

St. Ignatius Church – Chapel Point

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The Epiphany of Our Lord

“Wise Men Still Seek Him”



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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 Epiphany of the Lord

January 2, 2022

**"We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage."**



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 1 – 5:00 p.m. – David Gardiner +
Sunday, January 2 – 9:00 a.m. – Fr. Sal Jordan, S.J. +
Friday, January 7 – 8:00 a.m. – Fr. Sal Jordan, S.J. +

Would you appreciate an epiphany? When my Jesuit studies dropped me off in an epistemology class, we spent most of the course discussing the conditions that would be necessary and enough to declare some statement true. It was more fun than I had in most of my philosophy classes, but it was not in the least satisfying. We were not dealing with any actual statement, just what characteristics were needed for it, if it were to be true. Besides, we never concluded whether any actual statement could in fact be true. Fun huh?

There have been many philosophical and religious systems which seem to provide or appreciate an epiphany - a sudden insight or revelation which seems to provide a great truth some insight into the universe.

The Epiphany which we celebrate today is not a proposition, a statement of factual theory. No, our great epiphany is a person, the eternal God, not a finely crafted legal, philosophical or theological assertion. Some might think a statement would be best. We are likely to turn the person and teachings into a debated and carefully phrased set of principles or behaviors.

So what is the difference between believing in a person, or in what that person said? What the person said, even our divine and human person will ultimately be translated by scholars and believers into a set of ideas and ideals. The problem for all time is that the person and his ideals must be passed on in words that we can understand. When the ideas and ideals are infinite, the way they are stated will always fall short, or the reality of the person, especially a divine person. When I would deal with ancient religions in World History, I would tell my students that many of the "religions" were really ways of life or philosophies, not religions; because they did not involve a belief in God. When we profess the Creed, we know that the words are not perfect in communicating God's nature, will and intention. We are truly professing faith in our God and in the words in the Creed, in so far as they can communicate God in relationship with us. So for us, the Epiphany is a great moment when God made Himself known to us in a new and enriching way.

Sincere sympathy to Carol Sprague and her family on the passing last week of her husband, John "Buddy" Sprague. His funeral Mass and burial were held here on Friday.

A Memorial Mass for our former Pastor, Fr. Salvador R. Jordan, S.J., will be held this Friday, January 7 at 11 a.m. Fr. Sal passed away on December 11, 2021. We hope you can attend.

A very heartfelt THANK YOU!! Thanks to everyone who has helped in so many ways during the Christmas season. Special thanks to: Brenda Mudd and her wonderful helpers who decorated the church so beautifully again this year; our musicians for providing music at the Masses, Tina O'Neil and the children's choir; Diane Bowling and company for organizing our Giving Tree; Betty Hayden who runs the coat drive and delivers regularly to Lifestyles; our generous parishioners who donate volunteer hours, food and funds to help Wayside Food Bank. These just name a few of those who deserve THANKS! God bless you all.

We wish you a very happy, healthy, prosperous and safe New Year in 2022!

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

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.

RESTORATION Things are about to happen with our church exterior restoration this week. One might think that the stained glass windows might be later stage, but they will be first. The stained glass windows must be removed for restoration. They are not being replaced nor merely repaired. Much of the original painted images especially on the north side have flaked and faded. The wood sashes will also be repaired and renewed. The clarity and coloration of the windows will be much improved. The south side windows were substantially altered in about 1943. Changes in those will be less notable. Soon after the windows go to the workshop, scaffolding will appear. The brick and mortar will be restored or repaired as needed. The woodwork will be cleaned, restored or replaced depending on its condition.

The church will be open for Masses and other services, with temporary window coverings. At this point, it would be impossible to give a complete time line, old buildings and weather have a way of altering plans. Now that we have an approved plan and contractors under contract, we will be able to provide more timely updates.

FAITH FORMATION FULLY VIRTUAL at 10:00 AM Sunday, January 2nd, 2022. Be on the lookout for an email with a Zoom link!

CONFIRMATION PREP HYBRID IN-PERSON/VIRTUAL for your comfort level at 5:00 PM on January 2nd, 2022. Zoom link will be emailed.

DIFFERENT TIME! YOUTH GROUP IN-PERSON JANUARY SERVICE PROJECT for

SAFENIGHTS! We'll join together to help prepare lunches for SafeNights on Sunday, January 2nd at 3:30 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.

IMPORTANT Safenights UPDATE Unfortunately, due to the rise in COVID cases, Lifestyles of Maryland has decided to keep their clients in hotels instead of housing them at Sacred Heart Church for the first two weeks of January. They have asked that lunches and togo meals still be provided. Our youth will be making lunches for two of the days and we are working out the logistics of the best way to still provide our meal on January 13. Thanks to all who have volunteered to help. We won't be serving on January 13, but still providing the meal and homemade pre-packaged desserts. I will be sending out an email and/or making phone calls to those who offered their help once I have further details. For questions, contact Brenda Canter in the parish office, stigoffice@yahoo.com or 301-934-8245 ext. 2.

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!

Catholic Schools Interested in learning more about Catholic school admissions, enrollment, and tuition assistance? The Catholic Schools Office will host virtual information sessions on Wednesday, January 12 and Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 7:00PM. Register at www.adwcatholicsschools.org

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 Christmas and the weekend: December 24-26, 2021:

Offertory \$2,586; Votives \$5; Christmas offering \$17,315; Flower donations \$35; Retired Religious \$25; Solemnity of Mary \$25; TOTAL: \$19,991. Thank you for your wonderful generosity.

Please remember the following people in your daily prayers: Sarah and Mike and family, Roy Maier, Rose & Tim Moore, Shirley, Dan and Garcia family, 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, James Johnson, Victoria Liberty, Tamera Scroggins, James J. Nalley, Elaine Gaddis, Butch Hayden, Stacie Hayden