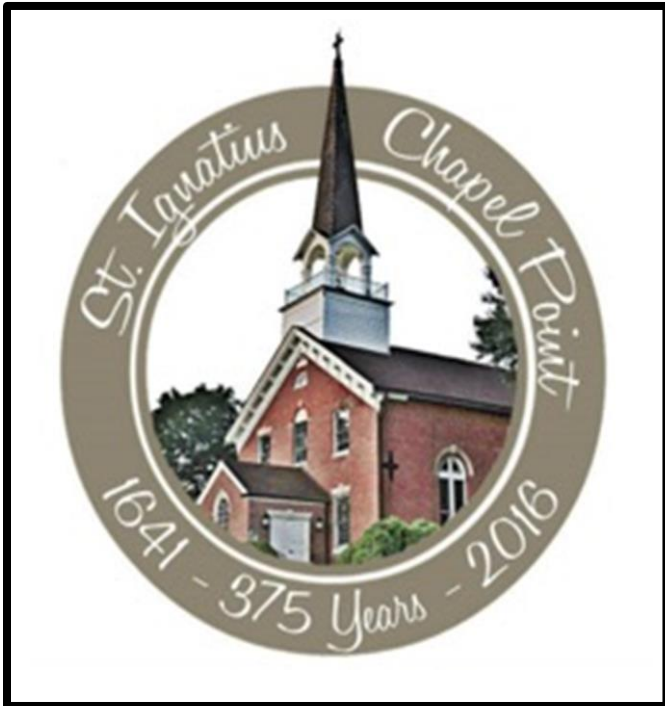


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Saturday Evening: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Mornings: 7:30, 9:00, 11:15 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m.

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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 17, 2021

"For the Son of Man did not come to be served
but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 17 – 9:00 a.m. – Mark Watson (Happy Birthday)

Monday, October 18 – 8:00 a.m. – Mickey Leck +

Friday, October 22 – 8:00 a.m. – Edward J. Watson +

Facing numerous end of life issues today Some of us, and many others whom we know, have survived a medical crisis such as a pneumonia, stroke, or heart attack which could have taken our lives in days gone by. This change is amazing and good. It shows the wonders of modern medicine, when centuries of human cooperation with God's creation have given humanity greater and very positive dominion over life. It demonstrates the resources that our society is willing to pour into curing disease and extending life. It is certainly true that old country doctors with a few tools and good instincts could diagnose and fix common problems at a cost lower than an oil change. However, there are many times when there is no substitute for modern medicine and equipment. If chest pain and shortness of breath drops us to the floor in pain, we are happy to see a life support ambulance with EDT, oxygen, pain killers. While that is all to the good, it also means that there are a higher percentage of people reaching older ages. In 1960, life expectancy in the U.S. was 70 years, by 2015 it was 78.9 years. Some of those who live long enough to really raise the average life, might become dependent on medical interventions and supportive care as their bodies wear out. Rejoicing in life for parents and grandparents is the easy part; dealing with infirmity which some of them will eventually contract in a longer life, opens questions that prior generations may never have faced.

With a range of treatment options, the complication is deciding what kind of care is appropriate for someone during a long period of illness. The insistence of the Church on respect for life to the point of natural death leaves the question of what constitutes natural death. Natural death should not be equated with a requirement to do everything possible to sustain life, no matter how difficult, painful or unlikely to succeed it may be. Yes, we should care for the sick and elderly, but extraordinary means are not always required or wise. Some choices are obvious. There is a certain point when physical and mental frailty might rule out radical interventions such as surgery, chemo or radiation because the risk to life is greater than the likelihood of success. Unfortunately, we do not know the effect of care decisions before we make them. There is always the possibility that choices made in an intensive care unit will fix a problem and return an elderly or infirm individual to a happy, vibrant life. They also could possibly lead to death or greater disability.

Every year, recently assisted suicide bills are introduced under various names in the Maryland General Assembly. So far they have always failed, but often in close votes. Good palliative care to reduce pain as the body naturally ceases to function has reduced much of the justification given for deciding to artificially end life. Assisted suicide necessarily places health care providers at risk if they in good conscience refuse to satisfy a patient's wish to end their life. Making suicide a protected right, would also likely make suicide in other situations seem more reasonable and attractive. While avoiding taking of a life is abundantly clear, it is not the decision which most confronts conscientious Catholics consider in their care of a seriously ill loved one. The question faced by individuals fading from life and their families is what is the proper level of care? We should always want to preserve and enhance life without causing any unproductive pain or risk needlessly shortening life. Trusting in God means trusting in Divine Love and Mercy either as we await God's call, or as we pass through the unknown to his embrace.

Second Collection Next Weekend Next Sunday is the annual World Mission Sunday, or the Propagation of the Faith. Please respond as generously as you can by supporting the priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who provide loving service to those most in need throughout the world.

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.

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. Our next retreat will be on Saturday, November 13th. 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 have a **Rosary Making Night** to support our homebound and visitors to our parish on **Sunday, October 24th at 7:00 PM**. I understand it's a school night so come for how long you can, but we will all wrap up by 9:00 PM. All middle and high schoolers are welcome! Contact Sarah MacMillan at ignatiusreligion@gmail.com or (301)885-7020 for more information.

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.

Gift Shop will be open this Sunday, October 24 after the 9 and 11:15 a.m. Masses.

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.

LOYOLA ON THE POTOMAC UPCOMING RETREATS AND DAYS OF PRAYER

Directed and Private Retreats: November 8-12, 2021; Fee \$425 Directed/ \$380; Private **January 3 - 7, 2022** Fee \$425 Directed/ \$380 Private **April 11 - 17, 2022** (Holy Week-Monday through Sunday) Fee \$540 - Only Private Retreat Available. Days of Prayer **October 18, 2021;** "It is fitting that Jesus should Suffer." **Facilitated by: Father Paul McCarren, S.J.;** **November 29, 2021** *Advent Day of Prayer;* **January 10, 2021** *New Year's Day of Prayer;* **February 14, 2022;** God's Abundant Love; **March 7 and April 11, 2022** *Lenten Day of Prayer.* Each day of Prayer begins at 9 am and includes: Continental breakfast, Lunch and Mass. Fee: \$40

Sacred Heart Church – Bushwood, Md. is sponsoring its annual Fall Dinner on Sunday, October 24 from 11 am 'til sold out. Menu includes fried oysters, stuffed ham, turkey with stuffing and gravy, parsley potatoes, candied sweet potatoes, cole claw, green beans, and rolls. **DRIVE THRU CARRYOUT ONLY.** \$30 per dinner, cash or check only. Cakes also available for purchase. The address is 23080 Maddox Road, Bushwood, MD 20618.

Fall Oysterfest, Benedict on the Patuxent, Saint Francis de Sales Hall, Saturday, November 6, 7209 Benedict Ave. 12-3 PM. Local oysters fried, scalded and raw at outdoor bar, steamed shrimp, ham, variety side dishes. \$20 per adult, reserve a table for six and one person eats free. Family rates. Call for more info 301-274-3416

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 October 9-10, 2021:** Offertory \$4,803; Votives \$14; Mission Sunday \$85; All Saints Day \$65; **TOTAL: \$4,967.**

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

Fr. Clifford is looking for someone to videotape a tour of the exterior of the buildings. Please see Fr. Clifford if you have a camera and can help him out.