

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.

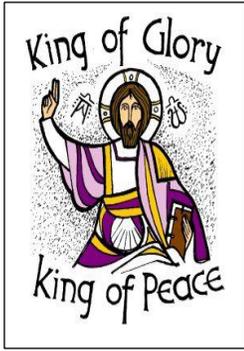
Cemetery: There are grave sites available for active parishioners in the new section at the base of the hill. Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington administers the sale of lots and burial. Because we do not have an adequate endowment, the costs of maintenance come from general parish funds.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



The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 21, 2021

“His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not be taken away,
his kingship shall not be destroyed.”



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 20 – 5:00 –p.m. – Ken Chandler +

Sunday, November 21 – 11:15 a.m. – Jeff Bowersox +

Monday, November 22 – 8:00 a.m. – Margaret McGuigan +

Thanksgiving-keep it well The act of giving thanks is both simple and complex, rational and emotional. In order to give thanks for something, it must already be happening or have happened. So it is something in the past but, if we are giving thanks it must have some present value or significance to us. After all, we do not give thanks for every particular thing that has ever happened in the history of the world. By giving thanks for something from the past that has a current appeal to us, we are probably saying that it will or should have significance in the future perhaps to people with whom we join in Thanksgiving or perhaps to some as yet unborn.

We do not just give thanks for that which is perfect. We thank God for the lives of our parents, whether living or dead. We give thanks for those who taught us, even if we did not appreciate their methods at the time. They made us possible and helped shape who we have become and for those generations as yet unborn. We give thanks for those who passed on too young. Even if painful, we give thanks for the time we shared with them.

In the colonies and the early days of the republic, governors and presidents called for days of prayer and days of thanksgiving often related to a military victory or mere survival in tough times or a disaster. Sometimes those days of prayer in a time of crises signaled a call for unity, at other times they expressed a common sense of deep gratitude. In 1789, George Washington set an early precedent for a Thursday in November, for “acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.” James Madison had a similar vision at the end of the War of 1812.

Abraham Lincoln, in 1863, set aside an annual day on the last Thursday of November. Those national moments were clearly not celebrated in the Confederate States in which Jefferson Davis declared other dates and causes for thanks. Much of what we associate with the nationwide holiday, developed after the Civil War. It was not focused on the Pilgrims, nor was it backed by a national law, merely renewed each year by an annual Presidential declaration and a felt desire to give thanks to God.

I would like to say that the national consciousness of thanksgiving emerged after the Civil War as a non-partisan moment of national unity which grew annually until now. While that is largely true, Franklin Roosevelt sent the emerging national holiday into a tailspin, when in 1939 he moved the observance forward a week, since it would otherwise have fallen on the last day of the month. Twenty-three states followed FDR the other 16 stayed with the old date or celebrated two Thanksgivings, a week apart. Finally in 1941, Congress took control establishing by law a Thanksgiving Day. Ben Franklin said of our form of government- we have “a republic if we can keep it”. We might say “we have a national thanksgiving if we keep it well”.

Happy Thanksgiving! Our wishes and prayers to you for a Happy Thanksgiving. Give God thanks. Enjoy this great American holiday. God’s blessings be with each of you and your loved ones. We are very thankful for each and every one of you.

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be at 9 a.m. this Thursday. Our annual collection for outreach will be taken up at that Mass.

Sincere sympathy to Ann Gardiner and her family on the passing of lifetime parishioner, David Gardiner this week. Visitation is Sunday, from 4-7 pm, with prayers at 6:30 p.m. at Arehart's Funeral Home. His funeral Mass and burial will be held here on Monday at 11 a.m.

Sincere sympathy to Donald and Judy LeSage and their family on the passing of Donald's brother, Ray this past week.

OUTREACH TO THE NEEDY

Thanksgiving Day The collection on Thanksgiving Day will be dedicated to our outreach ministry.

BOXES OF JOY PLEASE return your filled Box of Joy to the back of the church.

Coat Drive Lifestyles of Southern Maryland is again taking donations of coats. We'll have a container in the back of the church for donations of CLEAN, GENTLY USED coats. We are also collecting NEW hats and gloves.

Christmas Giving Tree We will continue as in year's past with our annual Giving Tree this year. The tree with gift tags will go up by Thanksgiving weekend. We have "adopted" five needy senior citizens, and two needy families with children in the Charles County Public Schools system. If you know of someone in need, please contact the parish office.

BAPTISM PREP RETREATS are offered on the SECOND Saturday of the month from 9:00 AM until 11:30 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.

CANNED GOODS DRIVE in FAITH FORMATION & CONFIRMATION PREP this month! Please bring non-perishable items to donate. A friendly competition for a prize goes to the class with the most donated goods.

Happy Thanksgiving to all our families in FAITH FORMATION, CONFIRMATION PREP, & YOUTH GROUP! **No in-person classes** will be held on the 28th. We will see you all back on Sunday, December 5th, 2021. If you have any questions, please email Sarah MacMillan at ignatiusreligion@gmail.com or call (301)885-7020.

FEAST of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION on DECEMBER 8th: **All families in Faith Formation are invited to attend our 6:15 PM Activity in the Parish Hall.** We will be making ornaments honoring our Blessed Mother, who is the Immaculate Conception. Mass is immediately following at 7:00 PM in the Church. This is a **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION** and Mass is offered here at 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

YOUTH GROUP will meet on **Sunday, December 5th & Sunday, December 19th** this upcoming month. Our service project this month is preparing stockings for Lifestyles. 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 – There will not be class on Wednesday this week.

Gift Shop **The new 2021 ornament has arrived!** In honor of the Ignatian Year and the patron saint of our parish, the ornament for 2021 depicts the statue of St. Ignatius Loyola in the Manor House. Advent, Christmas and religious items are available every Sunday from Nov. 28 to Dec. 19 after the 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Masses. Stop by and do some Christmas shopping.

The All Souls Book of Remembrance The book will remain on the altar during November with names of our deceased loved ones. All will be prayed for during Masses this month.

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 November 13-14, 2021:** Offertory \$4,076; Retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Washington \$1,304; Votives \$17; TOTAL: \$5,397. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Please remember the following people in your daily prayers: Bobby Chase, Aubrey Gragan, Susan Schwab, Blake Oliver Burch, 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, 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

