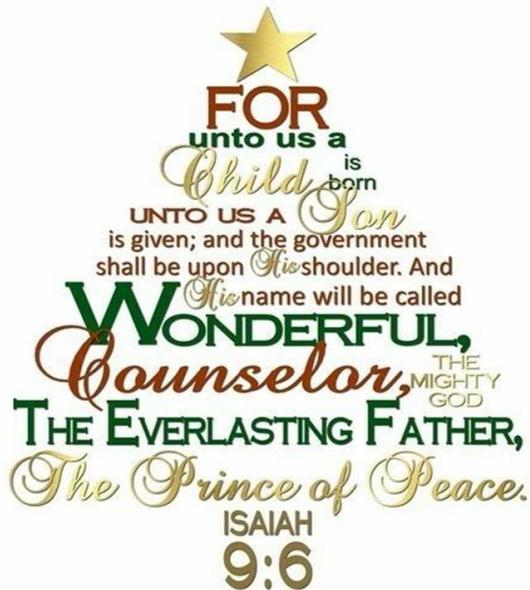


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Public Masses have resumed with 50% capacity limits. Reservations and Masks are Required

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.

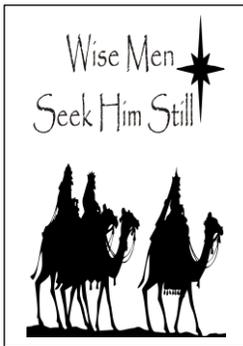
Cemetery: There are grave sites available for active parishioners in the new section at the base of the hill. Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington administers the sale of lots and burial. Because we do not have an adequate endowment, the costs of maintenance come from general parish funds.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



The Epiphany of the Lord

January 3, 2021

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage."



Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 2 – 5:00 p.m. – Ken Chandler +
Sunday, January 3 – 9:00 a.m. – Traci Renner (healing)
Sunday, January 3 – 11:15 a.m. – John Mattingly +
Monday, January 4 – 8:00 a.m. – Anna Clifford +
Wednesday, January 6 – 8:00 a.m. – John & Myrtle Resnicky +
Thursday, January 7 – 8:00 a.m. – Deacon Scott Stuart +

Compressed Christmas and don't walk away from it too soon

With Christmas and the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God falling on Fridays; this year the Feast of the Epiphany falls not on the 12th Day of Christmas, January 6th, rather on Sunday, January 3. The Christmas season ends with the Baptism of the Lord, this year on January 10. Extent of the season- which sets the tone for so much marketing and travel is a mere 17 days only 5% of the year. This year, the actual brevity of the season is highlighted by the limitations on travel, gathering, and even singing. We then begin Ordinary Time which lasts only 38 days until Ash Wednesday on February 17. Lent will have 45 days. Easter Season from April 4 – Pentecost, on May 23, is exactly 50 days. From the resumption of Ordinary time on May 24th until the first Sunday of Advent will be 186 days.

The seasons are designed to take us through Jesus' life every year, but while Jesus' life before his baptism by John would be 90% of his life; it is a tiny portion of the liturgical year. Why? Because we know little of Jesus' life before his public ministry. His work of preaching, healing, and drawing people into the search for salvation was vastly more important than his youthful life. Even his three years of ministry had by comparison to the central mystery of our faith, the death and resurrection of the Messiah and Son of God. That feast is truly the center of our faith. Let us pray that a combination of personal restraint, and the protecting power of vaccinations, will allow us to celebrate Easter or at least Pentecost with triumphant Joy.

In the meantime, we can continue to relish the Christmas season. The purpose of decorations in church is to help us to enter into the mystery of the season. In the secular world the Christmas season is over when people beginning returning gifts on Dec 26. We have until January 10 to take a breath and prepare for the true wonder of God Made flesh; growing, teaching, healing.

Those of you who have practiced social distancing to protect yourself or others, have the opportunity to stop in the church, when there are no crowds. You can pray before the Blessed Sacrament and view the image of a God who humble Himself to become a needy baby, dependent on adults for everything.

The tree and crib light will be on daily from 8 am until about 10 pm until January 10. Make the season a bit longer for yourself. Enjoy, relish, come and rest with your God who chose to join us in the human condition.

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.

HYBRID Faith Formation returns on Sunday, January 3rd with Week "A" coming in-person, and "B" week families will be doing faith formation virtually.

Confirmation Prep returns on Sunday, January 3rd at 5:00 PM.

Eighth Grade Parent & Sponsor Meeting will be on Sunday, January 10th at 5:00 PM during class time.

Youth Group does not return until Sunday, January 10th. We will be preparing meals for SafeNights. Contact Sarah MacMillan if you would like to make a donation towards supplies at ignatiusreligion@gmail.com or (301)885-7020.

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.

Christmas Memorial Flowers Thank you to everyone who donated to help offset the cost of decorating the church with Christmas memorial flowers. A BIG THANK YOU to Brenda and Dick Mudd and their helpers for all the time and hard work decorating the church this past week.

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.

2021 St. Ignatius Church Calendars are in the back of the church. The calendars are a gift to the parish from Mike and Tina Raymond of Raymond's Funeral Service.

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.

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.

Upcoming Retreats at Loyola on the Potomac Ignatian Weekend Retreats

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.

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. 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. 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, and you've written "Christmas collection" on the memo line, or have contributed in the on-line giving for Christmas, it will still be exempt. Thank you again.

Collection Report for December 24-25, 2020: Christmas \$15,300. Thank you!

Collection Report for the weekend of December 26-27, 2020: Offertory \$3,061; Votives \$21; Christmas \$2,400; Immaculate Conc. \$5; Retirement Fund Rel. \$55; Sol. Of Mary \$3; Christmas flowers \$200; TOTAL: \$5,745. Thank you for your generous continued support to our parish. God bless you all.

Please remember the following people in your daily prayers: The family of John Mattingly, William Coughlon, Judy LeSage, Keech Edelen, Charlie Hayden, Peggy and Dave Gaestal and family, Marie Jenkins, 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, 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, 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, Victoria Liberty, Tamera Scroggins, James J. Nalley, Theresa San Luis, Elaine Gaddis, Butch Hayden, Stacie Hayden.

