

St. Ignatius Church – Chapel Point
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Public Masses have resumed with 50% capacity limits. Reservations and Masks are Required
The Eucharist

Saturday Evening: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Mornings: 7:30, 9:00, 11:15 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m.

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.

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.



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 14, 2021

**"Brothers and sisters,
Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,
do everything for the glory of God."**



Mass Intentions

Saturday, Feb. 13 - 5 pm - Michael Ream +

Sunday, Feb. 14 - 9 am - Pat Reilly +

Sunday, Feb. 14 - 11:15 a.m. - Blackie Wills +

Monday, February 15 – 8:00 a.m. – Kenneth Abbate +

Wednesday, February 17 – 8:00 a.m. – Shirley Watson +

Friday, Friday, February 19 – 8:00 a.m. – Charles "Peanut" Bowling +

The Long Lent Last year, on February 25, we gathered for our Shrove Tuesday pancake supper in the hall. We had a new convection oven and a new stove, and a good crowd served by plenty of volunteers. I remember having heard some murmuring in the press of a new flu that was causing concern about social gatherings. So, I was relieved when the dinner was over and no emergency had been declared. Neither snow nor flu stopped us. I felt lucky. Since then we have barely gathered. If I had announced new church imposed penances such as avoiding restaurants, family visits, crowded stores and shared snacks and the kiss of peace - you would have thought that such penances were unreasonable and counterproductive, making for a grumpy congregation. Little did we know that we may have gotten through our pre-Lenten party, but we were entering into a 12 or 15 or even 18 months long Lent. If we stay the course and get vaccinated, the period of enforced secular discipline and sacrifice may be coming to an end in a few months.

So if we sacrifice in Lent, not only as an offering of amends for our sins, but also as a means of increasing our internal fortitude, what did we gain this year from our enforced discipline? With all of that time to pray and reflect what have we learned, what we have we gained in charity and piety? How can we reflect on our lives in the midst of all this otherness, and perhaps see what else we may gain from it.

I must admit that when I thought Covid restrictions would be here and gone, I enjoyed the freedom of my time. After a couple of weeks of zoom meetings, pretending to clean my office, I noticed the quantity of personal stories and reflection on the web. I started writing several columns per week, reflecting on our altered lives. The discipline of sitting down to write was delightful as was finding some treasures in the mundane and the dross. Eventually, the new austere routine lost its charm. At some point, I stopped writing and posting and focused more on the practicalities of opening up again, of setting up digital giving and live-streamed liturgy.

What did I learn? Well, it is not a question of the demands on my time, but what I demand of my time. What is one looking for, and how does one set out in the morning to make good out of the day? Obviously, that is not unique about the time of Covid. It does emphasize the need to be intentional about what we do, how we pray, and even more how we see God in our experiences.

Our most Sincere Sympathy to Sharon Reilly; Patrick, Charlie and Chelsea and the rest of the family, on the loss of their husband and father, Pat. Pat lost his battle with COVID on Tuesday. He made a huge difference in the community and this parish over the years. He played Santa here for many years, and brought joy to the children of the parish on Christmas Eve. His sense of humor was legendary. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Rest in peace, Pat. Please remember his family in your prayers.

Word Among Us Booklets We have the Lenten booklets, which will be placed in the rack in the vestibule. PLEASE take one and keep it for use in your home, do not look through it and return it to the rack. We are trying to remove even the remote chance of passing the virus through books used by more than one person.

Ash Wednesday Next Wednesday, February 17 is Ash Wednesday. Masses will be at 8 am and 7 pm. Ashes will be distributed after the homily at each Mass. Distribution will be a bit different.

As modeled by Pope Francis, the ashes are sprinkled above the individual's head so that immediate physical contact is avoided. *"After blessing the ashes and sprinkling them with holy water in silence, the priest addresses those present, reciting once the formula found in the Roman Missal: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return". At that point, the priest cleanses his hands, puts on a face mask, and distributes ashes to those who come to him or, if appropriate, he goes to those who are standing in their places. He then sprinkles the ashes on each person's head "without saying anything."*

By these changes we avoid physical contact and breathing potentially viral words into the face of another.

Lenten discipline, fast and abstinence spirit and actions We know two things about enforced penances. First, external observance to comply with a command can be empty both in terms of virtue and transformation. Secondly, without some direction or sense of expectation, it is unlikely that people will initial some practice of self-discipline and conversion. So Christians have swung from pure voluntary action to rigid discipline and back several times over the centuries. That tension is evident in the readings we use on Ash Wednesday

Joel

*"return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning;
Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the LORD, your God."*

In the Gospel according to Matthew we hear:

*"But when you fast,
anoint your head and wash your face,
so that you may not appear to be fasting,
except to your Father who is hidden."*

In 1966, Pope Paul VI allowed national conferences of bishops what penances should be voluntary in order to elicit a more heart felt devotion. While Friday abstinence from meat is now voluntary, we are urged to replace it with some personal penitential action. The bishops retained the fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and abstinence from meats on the Fridays of Lent. While these rules have been around for 55 years they are still confusing to many. **So**

in brief; Catholics over the age of 14 in the United States are obliged to:

Abstain from the eating of meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during Lent. For those from age 18 to 59 are obligated fast limiting oneself to one full meal and two lesser ones on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Some other form of penance should be voluntarily practiced throughout the year in keeping with the ancient traditions of abstinence. For those of you who would like more info:

<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year-and-calendar/lent/catholic-information-on-lenten-fast-and-abstinence>

Friday - Stations of the Cross This ancient practice of praying as if we were walking in the footsteps of Christ in the Holy Land continues. We will have stations at 7pm on Fridays in Lent beginning on Feb 19. We will be in the church following the usual social distancing rules.

Livestream our Mass St. Ignatius Church will livestream Mass at **9:00 a.m.** on Sunday mornings on Facebook. Go to our Facebook page or reach that page from our website: www.chapelpoint.org.

The 2021 Annual Appeal is here! This year's theme is *Seeking Christ* to remind us in this time of hardship and need that Christ is the one, true source of the healing, unity, and love that we all seek. Through our collective support of the Annual Appeal, we strengthen the Body of Christ that is our local Church, and we sustain her many charitable works that serve the spiritual and other needs of all those within and beyond our parish boundaries. Parishioners are asked to make a commitment to the 2021 Annual Appeal. Your gift will also be credited towards our parish goal. Learn more about the Annual Appeal at **appeal.adw.org**.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD is offered at St. Ignatius during the 9:00 AM Mass. It's a wonderful opportunity for our parishioners ages 3-6 years to hear the Word of God at their level. Contact Sarah MacMillan at ignatiusreligion@gmail.com or call (301)885-7020 if you'd like to learn more.

Weeks A & B return in-person on February 21st for Faith Formation!
Virtual Faith Formation remains available.

Confirmation Prep class resumes in-person and virtually February 21st at 5:00 PM.

Youth Group returns with Trivia Night on February 21st 7:00-9:00 PM.

Second Grade First Reconciliation Retreat will be in Saturday, February 27th from 9:00 AM until Noon.

Scout Sunday: Join us on February 28th during the 9 a.m. mass to celebrate over 100 years Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Scouts will dress in Class A uniform and receive a patch. Please contact Joan Peacock 301.752.9402 or joanpeacock1@gmail.com for more information or questions.

No Catholic Charities Lenten Food Drive We received notice from Catholic Charities that in light of the pandemic, and to protect their staff and volunteers, they would not be providing bags for the annual Lenten Food Drive. We are still accepting non perishable food donations for Wayside Food Bank, as always. Please leave donations in the back of the church on the rolling cart.

HELP WANTED: HOUSEKEEPER In need of an experienced housekeeper to clean a single family house with steps. Weekly cleaning to include laundry for a single person in the Pomfret area. If interested, call Beth at (443) 992-0624.

Help Our Marriage Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped many couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for an upcoming program, please visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.org, call (443) 400-7017, or email: 3015@HelpOurMarriage.org.

Upcoming Retreats at Loyola on the Potomac Ignatian Weekend Retreats

Upcoming Retreats for 2021: Ignatian Weekend Retreats February 26-28 (Men), March 5-7 (Men), March 12-14 (Women). *The weekend retreat fee is \$245/ \$195 for first time retreatants or young adults (35 years and younger).* **Directed and Private Retreat--All things New; February 15, 2021—God so Loved the World; March 1 and March 29, 2021—Finding Hope in the Cross.** *Each day of prayer begins at 9 am and includes: Continental breakfast, Lunch, and Mass. Fee \$40.* **Young Adult Retreat** (For Adults 18-35); **His Name was Ignatius: March 26-28 2021** *Fee: \$165.*

For more information go to www.loyolaonthepotomac.com or call (301) 392-0819.

Catholic Advocacy Day is Feb. 16 Be a voice for hope and justice in Maryland. Join Catholics statewide for virtual Catholic Advocacy Day on Feb. 16. Alerts on life, education and human rights will be provided. You just click and send, or call your legislators. Go to mdcatholic.org/advocacyday for details, to sign up for email and text alerts (you also can text CATHOLIC to 443-764-8765), and to send the alerts on Feb. 16. #MDCatholic

Join the Catholic Advocacy Network Catholic Advocacy Day is Feb. 16. Be a voice for hope and justice in Maryland. Join the Catholic Advocacy Network of the Maryland Catholic Conference to get email or text alerts and updates during Advocacy Day and the state legislative session. Go to mdcatholic.org/advocacyday (or text CATHOLIC to 443-764-8765 for text alerts). #MDCatholic

Be a Voice for Hope and Justice Join Catholics from across Maryland on Feb. 16 for Catholic Advocacy Day - virtually! You will get prepared alerts on life, education and human rights. Visit mdcatholic.org/advocacyday to get advance notice and day-of alerts. Sponsored by the Maryland Catholic Conference, the public policy organization for Maryland's (arch)dioceses. #MDCatholic

VERY IMPORTANT REMINDER: When you go to Communion, leave your mask UP until you get to the priest. Either reach under your mask with the Eucharist you've taken from the priest to place in your mouth; or pull down your mask briefly and immediately pull it back up before moving back to your pew. This protects you, the priest and others.

The bulletin via email For safety, we cannot put out paper bulletins in the church. If you'd like to receive the weekly bulletin via email, please email Brenda Canter with your name and preferred email address at stigooffice@yahoo.com.

To make a reservation to attend weekend Masses, email: stigooffice@yahoo.com by 3 pm on Friday or call 301-934-8245 ext. 2 and leave a message Leave your name, phone number and first and second choice of Masses. If you have underlying health conditions and are in the at risk category, the dispensation is still in effect for attending Mass. If you decide at the last minute you want to attend, please come and we'll make room.

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. You can make one time contributions, donations that repeat weekly, every two weeks or monthly. The giving link can be found on the lower half, on the right side of the home page of the website.

If you prefer not to use electronic giving, and are still not comfortable coming back to church, please mail in your weekly offering to the parish office. Do not write offering or donation on the envelope- there is no need to create temptation. The address is 8855 Chapel Point Road, Port Tobacco, MD 20677. You can also drop them in the chute under the guestbook in the back of the church. Be sure to turn the handle so the donation drops into the safe inside the wooden column.

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. It confuses the tracking of funds when they have to be transferred in between the two accounts.**

Collection Report for January 30-31, 2021: SNOW: Offertory \$755; TOTAL: \$755. Weekend of Feb. 6-7, 2021: Offertory \$7,724; Ash Wednesday \$65; Church in Dev. World \$40; TOTAL: \$7,829. Thank you for your continued generous support.

Please remember the following people in your daily prayers: Bruce Posey, Lee Pilkerton, William Coughlon, Judy LeSage, Keech Edelen, Charlie Hayden, Peggy and Dave Gaestal and family, Marie Jenkins, Traci Renner, Gary Stumpf, Ruth Watson, Van Watson, Pat Kirkland, Eddie Fitzpatrick, Rose Langley, Francis Knott, Chuck Gould, Danny LeSage, Joe, The staff and residents of assisted living and nursing homes, Amelia Zito, Karen Muhlenkamp, Peter Dahl, Elizabeth McCarthy, Alice Pickett, Brenda Pilkerton, 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 and Joann Oliff, Victims, families and survivors of abuse, Tyler Sage, Douglas Hamnes, Sharon Ryan, John Reese, Frankie Chiorcariello and family, Tim Moore, James Johnson, Victoria Liberty, Tamera Scroggins, James J. Nalley, Theresa San Luis, Elaine Gaddis, Butch Hayden, Stacie Hayden.

Pivotal Players



The Pivotal Players – Looking for a spiritual supercharge this Lent? Join us as we unlock the truth behind the Catholic Church's most influential people. Watch a video and learn about the Saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church but changed the course of civilization.

Thursdays, 11:00am

Feb 18 – St. Ignatius Hall-Hilltop (not Chapel Point)

Feb 25 – St. Catherine Hall

Mar 4 – St. Ignatius Hall-Hilltop (not Chapel Point)

Mar 11 – St. Catherine Hall

Mar 18 – St. Ignatius Hall-Hilltop (not Chapel Point)

Mar 25 - St. Catherine Hall