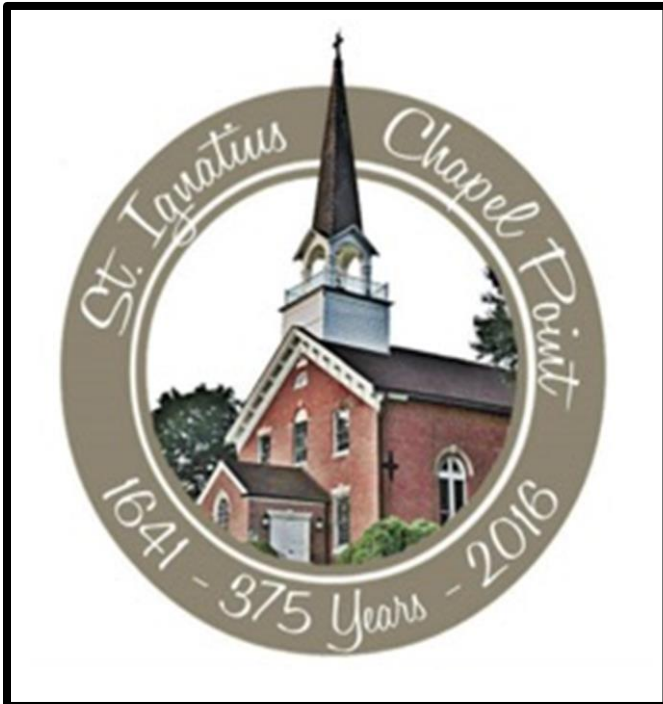


# St. Ignatius Church – Chapel Point

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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.

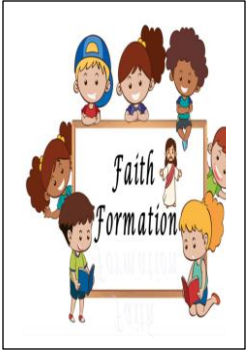
**Cemetery:** There are grave sites available for active parishioners in the new section at the base of the hill. Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington administers the sale of lots and burial. Because we do not have an adequate endowment, the costs of maintenance come from general parish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

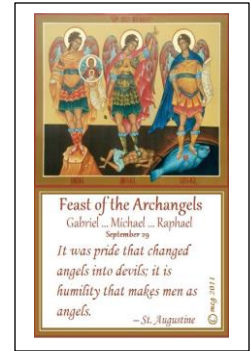
**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:** If you would like to learn about becoming a Catholic, please contact the Religious Education Office. Classes begin at the end of the summer.



## Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 26, 2021

"Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward."



### MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 26 – 7:30 a.m. – Joe Gressis +

Sunday, September 26 – 9:00 a.m. – Chief Billy Tayak +

Sunday, September 26 – 11:15 a.m. – Elijah Canter (Happy Birthday)

Tuesday, September 28 – 8:00 a.m. – Bob Pender +

### October is Pro-life Month

Separate from the annual January prolife march on the anniversary of the Supreme Court's Roe decision, the Church observes a pro-life month, putting the emphasis on the unborn child. So today we excerpt part of the literature from the Catholic Conference of Bishops which looks at the essential humanness evidenced by one's DNA and the stages of development within the womb. We need a sense of the humanity of the unborn child in order to enter into any sense of the Church's teaching.

#### Uniquely You

From your first moments of existence, you had all the DNA that would determine your sex, facial features, physique, and the color of your skin, hair, and eyes. At 24 days, your heart began beating. By 8 weeks, all your organs were present, and your unique fingerprints were forming. Ultrasounds show that by 18 weeks, you could swim, somersault, suck your thumb, and even cover your ears if you heard loud music. If you'd been born just 23 weeks after conception, your chance of survival would be 50-80 percent; by 25 weeks, it's over 90 percent, and that's still *months* before full-term birth. [1]

Now, if someone takes an innocent person's life after he or she is born, it's against the law; just minutes before birth, it's legal in most states and called abortion. The only real difference is a declaration by the United States Supreme Court in *Roe v. Wade* (1973).

1 "Fetal Development,"

Perinatology.Com; <http://perinatology.com/Reference/Fetal%20development.htm>; J.L. Hopson, "Fetal Psychology," *Psychology Today*, Sept. 9, 1998 (last reviewed June 9, (2016) <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/articles/199809/fetal-psychology>.

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Sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Joan Woodland, a long time parishioner who passed away last week. Her funeral Mass will be held here on Wednesday.

**Parables Discussion with Fr. Tom Clifford** This Wednesday at 8:45 am and 7 p.m. Fr. Clifford will lead a discussion of the Parables. We will begin with some consideration of how and why we find ourselves interpreting the Bible. We will then jump into one of parables which causes squirming in the pews every time we hear it, **The Wise and Foolish Virgins** (Matt 25:1-13).

**Annual October Pew Count** Once again, we will be counting those in attendance at all the weekend Masses in October. The number does not provide either a basis for Archdiocese taxes, nor does it provide a basis of Archdiocesan assistance. Rather it is simply a snapshot of Catholic participation at Sunday Eucharist. If we did not have to do it for the diocese we would do it anyhow. Our ushers will be counting during the homily.

**Annual Blessing of the Animals – in honor of the Feast of St. Francis** will be held (weather permitting) on Sunday, October 3 at the 11:15 a.m. Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady. Bring your pets on a leash for a blessing.

**BAPTISM PREP RETREATS** will be offered on the SECOND Saturday of the month from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM. 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.

**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.

**FAITH FORMATION** has returned to St. Ignatius! 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!

**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](mailto:ignatiusreligion@gmail.com) or (301)885-7020 for more information.

**FAMILY ROSARY NIGHT** on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary will be on **Thursday, October 7th at 7:00 PM.** Weather permitting, we will pray together at our Lady's Shrine (just off the parking lot past the Outdoor Stations of the Cross). All are welcome! We will meet in the Parish Hall if weather is inclement; please remember to wear masks indoors.

### **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 parables 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 pray, not just to walk away with a moral saying. We will use excerpts from *The Forty Parables of Jesus* by Gerhard Lofink.

**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](http://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.

**St. Nicholas Fall Bazaar** St. Nicholas Catholic Church, located at 8603 Contee Road, Laurel, MD, 20708 (between Route 1 & Route 197), will be holding their 2021 Fall Bazaar, on Friday, October 29, from 2:00- 8:00 p.m. & on Saturday, October 30, from 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Featured booths will be the "Treasure Trove", "Pages from the Past", Basket Chance Raffle, Wine Tombola, Food Concession (Snacks, Breakfast, Lunch, & 2 Dinners), with All Meals To Go & outside seating available, and Handmade Crafts. The One Grand Raffle will kickoff at the bazaar. Prince George's County COVID-19 Guidelines are in place with Masks Required. Info/Contact Chair Donna Cellini, [donnac803@aol.com](mailto:donnac803@aol.com), or Debbie Rausch, Publicity, [rauschda@gmail.com](mailto:rauschda@gmail.com).

**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 Report** **Weekend of Sept. 4-5, 2021:** Offertory \$5,972; Votives \$16; Assumption \$152; Catholic University \$534; TOTAL: \$6,674. **Weekend of Sept. 11-12, 2021:** Offertory \$4,570; Votives \$59; Catholic University \$120; TOTAL: \$4,749. **Weekend of Sept. 18-19, 2021:** Offertory \$3,064; Votives \$7; TOTAL: \$3,071. Thank you for your generosity.

**Please remember the following people in your daily prayers:** Blake Oliver Burch, David Gardiner, Joann Plowman, Denise Edelen, Joyce Edelen, Buddy and Peggy Burch, Candice and Miles, Brenda Pilkerton, Sharon Reilly and the Reilly family, Lyn Gibson, Kelly LeSage, Donald and Judy LeSage, Peggy and family, Marie Jenkins, 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



**Saints Feast Days this week:**

**Monday,** St. Vincent de Paul

**Tuesday,** St. Wenceslaus, St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions

**Wednesday,** Feast of the Archangels: St. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

**Thursday,** St. Jerome

**Friday,** St. Theresa of the Child Jesus