Monday, November 16 – 8:00 a.m. – Barbara Simpson +
Thursday, November 19 – 8:00 a.m. – Braylen Sage (Happy Birthday)
Friday, November 20 – 8:00 a.m. – Keech Edelen, Jr. +

Coming to the end of the liturgical year

Next Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. The Feast was established by Pope Pius XI who became Pope three years after the flawed Treaty of Versailles officially ended World War I. Few would have argued with the judgement that the world was a mess. True there was some hope; but there had been so much pain, and the peace did not heal the wounds.

As with other Feasts of Jesus, there was an element of praise-saying something about God. In some way it affirms His Ascension and His prominence.

It has long been a common custom to give to Christ the metaphorical title of "King," because of the high degree of perfection whereby he excels all creatures. So he is said to reign "in the hearts of men," both by reason of the keenness of his intellect and the extent of his knowledge, and also because he is very truth, and it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind.

There is also the significance for humanity for our peace and redemption as members of His Kingdom. Thus the empire of our Redeemer embraces all men.

"His empire includes not only Catholic nations, not only baptized persons who, though of right belonging to the Church, have been led astray by error, or have been cut off from her by schism, but also all those who are outside the Christian faith; so that truly the whole of mankind is subject to the power of Jesus Christ." Quoting Leo XIII

Faith is never just about titles and feasts, it is how we show that we believe that God loves the world enough that he sent his only Son into the world, to redeem us. The Incarnation makes all humanity the children of God and we should act like we believe that.

Some of you may be thinking that this sounds a lot like Pope Francis' encyclical Fratelli Tutti. Yes; the message of Jesus has not changed, we are called to act like the Good Samaritan, loving everyone, but especially those rejected and in need. The Feast of Christ the King reminds us of all we have to celebrate about Christ over the past year.

Early Christmas Gift In recent years we have distributing a book to parishioners on Christmas day. This year, we thought a book you could use to follow the Sunday Mass every week would be a good idea. Because of Covid, we have not had the weekly missalettes in the pews. Beginning today, you may pick up a Sunday Missal which has all the Sunday readings from November 28, 2020 through Christ the King in 2021. Many of you are participating from home, here or for some other Sunday Mass on-line or on TV. The Missal will be of help to you, for the readings and the prayer. They will be in plastic bags in the vestibule. Simply pick one up and take it home. Use it at home if you are livestreaming- bring it with you to Mass when you come. They should not be left in pews. We had already placed the order for the usual Advent booklet with meditations and readings, so there will be some copies of that available too.

Communicable disease and religious gatherings As members of the Body of Christ, the Communion of Saints and the Church, we are reminded that by nature and belief we are called to a community in faith. On the other hand, we know that the surest way to avoid the corona virus, is not to encounter people who have it. As the percentage of positive tests escalates, we know that there are more infected people in the general population. The more people we encounter, especially in close quarters, the more likely we are to be infected and be a danger to others. So today, we find ourselves again facing calls to care for ourselves and one another by keeping our distance. We are making adjustments to religious education classes, but we are not making any notable changes to Masses at the moment. We have been averaging close to 50 people at each of the Sunday masses, which is about 25% of capacity.

Given the current outbreak, it would not be surprising if some who have returned to worship in person, will again do so from home. Given the communal nature of the church and our bond to each other in grace, we should more actively pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ, when we are kept apart for our common health.

The prohibition against gatherings of 25 people or more, does not apply to religious gatherings. We are, after all, not chatting and breathing on each other. We are hearing the word of God and asking God for his mercy and protection. We are also wearing masks to decrease the likelihood of passing on the virus or receiving it. Our current Eucharistic procedures require the priest to sanitize his hands immediately after someone receives communion on the tongue.

Theodore McCarrick Report The Vatican released a very extensive report on how McCarrick was able to rise through the ranks to be both a bishop and Cardinal. http://www.vatican.va/resources/resources_rapporto-card-mccarrick_20201110_en.pdf It is an often repeated tale for someone unworthy of trust winning the confidence of people through charm, engaging conversation and apparent concern for the spiritual good of young men. Parents were at first pleased by his attention to their families. When people became suspicious of his behavior, at times they sent anonymous letters, which by failing to provide a name to contact, were easily dismissed.

His superiors found someone who was charming, and at ease with many people. It was easy for others to see in him someone who was naturally affirming; even affectionate, but not dangerous. His early success and acceptance made it easy for him to deflect suspicions and even direct accusations. He was prevented from several promotions in the 1990s because even if not considered credible, the accusations made some of the bishops concerned enough to stop his being named Archbishop of Chicago and of New York. When his name came up again for Washington, he personally swore that he had never in his life had sexual relations. His direct and impassioned self-defense assured Pope John Paul II that he was innocent. By the time McCarrick's resignation was requested and accepted when he was 75, there was a consensus among Papal advisors that there was substantial truth in previously known accusation. His age provided an easy way to remove McCarrick from a formal position of authority, without any public embarrassment. The scandal of course is both that he had caused harm throughout his life and he continued in a position of honor, even if not in a specific position of power. With an accusation about misconduct with someone underage, he could no longer be allowed to slink quietly away. The rest is well known.

While the report presents a great deal of detail and admissions to failures by church authorities, McCarrick's damage to young men and the trust many people placed in bishops in the church, should never have been allowed to occur.

All Souls Book of Remembrance The book will be kept on the altar for the month of November in remembrance of all souls.

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.

CANNED GOODS/NON-PERISHABLES FOOD DRIVE is in full swing for the month of November! Currently, the 5th/6th grade class is still in the lead for the most amount of canned goods donated. Please remember to help us restock Wayside Food Bank by bringing in canned goods/non-perishables.

HYBRID FAITH FORMATION begins this Sunday, November 15th at 10:00-11:00 AM. "A" week families will be in-person this week, and "B" week families will be doing faith formation 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. Virtual Faith Formation is ALWAYS an option for anyone. We're all in this together to help keep each other healthy!

CONFIRMATION PREP continues this Sunday, November 15th 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 **VIRTUALLY** this **SUNDAY, November 15th at 7:00 PM!** Join us for a fun night of live and interactive Zoom games. Contact Sarah MacMillan for meeting ID/code at ignatiusreligion@gmail.com or call (301)885-7020.

YOUTH GROUP is happening **IN-PERSON** next Sunday, November 22nd for a **Who-Dun-It Mystery Party Night!** Physical distancing and masks are a must! 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.

Sincere Sympathy to the friends and family of Dottie Gray, a long time former parishioner, who passed away recently. We have not received any information other than she passed away.

We need help! Volunteers to lector, usher and clean at all Masses. Please contact the parish office if you can help with any of these things. With the upcoming Christmas season we could use more help.

Outreach for the upcoming winter months and Christmas Coat drive: we will be collecting new and barely used clean coats to be donated to Lifestyles. The container will be in the back of the church starting this weekend.

Giving Tree: To protect our volunteers and our parishioners from having to shop, we won't have the usual Giving Tree with gift tags. We are "adopting" a family of eight; with six being children. We are asking anyone who would like to help them to donate gift cards so the parents can purchase the gifts. Suggestions would be gift cards to Walmart/Target, Dollar Stores, grocery stores, gas cards, and any other practical gift cards a family can use. For security, we ask you to put them in the drop safe under the guest book in the back of the church. **BE SURE TO TURN THE HANDLE, so it drops to the bottom.**

Gift Shop 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.

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.

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

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.*

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 Nov. 7-8, 2020: Offertory \$5,035; Retired Priests \$445; Votives \$13; All Saints \$30; TOTAL: \$5,523. Thank you for your generosity.

Please remember the following people in your daily prayers: John Mattingly, Traci Renner, Gary Stumpf, Ruth Watson, Van Watson, Pat Kirkland, Eddie Fitzpatrick, Jules Greenwell, Rose Langley, The Dunphy Cosenza family, Francis Knott, Chuck 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, Pat Anderson, 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, Theresa San Luis, Elaine Gaddis, Butch Hayden, Stacie Hayden.