

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.

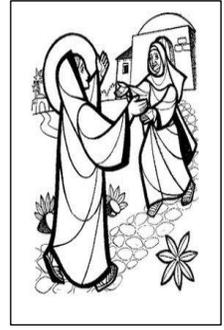
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: If you would like to learn about becoming a Catholic, please contact the Religious Education Office. Classes begin at the end of the summer.



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021

**“Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.”**



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 18 – 5:00 p.m. – Ray LeSage +
Sunday, December 19 – 9:00 a.m. – David Gardiner +
Sunday, December 19 – 11:15 a.m. – Joe Watson (Happy Birthday)
Sunday, December 19 – 6:00 p.m. – Elizabeth Bruce +
Monday, December 20 – 8:00 a.m. – Pat Reilly +

Tuesday, December 21 – 8:00 a.m. – Elizabeth Bruce +
Wednesday, December 22 – 8:00 a.m. – David Gardiner +
Friday, December 24 – 5:00 p.m. – Julian & Theresa Dyer +
Friday, December 24 – 6:00 p.m. – David Gardiner +
Saturday, December 25 – 10:00 a.m. – Fr. Sal Jordan, S.J. +

Fourth Sunday of Advent Reflections We are looking ahead to the celebration of Jesus’ coming into the world. In the letter to the Hebrew Christians, we find the author summarizing how the anointed one, the Messiah, the Savior was different. First he says, *“Sacrifices and offerings, holocausts and sin offerings, you neither desired nor delighted in.”* These are offered according to the law. Then he says, *“Behold, I come to do your will.”*

This offering of the life of the Son of God is not a bargain negotiated with a Roman god, I give you my crops, or my gold, or my praise, and you reward me in the here and now. No, it is a change in the relationship, not just to a god but to the one and only God. We might say it doesn’t seem fair. Why would Jesus have to be born, suffer and die? That is thinking about salvation all wrong. Rather, Jesus transforms the relationship of God and man. We are not making a bargain; we are children of God who join ourselves through the Christ, into a people in loving union with God. It is a union that connects us to God eternally, not just in the here and now.

Our two Jesuit deaths this past week remind me of an Irish Jesuit’s story about celebrating a Christmas children’s Mass from which an older parishioner was buried. This seems grotesque in terms of our warm smiling gift giving traditions of Christmas, our trying to elicit the happy gurgling of babies and laughter of children. It is not harsh however if we think about our union with God, born of a woman, and of the Son’s obedience which healed our distance from our God. I wonder often about how much of the modern loss of faith arises from a distortion of the gospel. There are those who beat us down for sin, and those who promise to protect us from the human condition. Instead, God joins us to Himself through the union of the Father, and the Son bridging our separation, allowing us to cross over to eternal rest in God.

William J. Rakowicz, S.J. - R.I.P. Fr. William “Bill” Rakowicz, S.J. joined the staff at Loyola on the Potomac in the summer of 2019. He was a member of the Southern Maryland Jesuit community here St. Thomas Manor. You may have encountered him once or twice when he assisted with Masses if Fr. McCarren or I were away. You may also have noticed him planting shrubs and flowers at Gonzaga House, trying to add a bit class and gentility. He was used to tropical rains and soils that couldn’t help but produce plants. He found Charles County landscape to be a challenge.

This past Monday, he died here unexpectedly. As a man of 73, he had some of the usual reminders of mortality, but none of them seemed destined to take him so suddenly. Most of his life was spent in ministry in the Pacific centered in Micronesia and in directing the Spiritual Exercises in Morristown N.J.

As a Jesuit Scholastic (in training to be a priest) he was assigned to teach at Xavier High School on the Island of Chuuk in the Caroline Islands in the Federated States of Micronesia. While awaiting ordination he began training in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius at the Loyola Retreat Center in Morristown, New Jersey. He also pursued degrees in Canon Law, serving repeatedly in as Judicial Vicar for the diocese of the Caroline Marshalls. Upon his arrival here, he continued working with the marriage tribunal through the internet. His funeral will be in Morristown, before Christmas. We will also have a memorial Mass with the staff of the retreat house on Monday at 3 p.m. Besides being an energetic and active Jesuit, he was the last of his siblings in a Jersey City, NJ family. Please remember Fr. Rakowicz and his family in your prayers.

Christmas Mass Schedule of Services can be found as in the back of the church, online and if you receive Flocknotes will be included with the bulletin there. Of special note: the times for Christmas Eve Masses have changed this year to 4:00 p.m. (Children's Mass with singing), 6:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. and Midnight Mass at 12 a.m.

Safenights Helping the homeless of Charles County – We have an opportunity to help Sacred Heart, La Plata when they open their doors to the homeless the first two weeks of January 2022. Our youth will be making lunches for two of the days and our parish will be making and serving dinner at Sacred Heart on Thursday, January 13. **The sign up sheet is in the back of the church if you are able to help with this important ministry.** For questions, contact Brenda Canter in the parish office, stigoffice@yahoo.com or 301-934-8245 ext. 2.

Masking We 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 to please 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.

2022 St. Ignatius calendars, courtesy of Mike and Tina Raymond of Raymond Funeral Service are in the back of the church.

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.

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. Thanks for your overwhelming support!

Christmas Giving Tree Thanks to everyone who made Christmas merrier and brighter for needy families and seniors in our community. All gifts were delivered this week.

FAITH FORMATION Advent party is in-person this Sunday, December 19th for both the morning Faith Formation and the evening Confirmation Prep. We wish you all a beautiful wrap-up to your Advent and happy and blessed Christmas! We'll see you back in-person on **JANUARY 2nd, 2022!**

CHILDREN'S CHOIR for CHRISTMAS EVE Rehearsal will be immediately following Faith Formation during the 11:15 Mass. Please arrive immediately following Mass (or around 11:50ish) for pick-up.

CALL TIME for Christmas Eve Children's Choir will be at **3:15 PM on Christmas Eve in the MANOR HOUSE.**

YOUTH GROUP will meet this **Sunday, December 19th to make "Gingerbread" Creches** at 7:00 PM. We'll have fun and fellowship building and decorating "gingerbread" (graham cracker) creches to get in the spirit for Christmas. 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.

YOUTH GROUP JANUARY SERVICE PROJECT for SAFENIGHTS! We'll join together to help prepare lunches for SafeNights on **Sunday, January 2** at 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM. Be on the look-out for a Sign-Up Genius link to be emailed by the end of December. Contact Sarah MacMillan at ignatiusreligion@gmail.com or (301)885-7020 for more information.

BAPTISM PREP: Are you expecting, or have you had a child, and you are looking to formally welcome your child into the community of believers through the sacrament of baptism? Contact Sarah MacMillan at ignatiusreligion@gmail.com or (301)885-7020 to find out more information on how to get prepared for the sacrament.

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.

Christmas Collection I would like to remind you that the Christmas collection is exempt from the tax for the diocese. This collection has always been an end of the year boost. As long as your contribution is in a Christmas Collection envelope, has Christmas collection on the memo line, or is contributed in the on-line giving for Christmas, it will still be exempt. Thank you again.

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 December 11-12, 2021: Offertory \$4,311; Retired Religious \$2,132; Votives \$28; All Saints \$5; Sol. Of Mary \$40; Immaculate Conception \$745; Annual Appeal \$50; Christmas \$1,075; Christmas flowers \$1,560; TOTAL: \$9,946. Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

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



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[Christmas Masses and Penance Service 2021](#)

[Tuesday, December 21, 2021](#)

[Friday, December 24, 2021](#)

[Sat., December 25, 2021](#)

[No Saturday evening Mass on Saturday, December 25, 2021](#)

[Sun., December 26, 2021](#)

[Sat., January 1, 2022](#)

[Sat., January 1, 2022](#)

[Sunday, January 2, 2022](#)

[Advent Penance Service with confessions – 7:00 p.m.](#)

[Christmas Eve Masses](#)

[4:00 p.m., \(Children’s Mass with singing\)](#)

[6:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m.,](#)

[Midnight Mass 12:00 a.m.](#)

[Christmas Day Mass](#)

[10:00 a.m.](#)

[Feast of the Holy Family 7:30, 9:00,](#)

[11:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.](#)

[Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God](#)

[10:00 a.m. –NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION](#)

[Vigil of the Epiphany – 5 p.m.](#)

[The Epiphany of the Lord](#)

[7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11:15 am & 6 pm](#)

Merry
Christmas



Fr. Salvador R. Jordan, S.J. Fr. Sal Jordan, S.J., pastor of St. Ignatius, Chapel Point from 1993 to 2005 died on December 11, 2021 at the age of 79 at Manresa Hall in Merion Station, PA. Fr. Sal was born in Puerto Rico and grew up in Forestville, MD with his parents, Raphael and Sara and his two brothers, Ralph and David. He entered the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) after completing his high school education at Gonzaga College High School in Washington, DC, “Class of ‘61”. His path in the Jesuits went from a Jesuit brother baking bread and other delights such as green cornbread on St. Patrick’s Day to becoming a registered nurse. He went on to study psychology and then theology before Fr. Sal was ordained a Jesuit priest in 1977. In the early 1980s Fr. Sal was an associate director of retreats at Loyola Retreat House in Faulkner, MD where he also founded and served as first director of the St. Inigoes Wilderness Retreat Center for Youth. In the summer of 1985 he served an internship as a chaplain at the National Institutes of Health (N.I.H.), ministering to critically ill AIDS patients and their families. He became a chaplain at Georgetown University Hospital on the infectious diseases ward in the fall of 1985. During the height of the AIDS epidemic, Fr. Sal established the LifeLine Support Group for people with AIDS and their families; one of the first in the country.

In 1993, he became pastor of St. Ignatius Parish, Chapel Point, Port Tobacco, MD, the oldest continually active parish in the United States. He was described as a Jesuit with a Franciscan’s heart. His love for animals started with a variety of animals, including sheep, goats, pigs, dogs, peacocks and a turkey, chickens, and several aviaries of birds – especially canaries and finches. Visitors loved to come by with their children to see the many animals. This also led to having a live nativity at Christmas; and the Blessing of the Animals on the Sunday closest to the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. This tradition continues today. Familiar landmarks here at Chapel Point that bear Fr. Sal’s imprint are The Shrine of Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, the Way of the Cross Garden, and the statue of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, all that overlook the Port Tobacco and Potomac Rivers. His gentle, kind ways drew people closer to God, and resulted in bringing many to the church through RCIA, infant baptisms, and weddings. Fr. Sal had a way of meeting people of all types where they were in life, good and bad.

In 2006, his ministry continued with a sabbatical; and on to studies in Spanish in San Antonio so he could minister to Hispanic communities. He was then assigned to St. Raphael in Raleigh, NC. Following that assignment, he returned to Georgetown, as the campus minister of the School of Medicine.

He is survived by his brothers, Ralph and David Jordan and their wives, nieces, nephews, cousins, and countless friends. **A Memorial Mass will be held at St. Ignatius Church – Chapel Point on Friday, January 7, 2022 at 11 a.m.** Fr. Sal will be laid to rest at St. Ignatius Church – Chapel Point in the priest’s cemetery June 4, 2022. Those details will be forthcoming closer to June.