

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.

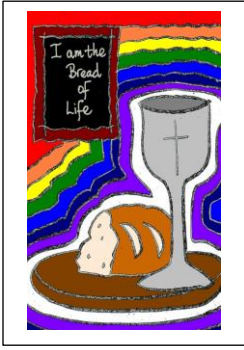
Cemetery: There are grave sites available for active parishioners in the new section at the base of the hill. Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington administers the sale of lots and burial. Because we do not have an adequate endowment, the costs of maintenance come from general parish funds.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

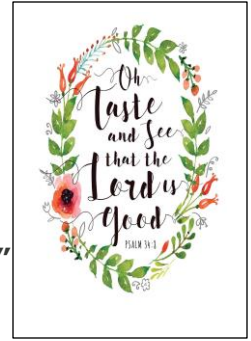
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: If you would like to learn about becoming a Catholic, please contact the Religious Education Office. Classes begin at the end of the summer.



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 8, 2021

“Be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ.”



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 8 – 9:00 a.m. – Kevin Moore +

God and cancel culture Cancelling is a movement, or really many often conflicting movements, which seek to discredit historical or imagined ideas and people. The idea is to make once popular ideas so discredited that others will be afraid to advocate them. There are surely aspects of the culture in each generation which we should reject and others we should embrace. Any history of the church, or our nation, which uncritically accepts all that has gone before is not worth reading. Rejecting aspects of our society is as old as the American republic, dating back to at least the first election settled in the House of Representatives in 1800. That was only the fourth Presidential election; and it had to be decided by the House of Representatives. So what does that have to do with cancel culture? The supporters of both Jefferson, the author of the Declaration of Independence, former ambassador to France and the sitting vice-president; squared off with John Adams, the sitting President and an opponent of the Stamp Act, who negotiated the Treaty of Paris, securing American independence. In other words, while both could be arrogant and fallible, by any standards of the day, they were both patriots. Going into the detail on the nasty campaign would be more unsettling than useful. Adams and Jefferson famously reconciled and wrote regularly to each other in their waning years, and poetically died on the same day, the fiftieth anniversary of the Declaration. The scorched earth personal attacks seldom produce more good than evil. This column is not however about politics.

There are many people who cancel God. They either outright deny the existence of God, or condemn God for hate and division which they blame religion for creating. The cancel God movement is not associated with a political party, allegiance to a particular economic system, or ethnic group. Some don't like the way humanity is developing, and since they have an odd belief that God causes everything, they blame Him for everything human society has ever done. The argument is essentially that God either doesn't exist or he is no better than the humans he created. I am not looking for you to label some group or celebrity, rather listen to what you hear people say, maybe people you know who have given up on church, and often on God.

How do we counter these ideas? We need to remember that humans were not made perfect, nor did God constrain our freedom. The Old Testament is largely a series of accounts of God prodding and challenging his people. He admonishes and then forgives over and over. Human institutions, government, educational and economic systems often emerged out of attempting to fix what didn't work for prior generations. None of those fixes were imposed by God, because God has entrusted the world to us and we need to keep working at it. Neither, the Holy Roman Empire, nor the dispersed power of feudal kings and lords were models for their own times, even less for all times. Our task is not to recapture some old imperfect system, idealized by bad history. Our task is also not to ignore all that is good from our past and start from scratch. It is amazing how many principles and ideals people cite against God which were understandings developed in the churches by religious believers.

What we really need to do is truly believe in God's grace and seek to make his love and mercy a reality in our communities, churches and world.

Covid caution As you probably know, the Covid virus is making another run at Charles County. Over the past seven days, ending August 4, there were 153 new cases in Charles County, a 104% increase from the previous week. The good news is that there were only 6 hospital admissions for COVID, which was a 200% increase from the previous week. We all need for this increase to be stopped in its tracks.

Last weekend, we had more people at our five Masses than we had had since March of 2020. It was wonderful to see everybody for a memorable St. Ignatius celebration. For the time being, we will not have singing at the 9:00 a.m. or 11:15am Masses. We encourage people to wear masks, especially if you are not vaccinated. I have been fully vaccinated since February, but I still wear a mask in large stores or places where there are a large number of people.

In Charles County 50.8% of the total population are fully vaccinated or 59.9% of those over twelve years old. The percentage of full vaccination for those over 65 is 88%. We are not in terrible shape, but we just crossed into the zone of substantial spread at 100 per 100,000. One new case per thousand is not very high; but it increases the likelihood that we encounter someone who is positive in the activity of ordinary life. We have no new guidelines from the county or the Archdiocese, but the extra caution of masks is warranted, especially if we can slow this down before September.

Knights of Columbus Raffle Tickets Sales This weekend, August 7th/8th after all masses, Archbishop Neale Council Knights of Columbus will be selling raffle tickets. 1st. prize is \$20,000. Tickets cost \$1 each. For more information or to join the organization, contact Gus Tolson @ 301.932.0330.

IGNATIAN YEAR Summer Series resumes this Wednesday, August 11th at 6:30 PM.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD has returned! This is a wonderful opportunity for children ages three through six to hear the Word at their level. Offered during the 9:00 AM Mass on Sundays!

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.

CATECHISTS NEEDED for the Fall! Have you thought about how you can offer God your time and talent? Our Faith Formation program would appreciate your help! Lessons are prepared for you. You can commit weekly, or if you are able to share class responsibilities and can commit to twice a month, we would appreciate your help! Subs are appreciated, too! Contact Sarah MacMillan at ignatiusreligion@gmail.com or (301)885-7020 for more information.

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. Since this is considered financial aid, we will need to ask financial questions; the reason financial assistance is needed. 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.

A Workshop for Parents Whose Children Are Away From The Church will be held at St. Catherine's Church Parish Hall on September 18, 2021 from 8 am to 2:30 p.m. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. For more information or to register, contact St. Catherine Parish at stcatherine-alexandria.md@adw.org or call 301-934-9630. The cost is \$10. We have some flyers in the back of the church as well.

Gift Shop will be open Sunday, August 8th after the 9 AM, 11:15 AM and 6 PM Masses.

Loyola on the Potomac, A Jesuit Retreat House-Crab Feast 9270 Loyola Retreat Rd. Faulkner, MD **Sunday, September 12, 2021** 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. All you can eat **on site**: Crabs, chicken, hamburgers, hotdogs, corn on the cob and more. Beer, Soda, Water. **Early Bird-Adult tickets \$50, Children 7-12 \$35, 6 and under free. After September 1, tickets are \$65.** Make Reservations on Website or call 301-392-0806

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. Add "Restore & Renew" to the memo line, but make the check out to the church.**

Collection Report for Weekend of July 31 – August 1, 2021: Offertory \$5983.33; Votives \$11; Assumption \$35; TOTAL: \$6,029.33. Thank you for the support.

Please remember the following people in your daily prayers: Frank Hopson, Denise Edelen, Joyce Edelen, Buddy and 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, The Sage family, 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