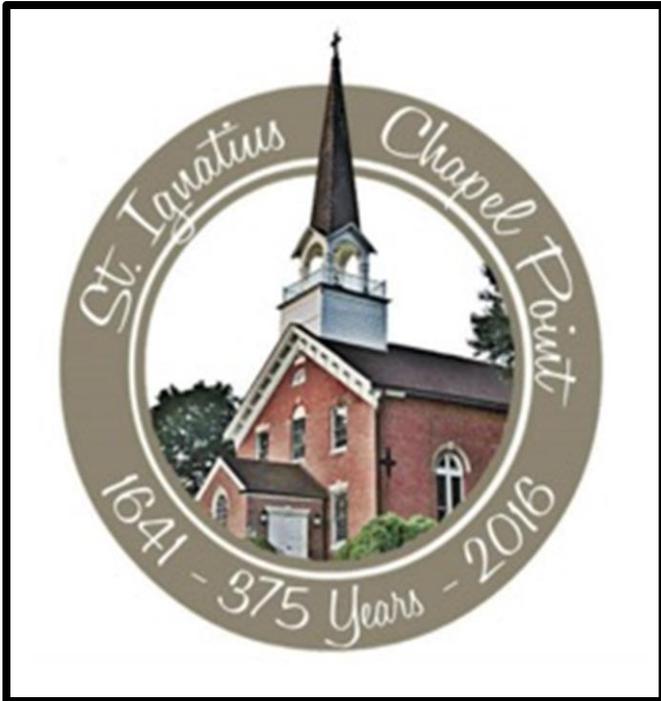


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Saturday Evening: 5:00 p.m.
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Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m.

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.

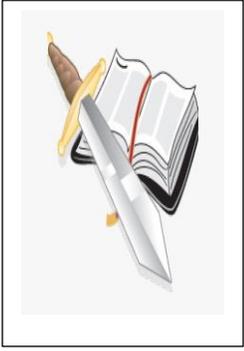
Cemetery: There are grave sites available for active parishioners in the new section at the base of the hill. Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington administers the sale of lots and burial. Because we do not have an adequate endowment, the costs of maintenance come from general parish funds. 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.

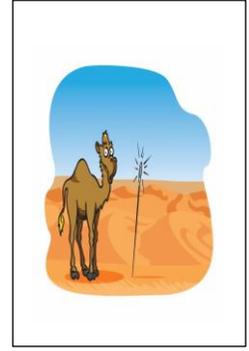
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: If you would like to learn about becoming a Catholic, please contact the Religious Education Office. Classes begin at the end of the summer.



Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 10, 2021

"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 10 – 9:00 a.m. – Doug and Victoria Canter (Happy Anniversary)

Wednesday, October 13 – 8:00 a.m. – Laura Romua (surgery)

Thursday, October 14 – 8:00 a.m. – Maria Hannes +

What is an ethic of Life? Most Christian and certainly Catholic moral reasoning begin from Biblical and traditional understandings of the nature of God and humans. From there we use the very broad two great Commandments and the somewhat more specific 10 commandments. We understand and specify using our God given powers of reason in a context of faith to arrive at norms for specific situations. All of that really takes hold in our awareness of God and creation.

It is not enough to say the Fifth Commandment says you shall not kill or that the Ninth says you shall not covet your neighbor's wife. We have some tendencies to be jailhouse lawyers, looking for wiggle room. What we need to do is have a sense of God's creation and justice to hold us to a high standard and focus. Christian morality is not just a list of rules, it is a way of perceiving God's call throughout our lives.

When we sit and watch the magnificent sunsets over the Port Tobacco or Big Sky of Montana filled with stars, we seldom see the vastness of oceans. We cannot help but feel that we are part of something much greater than ourselves. As Christians we do not feel oppressed by our smallness, but rather grateful to be a part favored to exist in a world which we could not and did not make. We might also be humbled by the responsibility that we have towards God's creation. It is not a question of determining how to justify what we want to do but how we can do what we are called to do.

In a country which has placed a premium on individual independence, we can easily forget that freedom for Christians allows us to do as we should, not merely assert what we feel at the moment. Existentialism – most associated with atheistic philosophers, suggests that it is not what we decide, but that we decide. We merely need to decide and not be pushed around by external norms. Now we have that odd understanding of life and morality appearing as a principle that appeals to incompatible political extremes. As noted in a prior column "My Body my choice" has become the rallying cry for supporters of abortion and for refusing vaccination protection. The only time my body my choice is the slam dunk justification for any action would be when someone selflessly risks his own life to save another from immanent peril.

If we are ever to be guided by an ethic of life, we must first appreciate the gift that life is, not just to ourselves but to others and to be committed to preserving and improving the conditions for life to thrive.

Annual October Pew Count We will be counting those in attendance at all the weekend Masses in October. Our ushers will be counting during the homily.

BAPTISM PREP RETREATS will be offered on the SECOND Saturday of the month from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM. Please register ahead of time. Contact Sarah MacMillan at ignatiusreligion@gmail.com or (301)885-7020 to register or find out more information.

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.

FAITH FORMATION In-person Faith Formation occurs for **K-6th Grades at 10:00-11:00 AM on Sundays**. In-person Confirmation Prep occurs for **7th-8th Grades at 5:00-5:55 PM on Sundays**. If your family needs special consideration for virtual faith formation, please contact Sarah MacMillan directly. If you have any questions, please email Sarah MacMillan at ignatiusreligion@gmail.com or call (301)885-7020. We are looking forward to growing in faith with you!

Adult Religious Formation

The Parables -- Learn and Pray ---On Wednesdays Fr. Clifford will lead morning 8:45 am and evening 7 pm sessions on the Parables of Jesus. We will look at parables as a distinct type of preaching. Sometimes there are multiple meanings which we find in various levels of the story. They open up Jesus' teaching in ways we might miss. They can also help us to pray, not just to walk away with a moral saying. We will use excerpts from *The Forty Parables of Jesus* by Gerhard Lofink.

Gift Shop will be open this Sunday, October 10 and October 24 after the 9 and 11:15 a.m. Masses.

Mass attendance and Covid Back in June the regional bishops eliminated the dispensation from attending Mass, which had been in effect in the worst of the pandemic. They did however state the obvious, about the obligation to participate in the Eucharist in person. "This obligation does not apply to those who are ill; those who have reason to believe that they were recently exposed to the coronavirus, another serious or contagious illness; those who are confined to their home, a hospital, or nursing facility; or those with serious underlying health conditions." If you are exhibiting sign which may suggest a viral infection, or you are awaiting Covid test results, you should absent yourself, so that you will not be the occasion of illness to others. Covid is most certainly not gone from Charles County, I am aware of more local people who are infected than was the case at the peak. Please help us to put an end to this illness.

Domestic Abuse Help You don't deserve to be abused. Violence at home hurts! You are not alone. During the past difficult year, many families suffered more abuse as unemployment increased, alcohol and drug use worsened and the world shrunk to the confines of the home. Now is the time to protect yourself and those who count on you for safety. If you experience any form of abuse, please know that there is help. Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline 1 (800) 799-7233. To learn more about domestic violence visit: www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/familypeace.

ANS GOLF TOURNAMENT Archbishop Neale School will be hosting its 7th Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, October 22, 2021. The tournament will be held at Swan Point Yacht and Country Club. It will begin at 8:00 AM with a shotgun tee-off. All proceeds will go toward improvement of technology in our school building. For more information, please contact Mike Davis via email at MikeDavis39@gmail.com 240-561-4192 or contact the school office at 301-934-9595. Registration forms can be found on the back table of the church.

Sacred Heart Church – Bushwood, Md. is sponsoring its annual Fall Dinner on Sunday, October 24 from 11 am 'til sold out. Menu includes fried oysters, stuffed ham, turkey with stuffing and gravy, parsley potatoes, candied sweet potatoes, cole claw, green beans, and rolls. DRIVE THRU CARRYOUT ONLY. \$30 per dinner, cash or check only. Cakes also available for purchase. The address is 23080 Maddox Road, Bushwood, MD 20618.

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 Weekend of October 2-3, 2021: Offertory \$5,271. Thank you for your generosity.

Please remember the following people in your daily prayers: Blake Oliver Burch, David Gardiner, Joann Plowman, Denise Edelen, Joyce Edelen, Buddy and Peggy Burch, Candice and Miles, Brenda Pilkerton, Sharon Reilly and the Reilly family, Lyn Gibson, Kelly LeSage, Donald and 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, Tim Moore, James Johnson, Victoria Liberty, Tamera Scroggins, James J. Nalley, Elaine Gaddis, Butch Hayden, Stacie Hayden