

St. Ignatius Church – Chapel Point

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Public Masses have 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.

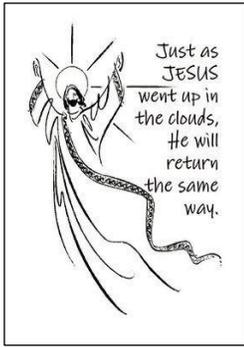
Cemetery: There are grave sites available for active parishioners in the new section at the base of the hill. Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington administers the sale of lots and burial. Because we do not have an adequate endowment, the costs of maintenance come from general parish funds. 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 must attend baptism classes. Please contact Sarah MacMillan to schedule the class ignatiusreligion@gmail.com.

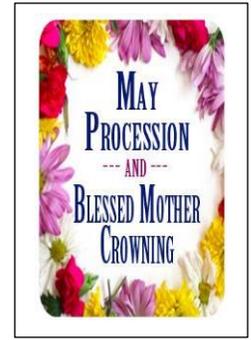
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: If you would like to learn about becoming a Catholic, please contact the Religious Education Office. Classes begin at the end of the summer.



The Ascension of the Lord

May 16, 2021

“Jesus said to his disciples:
“Go into the whole world
and proclaim the gospel to every creature.
Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.”



Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 15 – 5:00 p.m. – Frank Mudd +

Sunday, May 16 – 9:00 a.m. – Ellen Cooksey +

Sunday, May 16 – 11:15 a.m. – Jo Ryan +

Sunday, May 16 – 6:00 p.m. – Judy Ewing +

Wednesday, May 19 – 8:00 a.m. – Laura Mize (Happy Birthday)

Devotions to the Blessed Mother We know that the Blessed Mother was honored in the early church as the mother and a disciple of Jesus. In the midst of the early heresies, the Church insisted that *Mary the Mother of Jesus* be known and understood as the *Mother of God*. She was not the mother of Jesus who became God by adoption or by an infusion of his spirit into the human Jesus. She had to be the Mother of God if Jesus were truly God incarnate.

This shows us that there were those in the early church who sought to minimize the miracle of the Incarnation and the role of a young woman in that unique cooperation of God and Humanity. It was not long after that assertion of the role and cooperation of Mary of Nazareth in our salvation, that some would need to be restrained in the other end of the spectrum for excessive adulation of the Blessed Mother. In the late four century St. Epiphanius felt obliged to write "Let Mary be held in honor. Let the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost be adored, but let no one adore Mary."

Devotion to the Blessed Mother is part of our larger understanding of the *Communion of Saints*. We pray to the Blessed Mother in the same way we would to any deceased and holy Christian, asking the saint to intercede for us. To have one close to God ask for assistance for us from God in the form of grace or miracle is part of belonging to the great community of believers.

It is obvious how some ways of honoring saints could be excessive. St. Epiphanius for instance found the offering of cakes in front of a statue of the Blessed Mother would be seen as idolatrous or treating the Blessed Mother as ancients treated their household god-idols. It is also easy to see that a lack of demonstrated devotion would be a sign of weakness of faith, a lack of confidence of our bond with the saints in heaven.

This is a challenge for humans living a life of faith. If we do not do things such as processions, for May crownings, First Communion, Confirmations, Holy Week liturgies maybe even accompanied with some incense, we are not so easily reminded of the transcendence of God and his favor on those who believe. That is to say the mystery of God involved in the world is not just some words. On the other hand, if we make the external processions and devotions the sum total of our faith, we could hardly be said to have faith.

For the past, fifteen months we have missed more than a minimal external participation in the life of the Church, the communal life in Christ. It is time to remind ourselves of our connection to God and his people in a more participatory way.

Please join us at 10 a.m. this Sunday for a May procession to honor Our Blessed Mother. The First Communion class along with the other CCD children, their families, and anyone else who wishes to join us, may process starting at the parish hall, across the road, to the Shrine of Our Lady. We will have a May crowning of Our Blessed Mother by one of the First Communion children. We will then recite the rosary, led by the children of the parish.

Sincere sympathy to Hoover and Nancy Thompson and their family on the passing of Hoover's father, James Hoover Thompson last week. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Congratulations and blessings to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Yeckley who were married here this weekend. The flowers on the altar were given in thanksgiving by them to celebrate their marriage.

Second Collection this Weekend There will be the annual collection of the Catholic Communications and Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Please be as generous as you can.

IGNATIAN YEAR Summer Series Study begins this Wednesday, May 19th at either 9:00 AM or 6:30 PM. Our study's theme is "How Do You See Jesus? Deepening our Relationship with Christ through Meditating with Scripture and Art"

Come join together in fellowship and study with Sarah MacMillan on using imagery of Jesus to strengthen our spiritual life. This study will be offered both in-person and virtually. Join us Wednesdays, either at 9:00 AM or at 6:30 PM. We will meet in the Parish Hall, and those who prefer to join us virtually, can Zoom in and join us. Study begins on May 19th and will run through August 18th. Contact Sarah MacMillan at ignatiusreligion@gmail.com or (301)885-7020 to find out more and to register.

PARISH HELP requested again! Our Confirmandi will be sealed in the Holy Spirit on Wednesday, May 26th. Due to pandemic restrictions, we will be having a separate Mass of the Holy Spirit, but I wanted our Confirmandi to feel the welcoming embrace of our parish. If you are able, would you please write a card of well wishes and encouragement and leave in the box labeled Confirmation cards in the vestibule? Please turn in cards by May 23rd, if possible. Thank you!

OUR LADY, QUEEN OF HEAVEN May Processional & Crowning: Join us after the 9:00 AM Mass this Sunday, May 16th to honor Our Blessed Mother with a processional to the Shrine as our parish's first Communicants crown Our Lady. Parishioners are welcome to bring folding chairs to the Shrine for our recitation of the Rosary, prayers, and crowning at 10:00 AM. Bring your rosaries, if you have them. Rosaries are also available from the parish. Contact Sarah MacMillan at ignatiusreligion@gmail.com or at (301)885-7020 for more information.

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.

FAITH FORMATION begins early this week at 9:45 for our May processional and crowning. All family members are encouraged to participate! Virtual instruction is also available at 11:15 AM.

CONFIRMATION PREP CLASS continues in-person and virtually this Sunday at 5:00 PM.

CONFIRMATION rehearsal will be on Sunday, May 16th at 5:00 PM. Please invite your sponsors to attend if they are able. Contact Sarah MacMillan at ignatiusreligion@gmail.com or at (301)885-7020 to find out more.

VBS: SUMMER OLYMPICS returns in-person this summer! Mark your calendars for July 12th-16th. If you are able to volunteer, please reach out to Sarah MacMillan at ignatiusreligion@gmail.com or call (301)885-7020.

Gift Shop will be open on Sunday, May 16 from 10 a.m. til 11:00 a.m. It will also be open on WEDESDAY, May 26 (Confirmation), one hour before the Confirmation Mass begins.

Flower Ministry In need of someone (or a group) to order and care for altar flowers throughout the year, as well as decorate for Christmas and Easter. Contact Brenda Canter in parish office if interested; 301-934-8245 ext. 2 or stigoffice@yahoo.com.

Restore and Renew – Capital Campaign Restoration progress

We know it looks like nothing is happening, but over the past several weeks, we've had meetings with interested contractors. Not only did we have a good showing, but stained glass window companies, general contractors and masonry firms have revisited to do detailed work-ups. There will be a few clarifications. We will then move to the bidding process, overseen by our engineering firm. For now, we cannot say when the physical work will start, but the preparation is moving quickly.

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 Charles County Literacy Council needs tutors for adults who need help with reading, math, ESOL, and earning their GED. No teaching background is necessary; CCLC will train you. Our next training is scheduled for June 23 & 24 (evenings, via Zoom) and Saturday, June 26 for three hours at the CCLC conference room in LaPlata (United Way building on Rte 488.) Tutoring is still being conducted virtually. If you are willing to devote a couple of hours a week to help change someone's life, please call CCLC at 301-934-6488, email charlescountyliteracy@comcast.net, or contact Julie Mitchell at juliemitchell120@gmail.com. Check out the CCLC website: www.charlescountyliteracy.org. If you're not able to tutor but would like to support CCLC financially, donations are most welcome, since our fundraising efforts have been hampered. Our address is: 10250 La Plata Road, LaPlata, MD. Thank you for your consideration!

VOLUNTEER WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES Summer Interns Current undergraduate students are invited to serve with us during Summer 2021! We have openings in programs from Public Health to Communications to Social Work, with opportunities for students of all majors. Most work will be remote. Explore the roles and apply [here](#)! Apply by March 28th and serve from May 25th – August 6th, 2021. Have questions? Send us an email to Volunteer@CC-DC.org

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.

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. 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 between the two accounts.

Wayside Food Bank Thank you for your monetary support and for donations of non-perishable items that are gratefully received by those that continue to come to distribution month after month. We could not be the success we are without each and every one of you.

Collection Report for May 8-9, 2021: Offertory \$4,522; U.S. Missions \$40; Votives \$25; TOTAL: \$4,587. Thank you for your generous support.

Please remember the following people in your daily prayers: Denise Edelen, Joyce Edelen, Peggy Burch, Sarah Vaughan, Candice and Miles, Brenda Pilkerton, Sharon Reilly and the Reilly family, Lyn Gibson, Fred Mower, Kelly LeSage, Martha Murphy, Clare, Bruce Posey, Lee Pilkerton, William Coughlon, Judy LeSage, 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, 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 Hammes, 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