

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.

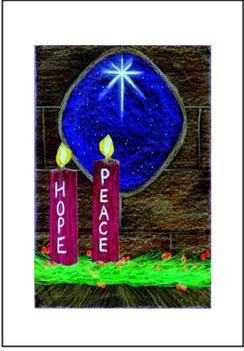
Cemetery: There are grave sites available for active parishioners in the new section at the base of the hill. Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington administers the sale of lots and burial. Because we do not have an adequate endowment, the costs of maintenance come from general parish funds.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



Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021

“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.”



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 5 – 9:00 a.m. – David Gardiner +
Sunday, December 5 – 11:15 a.m. – Marianne Wilburn +
Wednesday, December 8 – 8:00 a.m. – Pat Swann +
Wednesday, December 8 – 7:00 p.m. – Special Intention
Friday, December 10 – 8:00 a.m. – David Gardiner +

Being open to belief Sometimes, with so many other things to prepare, we forget that we might need to prepare to believe. I certainly know people who are ready to defend Christian virtues by throwing a punch but not by believing. It might be better to say they are anxious to defend the idea of Christianity, but may not be too sure about the reality of the Incarnation and the Resurrection. They would never publically deny the mysteries of the Son of God, but if they were looking across the abyss at death, they might see an idea, maybe an image, but not a loving personal God.

Over the past 40 years, whether I was dealing with young adults, high school students, seniors, secular modern Catholics or traditional ethnic Catholics; they would often suffer from confusion about the basic tenants of the faith or only be able to make affirmations of God as an idea; not as the all loving being with whom they were in a relationship.

We know what Christmas is about - at least on some level, but many of us are more inclined to remember fondly some family or cultural traditions. We take for granted that we believe in the Incarnation because we adhere to some external practices. We might even be ready to fight with someone who disparages the star, the magi and the shepherds; even while we might not truly believe that God became flesh, and that he was truly born as one of us, and died in pain so we might live eternally. We are entrusting our lives on our attitudes and ideas **about** God, not **in** God.

If we want to be open to believe more deeply or tangibly, we might reflect on what we actually believe. Do we believe that out of love for his fickle people, God entered into human history as a totally dependent baby, subject to hunger, cold and rain? Even more, do I believe that God cares about and for me, that he wants certain behaviors by me, but even more, wants me to share joy eternally with Him? Forget about how bad Christmas songs and decorations are today, or how once again this will not be like our favorite Christmases so many years ago. Prepare to truly believe God chose to be with us, not just at Christmas Mass or dinner, but eternally.

Holiday Trail We will have scaled down participation on the Holiday Trail this Saturday and Sunday. We will be open and giving some tours; Saturday 11 am – 4 pm; Sunday 12 noon to 4 pm. The Manor will be open, but with only minimal decorations. We will not be having refreshments-s erving homemade food in crowded spaces.

Sincere sympathy to Sarah MacMillan and her family on the passing of her mother, Marianne Wilburn this past week. Visitation will be held on Thursday, December 9 from 2-4 pm and 6 – 8 pm at Raymond’s Funeral Service. Her funeral will be held on Friday, December 10 at 10 a.m. at Christ Church, Wayside. Repast will follow in their hall.

Masking Charles County has lifted masking requirements, except in county buildings. They will be reconsidering re-imposing the requirement on Dec 15, if the rate of spread increase or the Omicron variant becomes more pervasive and dangerous. We have still have people who are concerned about returning to church, and some who if people were not wearing masks, would feel at risk. So I would ask you please to consider wearing masks for the safety and peace of mind of fellow parishioners. We will continue to have masks and hand sanitizer in the back of the church.

Wednesday, December 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be at 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Please pick up your free copy of The Word Among Us, a wonderful Advent guide for personal devotion. Also the parish gift to everyone is the book, The True Meaning of Christmas and a 2022 St. Ignatius calendar, courtesy of Mike and Tina Raymond of Raymond Funeral Service.

Christmas Memorial Flower Donations If you’d like to make a memorial donation in memory of a loved one to help offset the cost to the parish for Christmas decorating, envelopes can be found on the back table of the church. Please put your name and your loved one’s name on the envelope.

Adult Religious Formation The Parables -- Learn and Pray – Wednesday morning at 9 am and Wednesday evening at 7 pm.

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 until 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.

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. **WE STILL HAVE GIFT TAGS THAT WE HOPE WILL DISAPPEAR THIS WEEKEND.**

The tree 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. 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.

FAITH FORMATION RESUMES in-person this Sunday, December 5th for both the morning Faith Formation and the evening Confirmation Prep.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR for CHRISTMAS EVE IS BACK! Beginning, this Sunday, December 5th, Ms. Tina and Ms. Nora will be leading a Children's Choir, which will perform during the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Vigil Mass. Rehearsal will be immediately following Faith Formation during the 11:15 Mass. Please arrive immediately following Mass (around noon) to pick up your children from rehearsal.

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 at 7:00 PM. 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.

Retired Fund for the Religious Second Collection Next Weekend Help aging religious. Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously in next week's second collection.

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 27-28, 2021:** Offertory \$4,062; Votives \$9; Thanksgiving Day Collection for Outreach \$726; **TOTAL: \$4,797.** Thank you for your generosity.

Please remember the following people in your daily prayers: Cliff Barnes, 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 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