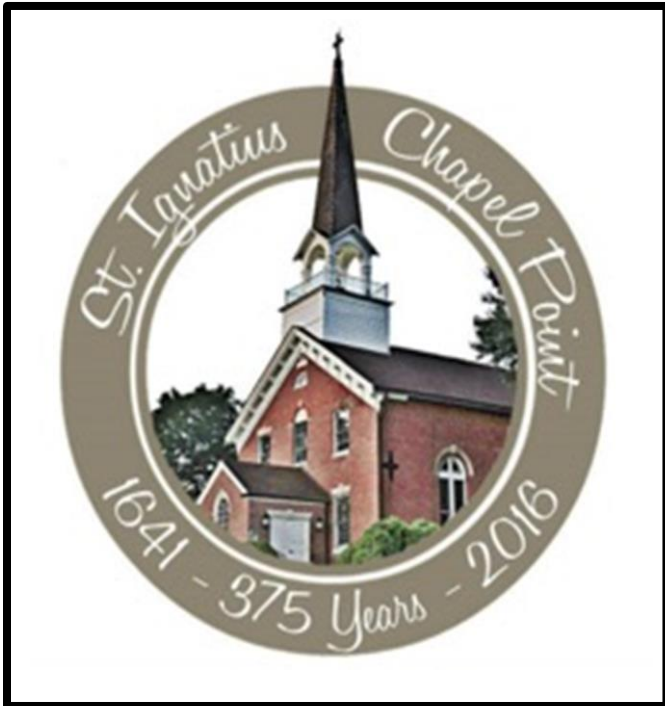


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Saturday Evening: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Mornings: 7:30, 9:00, 11:15 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m.

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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 3, 2021

"Let the children come to me;
do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to
such as these."



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 2 – 5:00 p.m. – William Thiedeman +
Sunday, October 3 – 7:30 a.m. – William Richard Benjamin +
Sunday, October 3 – 11:15 a.m. – Dave Ray +
Thursday, October 7 – 8:00 a.m. – Jo Willisma +
Friday, October 8 – 8:00 a.m. – Carson Koch +

Respect Life Month -- The Gospel of Life Pope John Paul II in his encyclical *EVANGELIUM VITAE- The Gospel of Life* took note of the increasing disparity between modern insistence on human values and the actual devaluing of humans in societies around the world. He quoted the Second Vatican Council in condemning a wide range of human activities that violated the lives of humans, “*genocide, abortion, euthanasia, or willful self-destruction, whatever violates the integrity of the human person, such as mutilation, torments inflicted on body or mind, attempts to coerce the will itself; whatever insults human dignity, such as subhuman living conditions, arbitrary imprisonment, deportation, slavery, prostitution...*” (*Gaudium et Spes*, 27) all of which injure the violator and the one violated. He noted that those sins prevalent in the 1960s continued despite lofty declarations about rights. Pope John Paul II reemphasized these concerns:

On the one hand, the various declarations of human rights and the many initiatives inspired by these declarations show that at the global level there is a growing moral sensitivity, more alert to acknowledging the value and dignity of every individual as a human being, without any distinction of race, nationality, religion, political opinion or social class...

*On the other hand, these noble proclamations are unfortunately contradicted by a tragic repudiation of them in practice. This denial is still more distressing, indeed more scandalous, precisely because it is occurring in a society which makes the affirmation and protection of human rights its primary objective and its boast. How can these repeated affirmations of principle be reconciled with the continual increase and widespread justification of attacks on human life? How can we reconcile these declarations with the refusal to accept those who are weak and needy, or elderly, or those who have just been conceived? These attacks go directly against respect for life and they represent a direct threat to the entire culture of human rights. It is a threat capable, in the end, of jeopardizing the very meaning of democratic coexistence: rather than societies of "people living together", our cities risk becoming societies of people who are rejected, marginalized, uprooted and oppressed. (*Evangelium Vitae* 20)*

His intention was not to minimize any particular offense, or oppose improvements in law but rather to say that without a real ethic of life, new and even worse offenses have and will continue to emerge. A change of laws must be preceded or accompanied by a change of attitudes in order to be effective.

Annual October Pew Count We will be counting those in attendance at all the weekend Masses in October. Our ushers will be counting during the homily.

Annual Blessing of the Animals – in honor of the Feast of St. Francis will be held this 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. We'll have some chairs available, but please feel free to bring your lawn chairs.

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 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.

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

YOUTH GROUP will return this **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.

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 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.

Annual Blessing of the Fleet All are welcome to Join a Roman Catholic Mass on St. Clement's Island in Colton's Point, Maryland this Sunday, October 3, 2021 beginning at 3:00 PM. This is the site of the Maryland's first colonial landing in 1634 and the birthplace of religious freedom in America. The Mass will be celebrated by - Father Stephen Wyble, Pastor of Holy Angels Church, Avenue, MD and Sacred Heart Church, Bushwood, MD . Join us for a special celebration Blessing of the Fleet Admission: \$10.00 (children 10 and Under: Free) Includes: Free Boat rides to St. Clements Island to attend the Mass as well as Free Admission to St. Clements Island Museum. Sponsored by the Optimist International Friend of the Youth. For more information Contact: John Laychak, Blessing of the Fleet Chairman at 410-610-3457 or gamehunter.md@yahoo.com.

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.

ANS GOLF TOURNAMENT Archbishop Neale School will be hosting its 7th Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, October 22, 2021. The tournament will be held at Swan Point Yacht and Country Club. It will begin at 8:00 AM with a shotgun tee-off. All proceeds will go toward improvement of technology in our school building. For more information, please contact Mike Davis via email at MikeDavis39@gmail.com 240-561-4192 or contact the school office at 301-934-9595. Registration forms can be found on the back table of the church.

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 **Weekend of September 25-26, 2021:** Offertory \$4,070; Votives \$12; Catholic University \$20; TOTAL: \$4,102. 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 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