

# St. Ignatius Church – Chapel Point

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**Saturday Evening: 5:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday Mornings: 7:30, 9:00, 11:15 a.m.**  
**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](mailto:ignatiusreligion@gmail.com).

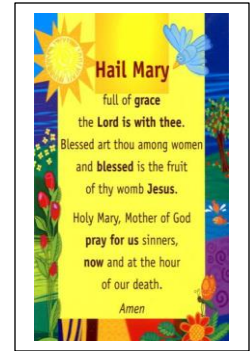
**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:** If you would like to learn about becoming a Catholic, please contact the Religious Education Office. Classes begin at the end of the summer.



## The Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 15, 2021

“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior”



### MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 15 – 7:30 a.m. – Maria Hamnes +

Sunday, August 15 – 9:00 a.m. – Delphine Kozera +

Sunday, August 15 – 11:15 a.m. – Rose Langley (Happy Birthday)

Sunday, August 15 – 6:00 p.m. – Victor Pocaro +

Monday, August 16 – 8:00 a.m. – Mary Margaret Cosenza +

**The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** The Assumption is not a sign of separation or a reminder of our fallibility. The Doctrine of the Assumption, connects us to Jesus' victory over sin and death, first shared in its fullness with his Most Blessed Mother. It makes Jesus' offer of resurrection to those who believe a reality for future generations to marvel at.

Today the Preface of the Eucharistic Prayer says:

*For today the Virgin Mother of God, was assumed into heaven,  
As the beginning and image of your Church's coming into perfection  
and a sign of hope and comfort to your pilgrim people.*

The Church's coming to perfection, is not about the institutional church, but rather about its members who are bound together in faith, not being kept down by our human faults, but rising with God's love and mercy, to a condition which is not naturally ours. In God's love and mercy, neither the Mother of God nor we can be kept down, in suffering and imperfection.

Pope Adrian I put it this way: "Venerable to us, O Lord, is the festivity of this day on which the holy Mother of God suffered temporal death, but still could not be kept down by the bonds of death, who has begotten your Son our Lord incarnate from herself." Mary's yes, to accept the invitation to accept a child from God, enabled the Eternal Son of God to be one of us, bound to mortal flesh. That union rather than crushing the son, raises up those who believe, not by making us individually wise and heroic, but by allowing us to share in His death so like his mother, we might share in eternal happiness, in the glory of heaven.

Pius Parsch the great liturgical scholar quoted the new Collect from 1951 saying: It continues with a double application and petition; may we, while here on earth, "be ever mindful of heavenly things" and here after "come to share her glory." By these phrases the Collect pinpoints the feast's significance to practical-minded persons. It is the same object that was put before us on the feast of Christ's ascension, viz., "to let our hearts dwell in heaven."

On the Assumption in Pope Francis' first year, he cited Vatican II:

*At the end of its Constitution on the Church, the Second Vatican Council left us a very beautiful meditation on Mary Most Holy. Let me just recall the words referring to the mystery we celebrate today: "the immaculate Virgin preserved free from all stain of original sin, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, when her earthly life was over, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things" (no. 59). Then towards the end, there is: "the Mother of Jesus in the glory which she possesses in body and soul in heaven is the image and the beginning of the church as it is to be perfected in the world to come. Likewise, she shines forth on earth, until the day of the Lord shall come" (no. 68). In the light of this most beautiful image of our Mother, we are able to see the message of the biblical readings that we have just heard. We can focus on three key words: struggle, resurrection, hope.*

**Flowers on the altar** this weekend were donated by Laura Romua, in memory of her mother, Anna C. Romua, and her father Albert L. Romua.

**Happy Birthday Carrie Livers!** 90 years young on Monday, August 16.

**Charles County has issued new masking rules to slow the spread of the Corona virus in all its forms:** *All residents and visitors over the age of five will be required to wear masks in all indoor public venues and businesses in Charles County, even if they are fully vaccinated. This includes restaurants, retail stores, entertainment venues, conference centers, and office settings.* Similar to previous mask mandates, some exceptions apply, such as individuals who have a disability that prevents them from wearing a mask.

Over the past week since (Aug 3), there have been 235 new cases in the county, leading to 9 new hospitalizations. ICU use by COVID patients is up to 21.82%. Maryland's relatively high vaccination rate and many citizens wearing masks during their public contact, has kept us out of a second crisis, but the number of cases continues to grow. In Charles County, 51% of the total population is fully vaccinated. If we consider only the over 18 population, the rate is 63%. Both of those are below the state average. Only those of us over 65 have reached the lofty rate of 88% full vaccinated.

It would be a great gift to the sense of security and hope for a full return to "normal" if we could put this behind us by Thanksgiving. Since vaccination, a second dose, and the full effectiveness takes about six weeks after the first vaccination, the time is now for everyone who is able to fight this world-wide threat.

**This means we will be wearing masks in church. Hand sanitizer is still available at the entrance. We will refrain from exchanging the Sign of Peace for the time being and from congregational singing.**

**IGNATIAN YEAR** Summer Series continues this Wednesday, August 18th 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](mailto: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](mailto:ignatiusreligion@gmail.com) or (301)885-7020 for more information.

**FAITH FORMATION & CONFIRMATION PREP** returns on Sunday, September 26th! Be on the look-out for an email regarding registration. Contact Sarah MacMillan at [ignatiusreligion@gmail.com](mailto:ignatiusreligion@gmail.com) or (301)885-7020 with any questions.

**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](mailto: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.

**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](http://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 Weekend of August 7-8, 2021:** Offertory \$4,457; Votives \$6; Assumption \$10; TOTAL: \$4,473. Thank you for your continued support.

**Please remember the following people in your daily prayers:** Joann Plowman, 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