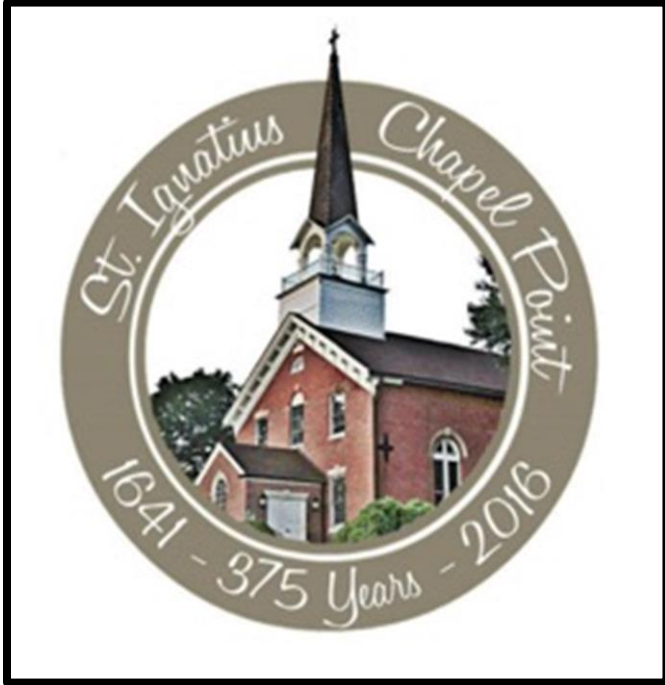


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***Public Masses have resumed with 50% capacity limits. Reservations and Masks are Required***  
***The Eucharist***

***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.

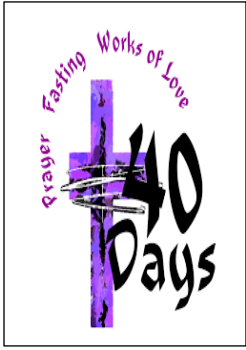
**Cemetery:** There are grave sites available for active parishioners in the new section at the base of the hill. Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington administers the sale of lots and burial. Because we do not have an adequate endowment, the costs of maintenance come from general parish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



# First Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2021

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



## **Mass Intentions**

Sunday, February 21 – 9:00 a.m. – Patrick J. Reilly +

Sunday, February 21 – 11:15 a.m. – The family of Kenneth Abbate (healing)

Sunday, February 21 – 6:00 p.m. – Debbie Leck +

Tuesday, February 23 – 8:00 a.m. – Victor Pocaro +

## **Lent: accepting God’s invitation to know and love Him.**

It is usually easier to say what something is not than to fully explain what it is.

Remember: 1 Corinthians 1:4-6; *Love is patient, love is kind.*

*It is not jealous, [love] is not pompous, it is not inflated,*

*it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests,*

*it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury,*

*it does not rejoice over wrongdoing*

*but rejoices with the truth.*

Lent is not a lot of things. It is not a diet, it is not a program of self-improvement, nor is it a time to feel guilty, or to make others feel guilty. It is not a series of devotions and pious practices.

Lent is a time for us to seek to be remade in Christ. We may need to look at our temptations and sins, we may need to consider how we use creatures including food. We may need to look at our lives and see how we show our faith in prayer and actions, but we do all of those things to free us up from things that hold us back from God, things that get in our way of knowing and loving God. But all of those things we consider are not Lent, they are what help us to make Lent, that is, opening ourselves up to God.

That does not mean that we need to sit down and make a list of those things which prevent us from being open to God. We do not have to dissect our souls and look at them under a spiritual microscope. Often enough God is inviting us in obvious ways and we make great effort, not to go there. All of those physical and pious disciplines might be part of becoming more open to God, but they are the means, not what we seek. We do not even seek a what, we seek a Who. God, who calls us into relationship and shows us the way.

**A Note from Brenda Canter:** *My family and I would like to extend sincere and heartfelt thanks for the kindness, love and support our parish showed during this very difficult time of the passing of our Mom, Shirley Watson, on February 8. The cards, Masses, flowers, phone calls, texts, food and your presence at her funeral Mass are so very appreciated by us all.*

**Word Among Us Booklets** We have the Lenten booklets, which are in the rack in the vestibule. PLEASE take one and keep it for use in your home, do not look through it and return it to the rack. We are trying to remove even the remote chance of passing the virus through books used by more than one person.

**Catholics over the age of 14 in the United States are obliged to:**

**Abstain from the eating of meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during Lent. For those from age 18 to 59 are obligated to fast: limiting oneself to one full meal and two lesser ones on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.**

Some other form of penance should be voluntarily practiced throughout the year in keeping with the ancient traditions of abstinence. For those of you who would like more info:

<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year-and-calendar/lent/catholic-information-on-lenten-fast-and-abstinence>

**Friday - Stations of the Cross** This ancient practice of praying as if we were walking in the footsteps of Christ in the Holy Land continues. We will have stations at 7pm on Fridays in Lent beginning on Feb 19. We will be in the church following the usual social distancing rules.

**Confessions during Lent** Confessions will be heard on Friday evenings at 6:30 p.m. before Stations of the Cross. Confessions will also be held at the usual time on Saturdays from 4:00-4:45 p.m. before the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass.

**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).

**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.

**CRS Rice Bowls are now available!** It's a great way to help your family step up almsgiving this Lent. They will be passed out through Faith Formation classes. Please reach out to Sarah MacMillan if you'd like to receive one but don't have a child in Faith Formation at [ignatiusreligion@gmail.com](mailto:ignatiusreligion@gmail.com) or call (301)885-7020.

**Weeks A & B return in-person on February 21st for Faith Formation!** Virtual Faith Formation remains available.

**Confirmation Prep** class resumes in-person and virtually February 21st at 5:00 PM.

**YOUTH GROUP RETURNS** with Trivia Night on February 21st 7:00-9:00 PM.

**Second Grade First Reconciliation Retreat** will be on Saturday, February 27th from 9:00 AM until Noon.

**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](mailto: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.

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

**Loyola on the Potomac: Days of Prayer March 1 and March 29, 2021; Finding Hope in the Cross.** Each day of Prayer begins at 9:00 am and includes; Continental breakfast, Lunch and Mass. **Fee: \$40.** **Ignatian Weekend Retreat Schedule:** *We Journey in Hope*; February 26-28 (Men) • March 5-7 (Men); March 12-14 (Women) • March 19-21 (Men) April 9-11 (Women) • April 16-18 (Men and Women); April 23-25 (Spanish-Men and Women) **Fee: \$245, \$195** for first time retreatants or young adults (35 and younger) **Holy Week and Triduum Programming:** *Gods' Word in Silence: A Centering Prayer Retreat*; March 29-31 **Fee: \$285.** *Directed or Private Retreat* March 29-April 4, 2021 **Fee: \$560 Directed/ \$510 Private Triduum Retreat: Rising Up in Faith** April 1-4, 2021 **Fee: \$295.** **To Register go to [www.loyolaonthepotomac.com](http://www.loyolaonthepotomac.com).** For more information-contact [alice.case@loyolaretreat.org](mailto:alice.case@loyolaretreat.org) or call Alice Case (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](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 between the two accounts.**

**Collection Report for February 13-14, 2021:** Offertory \$3,670; Ash Wednesday \$460; Votives \$109; Church in Dev. World \$135; Christmas \$600; TOTAL: \$4,974. Thank you for your continued generous support.

**Please remember the following people in your daily prayers:** Martha Murphy, Clare, 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, 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.



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