

# 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.

**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.



## Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 12, 2021

**"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself,  
take up his cross, and follow me."**



### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 11 – 5:00 p.m. – Ann Tucker +

Sunday, September 12 – 7:30 a.m. – Frederick J. Cox, Sr. +

Sunday, September 12 – 9:00 a.m. – Becky Dement +

Sunday, September 12 – 11:15 a.m. – Jim and Alice Smoot- Anniversary

Thursday, September 16 – 8:00 a.m. – Mary Margaret Cosenza +

Friday, September 17 – 8:00 a.m. – Michael Leck +

### Twenty Years

I used to tell my students that my parents' generation had Pearl Harbor and my generation, the assassination of President Kennedy but that children born in the 70s had no such common national trauma. While Pearl Harbor was little known to the average American before 1941, soldiers and sailors from all forty-eight states and 5 territories lost their lives on December 7, 1941 thousands of miles from home in the Pacific. While the attack was in one place far removed from the continental United States, the lives of those lost touched the whole nation. The sudden change in relations to much of the world mobilized a reluctant nation. The wave of assassinations in the 1960s were in the full glare of national television media, creating a shared experience of sorrow and loss. I stopped making such comparisons when a student pointed out that he and millions of other children had watched live in their classrooms, as the Space Shuttle Challenger launch exploded after lift-off.

Such national moments of disaster involve deep personal losses for some and a shock to the whole nation which had become comfortable with relative peace and predictability. Pearl Harbor ushered in a long and brutal war, but while that war took a heavy toll and changed the U.S. forever, in many ways much of that happened gradually. In 1941, along with anxiety, existing naval patrols increased along the coasts but our friendly neighboring nations and the two oceans left us some sense of security. The effects of 9-11 were immediate though previously unimaginable. The grounding of flights already in the air, and the active presence of fighter planes in the air over major cities drove home a sense of peril and uncertainty. The symbolic smoking rose for the New York ruins as a year-long reminder of the violation of the nation.

The attacks of September 11, 2001 were unique. We had become used to sporadic assassinations and terrorist attacks in which domestic and foreign based terrorists made one off attacks. On 9-11, within minutes it was clear that there were coordinated attacks on several different kinds of targets, mostly civilian. The first plane crash into the World Trade Center was an incongruous sight which people on the ground viewed with horror until the second plane hit. This was no accident and the sudden collapse of the twin towers jumped into our view and have remained etched in our visual memory ever since. The Pentagon, the seat of military power which at the moment of impact had uniformed military personnel, civilian workers and visitors including two children walking the halls of the most secure building imaginable. Finally Flight 93 which was hijacked and forced down by self-sacrificing passengers into a field in Pennsylvania lost all 40 passengers and crew. All three targets involved people from various states and nations, most of whom were civilians in jobs where they had felt secure and so very alive.

Parents in an uncertain time wanting their children close, rushed to schools around the nation not just in Washington and New York, scooping them up and taking them to the safety of familiar surroundings. This was all together new, without a practiced response, it was frightening for the

moment and unsettling for the future. For the nation, a forced shut down of air travel left travelers stranded hundreds if not thousands of miles from loved ones who were away from home when they most wanted to be there.

Those who lost loved ones faced an endless wait while authorities determined who all was in the world trade center and the Pentagon and who if any had survived. Then the loss was lifelong and personal. For the nation a multipronged attack, in areas considered secure was unnerving in time of relative peace. For those who knew and loved people who had not returned phone calls or shown up at home, there was near certainty of loss mixed with the wildest hope that somehow they might have been spared. As the certainty of the 2,977 lost became clear, the distance traveled in those few seconds became infinite, never to be closed on earth.

September 11, is part of the national experience, identity and psyche. Everyone who watched the news images and sounds that day has their own recollections and feelings on it. Those who knew and loved those 2,977 people have absolutely individual and private thoughts and emotions. We can be with them in their loss, but we cannot wipe out their pain or project our experience or perceptions on them. We can be united with them in spirit, prayer and silent presence.

### **Condolences** –

The parish offers its sincere condolences and prayers for the family of **Traci Renner**, long time librarian at Archbishop Neale School who passed away after a long illness. There will be a Mass of Christian Burial on Saturday, September 11, 2021 at 11AM at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 201 St. Mary's Avenue, La Plata.

The parish offers its sincere condolences and prayer for the family of **Chief Billy Tayac** of the Piscataway Indian Nation. A visitation will be held on Monday, September 13, 2021 from 2PM until time of service at 4PM at Tayac Territory, 8105 Zachary Road, Port Tobacco, Maryland 20677.

### **Adult Religious Formation**

**The Parables -- Learn and Pray** ---On Wednesdays beginning Sept 29, Fr. Clifford will lead morning and evening sessions on the Parables of Jesus. We will look at how we understand parables. How they illustrate Jesus' teaching and how we can use them in prayer.

**BAPTISM PREP RETREATS** will be offered on the SECOND Saturday of the month from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM. We will have our next retreat on Saturday, October 9th. Please register ahead of time. Contact Sarah MacMillan at [ignatiusreligion@gmail.com](mailto:ignatiusreligion@gmail.com) or (301)885-7020 to register or find out more information.

**RCIA:** Are you looking to learn more about God and the Catholic Faith? Are you a teen or adult who still needs to receive sacraments? Are you thinking of being received into the Catholic Church? Our parish welcomes you, and we are here to help you discern your faith. RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, and it is a process where we support individuals through inquiry and the catechumenate to study the Catholic Faith, and to prepare to be initiated into the Catholic Church through the sacraments. Contact Sarah MacMillan at [ignatiusreligion@gmail.com](mailto:ignatiusreligion@gmail.com) or (301)885-7020 for more information.

### **DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR FAITH FORMATION & CONFIRMATION**

**PREP**, which returns on Sunday, September 26th! In-Person Faith Formation occurs for **K-6th Grades at 10:00-11:00 AM on Sundays**. In-Person Confirmation Prep occurs for **7th-8th Grades at 5:00-5:55 PM on Sundays**. If your family needs special consideration for virtual faith formation, please contact Sarah MacMillan directly. If you have any questions, please email Sarah MacMillan at [ignatiusreligion@gmail.com](mailto:ignatiusreligion@gmail.com) or call (301)885-7020. We are looking forward to growing in faith with you!

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

**YOUTH GROUP** will return on Sunday, October 3rd from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. 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 once or 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.

**St. Francis Xavier Parish 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk in the Park** September 18; 8AM to 2 PM  
\$20 registration fee includes Walk T Shirt. Proceeds benefit the parish's Newtowne Manor Preservation Fund. For registration and more details  
<https://www.stfrancisxavierchurch.org/newtowne-manor-house>

**Diaper/Baby Supply Drive** The Knights of Columbus 2279 are hosting a Diaper/Baby Supply Drive from August 28th til September 12th. All supplies donated will be given to the Catherine Foundation in Charles County. Here is a list of supplies the Catherine Foundation needs: Similac; advanced and pro-advanced baby formula; Baby Food/Cereal; Diapers (sizes 3, 4, 5 & 6) and pull-ups, Wipes, Baby wash/shampoo/lotion, Sippy cups, Bottles, Teethers. If you can donate any of these supplies, it would be greatly appreciated and will help with those facing crisis pregnancy and those in need who are pregnant. A donation box is at the entrance of the church from August 28th to September 12th.

**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, Crab Feast** is at capacity and **no more tickets are available** for sale.

**Domestic Abuse Help** You don't deserve to be abused. Violence at home hurts! You are not alone. During the past difficult year, many families suffered more abuse as unemployment increased, alcohol and drug use worsened and the world shrunk to the confines of the home. Now is the time to protect yourself and those who count on you for safety. If you experience any form of abuse, please know that there is help. Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline 1 (800) 799-7233. Learn more about domestic abuse [www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/familypeace](http://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/familypeace).

**Gift Shop** The Gift Shop will be open September 12 and 26 after the 9 and 11:15 a.m., and the 6 p.m. Masses.

**St. Ignatius-HILLTOP Yard Sale- (NOT HERE-HILLTOP)** 6455 Port Tobacco Road, Port Tobacco, MD, October 2, 2021 from 7am to 2pm. tables available for renting, refreshments available, donations accepted Sept 1-30, call John Minichino at 301/743-3514 for more information or to schedule a pick up.

**Wayside Food Bank August Report** On Saturday, August 21, WFB served 19 families; which represents 50 adults, 8 teens and 18 children, for a total of 76 individuals served. The numbers increased a little this month, and our hope is that this means people are not in as much need as they have been. If you know anyone in the southern Charles County community that needs food assistance, please direct them to Wayside Food Bank. We are open the third Saturday of each month from 10 am until 12 noon. Thanks to our volunteers who shopped, stocked and served this month. We are now providing farm fresh eggs to our families each month and they are very grateful to have them.

The next stocking day of the food order is Wednesday, September 15 and distribution is Saturday, September 18. If you'd like to help either of those days, please contact Dianne Lyon, d.e.lyon@comcast.net.

**St. Mary's Bryantown School and Church** will be holding a Fall Flea Market on Saturday, September 18, 2021 from 8AM to 1PM. This event will be held Rain or Shine! There will be food, fun and bargains. There are tables available to rent. Contact Penny Bailey at 301-843-3387, if interested in renting a table at the Flea Market. The address of the event is 13715 Notre Dame Place, Bryantown, MD 20617. All proceeds will benefit the Social Concerns Committee for the less fortunate in our area.

**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 Weekend Reports** There will be an update the weekend of Sept. 25-26.

**Please remember the following people in your daily prayers:** Blake Oliver Burch, David Gardiner, Joann Plowman, Frank Hopson, Denise Edelen, Joyce Edelen, Buddy and Peggy Burch, Candice and Miles, Brenda Pilkerton, Sharon Reilly and the Reilly family, Lyn Gibson, Kelly LeSage, William Coughlon, Donald and Judy LeSage, Peggy and family, Marie Jenkins, Traci Renner, Gary Stumpf, Ruth Watson, Van Watson, Pat Kirkland, Eddie Fitzpatrick, Rose Langley, Francis Knott, 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 Hamnes, 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