

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.

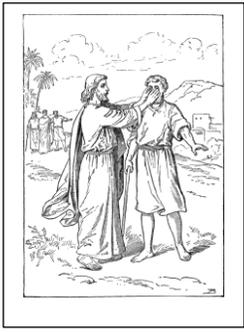
Cemetery: There are grave sites available for active parishioners in the new section at the base of the hill. Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington administers the sale of lots and burial. Because we do not have an adequate endowment, the costs of maintenance come from general parish funds. 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 attend baptism classes which are offered the first Saturday of February, April, June, August, October and December. Please email or call Fr. Clifford to register for the class. Consider doing so, before your child is born.

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 Lent

March 22, 2020

“Not as man sees does God see,
because man sees the appearance
but the LORD looks into the heart.”



MASS INTENTIONS

Please contact Brenda Canter in the parish office once things return to normal, to reschedule the Mass intentions that were supposed to take place this week.

Archbishop Gregory has indicated Masses open to the public, in ALL archdiocesan parishes, missions, and campus ministries will not be celebrated starting Saturday, March 14th until further notice. Weddings and funerals may proceed but attendance should be limited to immediate family. Archbishop Gregory has also issued a dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass during this time to all parishioners of the Archdiocese of Washington. **All Religious Education Classes And Parish Activities Are Cancelled Until Further Notice. We Will Keep The Parish Updated Through Email, Ecatholic Website: Chapelpoint.Org And Our Facebook Page.** You can also call the parish office during business hours at 301-934-8245. We are practicing social distancing to protect others and ourselves.

Please check in by phone on your elderly family, friends and neighbors We're noticing that some don't seem to be aware of the urgency of this national health emergency. They are also not connected via the web, so we will have a few printed copies of our bulletin each week in the back of the church. Perhaps while you're hunkering down at home, give a call and keep them up on what's happening here at Chapel Point, and nationally, and see if there's anything they may need.

The Archdiocese of Washington has a wealth of information on its website adw.org on the latest on the coronavirus and how it's affecting the Church. There are also many sources for livestreaming Masses and making a spiritual communion when you can't receive Our Lord in the Eucharist.

Archdiocese Lenten Food Drive is this weekend WE WILL STILL BE COLLECTING FOOD AND ASK YOU TO DROP OFF DONATIONS TO THE FRONT OF THE HALL-It is a great way to give alms during Lent Wayside Food Bank will distribute food this weekend via a drive thru pick up. With a lot of our guests at the food bank who support themselves and their families with lower wage jobs or social security, your donations are very important. We expect the need for those with food insecurity to increase dramatically, now that businesses have been forced to shut down. We need non-perishable food donations to help those in our area who are struggling financially. All food donations will be taken to Wayside Food Bank. Thank you for your continuous generosity.

St. Patrick's Feast overlooking the Port Tobacco On Tuesday evening, a warm breeze from the west gave no indication of excitement. The sun spread its ruby red glory above Cedar Point Neck, on the western shore of our gentle Port Tobacco River. That fading glow brought the water back to life. Some cars and motorcycles but not a single school bus, slowed to let their occupants gape at the always beautiful sunset; while a few faithful Chapel Point sentinels pointed their cars toward the southwest so they could look toward the sun over our little tributary to the wide and powerful Potomac.

Sunsets are never exactly the same, but still a familiar and welcome friend, framing the cemetery's ancient obelisks in a warm glow. As is so often the case the blend of natural beauty, mortality and longevity calmed me and no doubt the others who stopped by to look and reflect on this monument to stability while the world was in tumult.

Imagine a St. Patrick's Day without Irish dancers and lilting music, forcing our heads to bob and our feet to tap. Imagine an extended and unexpected school holiday, without either drifts of snow, impending storms or terrorist threats. This was neither the calm before the storm nor the clam after the storm. It was surely the calm within the unseen storm.

Had there been a wind storm we would be together cutting fallen trees, had it been snow we would be shoveling heaps of snow and helping others to get out, but this storm is very different. We cannot yet see it, we cannot join together shoveling, cutting, and piling. We do not really know where the storm is, we know where it was and where it is going, but we can't see it and don't want to touch it.

Those things that would usually draw us out of our homes, and into shared effort, now tell us to stay aware, that the best thing to do is to maintain social distance. This is not the fault of the experts – but we need to look within ourselves and our households to figure what to do.

On-Line Lenten Resources

Dynamic Catholic <https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever/>

Loyola Press <http://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/lent>

Sacred Space (Irish Jesuits) <https://www.sacredspace.ie>

<https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/lent/>

Creighton University <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/>

<http://jesuits.org/news-detail?TN=NEWS-20180209123705>

Archdiocese of Washington <https://thelightison.org/why-confession/>

The church is also open for private devotions, but we ask that you practice social distancing when others are in the church praying.

Loyola on the Potomac and its retreats previously scheduled, have been cancelled.

Gift Shop The gift shop is closed until further notice.

Restore and Renew If you'd like to make a donation or pledge to our Capital Campaign, information, envelopes and pledge cards can be found on the back table of the church or use your yellow monthly envelope.

Financial Report: We are asking you to please mail in your weekly offering to the parish office. The address is 8855 Chapel Point Road, Port Tobacco, MD 20677. You can also leave it in the safe in the vestibule (back) of the church. Be sure to turn the knob so it goes into the safe. Thank you.

~The Best Lent Ever by Matthew Kelly

One of my favorite saints is John Vianney, and I think there's just so many reasons, but one of the reasons is just his commitment to the humanity of people. He was almost kicked out of seminary because he couldn't learn his lessons, couldn't pass his tests. Some person intervened for him and basically said to the bishop, "Well, he's a good man. He's got a good spirituality. He loves God. He loves people. Let's ordain him, and we'll send him into nowhere to some little rural parish. And keep him out of harm's way or limit the damage he could do," or whatever the thinking was.

And so they sent him to this village of Ars, and the people came. His goodness was so magnetic, that people just started coming there. So many people came there that the French government built a railway line, off the main railway line, straight into the village of Ars just so that people could get there. So many people were going there every day, every week, every month to see this parish priest, and he would hear confessions for ten, twelve, fourteen hours a day—just talk to people. He would be with people. He would bring God to people.

And what the saints teach us, what John Vianney teaches us, is that incredible possibilities that exist for us are not dependent on our gifts, our talents, our abilities. Very often, when we plan our lives, we put a plan together in accord with our gifts, our talents, our abilities, our desires, that sort of thing. But then when we invite God into our lives, when we realize that God has a better plan for us, everything changes. We realize, wow, that's a tiny, little insignificant plan we've put together for ourselves because God sees all these amazing possibilities that we don't see, and God reveals these amazing plans to us.

The question is how detached are we to our own plans? Are we willing to step back from our own plans? Are we willing to detach from our own plans and turn to God and say, "All right, God, what is your plan for me today? What is your plan for me this year? What is your plan for my life?" And then to ask the big question: God, what is it that you want me to do? What is it that you are calling me to, inviting me to? Because He sees things we don't see. He sees things we don't see, and if we're too attached to our own little plans, we miss out on his amazing possibilities.

So as you go into your quiet time with God today, I just encourage you to pray this short, simple prayer: Lord, I am open to your amazing possibilities.

Please remember the following people in your daily prayers: Pat Stuart, For those affected by the COVID19 virus, Brenda Pilkerton, Beth Dent, Nellie Pearce, Mitch Mills, Mary Simmons, Rick Simmons, Dorothy Simms, Antoine Watson, Vickie & Greg Pickeral, David A. Proctor, Ms. Pickeral, Irene Proctor, Mary Jane Zuknick, Vibha Pubbi, Mike Mandeville, Xavier Bean and family, Brian Thomason, Toni Gallagher, Bessie Farmer, Traci Renner, Bobby Terrett, John Abell, Dottie Gray, Ruth Watson, Pat Anderson, Rose Langley, Skyla Shirriel, Steve and Joann Oliff, Victims, families and survivors of abuse, Douglas Hamnes, Sharon Ryan, The staff and residents of assisted living and nursing homes, John Reese, Frankie Chiorcariello and family, Tim Moore, James Johnson, Shirley Watson, Victoria Liberty, Tamera Scroggins, Becky Dement, James J. Nalley, Mr. Johnson, Theresa San Luis, Elaine Gaddis, Butch Hayden, Stacie Hayden