

# 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.**

**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.

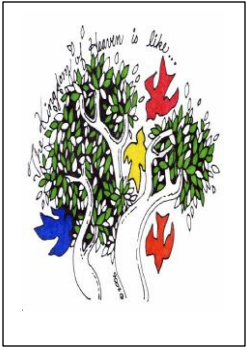
**Cemetery:** There are grave sites available for active parishioners in the new section at the base of the hill. Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington administers the sale of lots and burial. Because we do not have an adequate endowment, the costs of maintenance come from general parish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



# Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 13, 2021

“The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower.”



## Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 12 – 5:00 p.m. – Anthony Cipollone (healing)

Sunday, June 13 – 11:15 a.m. – Henry Bourne +

Monday, June 14 – 8:00 a.m. - Bill Blair +

**I hope the best day is still ahead** Forty years ago, in a very hot, unair-conditioned chapel (remember those days?) I was ordained a priest by Archbishop Borders. Someone at the reception under the trees of Loyola College said, “This must be the best day of your life.” I, of course, said that I hoped not. Yes, being there with my parents and siblings, and with literally hundreds of Jesuits making congratulatory rounds to the family circles, was a Hallmark moment.

There would be many wonderful days serving people in the church, so this was only a beginning. June 13, 1981, was important because it made the rest of those days possible, but I correctly hoped that maturing into priesthood would not be instantaneous, but I would be led to many joyful, productive, and yes, difficult days. My “first Mass” was at the last regularly scheduled Mass at St. Joseph’s in Texas, Maryland. It had been the family parish for eighteen years since we had left St. Bede’s in Williamsburg. The sleepy, little, rural, Irish quarrymen parish continued to grow into a vibrant suburban Vatican II church full of families and smiles. I had asked the choir master whose daughter was in my grad school class if we would sing The Kyrie, Sanctus and Agnus Dei. When I got to the Credo- he said no- something that I have appreciated since. The Credo or Creed, as the affirmation of belief, should be both in the vernacular language and preferably said, so that all could participate. The participation of the faithful was indeed more important than having backdrop for my forced march through the development of the Dogma, of the Holy Trinity through time, languages and cultures.

There was a simple punch and cookie reception. As one might expect I was called on for a number of “first blessings.” There were people I knew from a decade earlier and people I just met. One older woman took me back by grabbing my hands and kissing them. I knew that as a priest there would be signs of respect and reverence, yes she was kissing the hands which elevated the Blessed Sacrament minutes before. If I am not a hugger, I am even less a fan of hand kissing. After a day or two at home, I flew back to the Southside of Chicago and St. Cajetan parish in Beverly, where I had served as a Deacon, and popped into classrooms which was always fun, and instructive. March 31, 1981, was memorable for unprepared prayer in moments of uncertainty. The President had been shot outside the Washington Hilton and was in surgery. I could be wrong, but I think the principal pushed the PA mic in front of me but I have no idea what came out of my mouth. For two years I had worked in Catholic Youth Ministry Center on W. Monterey across from Morgan Park High School. Students could drop in ask to questions and even take accredited classes after school. I think I taught a course in what passed for philosophy. I also had a moment of pure grace. As a 28 year old (yes young for a Jesuit); I was more than a little nervous about lifetime Catholics asking me some difficult theological question- but even more frightened by the first confession. What was I, a kid priest, to say to a penitent? St. Cajetan’s provided a wonderful opportunity. No sooner had I plopped down in the guest room than I was told (by the kid who answered the phones and has been for years the pastor of a wonderful downtown parish) that there was someone at the door who wanted to go to confession. The panic was momentary. I had little chance to think; and I presume I did not do any lasting damage. I was no longer anxious about hearing confessions.

That summer, before beginning history studies at College Park, I filled in at a parish in Woodstock, Maryland (the first home of our manor clock). My cigar-smoking freshman math teacher, was the pastor. Being the parish priest was easy to fit into. I did, however, learn I was not a gifted grounds keeper. Yes, one should wear long pants, long sleeves, and goggles when weed-whacking. Pulverized poison-ivy leaves can be a reminder of one’s mortality. Then, of course, bumping a hornets nest with a fallen branch taught me that they do not sting-they bite-and many times. I also filled in for a chaplain at Bon Secours hospital in Baltimore where I would sit in my room deciding whether to go to bed or just wait for the call from the emergency room, which was invariably a fatal heart attack, in most cases a male. I learned to anoint patients without getting in the way of doctors and to talk with relatives – some in panicked denial and others at peace. I was edified any number of times by widows whose husbands woke them and told them that they loved them before they fell back on the pillow.

Those first couple of months were indeed a crash course in various priestly ministry, but I don’t think that I have yet to have the best day of my life. I am hoping that my last day will be the best.

**HAPPY 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY TO THE PRIESTHOOD FR. CLIFFORD!**

**Lifting of the Dispensation from the Obligation to Attend Mass** Cardinal Gregory and the Diocesan Bishops of the Province of Baltimore (Archdiocese of Baltimore, Catholic Diocese of Arlington, Catholic Diocese of Wilmington, Catholic Diocese of Richmond and the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston) have jointly announced that the dispensation of the Sunday and Holy Day Mass obligation will be lifted beginning the weekend of June 26-27, 2021.

**Meals and Hope Meeting** There will be a meeting Tuesday, June 15 at 7 p.m. in the parish hall for anyone who would like to help the parish prepare meals for the Meals and Hope Mobile Meal Kitchen. We need more volunteers to keep this important ministry going. Please consider helping out.

**IGNATIAN YEAR Summer Series Study continues Wednesdays at 9:00 AM or 6:30 PM.** You choose which time works best for you. Come to some sessions, or come to all! Have you been looking for ways to strengthen your prayer life? Have you been looking to feel closer to Christ? This is the study for you! We are working on reducing our daily distractions, and focusing our time in prayer. Come check it out, we'd love to have you join us! We meet in the Parish Hall. Study runs through August 18th. Light refreshments will be served. Contact Sarah MacMillan at [ignatiusreligion@gmail.com](mailto:ignatiusreligion@gmail.com) or (301)885-7020 to find out more, or if you would like to set up joining us virtually.

**VBS: SUMMER OLYMPICS** returns in-person this summer! Mark your calendars for July 12th-16th. Join us for fun games as we learn how to achieve our Personal Best for Christ! Come champion Christ's love for all! Our Olympic Games will be each day 9:00 AM-12:30 PM. VBS costs \$15/child or \$40/family. Invite your friends! Before care beginning at 8:00 AM is available for \$5/child or \$10/family. After care is also available until 3:30 PM for \$5/child or \$10/family. 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.

**YOUTH GROUP on June 27th 7:00-9:00 PM!** We will help prepare decorations for VBS Olympics and have our own Olympics Games for fun! Invite your friends! All middle and high schoolers are welcome. Contact Sarah MacMillan at [ignatiusreligion@gmail.com](mailto:ignatiusreligion@gmail.com) or (301)885-7020 to find out more.

**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 June 23 & 24 (evenings, via Zoom) and Saturday, June 26 for three hours at the CCLC conference room in LaPlata (United Way building on Rte 488.) 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. Our address is: P.O. Box 2672, LaPlata, MD 20646. Thank you for your consideration!

**New Catholic High School Update** Seeking to continue Catholic education in high school? Looking for an affordable option? Yearning for your student to know, love and live their FAITH? Longing for a joyful community where making friends comes naturally? Interested in a school that inspires a sense of wonder? Discover Chesterton Academy of St. Mary's! Opening Fall 2021 in Leonardtown. Join us with your student for **CHESTERTON CHAT**, an information session Monday, Jun 14, 2021; 7:00 PM- 8:30 PM; Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Lexington Park, MD; or for Zoom: Visit: [www.chestertonstmarys.org/events](http://www.chestertonstmarys.org/events) 301-800-0227.

**Sacred Heart Church – Bushwood, Md. is Hosting Their Annual June Drive-Thru Dinner** Sunday, June 27 from 11 a.m. until the food is gone. Menu includes: fried Chicken, crab cakes, country ham, potato salad, cole slaw, green beans, beets and rolls. The cost is \$28. There will be a bake sale table too. CASH OR CHECK ONLY. No credit cards.

**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 Weekend of May 29-30, 2021:** Offertory \$4,048; Votives \$12; ANS Annual Collection \$318; Catholic Communications \$55; TOTAL: \$4,433.

**Weekend of June 5-6, 2021:** Offertory \$3,947; Votives \$5; ANS Annual Collection \$237; TOTAL: \$4,189. Thank you for your continued support.

**Please remember the following people in your daily prayers:** Denise Edelen, Joyce Edelen, Peggy Burch, Sarah Vaughan, Candice and Miles, Brenda Pilkerton, Sharon Reilly and the Reilly family, Lyn Gibson, Kelly LeSage, Martha Murphy, Clare, 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, 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, Elaine Gaddis, Butch Hayden, Stacie Hayden