

St. Ignatius Church – Chapel Point
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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.*

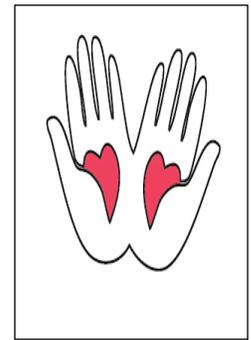
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: *If you would like to learn about becoming a Catholic, please contact the Religious Education Office. Classes begin at the end of the summer.*



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 22, 2020

“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did
for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.”



Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 21 – 5:00 p.m. – George I. Jackson +
Sunday, November 22 – 9:00 a.m. – Kevin Moore +
Sunday, November 22 – 11:15 a.m. – Jeff Bowersox & Addison +
Monday, November 23 – 8:00 a.m. – Marie T. Jackson +
Tuesday, November 24 – 8:00 a.m. – Maria L. Garcia +
Thursday, November 26 – 9:00 a.m. – Anna Clifford +
Friday, November 27 – 8:00 a.m. – Mercedes Vaira +

Thanksgiving For many of us the Thanksgiving will be rather different than the past. Some of you who would have packed into grandma’s house with cousins, siblings, nieces, nephews and in-laws will not be doing so, or may do so with fewer people. The trappings of Thanksgiving have evolved nationally and in each family. There are some things –perhaps the green bean casserole or some caloric frozen dessert, that would have been unknown before the twentieth century that have taken on outsized importance to some of the family. There will be fewer football games and parades to distract us. Rituals and traditions are a two edged sword. They help carry us carry on our lives with social structures and interactions which both embody and encourage our values and relationships. On the other hand they can sometime substitute for an appreciation of those values and relationships. This year of reduced travel and close interactions might make us more conscious of things for which we give thanks, and those to whom we give thanks.

Until 1979, Thanksgiving for the Cliffords, was driving to Silver Spring to have dinner with my paternal grandmother and uncle. From then until this year, we gathered either at home in Cockeysville or beginning in 2001 at my mother’s apartment (except for one year at Chapel Point when I toyed with tradition). Unless you gather in the ancestral home passed down through many generations, there are always changes to place and trappings. Our limited human lifespans mean that those who gather and those we remember in thanks always shift. Even if we really knew who was present at the “first” Thanksgiving, we did not know them of the reality of near starvation followed by autumn harvests. There were no doubt prayers of thanksgiving for a safe arrival in a strange land on November 9, 1620 on Cape Cod, August of 1587 on Roanoke Island, and May 13, 1607, or May 1624 on Governor’s Island. There were many days of thanksgiving declared by many presidents, governors, mayors and ministers before Lincoln in 1863. Without some of the usual trappings and people, we might renew our thanks to God for people, traditions, political structures and opportunities, even if we are not sitting down to turkey and pumpkin pie (or is it squash?), or if chairs are empty.

Thanksgiving Mass We will have a 9 AM mass on Thanksgiving Day. The collection on Thanksgiving will be for our parish outreach to the poor. Please also remember the coat drive and food collection and the family of eight we've "adopted" for Christmas.

Covid Precautions We get the corona virus from others who have it, so the more people we encounter in a day the more likely we are to encounter someone with virus. While Maryland and Charles County have had a relatively low number of new cases and low rates of positivity, they are however, both going up as we move into the holiday season from now through New Year's. In the most recent day of tests in Maryland over 7% indicated infection which is low by comparison to Wyoming which had 63 positive results per 100 tests. Nevertheless, that means that on average there could be one infected person in a group of 16 people.

In the dark days of last March and April, I could scurry past a couple of dozen people in the grocery stores in a week and that was about it. We can further decrease the risks by distance and masks. It is no surprise that as we opened more businesses to keep the economy going and keep up our spirits, the virus spread at first slowly, but escalated as one infection led to others. We have gotten comfortable being back in church with each other and God. With the rate of infection some who have returned to church especially the elderly and the ill may want to return to their homes so they can live to join us again.

If you are ill, for your own protection and that of others, please shelter at home. By January we hope that the slow process of vaccinating the first responders, the elderly, the ill will begin but a vaccination in January, February or March will not protect you today.

VERY IMPORTANT REMINDER: When you go to Communion, leave your mask UP until you get to the priest. Either reach under your mask with the Eucharist you've taken from the priest to place in your mouth; or pull down your mask briefly and immediately pull it back up before moving back to your pew. This protects you, the priest and others.

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.

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

Flowers in front of Our Blessed Mother were donated in memory of Jeff Bowersox and Addison by the Bowersox family.

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.

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 continues this Sunday, November 22nd at 10:00-11:00 AM. "B" week families will be in-person this week, and "A" 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 22nd 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 IN-PERSON this 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.

Gift Shop Gift Shop hours November and December: 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.

Giving Tree: To protect our volunteers and our parishioners from the risk of shopping, 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. We need all donated gift cards by Sunday, December 13 so the parents of the family have a chance to shop before Christmas.**

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.

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.

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 14-15, 2020: Offertory \$3,700; Votives \$5; Retired Priests \$125; World Missions \$10; All Saints \$70; TOTAL: \$3,910. Thank you for your continued support to the needs and ministries of our parish.

Please remember the following people in your daily prayers: Marie Jenkins, 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 Hammes, 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.

