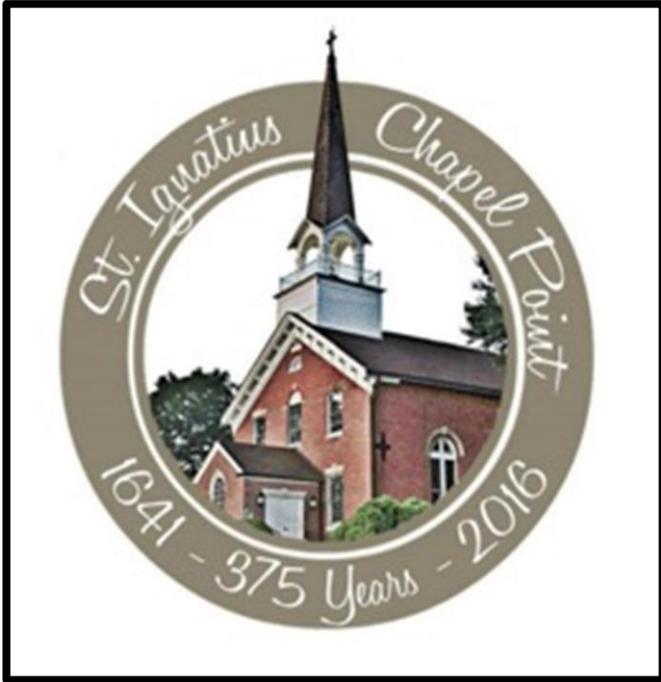


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Public Masses have resumed with 50% capacity limits. Reservations and Masks are Required
The Eucharist

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.*

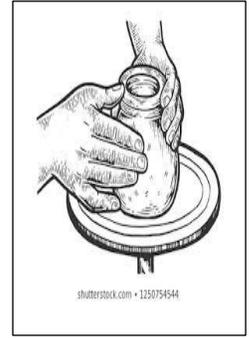
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: *If you would like to learn about becoming a Catholic, please contact the Religious Education Office. Classes begin at the end of the summer.*



First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020

“We are the clay and you the potter; we are
all the work of your hands.”



Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 28 – 5:00 p.m. – William “Bill” Albrittain +
Sunday, November 29 – 7:30 a.m. – Carl E. Gordon +
Sunday, November 29 – 9:00 a.m. – Kevin Moore +
Monday, November 30 – 8:00 a.m. – April Sage (Happy Birthday)
Tuesday, December 1 – Michael Leck +
Wednesday, December 2 – Elinore Gordon +
Thursday, December 3 – Edward J. Watson +
Friday, December 4 – Ken Chandler +

Many Advents in our faith While confined, for my good and that possibly of others, I have occupied my time with many things – yes I slept and rested but one can only do so much of that. I picked up the Autobiography of a Hunted Priest- not a fast read, written in Latin, translated into English, but burdened with hundreds of names and descriptions of saintly and hostile English gentry, numerous persecuted Jesuits, names, villages and towns scattered through the south of England. For all the roads and wandering, much of the time Fr. Gerard, spent in the homes of kindly people who welcomed him into their houses, or visited him in rented houses, he abandoned as quickly as the authorities searched for him. There were many masses said in elegant private homes and many nights spent in priest holes or prisons. From 1588 to 1606, Gerard heard countless confessions, readmitting fallen away Catholics back into a Church under siege and they thanked him for the opportunity to die for Christ.

Today's reading from Paul's letter to the Corinthians could have been written by Gerard.:
“I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Professing faith in Jesus Christ in the Catholic Church was no little risk in Elizabethan England. People who harbored priests, could lose all their property and their lives. Those who might have information valuable to the queen could be tortured in ways that inflicted a lifetime of pain and injury. Those who had gone weeks, months and years without receiving the sacraments rejoiced when they discovered that the charming gentleman was indeed a priest who came in search of a place to stay and people to whom to minister.

Each time they encountered a priest, he would eventually move on, lest he attract too big a congregation and the attention of anti-Catholic neighbors. They had many advents, many comings of Christ into their lives. Yes, they knew that God had already come among us and freed us from the punishment of sin; but yet each new encounter with God's mercy in confession and in his presence caused a new and deeper appreciation of God in lives.

Advent books – The Word Among Us are available in the back of the church to take home to help with your Advent journey.

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.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to our parishioners who made their FIRST HOLY COMMUNION this month! Please join with us in celebrating our parish's recent first Communicants. We celebrated our Mass of Most Holy Communion on Saturday, November 7th, and we also celebrated this past Saturday, November 21st during our 5:00 Mass. Congratulations to Athena Croson, Peyton Gick, Ryan Sanders, Anthony Sible, Brandon Williams, and Isabel Hancock! May you be filled with the love of our Lord, Jesus Christ always!

THANK YOU for a SUCCESSFUL FOOD DRIVE! We thank our Faith Formation families for generously donating 173 lbs of food to benefit the Wayside Food Bank. "For I was hungry, and you gave me food...Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:35a,40

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.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING! NO FORMAL FAITH FORMATION this weekend. Enjoy your time with your families. Resources for Advent are available in our Google Classroom. Contact Sarah MacMillan at ignatiusreligion@gmail.com or call (301)885-7020 if you'd like to learn more.

See you again VIRTUALLY on December 6th!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING! NO YOUTH GROUP this weekend. We hope you enjoy fellowship with your families! **See you virtually on December 6th!**

Gift Shop Gift Shop hours for December: Dec. 6 and Dec. 20 from 10 – 11 a.m. Advent starts Sunday, Nov. 29. Masks, social distancing and limited capacity are required.

Wayside Food Bank November Report On Saturday, November 21, WFB served 42 families; which represents 102 adults, 10 teens and 38 children, for a total of 150 guests served. Our numbers increased quite a bit this month, with more people than we've seen in at least a year. They were very happy to receive a turkey and an ample supply of food, just in time for Thanksgiving. Thank you to all who donate food and funds to keep this important community service and ministry going strong. Our volunteers make Wayside the success it is, and we are very thankful for all of them. Our wish list for December is: diapers sizes 5 and 6; hot cereal, small containers of laundry detergent and bleach, and any other non perishable food item. Our next distribution day is Saturday, December 19, with stocking on Wednesday, December 16. If you'd like to help, please contact Dianne Lyon at d.e.lyon@comcast.net.

Christmas Memorial Flower Donation Envelopes can be found of the back tables of the church for anyone who wishes to help the parish defray the cost of decorating the church at Christmas while remembering their loved one with a flower on the altar. A list will be posted on Christmas with the names and those who gave. Please put your name and your loved ones name on the envelope.

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.

Upcoming Retreats at Loyola on the Potomac Ignatian Weekend Retreats

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.*

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.

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.

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 stigoffice@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.

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. Since the office was closed and for the safety of our dedicated counters, we do not have the report for this past week. We will have the report for both weeks in next week’s bulletin. Thank you for your understanding.

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.

