

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.

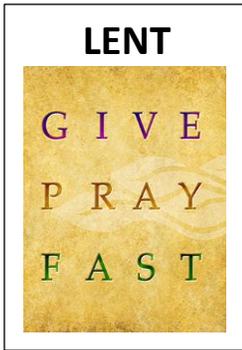
Cemetery: There are grave sites available for active parishioners in the new section at the base of the hill. Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington administers the sale of lots and burial. Because we do not have an adequate endowment, the costs of maintenance come from general parish funds.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

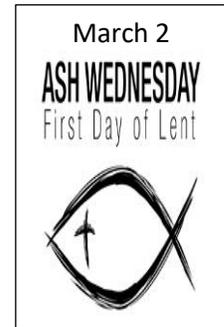
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: If you would like to learn about becoming a Catholic, please contact the Religious Education Office. Classes begin at the end of the summer.



Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 27, 2022

**"Praise no one before he speaks,
for it is then that people are tested."**



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 26 – 5:00 p.m. – John "Buddy" Sprague +

Sunday, February 27 – 9:00 a.m. – Mark "Danny" Hart +

Sunday, February 27 – 11:15 a.m. – Audrey Emley +

Monday, February 28 – 8:00 a.m. – Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J. +

Friday, March 4 – 8:00 a.m. – Jackson Romine (Happy Birthday)

Lent 2022 Lent is a time for renewal in faith. We often look on this as a rooting out of sin, but we best root out sin by seeking to make our actions match our faith. For the past two weeks, the readings at daily Mass have been from the letter of James. James was a disciple and a practical believer. He saw the connection between faith, right intentions and action. Below consider some James' gems:

~"Each person is tempted when lured and enticed by his desire. Then desire conceives and brings forth sin, and when sin reaches maturity it gives birth to death..."

~Consider it all joy, my brothers and sisters, when you encounter various trials, for you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. And let perseverance be perfect, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing..."

~Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his own face in a mirror. He sees himself, then goes off and promptly forgets what he looked like..."

~Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the Kingdom that he promised to those who love him? But you dishonored the poor..."

~If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well," but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead..."

~Consider how small a fire can set a huge forest ablaze. The tongue is also a fire. It exists among our members as a world of malice, defiling the whole body and setting the entire course of our lives on fire, itself set on fire by Gehenna..."

~Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show his works by a good life in the humility that comes from wisdom..."

~If anyone among you should stray from the truth and someone bring him back, he should know that whoever brings back a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins."

Naming a sin and trying to will it away is seldom successful, changing our hearts to embody our faith and love of God, can indeed do wonders. Consider these in Lent.

This Wednesday, March 2, is Ash Wednesday We will have Masses with distribution of ashes at the 8:00 a.m. and 7 p.m. It is not a Holy Day of Obligation. However, it is a day of fast and abstinence. See the guidelines below for the rules of fasting for Lent.

Friday Lenten program We will have **Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7pm**. At **6:30 pm** there will be **informational sessions**, led by Fr. Clifford. On March 4, the topic will be the purpose and major evolutions of the practice of fasting.

Lenten Fast As with most disciplinary rules in the Church, Fasting has been around from the early days of the church but under evolving rules. The current regulations for Roman Catholics in the United States are:

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

Lenten devotional books, *The Word Among Us*, is in the back of the church. It's a wonderful addition to your Lenten journey of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Just so you know You may have heard of the Ukraine because of the **Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church** (previously called Ruthenian) and it's Shrine of the Holy Family on Harewood Road next to the John Paul II Shrine and the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception at Catholic University. It is one of the 23 Eastern rite churches, which maintain their own traditions and languages in their liturgies within the Catholic Church. Their priests may be married, provided they were married before ordination. Their parishes in this area are overseen by the bishop of **Archeparchy of Philadelphia**. I often walked and drove by their Cathedral in Philadelphia, as it was only 10 blocks east of St. Joseph's Prep.

There are between 6 and 10 million members around the world, who are fervently praying for the preservation of their families, friends and homeland. World War I, the Russian Revolution and World War II repeatedly disrupted their independence and their churches. Under Soviet rule, their parishes and building were given to the Russian Orthodox church. Priests and bishops were arrested and sent to reeducation camps. Finally in 1989 when the Soviet Union sought to regain respectability in the modern world the church was legalized. This brief respite from persecution is once again under siege. Pray with these faithful Catholic Christians.

In Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties: Masks are not required indoors at Mass.

The Archdiocese is no longer requiring ordinary and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to wear masks where it is not required by local authorities. Pastors may out of concern for those who would be more comfortable receiving communion from one who is masked; can make some appropriate rules. Here at Chapel Point where we have two lines for Holy Communion, the priest will wear a mask for now. That will leave the extraordinary minister of Holy Communion to mask or unmask as they feel comfortable. Members of the Congregation are welcome to wear masks if they wish; hand sanitizer is available in the back.

Outreach at St. Ignatius Church – Meals and Hope Mobile Food Truck Our parish sponsored a delicious meal prepared by Pizza Hotline on February 9 for the needy on the western area of Charles County. 111 meals were served. Thanks to the Bel Alton Ladies Auxiliary for providing desserts for the meal. We hope to prepare the meals here in our kitchen in the near future. Watch the bulletin for updates this spring.

THIS WEEK IN FAITH FORMATION, we're learning about DISCIPLESHIP. What is a disciple? The Oxford Dictionary tells us that a disciple is a "follower or student of a teacher, philosopher, or leader." As Christians, we are called to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ. How do we do that? It's impossible to follow if we don't learn, so our first step in being a disciple is to get to know Jesus. How do you get to know your friends? By spending quality time with them, of course! We cannot know Christ if we do not spend time with Him. There are many ways we can spend time with Christ, but they all boil down to prayer time. We can pray through Lectio Divina, or literally, to read the Divine, by reading the New Testament of the Bible to learn about His life. We can read, memorize, and recite prayers and devotions the Church provides for us. We can imagine ourselves with Jesus through meditative and contemplative prayer. Say to yourself, "God is with me, here, in this moment." Imagine yourself in a Gospel story, as one of the followers in that moment with Jesus. Imagine Christ before you in every person with whom you interact, and think about how that changes your interaction. Jesus Himself teaches us in the Gospel of John, *"This is how all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."* (John 13:35) Work to see God in all things around you. Discipleship is the everyday effort we make to get to know Jesus, and to allow ourselves to be changed by Him. It is a lifelong process where we choose daily to walk with the Lord. Think about your discipleship journey. What has worked well for you? What can you improve as you get ready for Lent. Sit down with your family and come up with an action plan of discipleship this Lent. *"The disciple of Christ must not only keep the faith and live on it, but also profess it, confidently bear witness to it, and spread it..."* (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1816)

ASH WEDNESDAY is fast approaching on Wednesday, March 1st. We will have a family activity at **6:15 PM** and Mass follows at 7:00 PM.

FAITH FORMATION RESUMES in-person this Sunday, February 27th for both the morning Faith Formation and the evening Confirmation Prep classes.

YOUTH GROUP: Mystery Who-Dun-It Night will be on Sunday, February 27th at 7:00 PM. Contact Sarah MacMillan at ignatiusreligion@gmail.com or (301)885-7020 to find out more!

SECOND GRADE RECONCILIATION RETREAT is on Saturday, FEBRUARY 26th from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. All those who will be making their First Holy Communion this May 1st are required to attend. Children will be dropped off at the Parish Hall at 9:00 AM, and will be picked up from the Church at noon. Parents are welcome to come and take advantage of the sacrament in the Church at 11:30 AM. Please contact Sarah MacMillan at ignatiusreligion@gmail.com or (301)885-7020 with any questions.

EIGHTH GRADE PARENT & SPONSOR INFORMATION MEETING is on Sunday, February 27th at 5:00 PM during class time in the Church. We will discuss the expectations for those who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 25th. If your child has not chosen a sponsor yet, that is OKAY, and you don't need to stress to force the decision! One parent/guardian needs to attend. If you have any questions or concerns, reach out to Sarah MacMillan at ignatiusreligion@gmail.com or (301)885-7020.

EIGHTH GRADE CONFIRMATION RETREAT will be on **Saturday, March 19th from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM** in the Parish Hall. All those who wish to receive the sacrament of Confirmation this Spring must attend. Lunch will be provided.

BAPTISM PREP: Are you expecting, or have you had a child, and you are looking to formally welcome your child into the community of believers through the sacrament of baptism? Contact Sarah MacMillan at ignatiusreligion@gmail.com or (301)885-7020 to find out more information on how to get prepared for the sacrament.

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.

Online Contribution Statements for 2021 As we've said in the past couple of weeks, the new contribution system that was implemented in August did not incorporate every online gift from 2021 into the detailed contribution statements we generated and mailed. The church did receive the donations, but when the statements were generated, it didn't list all online gifts in 2021. The company sent the following email: *"This is the result of a technical issue in the software. In order to resolve it, our product development team will need to determine the root cause of the issue, rewrite the software to fix it, and then thoroughly test the change. This will take some time and so this issue won't be resolved immediately. I know that this problem is frustrating and I'm sorry that I can't give you a specific deadline for a fix. We apologize for the inconvenience."*

If you need your total of donations for tax purposes, please use your own records for the most accurate total. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Message from Jerry Peuler: Jerry would like to say hello to everyone here at Chapel Point, his parish home for many years. He would also like to thank everyone for their prayers and get well wishes over the past many, many months. For those who didn't know, Jerry had a bone marrow transplant in late 2021 and spent a very long time in the hospital. He is recently home and now working to recover and get his strength back. Please continue to remember him and his wife Judith in your prayers. If you'd like to send him a card and need his address, please email the parish office and we're happy to pass it on.

Archbishop Neale School is now enrolling students in grades PK3- 8th. To learn more about all that we have to offer or to schedule a tour, please call the school office (301) 934-9595 or email Mrs. Mary Ellen Howard at admissions@archbishopnealeschool.org. We would love to have you be a part of our school community!

Scout Sunday: Join us on March 6 during the 9 a.m. mass to celebrate over 100 years of 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.

Scam Alert Be on the watch for callers identifying themselves from St. Ignatius Church trying to get your financial information. One example this week was an elderly person being asked to purchase a "Life Alert" necklace by someone telling her they were from our parish.

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.**

New for 2022 – Gifts over \$250 We are now not required to issue individual statements signed by the pastor for single gifts of \$250 and over. Gifts of \$250 and over will be included in the annual detailed contribution statements you receive at the end of the contribution year.

Collection Report – Feb. 20-21, 2022: Offertory \$3,539; Votives \$12; Christmas \$100; Retired Religious \$100; TOTAL: \$3,571. Thank you for your continued generous support.

Please remember the following people in your daily prayers: Dylan LeSage, Rose Johnson, Happy Campbell, Susan Schwab, Jerry Peuler, Fr. Paul McCarren, Joyce Edelen, Roy Maier, Rose & Tim Moore, 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, 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, James Johnson, Victoria Liberty, Tamera Scroggins, James J. Nalley, Elaine Gaddis, Butch Hayden, Stacie Hayden