

St. Ignatius Church – Chapel Point

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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.

Weekdays: 8:00 a.m.

Sunday Mornings: 7:30, 9:00, 11:15 a.m.

Holy Days: 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Sunday Evening: 6:00 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 must attend baptism classes. Please contact Sarah MacMillan to schedule the class ignatiusreligion@gmail.com.

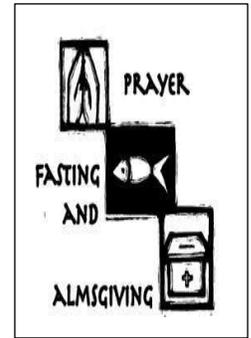
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: If you would like to learn about becoming a Catholic, please contact the Religious Education Office. Classes begin at the end of the summer.



Third Sunday of Lent

March 7, 2021

“Take these out of here,
and stop making my Father’s house a marketplace.”



Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 6 – 5:00 p.m. – Teresita Otones +
 Sunday, March 7 – 9:00 a.m. – Pat and Lois Connor family
 Sunday, March 7 – 11:15 a.m. – Doug Canter (Happy Birthday)
 Sunday, March 7 – 6:00 p.m. – Charlene Nicholls (Healing)
 Monday, March 8 – 8:00 a.m. – Shirley Watson +

Religious, Economic, and Social History is world wide and yet always local This past week, the church celebrated the feast of Saint Katherine Drexel. She was a woman who was truly privileged in material resources, parental guidance, and opportunities in the spiritual life. She used those gifts well for the good of others and the church. Her grandfather was an Austrian portrait painter who fled Napoleon’s invasion in 1817, stopping first in Philadelphia and then heading to South America, where he encountered and painted Simon Bolivar. Her roots were cosmopolitan and artistic, but granddad also founded a bank on his return to the states. He financed at the profit Federal bonds for the Mexican War and the Civil War. Her father, Francis and uncles, inherited that thriving international bank. She didn’t become an artist, a financier, or a world traveler. The lessons she learned from her father were largely charity. He gave to the usual Catholic charities funding orphanages and schools, and anything showing concern for the disadvantaged. His second wife became an advocate for the poor of Philadelphia. Catherine and her sisters actively served the poor, especially with education.

Katherine’s sentiments ran contrary to a wave of discrimination in laws and practice in the U.S. When she was a teenager, Congress had prohibited discrimination in public accommodations. The Fifteenth Amendment had guaranteed native born (male) citizens the right to vote. The vote was lost to armed groups, including the Klan, who sought to prevent people from exercising their rights, and states which restricted the vote, without denying it in so many words. The hope for a nation united in equal opportunity and treatment in laws was gone by the time would go out on her own.

Katherine was 27 when her father died. She was committed to serving those in need, but she was also wealthy. Francis’ estate was worth about \$15 million. He gave 10% to various charities as he did in life, and each daughter received the income from and annuity for their lifetimes funded by \$4.5 million each. Catherine’s income quickly rose to about \$250,000 per year, at a time when an exclusive college would cost less than \$500 per year for tuition – including room and board.

The Archbishop of Philadelphia became her spiritual director as she sought to discern a religious vocation. He urged her to found a new kind of religious order serving two large ethnic groups; whose deteriorating legal status offered them little practical hope-Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored People. In addition to schools and missions, Katherine’s personal annuity provided funds for churches and other local ministries of African American and Native Americans. This week, while assisting Fr. Q with research on the founding of St. Catherine of Alexandria parish; we found an entry of a gift for \$500 toward church construction from Katherine Drexel.

I have known of Katherine Drexel long before her canonization. During my two stints in Philadelphia, there were many things Drexel. Her father had given money to the Jesuits in Philadelphia- some of which came to Fr. Ed O’Connell, who was pastor at the Gesu when I was a scholastic. The Drexel family was from Western Austria- north of my Tyrolian Ancestors, and east of my Lorrainian ancestors. Now I find that the mission in McConchie, served by pastors from here for decades, received a gift which was substantial for a small congregation in 1911. By the way; the anniversary of Fr. O’Connell’s death is March 30. Lots more things to remember and muse about.

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.

CRS Rice Bowls are a great way to help your family step up almsgiving this Lent. Thank you for your support this season!

Faith Formation continues in-person this Sunday at 10 AM! Virtual Faith Formation remains available.

Confirmation Prep class continues in-person and virtually this Sunday at 5:00 PM.

YOUTH GROUP: The Theology of Star Wars will happen this week after the weather thwarted our attempts last week. 7:00-9:15 PM.

VBS returns in-person this summer! Mark your calendars for July 12th-16th.

New Bishop appointed in the Virgin Islands On Tuesday March 2, the Holy Father, Pope Francis, appointed Reverend Monsignor Jerome Feudjio the new Bishop of the Diocese of Saint Thomas in the Virgin Islands. The Diocese of Saint Thomas in the Virgin Islands is a suffragan of the Archdiocese of Washington. Each Archdiocese needs at least one ordinary diocese attached to it, in order to be an Archdiocese. Baltimore is the oldest Archdiocese and Richmond Va. Had long been its suffragan, so Washington got St. Thomas.

Jesuit Vocation pictures When men enter the Society of Jesus they spend 2 year of spiritual formation in the Novitiate. After that they spend three years in a combination of philosophy, theology and perhaps some other area of studies. To both test and develop their abilities they then engage in some kind of Apostolic work for a period of years. This stage of formation is called regency. Then they complete their studies in theology in preparation for ordination to the priesthood. There are 5 Jesuits pictured who studied under Fr. Clifford. Since father left teaching 14 years ago all five are in regency (3), theology (1) or are recently ordained (1). He does not yet have a former parishioner in the Society. He is hoping.

Adults who have not been confirmed Since Confirmation is when adults affirm their desire to be Catholic Christians and are confirm in that choice by the Church, serving as a sponsor/godparent or entering into a Catholic marriage, requires that one be confirmed. If you are an adult Catholic, but not confirmed, please contact Fr. Clifford soon for preparation for an adult confirmation class.

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.

CRS Rice Bowls are now available! It's a great way to help your family step up almsgiving this Lent. Rice bowls can be found in the vestibule for you to take home. Return to Sarah MacMillan at Easter.

Evening Mass in Charles County Looking for an evening Mass this Lenten season? Please join us: Mon-Tue-Thu-Fri at 6:30pm St. Catherine of Alexandria 7865 Port Tobacco Rd (five miles off of Route 301).

Chesterton Chat 2! You are invited to join us for an informational meeting about a new high school, The Chesterton Academy of St. Mary's!! Tuesday, March 16, 2021 7pm-8:30pm at St. John Francis Regis Catholic Church, Hollywood, MD (and on Zoom)

Chesterton Academy Offers:

- Strong Catholic Identity, including daily Mass and the oath of fidelity to the magisterium of the Catholic Church for faculty
- Affordable Tuition
- Classical Liberal Arts Education with an integrated curriculum rooted in the faith
- Successful Model, with 28 schools in the US and abroad
- A Formational School focused on truth, beauty and goodness and the development of virtue, character and joyful souls
- Reclaiming athletics towards camaraderie and fun

Join us to learn how you can support and be a part of this exciting opportunity to benefit our St. Mary's County high school students and our entire community!! For more information and Zoom link, visit: <https://www.ChestertonStMarys.org>

COVID-19 Vaccines Throughout the past few weeks, we have heard a lot of information about the testing and development of safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines. There have been continuous conversations within the Catholic community about the safety and morality of these vaccines, so we are glad to say that both the Moderna and Pfizer have developed vaccines using mRNA, and without the use of controversial fetal cell lines. Similarly, both vaccines have been tested in an ethical way that is in line with previous moral statements made by Pope Benedict XVI and the Pontifical Academy for Life. Receiving either vaccine would be morally permissible in the Catholic Church and would also be an important pro-life decision that would help to defend the most vulnerable. Through our own personal actions and decisions, we can help to protect our neighbors from the coronavirus pandemic.

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.

Loyola on the Potomac: Days of Prayer 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: 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.** For more information-contact alice.case@loyolaretreat.org or call Alice Case (301)-392-0819.

LENTEN MISSION at St. Mary's Bryantown Sunday-Wednesday March 21-24 7-9pm
Presented by nationally known speakers, presenters will be Dan and Caroline Dirkes. The theme of the mission is "**There Is More**" – as in, there is so much more that the Lord wants to do for us if we will only open our hearts and minds. The mission is free and open to all. Virus safety protocols will be observed. For more information contact Father Conley at frconley@comcast.net

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.

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 between the two accounts.

Collection Report for February 27-28, 2021: Offertory \$5,153; Votives \$8; Ash Wednesday \$50; Church in Developing World \$100; Catholic Relief \$20; TOTAL: \$5,331. Thank you.

Please remember the following people in your daily prayers: Candice and Miles, Brenda Pilkerton, Sharon Reilly and the Reilly family, Lyn Gibson, Fred Mower, Kelly LeSage, 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, 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.