

St. Ignatius Church – Chapel Point

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The Eucharist

Saturday Evening: 5:00 p.m.

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

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

Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m.

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.

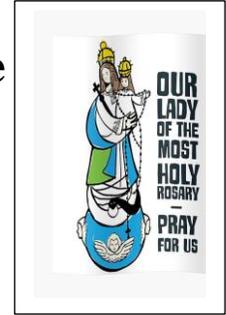
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: If you would like to learn about becoming a Catholic, please contact the Religious Education Office at ignatiusreligion@gmail.com. Classes begin at the end of the summer.



Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 2, 2022

“For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice
but rather of power and love and self-control.”



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 2 – 7:30 a.m. – Dina Delozier (healing)

Sunday, October 2 – 9:00 a.m. – Abby Rose Shlagel (healing)

Why doesn't God just calm every storm? God gave us a world and the ability to improve it. Over the millennia, we have learned much about how to build and where to build, about disease and how to mitigate its effects, and even how to prevent and cure it. He has allowed us to predict weather, though not perfectly. The world in which we live allows us to find meaning, live for a purpose and believe, or not. We could hardly be considered as living purposely without free will and responsibility, or if every challenge was removed before we experienced it.

Much of what we learn, and pass on to the following generations is gleaned from struggle. When we listened to parents and grandparents tell us stories, they were not an endless series of perfect moments. There were surely a few crises from which they escaped, or moral tales of lessons learned, of tragedies averted by quick thinking. As a Cub and then Boy Scout, I would flip to the back of Boy's Life magazine to the monthly illustrated story of Scouts in Action. They retold countless stories of courage in the face of dangerous encounters usually with nature and its surprises. A tale of a pleasant paddle on a calm pond, would have little to say, but a courageous and clever scout jumping into action to save the day from death or injury – that we read and remembered. One hopes we also learned that life required courage, quick thinking, and even some skills we might have learned. It isn't that God sits around looking for opportunities to throw us off our feet, but God does not compel us along a given path, so we never have to use good judgement or bravery.

God in Christ came into our world to die for us but also to guide, help and encourage us, not to confine us to some predetermined actions. We must take responsibility, by acting on our faith.

If we get frustrated with our world, we might think of Habbakuk in Sunday's first reading:

How long, O LORD? I cry for help but you do not listen!

I cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not intervene.

Why do you let me see ruin; why must I look at misery?

Destruction and violence are before me; ... strife, and clamorous discord.

But we are told to wait:

For the vision still has its time, presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint;

if it delays, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not be late.

The rash one has no integrity; but the just one, because of his faith, shall live.

St Paul- one whose life seemed certain, but who came to trust first and above all in Jesus the Christ, realized that it was indeed the relationship with Jesus that mattered and made all things well for him. “Guard this rich trust with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us.”

We cannot set up our own expectations and judge God by them, rather He has helped us not to be judged but welcomed by God in his mercy. In the mean time we need to learn to make decisions worthy of God's mercy.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT - Fall Wine Social has been CANCELLED this week due to the weather. It has been rescheduled for Saturday, October 22 after the 5 p.m. Mass. Due to the ongoing Manor House restoration, it will be held on the back lawn of the Manor House. There will be a fire pit and benches. You are welcome to bring a lawn chair. If it rains, we will be in the parish hall. For those who haven't checked out the wonderful improvements in the hall you can do so then. Please bring a bottle of wine and an appetizer/dessert to share. If you have questions, please contact Michelle Humphrey at 301-861-6326 or Lana Beattie at 301-751-5789. We hope to see you there!

CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER – Annual Blessing of the Animals

OCTOBER HEAD COUNT - USHERS Beginning this weekend, and for the month of October, we have the annual October Headcount. Please be sure to count all who attend Masses-all children and babies too. The forms are in the back of the church.

Natural Disaster Special Collection Request Many areas in Puerto Rico that have still not fully recovered from Hurricane Maria five years ago have suffered additional devastation due to Hurricane Fiona, which has moved on to cause significant damage to other islands. These areas are now in dire need of medical care, shelter, food, water, clothing, and other supplies, as well as the materials to rebuild. The work of rebuilding communities will last years. **In response to this humanitarian crisis, we will be taking up a special collection this weekend to aid those affected. Please be as generous as you can.**

THE CATHERINE FOUNDATION BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER The Catherine Foundation Pregnancy Resource Center in Southern Maryland is a Christian faith-based nonprofit that has helped over 39,000 pregnant women and families with young children since 1983. The Catherine Foundation is mainly sustained by private donations, allowing them to provide pregnancy counseling and essential supplies to families. Baby Bottles are now available. Take a bottle, save your change and help a mother care for her child.

We have a new supply of CARENOTES on the stand in the vestibule of the church. They are a wonderful source of comfort to those dealing with many of life's difficult times. Even if you don't see one that "speaks" to you, perhaps there's one that you could give to a friend or family member who may find peace and comfort by reading it.

IMPORTANT DATE CHANGE! THIS WEDNESDAY! FAMILY ROSARY NIGHT to honor Our Lady of the Rosary will be on **Wednesday, October 5th at 7:00 PM.** My apologies for having the incorrect date on the Faith Formation calendar. Weather permitting, we will pray together at our Lady's Shrine (just off the parking lot past the Outdoor Stations of the Cross). Otherwise, it will take place in the Parish Hall. **All are welcome! You may want to bring folding chairs or picnic blankets.**

A BAPTISM PREP RETREAT will be offered on **Sunday, October 16th 12:00-2:00 PM**. Please contact Sarah MacMillan at ignatiusreligion@gmail.com or call (301)885-7020 to register or find out more.

Looking ahead...if you are planning on receiving the sacrament of holy Matrimony, we will be offering a Pre-Cana Marriage retreat here on **March 4th, 2023 8:00 AM-4:30 PM**. **Both future spouses must attend**. Please contact Sarah MacMillan at ignatiusreligion@gmail.com or call (301)885-7020 to register or find out more.

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 has returned to St. Ignatius and continues this Sunday, October 2nd. Faith Formation occurs for **K-6th Grades at 10:00-11:00 AM on** and Confirmation Prep occurs for **7th-8th Grades at 5:00-5:55 PM on Sundays**. If you missed joining us the first week, it's never too late to register and join! 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!

There will be **NO FAITH FORMATION OR CONFIRMATION PREP** next Sunday, October 9th due to schools being on holiday on Monday. We will return on October 16th as usual.

Fr. Tom Clifford, S.J. and Fr. Larry Smith, S.J. ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY SUPPER
Contact Brenda Canter if you can help or have helpful suggestions at stigooffice@yahoo.com, or 301-934-8245 ext. 2. **We'll have a volunteer sign up sheet in the back of the church this weekend and next.** No need to sign up again if you came to the meeting or have contacted Brenda about helping. **The next planning meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 12 at 7 p.m. in the hall. Much more help and support is needed.**

Fr. Paul McCarren is recuperating after his second surgery for his injury in January. His address for get well cards is; St. Claude La Columbiere Jesuit Community, 5704 Roland Ave., Baltimore, MD 21210-1334.

Gift Shop Hours Stop by and check out the new beautiful items. The gift shop will be open a half hour after 9, 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m. Masses on the second and fourth Sundays in October.

Camp Maria Retreat Center will be hosting the 10th Annual Oyster Scald on Sunday October 9, 2022 starting at 12 Noon at Camp Maria Retreat Center located at 41290 Camp Maria Rd. Leonardtown MD 20650. Camp Maria will be celebrating 85 years of ministry and service. Free admission! Plenty of scalded oysters and other food items and beverages. Live music and activities for the kids. Rain or Shine.

Grieving with Great Hope If you are grieving the loss of a loved one or friend, **St. Mary's Church in Bryantown will offer**, a six-week Catholic-based grief support workshop, on Saturdays, Sept. 24 – Oct. 29 from 9-11 am. Guided by the Holy Spirit, Grieving with Great Hope is presented in a DVD format that offers prayerful reflection, practical learning and personal fellowship. To register or for more information, please contact Gemma Nelson (240-216-7845; gemmanelson@gmail.com)

Restore and Renew PLEASE – Please 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.**

Wayside Food Bank Please write a separate check to support Wayside Food Bank, Inc. We'll be sure it gets forwarded to the President of WFB. **Please don't make it out to the church.**

Collection Report for September 24-25, 2022: Offertory \$2,943; Votives \$7; All Saints \$10; Mission Sunday \$10; TOTAL: \$2,970. Thank you for your support.

Please remember the following people in your daily prayers: Abby Shlagel, Jim Abell, Carolyn Chlosta, Whitney Hart, Fred Zito, Dina Delozier, Carrie Tucker, Evelyn Jackson, Tess Franch, David Braunstein, Raymond L. Zuknick, Sr., Butch Hayden, Rose Langley, Zayden and Laurie and family, Kelly and Mark LeSage, Mary Margaret Clarke, Sarah Radtke, Michelle Goldsmith, Roy Maier, Tim Moore, Denise Edelen, Buddy and Peggy Burch, Candice and Miles, Marie Jenkins, Ruth Watson, Van Watson, Pat Kirkland, Eddie Fitzpatrick, Francis Knott, The staff and residents of assisted living and nursing homes, Amelia Zito, Karen Muhlenkamp, Peter Dahl, Elizabeth McCarthy, Alice Pickett, Dorothy Simms, Antoine Watson, Vickie & Greg Pickeral, David A. Proctor, Irene Proctor, Mary Jane Zuknick, Toni Gallagher, Bessie Farmer, Bobby Terrett, John Abell, Pat Anderson, Steve Oliff, Victims, families and survivors of abuse and suicide, The Sage family, Douglas Hamnes, Sharon Ryan, John Reese, Frankie Chiorcariello and family, James Johnson, Victoria Liberty, Tamera Scroggins, James J. Nalley, Stacie Hayden

