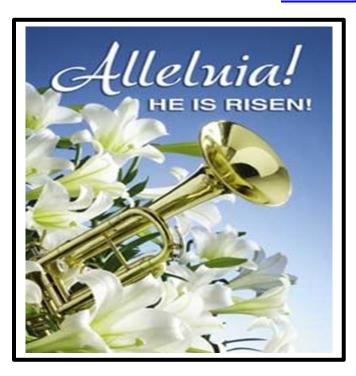
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Public Masses have resumed with 50% capacity limits. Reservations and Masks are Required

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.

<u>Registration</u>: 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.

<u>Stewardship:</u> 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.

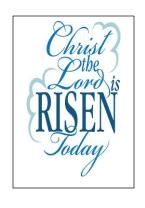
<u>Cemetery:</u> There are grave sites available for active parishioners in the new section at the base of the hill. Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington administers the sale of lots and burial. Because we do not have an adequate endowment, the costs of maintenance come from general parish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

<u>Matrimony</u>: Registered parishioners planning to be married at St. Ignatius must contact the pastor at least six months before the wedding

<u>Baptism:</u> Parents planning to have their child baptized must attend baptism classes. Please contact Sarah MacMillan to schedule the class ignatius religion@gmail.com.

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



Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord

April 4, 2021

"To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."



Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 4 – 9:00 a.m. – Pat Reilly +
Sunday, April 4 – 11:15 a.m. – Shirley Watson+
Monday, April 5 – 8:00 a.m. – Philip Rieman +
Tuesday, April 6 – 8:00 a.m. – Bonnie Shaffer (healing)
Wednesday, April 7 – 8:00 a.m. – Gloria Willing (healing)

<u>Death and Resurrection</u> Many people would like to experience eternal life without first passing through the certain, but unpredictable experience of the death and its associated anxiety. Even those fully expecting the welcome of a loving God, find it hard to relax as we fall, uncertain of how and where we will land, feel a tightening of the chest without knowing if this is a warning or the real thing; and shortness of breath wondering if we exerted ourselves too much or threw an embolism. That sort of anxiety is hardly surprising. We get anxious when we encounter a snake slithering through the leaves, a skunk hunting for insects just a few feet away in the dusk. We don't like intrusions into our lives, especially when the nature of that intrusion and its effect on us is not immediately clear.

When any sort of interruption occurs or seems to be imminent, we also think about what is left undone; whether it is repairing something, or sorting through cases of books and papers, which only you could appreciate or understand. Such things often happen when we are alone, so not having someone to assure us or come to our defense makes pain multiplied by uncertainty and loneliness.

These are all common anxieties about the unknown; they do not suggest a lack of faith and ultimate trust. They are just what we experience in the face of the unknown, and none of us have actually died before- though some have come close.

In the suffering passion of Jesus, we have further proof of His having thoroughly accepted a human nature. Humans die and normally have some sense of unfinished business, anticipation of pain, or just plain lacking experience in the process of dying. If Jesus had not asked for the cup of suffering to be taken away, or not asked for his friends to stay and watch with him, how human would his life have been?

In Holy Week, we tried to accompany Jesus knowing that he has accompanied humanity in suffering and death. On Easter we celebrate - not because our teacher and friend has escaped harm, but that He has transformed it for us. Yes, death is necessary to reach eternity. God stood with us in that transition in the person of the Only Begotten Son; not to punish the Son but to have Him actually be with us.

RELIQUARY FOR THE RELIC OF THE TRUE CROSS For some time, our Relic of the Cross of Jesus resided in a jewelry box and then a small wooden box. Now it is in a custom crafted reliquary. Donald LeSage, whose hobby is wordworking, wanted to make something for the church. He he hit upon the idea of a dignified wooden chest for the Relic. He spent close to a year hand crafting the new reliquary. Besides the tube containing the Relic of the True Cross, there are two small circular reliquaries containing relics of St. Ignatius of Loyola and St. Francis Xavier. St. Ignatius is, of course, the patron of our church, and Francis Xavier was the missionary to the east, preaching the gospel in India and opening the way into China.

At the Liturgy of the Lord's passion on Good Friday, it is traditional to reverence a cross or crucifix. Because the Relic is believed to be from the cross of Jesus, which was given by Queen Henrietta Marie to Fr. Andrew White; we at Chapel Point also have the opportunity to show reverence to the Relic. All three relics are under glass and should be reverenced by a profound bow. **Thank you Donald; it is truly a worthy repository**.

THE FOURTH CHAIR The presider's chair and those of two servers or a deacon display needlepoint of the three seals; the Loyola family, the Society of Jesus, and the State of Maryland. This year, after having been taken up by a number of crafters, the fourth chair, emblazoned with an image of the Manor House has joined the others. Those who kept at the task until it was done are; Judy Mudd, Sheila Smith, Sandra Jensen, Carol Sprague and Kristen Burke. They could have easily given up the project- I had no idea there was another seat in process, thanks to their determination the set is complete.

<u>MUSIC</u> We are not yet back to congregational singing, due to the risk of spreading the virus which is still spreading. Carl, Holly and Mark began assisting us with instrumental music and of late a bit of singing by them in the balcony. As health progresses, we hope to be able to return to congregational singing this summer. John Hagar has also returned to play the organ and keyboard, so we are ready for when we can all sing. We can thank them when we return to singing by adding more volunteers to the music ministry.

<u>CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD</u> 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 <u>ignatiusreligion@gmail.com</u> or call (301)885-7020 if you'd like to learn more.

Happy Easter blessings to all of our families!

<u>Faith Formation</u> resumes Sunday, April 11th at 10 AM! Virtual Faith Formation remains available.

<u>Don't forget to return your CRS rice bowls!</u> Thank you for supporting Catholic Relief Services.

Confirmation Prep class resumes in-person and virtually Sunday, April 11th at 5:00 PM.

YOUTH GROUP Charades Night is this Sunday, April 11th after the 6:00 PM Mass (7:00 PM). All middle and high schoolers are welcome. Come kick back, relax, and have fun with your friends!

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

EASTER EGG SCAVENGER HUNT following 9:00 and 11:15 AM Masses on Easter. We will have families socially distanced while still having fun this Easter! Wave hi to EB (the Easter Bunny), and participate as a family following the clues to receive a treat bag at the end for each child. Parents must accompany and assist their children, and maintain distance for everyone's safety. Please RSVP using this form, Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt Interest Poll. Please contact Sarah MacMillan at ignatiusreligion@gmail.com or call (301)885-7020 with any questions or concerns.

<u>Easter Memorial Flowers</u> Thank you to all who made memorial flowers donations to help offset the cost to the parish. Special thanks to Brenda and Dick Mudd and those that helped them to decorate it so beautifully. The list is in the back sign box in the vestibule of the church.

<u>Gift Shop</u> It is the season for First Holy Communion, Confirmation, graduations and weddings. The gift shop will be open Sundays, April 11 and April 18 from 10 am to 11 am. COVID guidelines to be followed (masks and limited capacity). Dates and times for may TBD.

<u>Livestream our Mass</u> 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.

<u>Catholic Schools Virtual Open Houses</u> Catholic schools provide a faith-based education that lasts a lifetime. Are you interested in finding the right Catholic school for you? Take the first step by attending a virtual open house or admissions event this month. Learn more at www.adwcatholicschools.org.

Wayside Food Bank Report for March 2021 On Saturday, March 20, WFB continued our drive thru distribution on the grounds of Holy Ghost Church. We served 22 families; which represents 60 adults, 5 teens and 16 children; for a total of 81 individuals served. Special thanks to Swan Point resident Shawn Hinely for donating fresh produce on Saturday. Also thanks to Earl and Mollie Giesman of Swan Point for donating dog food on Saturday. We are grateful for our volunteers, shoppers and supporters for making WFB a success. Our wish list for April is as follows: small containers of bleach, ramen noodles, and any non perishable canned food items. Please check the expiration dates. We are not allowed to distribute out of date food. Our next distribution is Saturday, April 17, with stocking on Wednesday, April 14. If you have questions, please contact Dianne Lyon, d.e.lyon@comcast.net.

Loyola on the Potomac Ignatian Weekend Retreat Schedule: 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.

<u>Celebrating Special Wedding Anniversaries: June 27, 2021 Jubilarian Mass</u> Are you celebrating a special wedding anniversary? Each year the Archdiocese of Washington honors couples married 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 and 70+ years at the annual Jubilarian Mass. This year's Mass will be held Sunday, June 27 at 3:00pm at the Cathedral of St. Matthew. Seating is limited to allow for social distancing and the Mass will be live-streamed. To receive a signed Jubilarian anniversary certificate or to register to attend the Mass, please contact the parish office before May 14, 2021.

<u>VERY IMPORTANT REMINDER</u>: 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. <u>The bulletin via email</u> 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 <u>stigoffice@yahoo.com</u>.

<u>On-Line Giving</u> 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.

<u>Collection Report for March 27-28, 2021:</u> Offertory \$6,302; Catholic Relief \$50; Easter \$160; Flowers \$630; Church Missions \$10; Good Friday \$13; TOTAL: \$7,165. Thank you.

Please remember the following people in your daily prayers: Brenda Canter, Denise Edelen, Joyce Edelen, Peggy Burch, Sarah Vaughan, Susan Schwab, 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, 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 Hamnes, Sharon Ryan, John Reese, Frankie Chiorcariello and family, Tim Moore, James Johnson, Victoria Liberty, Tamera Scroggins, James J. Nalley, Elaine Gaddis, Butch Hayden, Stacie Hayden



The Staff of St. Ignatius Church would like to wish all of you a very happy and family filled Easter. We are thankful for each and every one of you. God bless you all.