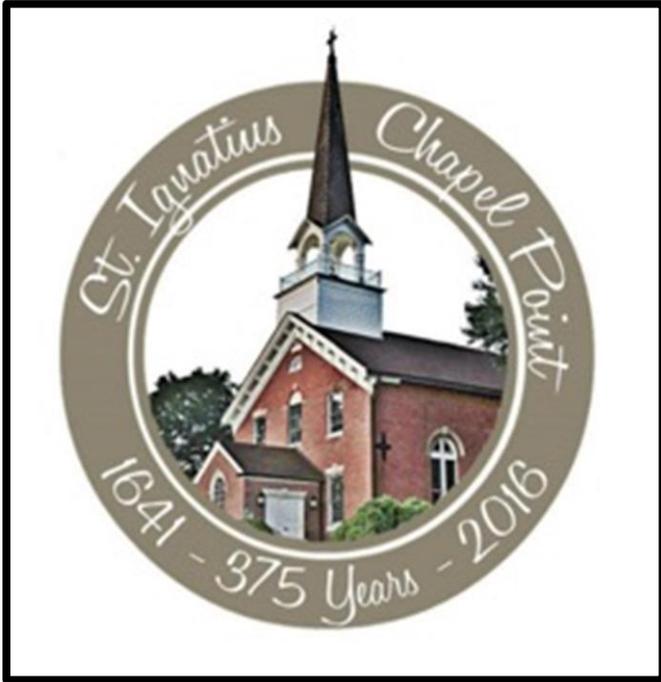


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Public Masses have resumed with 50% capacity limits. Reservations and Masks are Required
The Eucharist

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.*

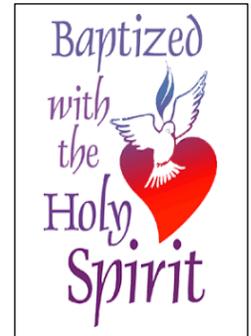
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: *If you would like to learn about becoming a Catholic, please contact the Religious Education Office. Classes begin at the end of the summer.*



The Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2021

"Thus says the LORD:
Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one with whom I am pleased,
upon whom I have put my spirit."



Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 9 – 5:00 p.m. – Jean Middleton +

Monday, January 11 – 8:00 a.m. – Nellie Pearce +

Tuesday, January 12 – 8:00 a.m. – Mary Jane Frere +

Wednesday, January 13 – 8:00 a.m. – Madelana "Mattie" Hope Gootie +

Thursday, January 14 – 8:00 a.m. – Jean Middleton +

The Baptism of the Lord to all nations, as one

There are really several different events in the life of Jesus that we use to mark his mission and public ministry. The Epiphany where Jesus as king is revealed to the nations; the wedding feast where Jesus performed his first miracle; and Jesus washed in the Jordan and recognized by the Father as having a special relationship in God and mission to the people of the world.

All of those events say something about who Jesus is in Himself, how we relate to Him individually; and as part of a dispersed yet single humanity. They show what we should believe of Him and how we can act toward Him through His peoples.

Since Jesus is not being baptized for the forgiveness of His sins or even for His own spiritual benefit, we recognize that He is showing us what he is doing for us as his brothers and sisters. In the reading from Isaiah 42, used in some years for this feast we read:

*"I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice,
I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you,
and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations,
to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement,
and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness."*

Jesus did not come to divide us, to set one over another, but rather to bring equality of dignity - to give sight and freedom to us, to be our common source of redemption and joy. That is to say He gives us all the opportunity to accept his gifts and share them with one another.

If we reduce faith to things that we can say about Jesus, rather than things we can do as He did; it would be a faith of little risk or commitment, it would only require a good memory.

If Jesus took on our sins, freed us from confinement, and made us one, we must continue to do for our brothers and sisters what he did for all of us.

This is a good time to remember that we are the Catholic Church. "Catholic" is not a brand name or a sign of what makes us different. Catholic means universal. That is, the one church for all who seek God in Christ. As such, we do not emphasize what we do that is different, but what we do that recognizes our God and serves all God's people. What we do and show of our faith in church, we also must do so in our personal and civic lives. We must respect, lift up and love one another. Jesus showed us how. We need to join in the mission He accepted in the Baptism in the Jordan.

Christmas Décor The church will still be decorated through Sunday, so if you haven't come to visit and pray or would still like to do so in this season, we still have a couple of days to do so.

HYBRID Faith Formation continues on Sunday, January 10th with Week "B" coming in-person, and "A" week families will be doing faith formation virtually.

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.

Confirmation Prep continues, both in-person and virtually, on Sunday, January 10th at 5:00 PM.

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

IN-PERSON Youth Group Sunday, January 10th 7:00-9:00 PM. 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.

NO Faith Formation, Confirmation Prep or Youth Group on Sunday, January 17th in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

YOUTH RETREAT ON LIFE on Friday, January 29th! We'll be livestreaming the ADW Virtual Mass & Rally for Life, followed by opportunities for learning why and how to advocate for life, along with time in prayer. Excused absence from school for religious activity. Contact Sarah MacMillan at ignatiusreligion@gmail.com or (301)885-7020 to find out more!

Wayside Food Bank December Report On Saturday, December 19, WFB served 33 families, which included 86 adults, 5 teens and 21 children for a total of 112 clients. The Honeybaked hams were a huge hit! Beautiful handmade baby blankets were distributed and so appreciated, as well as fresh fruit and produce. Special thanks to the St. Ignatius Religious Education program for the food drive donations. Our guests had such a nice Christmas; thanks to the generosity of our volunteers and supporters. Distribution will be held this month on Saturday, January 16, with stocking on Wednesday, January 13. We are still doing a drive thru only distribution with limited volunteers working in the food bank for the safety of our volunteers. For more information, please contact Dianne Lyon at d.e.lyon@comcast.net.

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.

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.

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.

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

Upcoming Retreats for 2021: Ignatian Weekend Retreats **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 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. 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.

Collection Report for January 1 – 3, 2021: Offertory \$4,209; Solemnity of Mary \$625; Christmas \$3,940; ADW Priest's Retirement \$10; TOTAL: \$8,815. Thank you for your generous support.

Please remember the following people in your daily prayers: Bruce Posey, Lee Pilkerton, 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.