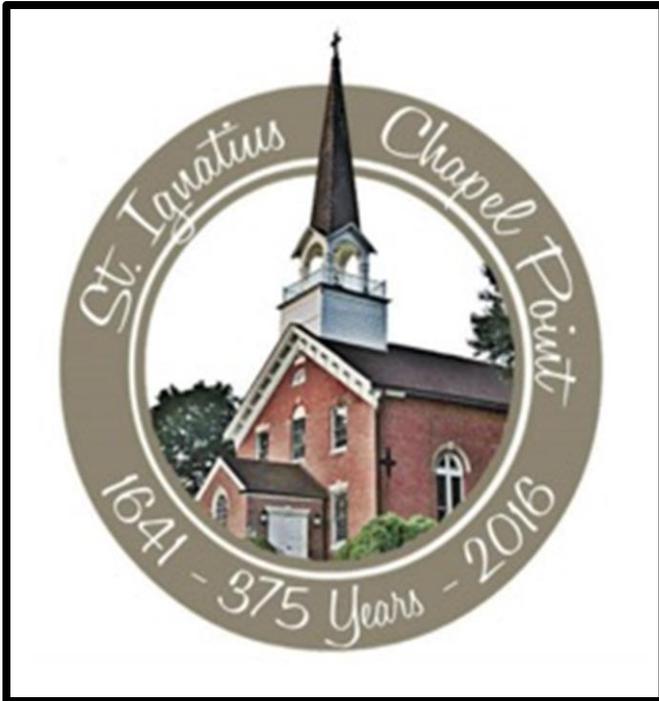


# St. Ignatius Church – Chapel Point

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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.



# First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

**"And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory."**



## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 27 – 5:00 p.m. – David Gardiner +  
Sunday, November 28 – 7:30 a.m. – James Ball, Sr. +  
Tuesday, November 30 – 8:00 a.m. – April Sage (Happy Birthday)  
Wednesday, December 1 – 8:00 a.m. – Michael Leck +  
Friday, December 3 – 8:00 a.m. – Esther Grimm +

## Three themes two books and a Partridge in a pear tree

Throughout advent we are preparing for our annual celebration of the coming of the Son of God into the world. He came in time, to the Blessed Mother, not just appearing to be human but God in our human flesh and identity. Jesus as one person with divine and human nature is central to the Christian faith and well worth celebrating. You might say what else could we mean? There were some who thought that it was impossible for God to sully himself by interacting with humans and even more so being one. Even today, there are some who profess the truth, yet think of God as so above humanity He could be God in name only but not in reality of suffering and death. So we must reaffirm and celebrate that truth every year, lest we forget.

Secondly, we believe that Christ will come to earth a second time, to claim His victory over sin and death in a triumphal end of the world. He will then reign as King of the Universe. That coming is not to be dreaded any more than our personal death. If we live in faith and trust in God why would we be afraid? The First Sunday of Advent Gospel proclaims this year, "stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."

Thirdly, the structure and selection of readings of the season are there to help us open our hearts and minds to the coming of this same Savior into our individual lives; to encourage, challenge and accompany us as we live our lives.

This year, we have two books that you may pick up. We have the popular series again this year, The Word Among Us. It combines the readings for all the masses of Advent, as well as meditations by human authors sharing their vision of the mysteries of God among us. It also contains articles leading us to understanding a more analytical grasp of some aspect of these mysteries.

We also have a gift for you this Advent/Christmas, a second book, The True Meaning of Christmas, which sets out to answer questions about how we have come to believe and what we mean by what we profess and how we celebrate. As such it makes much more sense to have it before Christmas. Catholics are often flatfooted when challenged to explain aspects of their faith. This book might help you stand firm and even help others to understand.

## Pick up a book

Both books mentioned in Fr. Clifford's column will be available this weekend in the display rack and on tables at the entrance of church.

Adult Religious Formation The Parables -- Learn and Pray – Fr. Clifford's program will resume on Wednesday, December 1.

## OUTREACH TO THE NEEDY

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

**Christmas Giving Tree** We will continue as in year's past with the annual Giving Tree. The tree with gift tags is in the back of the church. We have "adopted" five needy senior citizens and three needy families, with children in the Charles County Public Schools system. If you can help make Christmas possible for someone less fortunate, please take a tag off the tree, buy and wrap the item, attach the gift tag to the gift and return it by December 12.

**Wayside Food Bank Report for November** On Saturday, November 20, WFB volunteers served 34 families in the community. We give thanks for all our volunteers and everyone in our parish and community who support the food bank year round. Our families received some nice extras for the Thanksgiving holiday; a turkey breast, fresh sweet potatoes and eggs (courtesy of Terry and Frank Burch), and a gift card to buy anything else perishable that we don't provide. Special thanks to Archbishop Neale School for donating food and monetary donations for the food bank. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for a very generous monetary donation. Our wish list for December is: ramen noodles, small containers of bleach and detergent and any other non perishable food. Please leave your donations in the back of the church. Monetary donations can be made out to Wayside Food Bank, Inc. and placed in the collection. They will be forwarded to Wayside Food Bank. Distribution is Saturday, December 20.

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

**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 5<sup>th</sup>.

**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 children at **Wayside Food Bank**. 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](mailto:ignatiusreligion@gmail.com) or (301)885-7020 for more information.

**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.

**Flags in our cemetery** If your loved one is a veteran buried here, we will be removing the flags soon for the winter months. If you want to keep it, please remove it as soon as possible.

**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 November 20-21, 2021:** Offertory \$4,446; Utilities \$100; Maintenance \$25; All Souls \$25; \$100 Restore/Renew; Votives \$10; Outreach \$460; TOTAL: \$5,166. Thank you for your 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 Zucknick, 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

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