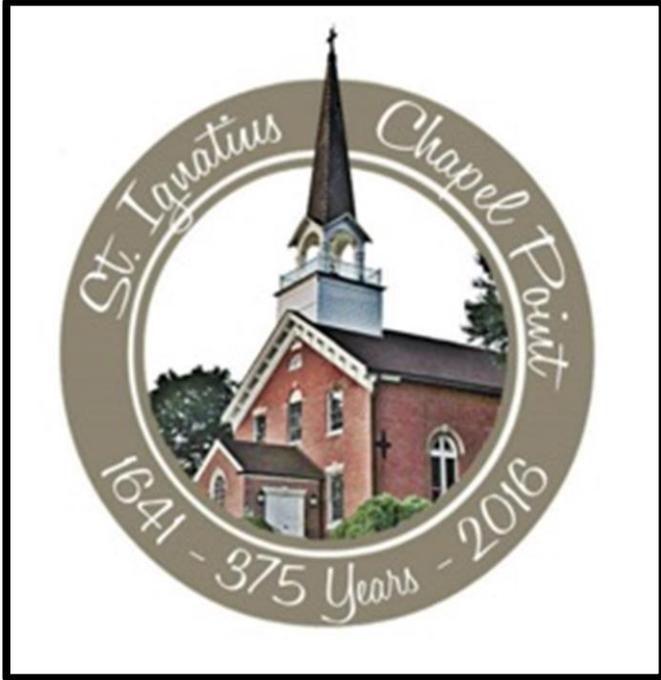


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Public Masses have resumed with 50% capacity limits. Reservations and Masks are Required
The Eucharist

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.*

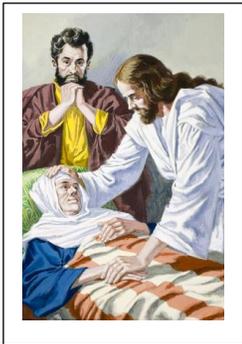
Cemetery: *There are grave sites available for active parishioners in the new section at the base of the hill. Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington administers the sale of lots and burial. Because we do not have an adequate endowment, the costs of maintenance come from general parish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



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 7, 2021

“Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.”



Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 7 – 9:00 a.m. – Holt Parke (healing)

Sunday, February 7 – 6:00 p.m. – Pat Reilly (healing)

Tuesday, February 9 – 8:00 a.m. – Robert L. Boggs +

Wednesday, February 10 – 8:00 a.m. – Peyton Romine (Happy Birthday)

Thursday, February 11 – 8:00 a.m. – The sick and suffering

Reasoned arguments and an emotional appeal made from religious convictions

In law and public policy, it is important to act out of faith, but it is also essential to make arguments that those of various faiths might find convincing. We have not been of one mind on religion since the earliest days of the colonies. Therefore making a purely religious, even a sectarian plea, may be personally satisfying, but may also not be very effective in trying to produce a change in policy. You don't have to travel any great distance in Charles County to find people who will say – I'm a Christian and Catholics are not. We know that is a very odd statement, but it is true that people believe it. We also know that saying something is against Catholic Church teaching would have no effect on people of such a mind. The question is what will change minds.

Americans are generally both convinced that we should be a moral beacon to the world and that our freedom should not be unnecessarily restricted. People all along the political spectrum have a wide libertarian streak, wanting government to stay out of their business. They are convinced of the need to promote or prohibit certain things; but otherwise be left alone.

So what hope is there then for dealing with moral issues which divide our nation? What I was suggesting last week is that it has been marginally easier to push back against the creation of a right to physician assisted suicide than to reverse status of abortion as a “right.” Why that is true might give us some insight into productive approaches to moral advocacy.

In regard to assisted suicide, we know people who might feel pressured to opt out of life. We see their value to society and know they much have to give and receive. We know medical professionals who might face discrimination in employment if they refused to assist in medically induced deaths. We recognize older, infirm or disabled adults as potential victims. We associate faces we know with the issue. The Maryland legislature has up to now resisted “death with dignity” laws – because they could see the wrenching effect such a law would have on society and its institutions.

In defending the rights of the unborn, the only way to bring about lasting change is bring about a change of perceptions for the rights of the unborn. Simply asserting that a fetus is a person has not proven effective in swaying the majority. People need to be moved emotionally and rationally to remain with a cause over the long haul. Reason will leave many in the dust, but so will extreme emotion.

If we look at other aspects of life we will see an awareness that we might be to help others recognize. We see that as a nation we value children and seek to protect them from the moment of their birth. We spend untold resources helping premature babies to grow outside the womb into healthy adults. We share in the anxiety, and support those parents, during the months and years of struggle for healthy life. An unborn child of developing for six months might demand our sympathy and support if born naturally but prematurely. On the other hand, he or she might be unknown to the world based on the decision of its mother. In a number of states, one who causes the death of a pregnant woman can be charged with murdering the child as well. Some states prohibit abortion for the purpose of gender selection, because we find the gender discrimination shocking. Children gain enormous legal rights at the moment of birth, but we know intuitively and scientifically that the child is very much the same from fetus to birth. Only by helping others to see what we see in the preborn, can we hope for a lasting consensus, appropriate and effective legislation. Remember repealing Roe v Wade does not automatically make abortion illegal. Nor could legislation be as simple as saying abortion is illegal. The Catholic Church has a great gift in its pro life position; which we need to share in ways that will sustain the movement for the long term.

Vaccines

Questions have been raised about the morality of receiving vaccinations that have in some way relied on cells of aborted fetuses. As you may know some medical research uses embryonic cells. The cells are used to rapidly grow viruses and to test treatments including vaccines. In 2001, President Bush prohibited federally funded research using stem cells from abortions performed after August 2001. Existing stem cells can be replicated in laboratory conditions there by producing more stem cells without resorted to cells from aborted fetuses.

Various vaccines including rubella, rabies, hepatitis and chicken pox have used stem cells. The mRNA vaccines cause the body to produce the cell that appear to be the virus but cannot infect the body. Moderna and Pfizer do use cells reproduced from fetuses aborted in the 1960s to test their vaccines, but not in the development or production of the vaccines. Some of the other vaccines using older technology relied on stem cells in the development and manufacturing of the vaccines.

Because no abortions were performed in order to harvest cells for the vaccines, the question still arose whether morally conscious Catholics could receive the vaccine or were they cooperating with a prior moral evil. The American bishops concluded:

The world is currently facing a health crisis. The number of deaths from COVID-19 is now almost one and a half million worldwide. In the United States, the toll is approaching 300,000 (statement from Dec 11, 2020). Given the urgency of this crisis, the lack of available alternative vaccines, and the fact that the connection between an abortion that occurred decades ago and receiving a vaccine produced today is remote, inoculation with the new COVID-19 vaccines in these circumstances can be morally justified. Full document may be found at <https://www.usccb.org/resources/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines.pdf>

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 this 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.

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 Faith Formation, Confirmation Prep or Youth Group on Sunday, February 14th due to school holiday for Presidents Day. This is the last school holiday for a while! We miss regularly seeing you!

Scout Sunday: Join us on February 28th during the 9 a.m. mass to celebrate over 100 years Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Scouts will dress in Class A uniform and receive a patch. Please contact Joan Peacock 301.752.9402 or joanpeacock1@gmail.com for more information or questions.

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 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 30-31, 2021: SNOW! Because of the weather last weekend, the report for both this weekend and last weekend will appear in next week's bulletin.



Thursday, February 11

St. Ignatius Church Prayer List

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, Joe, 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.

