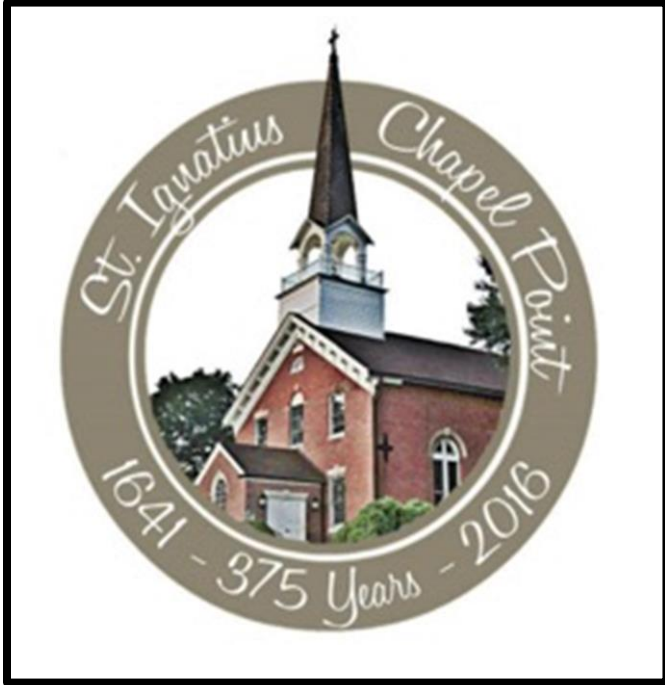


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Public Masses have resumed with 50% capacity limits. Reservations and Masks are Required
The Eucharist

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.*



Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2020

**“Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.
In all circumstances give thanks,
for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.”**



Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 12 – 5:00 p.m. – Debbie Leck +
Sunday, December 13 – 7:30 a.m. – Jean Mullan +
Sunday, December 13 – 9:00 a.m. – Becky Dement and son, Joe +
Sunday, December 13 – 6:00 p.m. – Mercedes Vaira +
Monday, December 14 – 8:00 a.m. – Charles R. Mullan, Jr. +
Tuesday, December 15 – 8:00 a.m. – Jean Middleton +
Wednesday, December 16 – 8:00 a.m. – Julian Dyer +

Making new memories I still have images, of heading off to the Hecht Company after Thanksgiving dinner at my Grandmother’s. There were Christmas music and display windows, not full of merchandise, but of popular, but not particularly Christian Christmas scenes. In my recollections, it was always cold and crowded. These kind of adventures are long gone, and if they had not already been gone, Covid would surely have wiped them out. There were too many people visibly breathing their steamy mist on each other, while pushing up to window for better views. A few years later, Williamsburg more than filled the void. Everyone in the area was invited to the lighting of the Yule log on Market Square. They even gave away freshly baked cookies and hot cider, but it seldom snowed.

This year, many traditions will be taking a break so that we might avoid a crushing wave of illness. But we can always develop new traditions. Many of our fondest memories have nothing to do with the new born King. Oh sure, evergreens we are told symbolized eternal life, not like those other trees that seemed to die annually. We may lose a year of harkening back to childhood memories, but there is no need to lose a year of celebrating the birth of the Christ. This weekend, we should have the nativity scene over by the Stations of the Cross. The figures will be more spread out under the lights. You could come early and watch the sunset from the Shrine of our Lady of the Rosary or even from your car. Let the children wander through the statues and remind them of God’s gift to us of Himself on that night.

At home spend a few days reading the first chapters of Luke and Matthew’s gospels. In Matthew’s first 2 chapters, we have the genealogy which is boring but ever so important sounding. This time, the flashy guest is the star silently leading the magi to their visit, the flight into Egypt and the return. In Luke’s first two chapters, we have the Annunciation and the trip to Bethlehem with no place to stay. This time the angels and shepherds pay their visits. Those two stories are a bit different, so there is no reason why our celebrations can’t be a bit different but memorable.

Cecelia Yates In this season of new life, we remember the passing of Cecilia Yates at one hundred and one years of age. She was certainly our oldest parishioner, though she has been seen very little for years. By the time I arrived eight years ago she was already at Sagepoint and profoundly hard of hearing. She was of that generation that really didn't seem to know how to stop. Anyone who grew up in the roaring twenties and survived the sacrifices of the Great Depression and the Second World War could not be easily stopped, but finally her time came for rest. Cecelia's Mass of Christian burial will be held here next Friday, Dec. 18. Viewing is 10-11 am, with Mass and burial to follow in the cemetery.

Second Collection This weekend - The Retirement Fund for Religious helps religious communities care for senior members—today and tomorrow. Across the United States, hundreds of religious communities lack financial resources sufficient to meet the retirement and health-care needs of aging members. Lack of Funds Many elder religious worked for years for small stipends, leaving a large gap in retirement savings. At the same time, fewer religious are able to serve in compensated ministry. Rising Costs Like many Americans, religious communities face the monumental challenge of funding eldercare. Changing Demographics By 2029, retired religious are projected to outnumber wage-earners by nearly three to one.

Giving Tree: We need all donated gift cards TODAY, so the parents of the children have a chance to shop before Christmas. **BE SURE TO TURN THE HANDLE, so it drops to the bottom.**

HYBRID FAITH FORMATION returns this Sunday, December 13th 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, in-person and virtually, returns this Sunday, December 13th at 5:00-5:55 PM. 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, December 13th 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.

Christmas Masses This year we clearly have competing concerns. First, we want to celebrate the Feast of Our Lord's Incarnation together as a parish. On the other hand, now that we are in the midst of a renewed and larger virus outbreak, we want you to be safe.

We will be limiting congregations to 40- 60 people depending on households. **We are planning five masses on Christmas Eve, 3 pm; 5pm; 7pm; 9pm; and midnight. We will have 2 masses on Christmas Day; 8 am and 10 am.** We are accepting reservations for the Masses now. Please email Brenda in the parish office (stigooffice@yahoo.com) with your Christmas Mass reservations preference (first and second choices) asap-and include the number of people in your group. This is so you have a better chance at your first choice. The early Masses are filling up fast. Make your reservations SOON. The Christmas schedule is at the end of the bulletin.

The Coat Drive Is Over We just found out Lifestyles is not accepting any clothes donations.

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 and additional Masses we could use more help.

Gift Shop Gift Shop hours for December 20 from 10 – 11 a.m. Masks, social distancing and limited capacity are required.

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 at Christmas with the names and those who gave. Please put your name and your loved ones name on the envelope.

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.

Help Our Marriage Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped many couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on January 29th - January 31st, 2021, please visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.org, call (443) 400-7017, or email: 3015@HelpOurMarriage.org.

Wayside Food Bank 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 Gift 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. 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. Use it at home if you are livestreaming- bring it with you to Mass when you come. They should not be left in pews.

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.* **Upcoming Retreats for 2021:**

Ignatian Weekend Retreats *We Journey in Hope: January 8-10 (Men), January 22-24 (Men); January 29-31 (Men and Women), February 26-28 (Men), March 5-7 (Men), March 12-14 (Women).* *The weekend retreat fee is \$245/ \$195 for first time retreatants or young adults (35 years and younger).* **Directed and Private Retreat: January 4-8, 2021** *Fee: \$425; Directed/ \$380 private.* **Days of Prayer January 11, 2021--All things New; February 15, 2021—God so Loved the World; March 1 and March 29, 2021—Finding Hope in the Cross.** *Each day of prayer begins at 9 am and includes: Continental breakfast, Lunch, and Mass. Fee \$40.* **Young Adult Retreat** (For Adults 18-35); ***His Name was Ignatius: March 26-28 2021*** *Fee: \$165.*

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.

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: 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. If you have underlying health conditions and are in the at risk category, the dispensation is still in effect for attending Mass. 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.

Christmas Collection This year has been difficult for everyone. Most of us have escaped any serious encounter with the corona virus, but it has changed our interactions and especially our ability to join together in person. Those of you who are able have been very generous in continuing your support of our parish. We have not had to take any extreme measure to continue to pay our bills. Thank you so much for your generosity and confidence in our mission. I would just like to remind you that as always the Christmas collection is exempt from the tax for the diocese. This collection has always been an end of the year boost. As long as your contribution is in a Christmas Collection envelope, has Christmas collection on the memo line, or is contributed in the on-line giving for Christmas, it will still be exempt. Thank you again.

Collection Report for the weekend of December 5-6, 2020: Offertory \$3,803; Christmas Flowers \$343; Immaculate Conception \$141; ADW Priest's Retirement \$45; Solemnity of Mary \$10; Christmas \$310; All Saints \$10; TOTAL: \$4,662. Thank you for your support.

Please remember the following people in your daily prayers: Judy LeSage, Keech Edelen, Charlie Hayden, Peggy and Dave Gaestal and family, 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.





Saint Ignatius Church-Chapel Point
Christmas Masses and Penance Service 2020

Tuesday, December 22, 2020

Advent Penance Service with
confessions – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 24, 2020

Christmas Eve Masses
3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.,
9:00 p.m., Midnight Mass 12:00 a.m.

Fri., December 25, 2020

Christmas Day Masses
8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Sat., December 26, 2020

Feast of The Holy Family-Vigil 5:00 p.m.

Sun., December 27, 2020

Feast of the Holy Family 7:30, 9:00,
11:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Thurs., December 31, 2020

Vigil-Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
5:00 p.m.

Friday, January 1, 2021

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Mass 10:00 a.m.

Due to the 50% capacity state restrictions, reservations are strongly suggested for all Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. You can make a reservation for your first and second choice of Masses by emailing Brenda Canter in the parish office stigoffice@yahoo.com or via phone 301-934-8245 ext. 2. Reservations will be taken up until COB, Tuesday, December 22.

The 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass will be livestreamed for those that don't feel comfortable attending. The dispensation for Mass attendance is still in effect. Access the livestream Mass by going to the St. Ignatius facebook page.