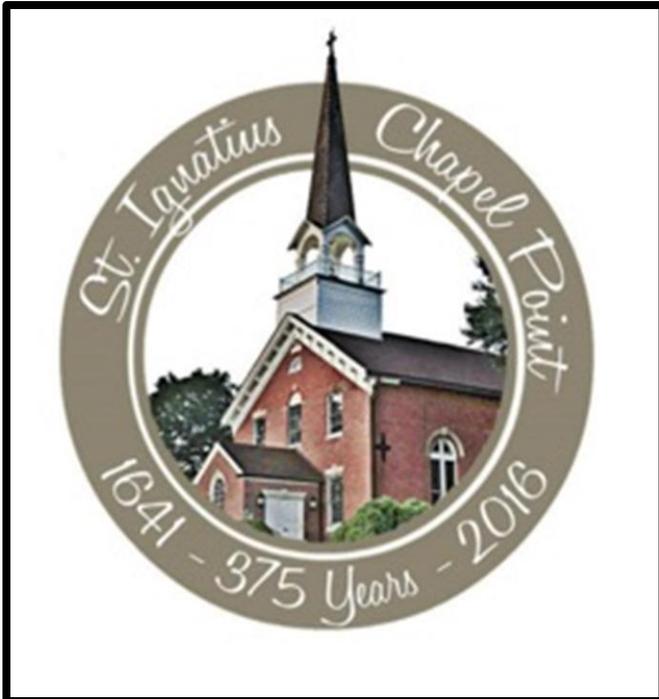


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Saturday Evening: 5:00 p.m.
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Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m.

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 Baptism of the Lord

January 9, 2022

“A voice came from heaven,
“You are my beloved Son;
with you I am well pleased.”



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 8 – 5:00 p.m. – Fr. Paul McCarren (healing)

Sunday, January 9 – 9:00 a.m. – John “Buddy” Sprague +

Wednesday, January 12 – 8:00 a.m. – Mary Jane Frere +

Thursday, January 13 – 8:00 a.m. – Fr. Sal Jordan, S.J. +

Brick and living churches Yes indeed, our 223 year old church is different this weekend. The 130 year old windows are gone and you can see a bit of the out of doors. They will change again when the rest of the windows are removed and then again, when they come back restored, with richer color and clean lines. Things also changed when our predecessors moved from the base of the hill from what was surely a simple temporary building; and when we moved to the small permanent chapel west of the manor; and again when that chapel became the sanctuary of our current church. Throughout all those changes, there were people, who worshiped just because it was expected of them, and people who had a deep sense of the reality of God in our world and their lives. There are always things that encouraged a profession of faith such as following the crowd or going one’s own way just to be different. Ultimately, however faith requires one to believe that there is a God, that you can know God and have decided that the Judeo-Christian God is the god of all, and that you want to life by His ways.

The latest Pew Foundation survey of American Religions has shown the acceleration of a long term trend to lack of religious belief. Self-proclaimed Christians still make up a majority - 63% of Americans. In 2007, the Christians made up 78%. Christians and believers in general are losing ground to nothing, that is to say: atheists, agnostics and those who believe in nothing in particular. Those who claim no religion rose from 16% in 2007 to 29% in 2021. No, the cause is not watering down Christians with huge numbers of non-believer immigrants. If anything Latin American and Asian Christians have helped stabilize and grow local Christian churches.

We as Americans have disagreed about virtually everything at some time or another over the centuries, but also saw the need to work with others to find and share values and belief. The entire concept of religious freedom and free speech and free elections rests on a common search for truth in the marketplace of ideas.

The real enemy of religious faith, is the loss of faith in truth. If there is no truth or there is only “my truth” not the truth, then why look for it? If truth is created by the believer, why believe? Our belief in truth does not mean we ever perfectly express the truth. Are our actions or our doctrinal statements ever so perfect that others are convinced of their absolute truth? The trend for centuries was to admit we were imperfect advocates of our God, but that we could always do better in understanding and expressing God’s nature and will. That intellectual and spiritual progress stopped when we either thought there were many equal truths or just one which we upheld and expressed perfectly.

Now we find ourselves more awash in a world where there are many who believe there is no truth, no hope of progress, and no real value in the search. The only way out of the decline of religious belief is for people to decide that they truly believe, not because a truth fits the way I feel, but rather it is true and worthy of being shared.

Fr. Paul McCarren Update A number of you are aware that Fr. McCarren had a serious fall on the ice on Tuesday morning. He had surgery late Wednesday for a fracture of the femur bone in his leg. He will have a long recuperation, but as of the printing of the bulletin, we're not sure where that will be. We ask for your prayers for his recovery, and for our parish and staff.

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.

FAITH FORMATION & CONFIRMATION PREP will be FULLY VIRTUAL this week, January 9th, 2022. Be on the lookout for an email with a Zoom link!

THANK YOU to Courtney Murphy and the Youth Group for making lunches for SafeNights on January 2nd. Thank you all for your generosity in donating food!

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.

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!

Safenights Our parish will be providing a meal through a generous donation by a couple in the parish this Thursday, January 13. We will also have donated desserts. All will be dropped off at Sacred Heart and will be taken to the hotels where the homeless are being housed. Thank you to all help with this important ministry in our community.

Wayside Food Bank On Saturday, December 18, Wayside Food Bank's volunteers served 31 families; which represents 56 adults, 8 teens, and 20 children; for a total of 84 individuals served. Due to the generosity of our supporters, we're happy that we don't foresee not being able to provide food to everyone that comes in need of help. There were fresh eggs, gift cards, Christmas stockings for the children; courtesy of the St. Ignatius Youth Group, and lots of extras for all. Everyone who came was well provided for and we think had a very well fed Christmas. This was our first time back in the parish hall of Holy Ghost after almost two years of drive thru only service. We took precautions to only have a few clients at a time waiting in the hall to be served. Everyone also wore masks. We are always thankful to our volunteers and those who regularly donate food and funds to keep this important service available to the southern Charles community.

Our next distribution is Saturday, January 15, with stocking on Wednesday, January 12. If you can help or have any questions, please contact Dianne Lyon at d.e.lyon@comcast.net.

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 – January 1-2, 2022: Offertory \$4,669; Votives \$11; Christmas \$1,475; Sol. Of Mary \$443; Arch of Military Services \$386; Retired Rel. \$5; Immac. Conc. \$5; TOTAL: \$6,989. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Please remember the following people in your daily prayers: Fr. Paul McCarren, Joyce Edelen, 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 Hamnes, Sharon Ryan, John Reese, Frankie Chiorcariello and family, James Johnson, Victoria Liberty, Tamera Scroggins, James J. Nalley, Elaine Gaddis, Butch Hayden, Stacie Hayden

