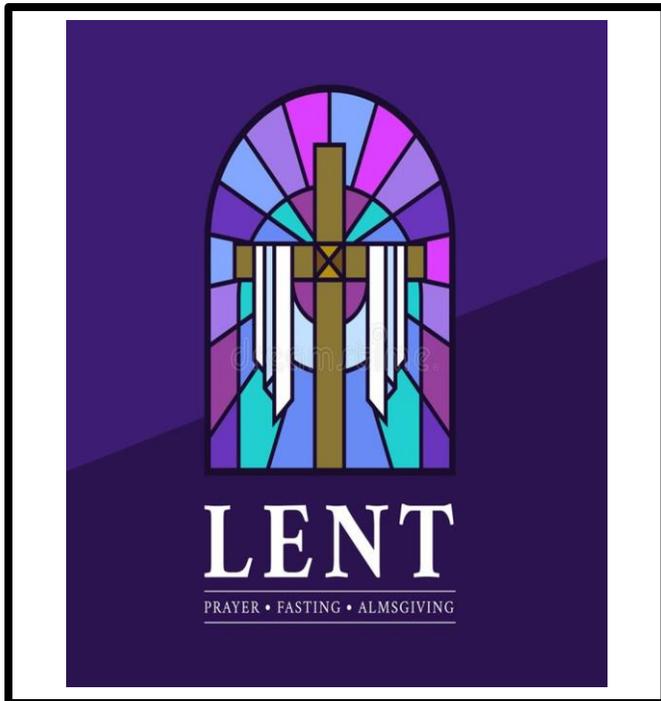


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The Eucharist

Saturday Evening: 5:00 p.m.

Weekdays: 8:00 a.m.

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

Holy Days: 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

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

Sunday Evening: 6:00 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.

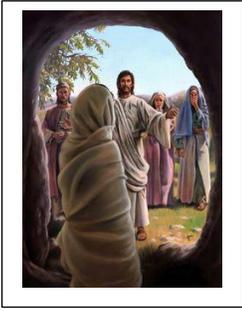
Cemetery: There are grave sites available for active parishioners in the new section at the base of the hill. Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington administers the sale of lots and burial. Because we do not have an adequate endowment, the costs of maintenance come from general parish funds.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



Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 3, 2022

“Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.”



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 2 – 5:00 p.m. – Bob Rupp +

Sunday, April 3 – 9:00 a.m. – Shirley Watson +

Sunday, April 3 – 11:15 a.m. – William “Bill” Murphy+

Holy Thursday Memories This year Easter falls on the same day as it did in 1960. That is the year that I remember my first experience of Holy Thursday at St. Paul’s Catholic Church on Chamberlayne Ave. in Richmond. It would be a couple of weeks later when I would receive my First Holy Communion, in the same church. We lived adjacent to the church and there was a convenient hole in the hedge so we could slip through into the church parking lot. This a big deal and unusual to have an evening mass. It is probably no accident that the midnight Eucharistic fast disappeared in 1957, the same year that the Holy Thursday Mass moved from morning to the evening to be more closely commemorate the evening Last Supper and agony in the garden.

My memories are a bit limited but I remember being at church at night. The sound of bells was replaced with the repeated thud on a swinging mallet. There was much more singing than was common in the 1950s and there was aroma of incense, most commonly experienced at benediction.

I did not realize that I was on the ground floor of the reform of the liturgy. For over a century scholars of the Liturgy, had been looking for lost gems from Catholic worship that had disappeared during the Middle Ages and the Catholic Reformation under the Council of Trent. In the first half of the twentieth century not only was the Mass of the Lord’s Supper in the morning, but so was the Easter Vigil, no doubt driven in part by the former midnight fast and formalism which separated the Catholic worshipping experience from the life of the early church. When the Blessed Sacrament is carried from the main altar to a place of repose, we do so at night as the disciples would have left the Upper Room, soon to be caught up in the nighttime arrest and trial of Jesus.

When we light the new fire at the Easter Vigil we do so after sunset. It is striking when the light of the Easter fire cuts through the darkness symbolizing the light of Christ and new life. Unfortunately since Easter is relatively late (last year it was April 4) Holy Saturday night is also a full moon the sun sets at 7:45 and the moonrises at 7:53pm. Our 8pm Easter fire which will be in a lunar twilight, will still be more symbolic than the old morning Easter Vigil. Plan ahead for April 14-17. The Triduum consists of The Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord’s Supper followed by the opportunity for prayer at the altar of repose, watching and waiting with the Lord. Friday we will have Stations of the Cross and in the evening the Liturgy of the Passion. On Saturday, we celebrate the empty tomb and the rising to new life. Please join the parish in these celebrations.

2022 Easter Schedule of Services Tuesday, April 12 – Lenten Penance Service with confessions-7 p.m.; Thursday, April 14 – Holy Thursday - NO 8 AM MASS, Mass of the Lord’s Supper-7 p.m. After Mass there will be Reservation of the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar of Repose until 12 midnight; Friday, April 15 – Good Friday – NO 8 AM MASS, Stations of the Cross at 12 noon; Good Friday Service at 7 p.m.; Saturday, April 16 – Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil at 8 p.m.; Easter Sunday Masses; 7:30 a.m.; 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. NO 6 p.m. Mass. There will be an Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt on the back lawn of the Manor House after the 9 and 11:15 a.m. Masses for children 12 and under. Bring your Easter baskets!

Sincere sympathy to the family and friends of William “Bill” Murphy who passed away last week. His funeral arrangements are pending.

Easter Memorial Flowers If you’d like to make a donation in memory of a loved one and to help offset the cost of decorating the church for Easter, there are envelopes on the back tables of the church. Please put your name and your loved ones name on the envelope.

THIS WEEK IN FAITH FORMATION, we're continuing to learn about sacraments, specifically the **sacraments of healing: Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick**. Sacraments help us to truly feel and experience God's limitless love and mercy. God truly desires a close relationship with us, and yet, we often find ourselves gone astray from the path of righteousness, or overwhelmed by physical and mental suffering. The sacraments of healing repair our wounds, and draw us closer to God. When we commit sins, we fracture our spiritual relationship with God. We create wounds which prevent us from experiencing God's love fully. We hide ourselves in shame. The sacrament of Reconciliation is efficacious because it truly allows us to be in God's presence, humble and contrite, and to be overcome with His forgiveness through absolution. While the Church teaches us that we should go to confession at least once a year, or if we have committed a mortal sin, we are encouraged to make frequent use of this sacrament. It is one of the most powerful spiritual weapons we have against sin, and helps us to cling close to God in our everyday lives. We should not be anxious about going to confession. The priest has probably heard whatever we are to confess countless times, and he is there acting in persona Christi. He does not take log of our sins and does not remember our sins. This is not an opportunity for earthly judgment, but rather, heavenly healing. If you haven't been to confession in years, I challenge you to set a goal to go to confession before Easter. If you've been going to confession once a year, I challenge you to go quarterly; and if you go quarterly, I challenge you to go monthly. It is a sacrament that we can take advantage of again and again. Anointing of the Sick is the second sacrament of healing. God recognizes that we can become overwhelmed with spiritual anxiety when we are battling physical and mental ailments. In receiving the Anointing of the Sick, the Holy Spirit comes down and gives us every available grace we need to endure our suffering, and to strengthen our spiritual resolve. We need not view this sacrament as the last rites! Just like the sacrament of Reconciliation, we can receive an anointing again and again. Do you have a surgery that is coming up? Consider reaching out to Father to schedule an anointing. Do you have chronic health issues? Schedule an anointing. Sacraments are efficacious, which means that God is at work in them, so we can approach the sacraments of healing with confidence that God will heal and strengthen our souls. -- Sarah MacMillan

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, April 3rd for both the morning Faith Formation and the evening Confirmation prep classes.

NO YOUTH GROUP THIS WEEK due to a schedule conflict. I appreciate your understanding!

EASTER EGG SCAVENGER HUNT following 9:00 and 11:15 AM Masses on Easter. Say hi to EB (the Easter Bunny), and participate as a family following the clues to receive a treat bag at the end for each child. Please RSVP to Sarah MacMillan at ignatiusreligion@gmail.com or call (301)885-7020 with any questions or concerns.

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

RESTORATION PROGRESS

Church Windows You have certainly noticed windows coming and going out of the church. All twelve of the top, and two of the bottom sashes have returned. All of the finished windows had a large plain glass oval, illustrated with some religious symbol which was painted and baked. The other lower windows have images of saints. These are more complicated, because of the hands and faces which were badly deteriorated. The remaining oval medallions are made up of around 24 pieces of glass each. They are separately illustrated and formed into an oval by being connected with lead alloy. Then the entire window must be tightened onto supporting bars with wires soldered to the metal and wrapped around the bars. These will take more time. The two large windows, the Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart, are just now being examined and prepared for restoration which will take a good deal of time. The windows are moving along. Some pictures from our visit to the restoration shop will be posted on Facebook.

Manor South Porch The second floor south facing manor porch has been scaffolded. As you will be able to see, the support columns have been attacked over the past century by water and termites. Our contractor is peeling back portions of the exterior in order to examine the contraction. The plan is to return the porch to long-term usability, preserving its exterior appearance.

Storage buildings In recent years, several of our storage sheds had begun to leak. We reroofed a maintenance shed with a metal roof. This week, Southernwood Roofing reroofed five of our sheds with asphalt shingles. Several had leaked for long enough that plywood in the roof also needed to be replaced. Now the sheds are more useable for storage. This should relieve some of the accumulation in the parish hall storage closets.

Come Home The number of parishioners attending Sunday Masses continues to increase. There will always be some who are unable to worship in person due to age, infirmity and health risks, but we encourage all who can to return. Worshiping with others who share your faith and to share in the Eucharist with them is always a wonderful gift.

You can also see the wonderful progress on the stained glass window restoration. The white dove who has taken up residence on the front of the manor house is a symbolic reminder of God's presence to His People, but we also need to be that presence to one another. There is no better time to return to in person worship than on Easter, the central belief and mystery of our redemption.

We still have hand sanitizer dispensers and welcome people who wear masks to protect themselves or others.

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](#)

Stations of the Cross We will have **Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7pm**. Good Friday Stations of the Cross will be at 12 Noon at our Outdoor Stations of the Cross.

Help Needed with Funeral Repasts, receptions and other gatherings here at the parish
We haven't had a repast in our hall since before COVID and now that things are returning to normal (hopefully), we'd like to offer to our parish families the use of the hall for funeral repasts. We've had a Bereavement/Hospitality Committee that consists of people who can help set up, serve and clean up after funerals, receptions, and other gatherings and outreach (Meals & Hope) we do here; as well as people who can provide a dish or dessert for these events. We'd like to have more new people and also the same people to help. There's a sign up sheet in the back of the church. If you prefer, you can email Brenda Canter at stigoffice@yahoo.com with questions and/or to sign up however you're available to help. This is a great way for new parishioners to get to know your fellow parishioners.

Gift Shop will be open 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.

Holy Saturday Easter Food Blessing If you would like to have your food blessed for Easter Sunday breakfast, lunch or dinner, please bring it to Church on Holy Saturday at 10:00 AM for a blessing. Please join us! This is a traditional Polish/Slavic event that we would like to continue to share throughout the parish.

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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!

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.

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 26-27, 2022: Offertory \$4,582; Catholic Relief Services \$1,231; Votives \$63; TOTAL: \$5,876. Thank you for your generous support.

Please remember the following people in your daily prayers: Mary Mason, Mary Margaret Clarke, Theresa San Luis, 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 Hammes, Sharon Ryan, John Reese, Frankie Chiorcariello and family, James Johnson, Victoria Liberty, Tamera Scroggins, James J. Nalley, Elaine Gaddis, Butch Hayden, Stacie Hayden

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