

St. Ignatius Church – Chapel Point

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Sharing God's Word and Sacraments Since 1641

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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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 19, 2021

**“If anyone wishes to be first,
he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.”**



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 18 – 5:00 p.m. Traci Renner+

Sunday, September 19 – 9:00 a.m. – Jo Ryan +

Monday, September 20 – 8:00 a.m. – Shannon Kane +

County Fair and sense of Community

The Charles County Fair is back. This might be a good time to look at the county we call home. Everyone knows the county has been growing. Many of us are part of past migrations which increased the population. Today if you work in local construction or own developable land you may be happy to see development. If you moved here for rural living- you may not be. Either way there is no doubt that recent growth has been breathtaking. The construction at this very moment seems to be everywhere.

It might help in understanding the perspective of “old timers” if we look at back over time. The population of Charles County was essentially stagnate from the time of the Constitution until World War II. In the first census of 1790 the population of Charles County was 20,613 (both enslaved and free). It fluctuated up and down, but did not exceed the 1790 count again until **1950**, finally reaching 23,415 driven by the 32.9% population increase during the war decade.

Once Charles County began growing there was little stopping it. In every census since 1940 the number of people has grown, the 1970s saw growth of over 50%. The lowest rates of growth were 19.2% from 1980-1990 and 13.7% from 2010 to 2020. Yes it was a comparatively slow decade, but every increase builds on the ones before, so that meant growing from 146,551 in 2010 to 166,000 people in the recent count.

Maryland had grown from 103,000 in 1790 to 2.3 million by 1950, an increase of 22 times. In 1790 Charles County made up 20% of the population of Maryland. By 2020, Maryland had a population of 6.2 million of which Charles County made up only 2.6%. In 1790 the national population was 94.9% rural. In 1950 the population of the whole nation had grown to 161.3 million roughly 40 times that first count and the urban population made up 64%. Supporting a growing population in the modern world, means more and more people live in densely settled manufacturing and trade centers- cities or they flow into rural areas. Over time densely populated counties slow down and the new population spread into less developed areas.

Charles is in a stage of development that it naturally grows. Only Frederick and Howard counties exceeded Charles’ rate of growth in the past 10 years. There were however counties distant from major employment centers with slightly shrinking populations, two in western Maryland and four on the Eastern Shore. The fair helps preserve the county’s agricultural roots and introduces the new faces to the county and the county to them.

Adult Religious Formation

The Parables -- Learn and Pray ---On Wednesdays beginning Sept 29, Fr. Clifford will lead morning 8:45 am and evening 7 pm sessions on the Parables of Jesus. We will look at parable as a distinct type of preaching. Sometimes there are multiple meanings which we find in various levels of the story. They open up Jesus' teaching in ways we might miss. They can also help us to prayer not just to walk away with a moral saying. We will use excerpts from *The Forty Parables of Jesus* by Gerhard Lofink.

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 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 or (301)885-7020 for more information.

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.

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 or call (301)885-7020. We are looking forward to growing in faith with you!

YOUTH GROUP will return on Sunday, October 3rd from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. We will be **painting pumpkins** and planning our year! All middle and high schoolers are welcome! Contact Sarah MacMillan at ignatiusreligion@gmail.com or (301)885-7020 for more information.

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

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. To learn more about domestic violence visit: www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/familypeace.

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.

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 Weekend Report 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