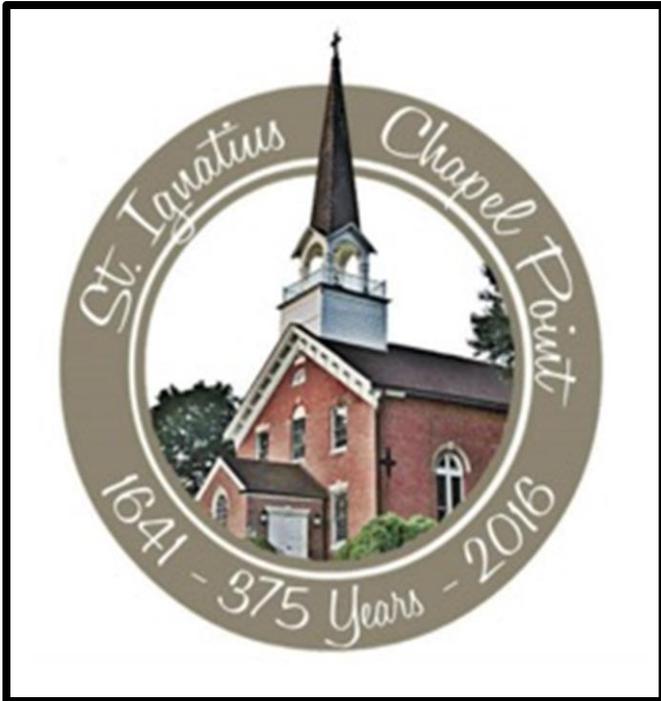


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Saturday Evening: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Mornings: 7:30, 9:00, 11:15 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m.

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 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.



Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2021



"Rejoice in the Lord always, I will say it again, Rejoice!"

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 11 – 5:00 p.m. – Ray LeSage +
Sunday, December 12 – 6:00 p.m. – Debbie Leck +
Tuesday, December 14 – 8:00 a.m. – Marcy Murphy (surgery)
Wednesday, December 15 – 8:00 a.m. – Maria Hammes +
Thursday, December 16 – 8:00 a.m. – Julian Dyer +

Gaudete Sunday The Old entrance antiphon for Gaudete Sunday, began as today with a quote from our epistle reading, "*Rejoice in the Lord always: I say again rejoice*". While we prepare for the great Feast of the Nativity by trying to free ourselves of distractions, it emphasizes the joyful event for which we are preparing. Then it quotes from Psalm 85: *You once favored, LORD, your land, restored the captives of Jacob. You forgave the guilt of your people, pardoned all their sins. You withdrew all your wrath, turned back from your burning anger.*

It recalled those things in the history of Israel that gave them hope for another reprieve, another season of favor and forgiveness. They hoped for a return to Jerusalem and protection from enemies. What they really wanted was even more a return to a close relation to their God.

As we rejoice in the middle of Advent, we might want to think of God's mercy in our own lives and history. Something does not need to be considered a miracle for us to give thanks. Much of that for which we are thankful, comes to us in rather ordinary form. Christian faith does not mean we bounce from miracle to miracle, since miracles are by definition something surprising, unusual, even inexplicable.

When we celebrated Thanksgiving, were we only giving thanks for miracles? Are we not thrilled and joyous sometimes at the sense of peace and joy in the ordinary. God's love for us has been revealed in the great and miraculous birth of the Son of God into the human race, and the gift of redemption. We cannot hope for that level of miracle to be repeated in every generation. We need to embrace that gift, find God in our world and in each other. If we cannot find joy in life and redemption, it will be difficult to be ready to celebrate the joy of Christmas. The rejoicing of Gaudete Sunday is not a Sunday break from penance, it is through finding God in our midst and in our future.

Retired Fund for the Religious Second Collection This Weekend Help aging religious. Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously in this week's second collection.

Christmas Mass Schedule of Services can be found as an insert to this week's bulletin. Of special note: the times for Christmas Eve Masses have changed this year to 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. and Midnight Mass at 12 a.m.

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.

Please pick up your free copy of The Word Among Us, a wonderful Advent guide for personal devotion. Also the parish gift to everyone is the book, The True Meaning of Christmas.

2022 St. Ignatius calendars, courtesy of Mike and Tina Raymond of Raymond Funeral Service are in the back of the church.

Christmas Memorial Flower Donations If you'd like to make a memorial donation in memory of a loved one to help offset the cost to the parish for Christmas decorating, envelopes can be found on the back table of the church. Please put your name and your loved one's name on the envelope.

Gift Shop **The new 2021 ornament has arrived!** In honor of the Ignatian Year and the patron saint of our parish, the ornament for 2021 depicts the statue of St. Ignatius Loyola in the Manor House. Advent, Christmas and religious items are available every Sunday until Dec. 19 after the 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Masses. Stop by and do some Christmas shopping.

Flags in our cemetery If your loved one is a veteran buried here, we will be removing the flags soon for the winter months. If you want to keep it, please remove it as soon as possible.

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.

Christmas Giving Tree If you took tags from the Giving Tree, today, December 12 is the day to return them so we have time to organize and deliver them in time for Christmas. Please be sure they are wrapped with the tag taken from the tree attached to it.

Wayside Food Bank Our wish list for December is: ramen noodles, small containers of bleach and detergent and any other non perishable food. Please leave your donations in the back of the church. Monetary donations can be made out to Wayside Food Bank, Inc. and placed in the collection. They will be forwarded to Wayside Food Bank. Distribution for Christmas is Saturday, December 20.

Safenights Helping the homeless of Charles County – We have an opportunity to help Sacred Heart, La Plata when they open their doors to the homeless the first two weeks of January 2022. Our youth will be making lunches for two of the days and our parish may be making a breakfast and dinner to help out. More information and sign ups will follow in next week's bulletin.

Adult Religious Formation The Parables -- Learn and Pray – Wednesday morning at 9 am and Wednesday evening at 7 pm.

FAITH FORMATION RESUMES in-person this Sunday, December 5th for both the morning Faith Formation and the evening Confirmation Prep.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR for CHRISTMAS EVE IS BACK! Beginning, this Sunday, December 5th, Ms. Tina and Ms. Nora will be leading a Children's Choir, which will perform during the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Vigil Mass. Rehearsal will be immediately following Faith Formation during the 11:15 Mass. Please arrive immediately following Mass (around noon) to pick up your children from rehearsal.

YOUTH GROUP will meet on **Sunday, December 19th** this upcoming month at 7:00 PM. Our service project this month is preparing stockings for Lifestyles. I understand it's a school night so come for how long you can, but we will all wrap up by 9:00 PM. All middle and high schoolers are welcome! Contact Sarah MacMillan at ignatiusreligion@gmail.com or (301)885-7020 for more information.

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 December 4-5, 2021: Offertory \$4,547; Votives \$7; Christmas flowers \$315; Immaculate Conception \$60; Solemnity of Mary \$50; Retirement Fund Religious \$50; Christmas \$1,625. Thank you for your generosity.

Please remember the following people in your daily prayers: Fr. Sal Jordan, S.J., Cliff Barnes, Bobby Chase, Susan Schwab, Blake Oliver Burch, 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, 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, Tim Moore, James Johnson, Victoria Liberty, Tamera Scroggins, James J. Nalley, Elaine Gaddis, Butch Hayden, Stacie Hayden



Saint Ignatius Church - Chapel Point
Christmas Masses and Penance Service 2021

Tuesday, December 21, 2021

Advent Penance Service with
confessions – 7:00 p.m.

Friday, December 24, 2021

Christmas Eve Masses
4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m.,
Midnight Mass 12:00 a.m.

Sat., December 25, 2021

Christmas Day Masses
10:00 a.m.

No Saturday evening Mass on Saturday, December 25, 2021

Sun., December 26, 2021

Feast of the Holy Family 7:30, 9:00,
11:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Sat., January 1, 2022

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
10:00 a.m. –NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Sat., January 1, 2022

Vigil of the Epiphany – 5 p.m.

Sunday, January 2, 2022

The Epiphany of the Lord
7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11:15 am & 6 pm

Merry
Christmas