

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.



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 18, 2021

"Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while."



Mass Intentions

Sunday, July 18 – 11:15 a.m. – Family of Margaret Baumgartner (healing)

Tuesday, July 20 – 8:00 a.m. – Deacon Scott Stuart +

Curiosity, truth, habit and renewed faith In the Gospel reading this Sunday, the disciples, fresh from the success of preaching on their own, headed off by boat to spend some quality time with Jesus. Others who saw where they were headed wanted to see the celebrity teacher. Neither the disciples nor the followers on the shore really understood who Jesus was. Their fuller understanding would come after they had witnessed his death and resurrection. At the point of today's gospel, they are just anxious to hear the word he preached; it seemed new but refreshingly honest. It sounded like it was from God, but it also connected with their human experience. They had no way of knowing yet that the golden words they sought were from God, who had come among us to share our lives, our suffering and our hopes.

We know, believe, or at least want to believe that Jesus was much more than an interesting itinerant preacher. With the knowledge that He is God, why do we presume on his mercy? Two thousand years ago, people flocked from far and wide to see a new exciting but unknown teacher. After the Resurrection and Pentecost, when many who had witnessed the miracle of new life, lost interest. Some who came to believe fought among themselves, dividing the church between, Jews, Gentiles and Hellenizers (who tried making the gospel fit Greek culture and beliefs). Those who had sought to know Jesus turned to their own interests and ideas. Were they fickle or did they think they knew Jesus much better than his disciples in the church?

For two thousand years a substantial number of people have sincerely believed that Jesus is the eternal Son of God, but the church he founded, which he nourishes through the sacraments and guides with the Holy Spirit gets less interest. On too many occasions, Jesus' followers in the Church have lost their way. God after all, does not lift us out of the world and temptation, or protect us from all error and harm. Those who callously sin while leading the church, local or universal, have no doubt driven many away. There are others however who are still attracted to new faces and ways of believing, when we already have the testimony of millions who truly believe that Jesus is Lord. There were many in Jesus' time who got excited and followed the crowd, who latter followed a new and different crowd.

Due to the pandemic many have had a breather from the sheer sense of obligation. Freed from the Church rule demanding weekly participation in the Mass, we can now like the first believers, newly recognize that he is the One who brings us life and hope. Now at this great moment of fresh beginning, let us return to hear Jesus Word and be the church He calls us to be; united, welcoming and holy.

Cemetery Committee We are in need of more members for the cemetery committee. It is time to revisit a number of issues, and policies. You may volunteer or suggest another person. We are looking for people who have burial sites and/or are established members of the parish.

Read My Bricks Fr. Clifford will lead another tour of the wall of St. Ignatius St. Thomas Manor after the 6 pm Mass this Sunday the 18th.

On the 24th we will have a tour after the 5 PM Saturday Mass, and after the 6 PM Mass on Sunday. Hopefully it will be a little cooler and we might get the hint of a sunset.

St. Thomas Manor Trust – financial aid St. Thomas Manor Trust was formed for aid to the needy, preservation of the historic buildings, and financial assistance for children in Catholic schools. We have received some gifts and had market gain in our holdings. Since this is considered financial aid, we will need to ask financial questions; the reason financial assistance is needed, the number of children, and number of children in Catholic schools. Please call the parish office to make an appointment for a meeting with Fr. Clifford if you are in need of financial aid for Catholic school.

Pro-Life Petition The USCCB has reached out to let us know that the House Appropriations Committee has drafted its first FY22 appropriations bill and the Committee has eliminated provisions designed to prevent taxpayer funds from being used to pay for abortions in the District of Columbia (Dornan Amendment), through foreign assistance (Helms Amendment), that cover abortions. The expectation now is that, as other appropriations bills are released in the coming weeks, the Hyde Amendment and other pro-life provisions will also be excluded. Archbishop Naumann, as chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, is asking **grassroots advocates to sign their petition** at: <https://www.notaxpayerabortion.com>. The goal is to get millions of Catholics to sign the petition by July 16. It is anticipated that the full House will consider appropriations bills during the last two weeks in July. The Senate has yet to announce any appropriations activity for FY22.

The Feast of St. Ignatius Saturday, July 31 is the feast of St. Ignatius, our parish patron saint and founder of the Jesuits. During the Ignatian year, we remember Inigo's conversion experience after being shot in the legs by a cannonball. While recovering, he had several surgeries - before there were anesthetics. During that time, he examined his life, turning toward God and his service. We will have a special celebration of the feast after each Mass the weekend of July 31- August 1. Watch the bulletin next week for more details.

IGNATIAN YEAR Summer Series Study continues this Wednesday at 9:15 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.

VBS: SUMMER OLYMPICS was a success! We had an amazing turnout and tons of fun! Thanks to everyone who helped make this such a special time together! We learned that God gives us strength in abundance to face all the challenges of life. See you next summer!

THANK YOU to our volunteers with VBS this year: Betty Hayden, Mary-Jo Kamin, Sharon Vaughan, Sharon Johnsen, Haley Walker, Emma Hart, Megan Cusmano, Dylan Johnson, Savannah Murphy, Allie Ament, Adrianna Diana, Sean MacMillan, Andrew Walsh, Luke Deters, Joey Diana, Whitney Gamble, Lily Dement, Breezy Williams, Anabelle Kijesky, Katie Poley, Maria Poley, and Emily Cross. This camp wouldn't have been a success without you!

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!

YOUTH GROUP will meet on SUNDAY, AUGUST 22nd from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Let's enjoy our last bit of summer together with a cook-out and lawn games, and we will plan our activities for the upcoming school year. All middle and high schoolers are welcome! Contact Sarah MacMillan at ignatiusreligion@gmail.com or (301)885-7020 for more information.

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 July 10-11, 2021: Offertory \$3,626; Votives \$21; Peter's Pence \$15; TOTAL: \$3,662. Thank you for your 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 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