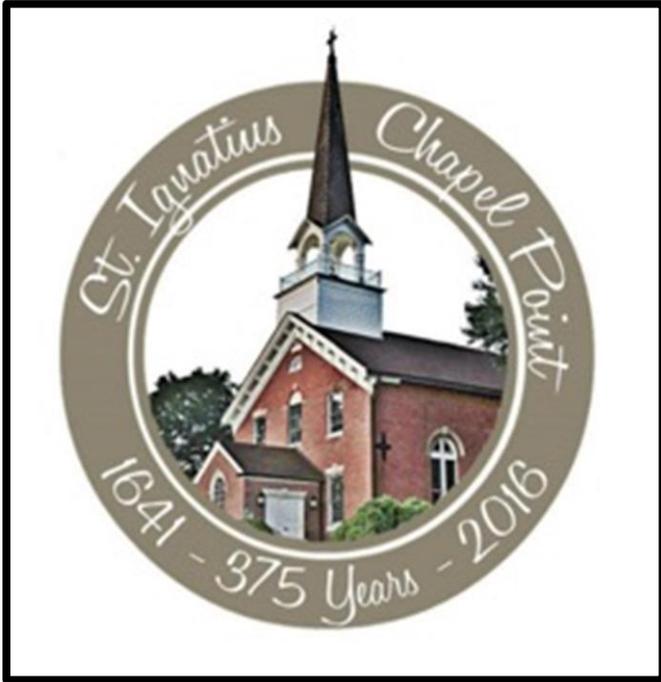


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***Public Masses have resumed with 50% capacity limits. Reservations and Masks are Required***  
***The Eucharist***

***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 in Ordinary Time

January 24, 2021

“This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand.  
Repent, and believe in the gospel.”



### Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 24 – 9:00 a.m. – Pat Reilly (Healing)

Friday, January 29 – 8:00 a.m. – Ann Tucker +

**Binding up our nation** How did I end up as a priest, an historian, and I hope relatively sane in a world that has been churning and changing since my childhood? Books; but not just the ones I read. More the ones my parents bought and read as young adults. I had often pulled a book off my parents’ bookshelves and taken a quick look. This time, I could not return them to their old spots for future reference. This time, they need to go into a box; either to give away or keep. Many of the books prior to 1960 have found their way to Chapel Point. Several times I had flipped through my mother’s copy of Heintz, a World War II novel. On having read it, I have to admit, it was not great literature. It tells the story of a medically unfit, well-intentioned, but inexperienced man from Bundy Centre, Iowa. By writing to the War Department and his Senator, he found himself in busy, overwhelming Washington, D.C. He wanted to help his country, he just wasn’t sure how; so he came in search.

Mostly, he went from office to office, filled out forms, answered questions, and wandered to other offices. He eventually settled into a messenger job. As he traveled the halls of military power, he noted with a mixture of annoyance and bemusement the rules and personalities that dominated life-the back office shadow of military readiness. After lessons learned, but with no great new job or girlfriend, he returned to Bundy Centre. There he found a draft notice. The need for more personnel meant that his conditions no longer excluded him from military service. He had come full circle. He had learned about the larger world, with amusing and frustrating classifications, procedures and officious people. He still came away in awe of serving a greater good as he headed off to uniformed quartermaster work.

Even as a child I loved Up Front by Bill Mauldin, a war correspondent and cartoonist. Both my mother, a clerk in the Pentagon, and my father, an aviation engineer; who island hopped the Pacific; had copies from before they met. Willie and Joe, two dog-faced, unshaven, and unappreciated G.I.s; wander through fox holes, jeep accidents, inattentive officers and bad food. Through Mauldin’s cartoons; they were the faces of the enlisted soldiers in foreign lands. Throughout the great struggle for democracy and freedom, they never got a break, lost their good humor or endurance. On the final page, Mauldin concluded, “I miss the aid station. It was pretty safe under the cliff, and it was warm and full of homesick, tired men who were doing the job they were put there to do, and who had the guts and humanness to kid around and try to make life easier for the other guy.”

I had not, at that time, sat down to read, Last Chapter which stood in the row of World War two books. In 2012, when I visited the National Cemetery, which overlooks Honolulu; I headed off to the grave of Ernie Pyle. Pyle was another war correspondent whose last months of life drew him through the Pacific with advancing U.S. forces. He did write of combat, but what was treasured most and warmed the hearts of neighbors and friends, of soldiers and sailors, were character pieces of young men, as they gripped and laughed about the oddities of life in the military. He died four months before war’s end, shot by a sniper, behind the front. His amused but admiring perspective on the American character, drew people throughout the military and the nation to his dispatches.

In the last century, two world wars brought Americans together; not as much from animosity to an enemy, as it did concern for one another. Though the voices of division rose in McCarthyism and the Vietnam War, the generation who risked all, together could not envision turning on each other. Let us pray that we will not need the sacrifice of a total mobilization war to keep us bound together seeking solutions to common causes. Differences arise more from a lack of respect and communication, than from insurmountable disagreements.

**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](mailto:ignatiusreligion@gmail.com) or call (301)885-7020 if you'd like to learn more.

**HYBRID Faith Formation** continues on **Sunday, January 24th** with **Week "A"** coming in-person, and "B" week families will be doing faith formation virtually.

**Confirmation Prep** continues, both in-person and virtually, on **Sunday, January 24th** at **5:00 PM**.

**IN-PERSON YOUTH GROUP** on **Sunday, January 24th** from **7:00-8:30 PM**! It's board game night! Come join us for an evening to have fun and get to know each other better

**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. Contact Sarah MacMillan at [ignatiusreligion@gmail.com](mailto:ignatiusreligion@gmail.com) or (301)885-7020 to find out more!

**No Catholic Charities Lenten Food Drive** We received notice from Catholic Charities that in light of the pandemic, and to protect their staff and volunteers, they would not be providing bags for the annual Lenten Food Drive. We are still accepting non perishable food donations for Wayside Food Bank, as always. Please leave donations in the back of the church on the rolling cart.

**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.

**There are still a few 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](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org), call (443) 400-7017, or email: [3015@HelpOurMarriage.org](mailto:3015@HelpOurMarriage.org).

## **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](http://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](http://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](mailto:stigoffice@yahoo.com).

**To make a reservation to attend weekend Masses, email: [stigoffice@yahoo.com](mailto: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](http://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 16-17, 2021:** Offertory \$4,029; Votives \$22; Immaculate Conception \$10; Christmas \$940; Solemnity of Mary \$150; TOTAL: \$5,151. Thank you.

**Please remember the following people in your daily prayers:** Sandy Stonestreet, Becky Winkler, Pat Reilly, Bruce Posey, Lee Pilkerton, 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, 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.

