

St. Ignatius Church – Chapel Point

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Saturday Evening: 5:00 p.m.
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Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m.

The Eucharist
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.

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.



Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 4, 2021

**“My grace is sufficient for you,
for power is made perfect in weakness.”**



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, July 6 – 8:00 a.m. – Marcy Murphy (surgery)

Thursday, July 8 – 8:00 a.m. – Maria Hammes +

Religious liberty in a complex, diverse and at times cruel world

Religious liberty has many meanings. The simplest and easiest to affirm is that people can worship god in their own way and religion. To be fair and to gain support by others, we would need to include many others in that right. That is still a rather minimal statement of the right, but it does begin to raise difficulties.

There are many people who agree that everyone should be able to worship as they chose, because they do not believe in any god, and see it as an easy concession to keep the religiously deluded happy. This would be, as one might say, you can believe in the Easter bunny for all I care. It accepts the idea that there is no religious truth.

Among those who are believers and defenders of liberty, there are those who wish to restrict the range of gods and truths to be given protected status.

For those who truly believe in God and expect that believers should distinguish themselves in their behavior, there will be questions of how “extreme” the toleration should be, especially if another’s belief undermined your own. Needless to say, finding means for productive honest irreligious dialogue has been an interest of the Church for a long time. Ten years ago in Bangkok Thailand, an interreligious dialogue produced some guidelines. As with all such efforts they sound wonderfully easy, yet in practice are beset with difficulties. They are worth remembering.

PRINCIPLES In seeking to fulfill Christ’s mandate appropriately, Christians are called to respect the following principles particularly within interreligious contexts.

1. **Act in God’s love.** Christians believe that God is the source of all love and, consequently, in their witness they are called to live a life of love and to love their neighbor as themselves (cf. *Mt* 22:34 -40; *Jn* 14:15).
2. **Imitate Jesus Christ.** In all aspects of life, and especially in their witness, Christians are called to follow the example and teachings of Jesus Christ, sharing his love, giving glory and honor to God the Father in the Holy Spirit (cf. *Jn* 20, 21-23).
3. **Christian virtues.** Christians are called to behave with integrity, charity, compassion and humility, and to overcome all arrogance, condescension and denigration (cf. *Gal* 5:22).
4. **Actions of service and justice.** Christians are called to act with justice and to love with tenderness (cf. *Mt* 6,8). They are also called to serve others and, in so doing, to recognize Christ in the least of their brothers and sisters (cf. *Mt* 25:45). Service actions, such as providing education, health care, assistance, and acts of justice and public defense, are an integral part of witnessing the gospel. The spread of Christianity cannot take place by exploiting situations of poverty and need.
5. **Discernment in the ministries of healing.** As part of their gospel testimony, Christians exercise healing ministries. They are called to exercise discernment in carrying out these ministries, ensuring full respect for human dignity and ensuring that people’s vulnerability and need for healing are not exploited.
6. **Refusal of violence.** Christians are called to reject all forms of violence, including psychological or social, including the abuse of power in their testimony. They also reject violence, unjust discrimination or repression by any religious or civil authority, including the violation or destruction of places of worship, symbols or sacred texts.
7. **Freedom of religion and belief.** Religious freedom, including the right to profess, practice, spread and change religion publicly springs from the dignity of the human person, founded in the creation of all human beings in the image and likeness of God (cf. *Gen* 1:26). Consequently, all human beings have equal rights and responsibilities. Wherever any religion is exploited for political ends, or where religious persecutions occur, Christians are called to engage in a prophetic testimony of denunciation of such actions.
8. **Mutual respect and solidarity.** Christians are called to commit themselves to work with all people in mutual respect, promoting together justice, peace and the common good. Inter-religious cooperation is an essential dimension of this commitment.
9. **Respect for all people.** Christians recognize that the Gospel is both a challenge and an enrichment of cultures. Even when the Gospel questions some aspects of cultures, Christians are called to respect all people. They are also called to discern the elements that in their cultures are not questioned by the Gospel.
10. **Give up on untruths.** Christians must speak sincerely and respectfully, must listen to learn and understand the beliefs and practices of others, and are encouraged to recognize and appreciate what is true and good in them. Any comment or critical approach must be made in a spirit of mutual respect, being careful not to say falsehoods about other religions.
11. **Guarantee personal discernment.** Christians must recognize that changing one’s religion is a decisive step which must be accompanied by sufficient time for adequate reflection and preparation, through a process that guarantees full personal freedom.
12. **Building interreligious relationships.** Christians must continue to build relationships of respect and trust with people of different religions in order to facilitate deeper mutual understanding, reconciliation and cooperation for the common good.

IMPORTANT: Lifting of the Dispensation from the Obligation to Attend Mass Cardinal Gregory has announced that the dispensation of the Sunday and Holy Day Mass obligation has been lifted beginning the weekend June 26-27, 2021.

Volunteers Needed We are in need of additional people to count our collection each week on Monday mornings. We work in teams, each team counting every other Monday morning. The person should be proficient with working with numbers, be very discreet, be a registered, active parishioner, and known to the pastor. Signing an Archdiocesan confidentiality agreement is a requirement.

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 or (301)885-7020 to find out more, or if you would like to set up joining us virtually.

YOUTH GROUP this Sunday, 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 or (301)885-7020 to find out more.

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. Registration forms can be found in the back of the church, or may be completed electronically through Google forms link emailed. If you have any questions, please reach out to Sarah MacMillan at ignatiusreligion@gmail.com or call (301)885-7020.

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Are you able to help run a station this summer July 12th-16th? We could use your help! We still need a few adult/HS teen leaders for Crafts and also Dance/Skits. We could also use MS/HS volunteers for groups! Don't hesitate to reach out to Sarah MacMillan at ignatiusreligion@gmail.com or (302)885-7020 if you can help!

ADULT VBS VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATED! If you are able to assist for part or all of VBS, we could use your help! Reach out to Sarah MacMillan to see how you can help, and to make sure we get volunteer forms submitted in time to the ADW. Email Sarah at ignatiusreligion@gmail.com or call/text (301)885-7020. Thanks!

JULY SUMMER BREAK for CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD! There will be NO Children's Liturgy of the Word during the month of July for summer break. See you back in August during the 9:00 AM Mass!

Gift Shop: Summer hours: July thru September, the gift shop will be open the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month after the 9 am, 11:15 am and 6 pm Masses. Additional volunteers are welcome. It's a half hour commitment once or twice a month after the Mass of your choice. Two people usually work together and it's a good opportunity for high school students to get their service hours. Visit the gift shop or call Mary Agnes Swann, 301-259-2581 for more information.

Gift Shop Special requests: The gift shop will be placing an order mid-July. Please let us know if there are special items you need. Catalogs are available and shipping could be delayed so plan ahead.

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. The giving link can be found on the lower half, on the right side of the home page of the website.

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.

Collection Report for Weekend of Weekend of June 26-27, 2021: Offertory \$4,669; Peter's Pence \$703; Votives \$12; TOTAL: \$5,384. Thank you for your continued support.

Please remember the following people in your daily prayers: Frank Hopson, 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 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

