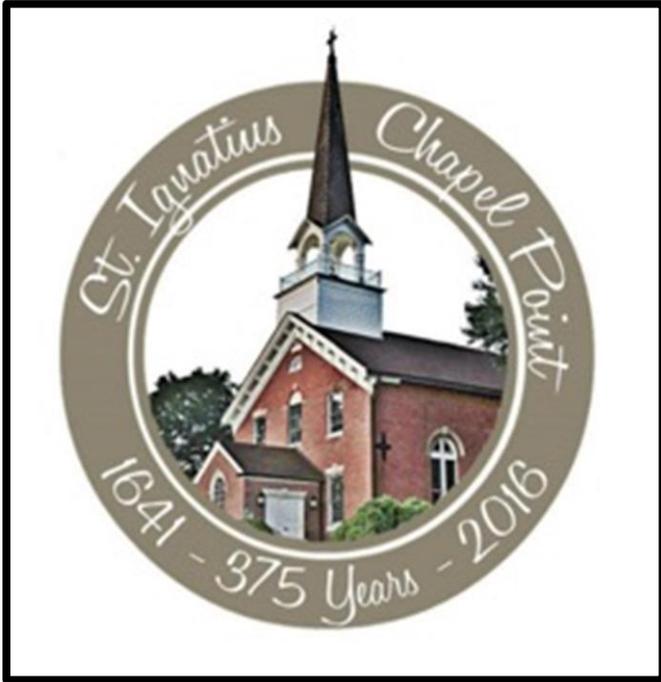


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Public Masses have resumed with 50% capacity limits. Reservations and Masks are Required
The Eucharist

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.*

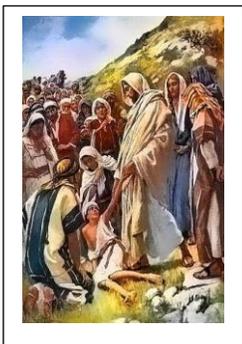
Cemetery: *There are grave sites available for active parishioners in the new section at the base of the hill. Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington administers the sale of lots and burial. Because we do not have an adequate endowment, the costs of maintenance come from general parish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



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 31, 2021

“If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.”



Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 30 – 5:00 p.m. – Pat Reilly (healing)

Sunday, January 31 – 9:00 a.m. – Francis Brooke Hooper +

Sunday, January 31 – 11:15 a.m. – Donna Watson (Happy Birthday)

Wednesday, February 3 – 8:00 a.m. – Robert L. Boggs +

Friday, February 5 – 8:00 a.m. – Ann Tucker +

Without a March for Life there is time to think of new ways of promoting life This year, the March for Life, like so much else, is virtual. The chants and talks at The March for life almost exclusively address abortion, but we might consider what beginning of life advocates might learn from the advocates for life at the end.

The two preeminent issues are assisted suicide and abortion. Assisted suicide needs some form of legislation for it to become common practice or the law of the land. Because the regulation of medical practices comes under the supervision of many different associations and regulatory bodies, a doctor engaging in an open practice of assisting the elderly, infirm or emotionally distraught in ending their lives could be sanctioned by a variety of organizations. The legislation which has been proposed a number of times in the Maryland Assembly has always been defeated. It raises questions as to whether a medical professional might be compelled as part of his or her job to assist in bringing about a death. Advocates for the disabled and mentally ill fear that such persons might be manipulated into requesting assistance in ending their lives. Passing a piece of legislation that has one aim in view, might cause other problems, which is why it is hard to write and pass such legislation. The coalition which defeats such attempts is a combination not commonly seen, because citizens can identify with the disadvantaged adults as being victimized by others who do not have the patient’s interest in mind.

The language of Roe v. Wade simply swept away law. It did not define the details of medical procedures or determine exactly who would set standards, etc. It has prohibited some actions and allowed others when specific procedures were later challenged in court. From the moment Roe was announced, all legislation prohibiting abortions in the first trimester simply ceased to be in force and other replacement legislation was open to judicial review.

Those factors help explain the limited success advocates of assisted suicide have had. Most of us know someone who other people may think would be candidates for a medically directed end of life; or we know people who work in hospitals or medical practices who might be faced with complaints if they refused to assist in medical procedures to end life. Once we start thinking about people who might be induced to end their lives, or people who might be forced to violate their consciences or lose their medical profession, it is possible to block such end of life procedures. We need to help people see the face and circumstances of those induced to abortion or simply aborted, as more people see the faces of those being nudged to assisted suicide or being compelled to assist in it.

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.

The 2021 Annual Appeal is here! This year's theme is *Seeking Christ* to remind us in this time of hardship and need that Christ is the one, true source of the healing, unity, and love that we all seek. Through our collective support of the Annual Appeal, we strengthen the Body of Christ that is our local Church, and we sustain her many charitable works that serve the spiritual and other needs of all those within and beyond our parish boundaries. Parishioners will be asked to make a commitment to the 2021 Annual Appeal next weekend. Your gift will also be credited towards our parish goal. Learn more about the Annual Appeal at **appeal.adw.org**.

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.

NO Faith Formation, Confirmation Prep or Youth Group on Sunday, January 31st due to school holiday.

Week B returns in-person on February 7th, and all others participate virtually.

ALL VIRTUAL Confirmation Prep on February 7th.

NO YOUTH GROUP on February 7th!

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 an upcoming program, please visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.org, call (443) 400-7017, or email: 3015@HelpOurMarriage.org.

Upcoming Retreats at Loyola on the Potomac Ignatian Weekend Retreats

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

Collection Report for January 23-24, 2021: Offertory \$2,738; Votives \$15; Rel. Ret. Fund \$25; Christmas \$100; Sol of Mary \$55; TOTAL: \$2,933. Thank you for your support.

Please remember the following people in your daily prayers: 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, 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, 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 Hammes, 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.

