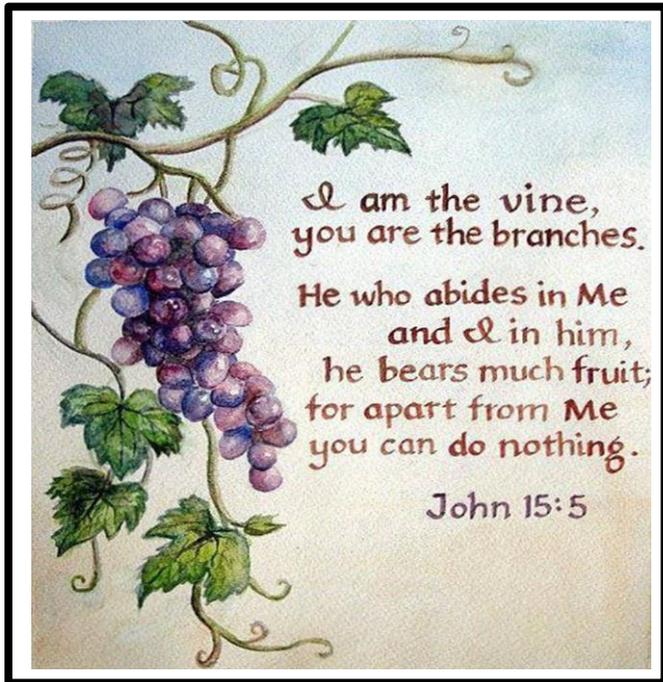


# St. Ignatius Church – Chapel Point

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***Public Masses have 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.

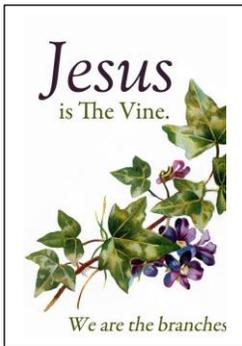
**Cemetery:** There are grave sites available for active parishioners in the new section at the base of the hill. Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington administers the sale of lots and burial. Because we do not have an adequate endowment, the costs of maintenance come from general parish 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 must attend baptism classes. Please contact Sarah MacMillan to schedule the class [ignatiusreligion@gmail.com](mailto: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.



# Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

"I am the vine, you are the branches.  
Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit."



## Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 1 – 5:00 p.m. – Joseph Allen Pilkerton +  
Sunday, May 2 – 9:00 a.m. - Frank Mudd +  
Sunday, May 2 – 11:15 a.m. – Darrell Clark, Jr. +  
Monday, May 3 – 8:00 a.m. – Ruth Watson (Happy Birthday)  
Tuesday, May 4 – 8:00 a.m. – Pat Mandeville (Happy Birthday)  
Friday, May 7 – 8:00 a.m. – Frank Mudd +

## Holy Communion for children

One hundred and eleven years ago, Pope Pius X lowered the age for the reception of Holy Communion. The emphasis had become more on the understanding of the Sacrament than the nourishment of the soul and sharing with the rest of their families in the Eucharistic community of the Church. Pius wrote:

*The pages of the Gospel show clearly how special was that love for children which Christ showed while He was on earth. It was His delight to be in their midst; He was wont to lay His hands on them; He embraced them; and He blessed them. At the same time He was not pleased when they would be driven away by the disciples, whom He rebuked gravely with these words: "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for of such is the kingdom of God." It is clearly seen how highly He held their innocence and the open simplicity of their souls on that occasion when He called a little child to Him and said to the disciples: "Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like little children, you will not enter into the kingdom of heaven....And whoever receives one such little child for my sake, receives me."*

*The Catholic Church, bearing this in mind, took care even from the beginning to bring the little ones to Christ through Eucharistic Communion, which was administered even to nursing infants. This, as was prescribed in almost all ancient Ritual books, was done at Baptism until the thirteenth century, and this custom prevailed in some places even later. It is still found in the Greek and Oriental Churches.*

The message of Pius was not that reception of the Eucharist was the sacrament of children, even less a rite of passage meant only for children. He was saying that the reception of the Eucharist was essential to the growth and support of our faith and children should not be denied it, because they were part of the Church. He did not need to add that it was important for adults to receive the Eucharist regularly, which has been a refrain of church leaders for three centuries. This was not an annual celebration only in moments of perfect innocence at Easter, but was to strengthen sinners, with God's life to fortify them against more sin.

Today's first communicants have just a beginning of appreciation of Christ's gift of himself to us, we all need to help them go in awareness of God's presence with us. When we are able to return fully to the churches – we should all be ready to receive the Eucharist with them. Congratulations to all our First Communion children and their families.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION this Sunday!** Please lift up in prayer our parish's first Communicants as we celebrate a Mass of Most Holy Communion this Sunday, May 2nd. Congratulations to our first Communicants: Elizabeth "Libby" Dyer, Paul "JP" Hafera, Tamlyn Hopkins, Mark Kaple, Brynleigh McGuire, Cassidy Murphy, Madeline Page, Matthew Sible, Britton Watson.

**PARISH MAY PROCESSION TO HONOR OUR BLESSED MOTHER, QUEEN OF HEAVEN** May Processional & Crowning: Join us after the 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday, May 16th to honor Our Blessed Mother with a processional to the Shrine as our parish's first Communicants crown Our Lady. Parishioners are welcome to bring folding chairs to the Shrine for our recitation of the Rosary, prayers, and crowning at 10:00 AM. Bring your rosaries, if you have them. Rosaries are also available from the parish. Contact Sarah MacMillan at [ignatiusreligion@gmail.com](mailto:ignatiusreligion@gmail.com) or at (301)885-7020 for more information or Brenda in the parish office. We will not be having the Annual Rosary Pilgrimage this year. Hopefully, next year we'll be back to normal.

**IGNATIAN YEAR Summer Series: "How Do You See Jesus? Deepening our Relationship with Christ through Meditating with Scripture and Art"** Come join together in fellowship and study with Sarah MacMillan on using imagery of Jesus to strengthen our spiritual life. This study will be offered both in-person and virtually. Join us Wednesdays, either at 9:00 AM or at 6:30 PM. We will meet in the Parish Hall, and those who prefer to join us virtually, can Zoom in and join us. Study begins on May 19th and will run through August 18th. Contact Sarah MacMillan at [ignatiusreligion@gmail.com](mailto:ignatiusreligion@gmail.com) or (301)885-7020 to find out more and to register.

**PARISH HELP requested again!** Our Confirmandi will be sealed in the Holy Spirit on Wednesday, May 26th. Due to pandemic restrictions, we will be having a separate Mass of the Holy Spirit, but I wanted our Confirmandi to feel the welcoming embrace of our parish. If you are able, would you please write a card of well wishes and encouragement and leave in the box labeled Confirmation cards in the vestibule? Please turn in cards as soon as possible.

**LAST CALL for Rice Bowls!** We need to submit our parish's donations to Catholic Relief Services. Thank you for your generosity in almsgiving this Lent!

**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.

**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 Fiesta Night** is this Sunday, May 2nd from 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM. All middle and high schoolers are welcome.

**MOTHER'S DAY:** There will be NO Faith Formation, Confirmation Prep, or Youth Group in order to allow families to spend time celebrating and honoring their mothers. Don't forget Mother's Day is May 9th!

**VBS: SUMMER OLYMPICS** returns in-person this summer! Mark your calendars for July 12th-16th. If you are able to volunteer, please reach out to Sarah MacMillan at [ignatiusreligion@gmail.com](mailto:ignatiusreligion@gmail.com) or call (301)885-7020.

**Flower Ministry** In need of someone (or a group) to order and care for altar flowers throughout the year, as well as decorate for Christmas and Easter. Contact Brenda Canter in parish office if interested.

**Restore and Renew – Capital Campaign Restoration progress**

We know it looks like nothing is happening, but over the past several weeks, we've had meetings with interested contractors. Not only did we have a good showing, but stained glass window companies, general contractors and masonry firms have revisited to do detailed work-ups. There will be a few clarifications. We will then move to the bidding process, overseen by our engineering firm. For now, we cannot say when the physical work will start, but the preparation is moving quickly.

**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).

**The Charles County Literacy Council needs tutors** for adults who need help with reading, math, ESOL, and earning their GED. No teaching background is necessary; CCLC will train you. Our next training is scheduled for May 12 and 13th (evenings, via Zoom) and Saturday May 15 in person for three hours. Tutoring is still being conducted virtually. If you are willing to devote a couple of hours a week to help change someone's life, please call CCLC at 301-934-6488, email [charlescountyliteracy@comcast.net](mailto:charlescountyliteracy@comcast.net), or contact Julie Mitchell at [juliemitchell120@gmail.com](mailto:juliemitchell120@gmail.com). Check out the CCLC website: [www.charlescountyliteracy.org](http://www.charlescountyliteracy.org). If you're not able to tutor but would like to support CCLC financially, donations are most welcome, since our fundraising efforts have been hampered.

**Celebrating Special Wedding Anniversaries: June 27, 2021 Jubilarian Mass** 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. To receive a signed Jubilarian anniversary certificate or to register to attend the Mass, please contact the parish office before May 14, 2021.

**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.

**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](mailto:stigooffice@yahoo.com).

**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. 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 April 24-25, 2021:** Offertory \$5,234; Church Missions in the U.S. \$435; Votives \$; Easter \$200; TOTAL: \$5,876. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**Please remember the following people in your daily prayers:** Brenda DiCarlo, Dennis and Ann Betar, 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

