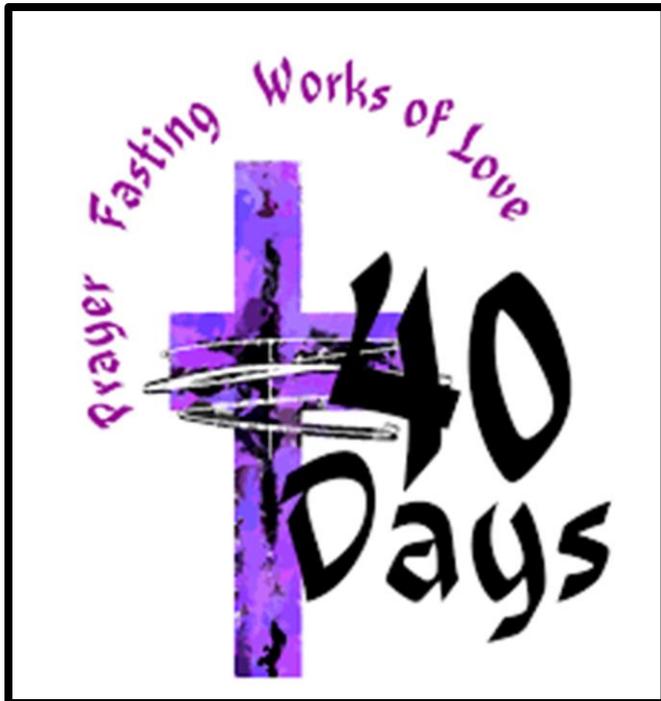


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Saturday Evening: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Mornings: 7:30, 9:00, 11:15 a.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word

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.

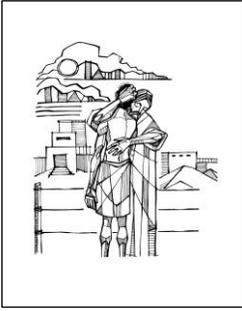
Cemetery: There are grave sites available for active parishioners in the new section at the base of the hill. Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington administers the sale of lots and burial. Because we do not have an adequate endowment, the costs of maintenance come from general parish funds.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



Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 27, 2022

“So we are ambassadors for Christ,
as if God were appealing through us.”



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 27 – 7:30 a.m.- Margaret Delozier +

Sunday, March 27 – 9:00 a.m. – Thomas R. Simpson +

Fr. Clifford's homily Friday, March 25, 2022 at St. Clement's Island's Maryland Day celebration

Ark and the Dove- March 24 1633- March 25, 1634

On March 25, 1634, there may have been as many reasons for joy and hope as there were crew, adventurers, bound laborers and native guides. None of them pointed to immediate and permanent happiness; all involved hope mingled with uncertainty. The longer and warmer days spoke of a better future than the voyage suggested, but a future coaxed out of unknown soil with variable weather. It might have been a gorgeous spring day with no guarantees, merely the opportunity to work together to secure a future. This island, while not a permanent home, was at least solid ground. After four months in transit, the voyagers had reached some destination even though it was temporary. While there would be many challenges, those would not include boiling seas cresting higher than their boats, the fear of drowning in cold dark waters, or dying of starvation or disease on a sunbaked deck while becalmed in the tropics. Besides all that, it was New Year's Day.

The English followed the calendar of Julius Caesar with New Year's occurring in the spring, so in the northern hemisphere new life coincided with the new year. The Church had nudged the actual change of years by a few days from the spring equinox to the Feast of the Annunciation. In doing so, commemorating the day the Blessed Mother agreed to cooperate with the conception and birth into human life of a Divine Redeemer, they not only counted the years of the Common Era from the year of Jesus' birth; they began the new year on the celebration of His conception. The gathering on St. Clement's Island reminded them of God's entry into the human race in a personal and absolute way.

The Annunciation was not the day of ultimate victory over sin or the creation of a perfect society. From the beginning of the venture God's desire to lift us up would be tied to the cooperation of the human race. First, that child would be born, nurtured to adulthood and have the opportunity to preach and heal all with the cooperation of an array people in ancient Palestine.

This unfolding promise of redemption has called humanity from that first moment to examine our individual and shared lives. We were not handed a detailed plan of what the world should be like in 1,000, 2,000 or 3,000 years. Human free will with good choices and bad choices, building on the past and setting the foundations for the future, precluded such constraint. This divine and human venture requires not conformity to some medieval ideal, but rather the constant discernment of the good and therefore the demands for change in each generation.

The style of history written when some of us were children was still the history of a young nation, looking for heroes and glorious ideals, devoid of serious self-criticism. With the experience of colossal global successes and awareness of embarrassing cultural blindness, historians have begun to learn from our mistakes, not to overlook them.

That trend is one that takes our human pursuit of the good seriously as well as how we have failed to embody divine hopes in human ventures. People plan to deal with the problems that leap in front of them. The gentleman adventurers sought to avoid the violent restraint on their religious beliefs and expressions at home. The judges and families who signed over free men to indentured servitude sought to relieve economic suffering produced by changing land tenure and industrial cycles in the modernizing England. The Jesuit adventurers sought to make Lord Calvert's vision of religious toleration real, without realizing all the challenges ahead of

them. Nor did they grasp that their agreeing to accept land as a means of support would create economic tensions with the farmers for whom they were ministers of religion. Mathias deSousa, one of the key arrivals on the Ark and the Dove, would neither have envisioned the eventual mass enslavement of people of African descent. The inclusion of non-Catholic gentleman adventurers would have complemented Cecil Calvert's vision, but it brought the tensions of England to the shores of the Potomac.

Saying that no human venture is without faults, is not the same as saying that we must accept inequities which we inherit or into which we blunder.

Since my youth, household products advertised on TV have promised no-muss-no-fuss solutions to problems. It is one thing to buy a miracle mop; it is another to think that a onetime effort can solve accumulated difficulties which have developed over centuries. We have all too easily fallen into the myth of easy solutions to lifetime projects.

We have accomplished much in 388 years that the founders had never imagined, but we have also failed in the vision of a harmonious community. Human ventures no matter how well intended suffer from cultural limits and personal biases.

Today we celebrate the 388th anniversary of the landing of...souls on this little island. They could have had no idea that this state would now have ... citizens, that there would be churches, synagogues, mosques, masonic temples and untold non-believers. Had they been wise observers of humanity, they would have known we would still be seeking to live up to the founding vision, while going beyond that to a more perfect vision.

THIS WEEK IN FAITH FORMATION, we're continuing to learn about sacraments, specifically the **sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation**. Christ instituted the sacraments as a means for the Church to help her people experience God's limitless love and mercy. All of our senses are awakened in the gestures and prayers of each sacramental rite, so that our faith may truly come alive as the invisible graces of God are made visible. While all the sacraments deepen our faith, certain sacraments in particular, lay the foundation for Christian life. These sacraments are known as *sacraments of initiation*, and are the framework for the process of becoming members of the Church. Every Christian embarks on a journey of discipleship to deepen our understanding of God and our role in the Church. As "God created mankind in His image," (Genesis 1:27a), we set out on this journey from our very beginning. Each sacrament of initiation provides us with an outward expression of God's inward love for us, and a deepening of our faith along the journey. Through the sacrament of *Baptism*, we are freed from original sin, reborn in the image of God, and brought into the communion of the Body of Christ. By coming to the table in the sacrament of the *Eucharist*, we are nourished by the whole spiritual good of the Church, Jesus Christ, who is the "source and summit of the Christian life." (CCC 1324) As a community of believers, we pass down the Scripture and Tradition to the next generation of believers. After a period of study of the beliefs of our faith, members come before God and the community to reaffirm and confirm their Baptismal vows through the Sacrament of *Confirmation*. In this sacrament, we declare that we believe in our God and faith, and that we are prepared to dedicate our lives in apostleship through the gifts of the Holy Spirit: to take up the lifelong mission of sharing and defending the faith by word and deed. "*The faithful are born anew by Baptism, strengthened by the Sacrament of Confirmation, and receive in the Eucharist the food of eternal life. By means of these sacraments of Christian initiation, they thus receive in increasing measure the treasures of the divine life and advance toward the perfection of charity.*" (CCC 1212) Thank you, Lord, for knowing us truly, that we would be emboldened in our faith through the experience of the sacraments of initiation, and be more perfectly bound to You. --Sarah MacMillan

Stations of the Cross We will have **Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7pm.**

Sincere Sympathy to Wayne and Dina Delozier and their family on the passing of Wayne's mother, Margaret Delozier this past week. Mattingly Gardiner Funeral Home is taking care of arrangements. Please remember them in your prayers.

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.

Other Lenten Resources can be found online at: sacredspace.ie; another source is: Office of Ignatian Spirituality: communications@jesuitseastois.org; and Living Lent Daily | Loyola Press

CRS Rice Bowls strengthen our Lent! We're halfway through the season of Lent, which is a perfect time to reaffirm our promises to fast, pray, and give. Make a commitment to have a family meal from the recipes provided by CRS. You will unite yourself to the people who have shared their culture and recipe with you, and your prayers for them may be made more effective. You will raise your awareness of the many blessings we have available to us by comparing meal costs, and you will more effectively give alms by putting the difference in your rice bowl. If you tally up what it would cost to make a typical chicken dinner, you may be surprised to discover that it costs upwards of \$25-30 to feed your family, while these recipes cost no more than \$15. And yes, you may find yourself still hungry after eating the portion typical for our brothers and sisters in Christ, but you will not starve. The pangs of hunger will strengthen your prayers for these people, and strengthen your resolve to help them. Find recipes and more at <https://www.crsricebowl.org/recipe>.

FAITH FORMATION CONTINUES this Sunday, March 27th for both the morning Faith Formation and the evening Confirmation prep classes.

Pre-Cana Parish Marriage Retreat will be offered on Saturday, April 30th from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Pre-registration is required! To find out more or to register, contact our Coordinator of Faith Formation, Sarah MacMillan at (301)885-7020 or ignatiusreligion@gmail.com

Gift Shop will be open March 27th, April 3rd and April 24th after the 9 am and 11:15 a.m. Masses. There is a new selection of children's books, gift ideas for First Communion (May 1st) and other spring time celebrations. Additional volunteers needed, please call Mary Agnes Swann 301-259-2581.

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!

ANS Spirit Nights @ Foster's Grille in LaPlata Foster's Grille will be hosting ANS the week of Monday, March 28 through Thursday, March 31 during the hours of 11:00 AM and 9:00 PM. Families may dine in or take out. Simply mention ANS. The school will receive a portion of the proceeds.

Catholic Charities 2022 Lenten Food Drive We will be collecting non perishable food items for the Wayside Food Bank all during Lent. Please be sure to check expiration dates on cans, etc. We are unable to accept and use them at the food bank.

2022 Annual Appeal: From God's Abundance, Our Gifts of Charity | Thank you to parish families who made a gift to the 2022 Annual Appeal! Your support strengthens our archdiocesan ministries to be a beacon of hope and help for all who seek Christ's love. If you haven't made your gift, please do so today. Visit appeal.adw.org to learn more about the 2022 Annual Appeal and to donate online. Thank you for your gift of charity as a sign of God's abundance in your life.

St. Ignatius (Hilltop) Wine Tasting Spring Fundraiser- NOT HERE AT CHAPEL POINT
Saturday, April 23 5-9pm ~ **St. Ignatius Church Hall 6455 Port Tobacco Road, Hilltop, MD**. 5 Tastings and Buffet with Desserts* Live Music* Silent Auction* 50/50 Raffle \$35/per ticket. No sales at the door; cash or check only. Call for tickets 301/281-5133.

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.**

Contribution Statements for 2021 The contribution system that was updated in August did not incorporate every 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 some online gifts and gifts using envelopes and checks in 2021. If you need your total donations for tax purposes, please use your own records for the most accurate total. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Collection Report Weekend of March 19-20, 2022: Offertory \$3,663; Votives \$19; Catholic Relief Services \$103; Ash Wednesday \$20; TOTAL: \$3,805. Thank you for your generous support.

Please remember the following people in your daily prayers: Bill Murphy, Sarah Radtke, Angela Hume, Michelle Goldsmith, Marise Robertson, Dylan LeSage, Rose Johnson, Happy Campbell, 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, Irene Proctor, Mary Jane Zuknick, 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, James Johnson, Victoria Liberty, Tamera Scroggins, James J. Nalley, Elaine Gaddis, Butch Hayden, Stacie Hayden