

St. Ignatius Church – Chapel Point

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Sharing God's Word and Sacraments Since 1641

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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.

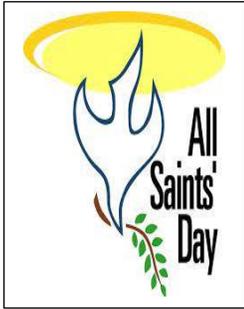
Cemetery: There are grave sites available for active parishioners in the new section at the base of the hill. Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington administers the sale of lots and burial. Because we do not have an adequate endowment, the costs of maintenance come from general parish funds.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

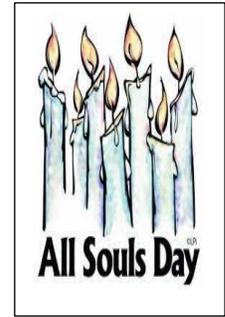
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: If you would like to learn about becoming a Catholic, please contact the Religious Education Office at ignatiusreligion@gmail.com. Classes begin at the end of the summer.



Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 30, 2022

"For the Son of Man has come to seek
and to save what was lost."



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 29 – 5:00 p.m. – Fred Zito +

Thursday, November 3 – 8:00 a.m. – Anna Clifford +

Standard Time, time zones and the need to gather The invention of steam trains forever altered the natural order. Time used to be local, whether judged by the sun's height on the horizon or reliance on a town and family time piece that reported the time of day after having been set in reference to the sun or some other time piece. That was not very helpful. Trains were sent out on a timed schedule from their base. They might run into each other, not anticipating to find another train where one happened to be. Trains would have arrived and departed at times that people did not expect. The solution was to divide the country and ultimately the world into time zones, where all the towns and villages in the zone would follow the same time. In November of 1883 the United States and Canada agreed to standard times for North America. The United States followed the lead of other countries by adopting Daylight savings time during World War I. By getting up earlier, as the sun rose earlier, the economy could save electricity or kerosene by taking advantage of longer periods of natural light. The transitions have been known to annoy people of fixed habits or whose lives are adversely affected. I remember when I lived in the tidewater of Virginia in the 1960's my father went to work on Daylight Savings time to mess with other federal facilities. Individual counties for a year each made their own choices.

In towns where there might be a visible town clock, or a church with bells they might all find a way to come together. As rural areas moved from agriculture and family run shops to factories and trains, some coordination would have to have occurred on a grander scale. Indeed since people who didn't need to coordinate for business did need to find their way to church at more or less the same time, yes people had an understanding of local time for gathering in church. So next weekend we can reflect on our ancestors who needed to trek miles in cold, heat and mud for the opportunity to share their faith and needed to find a common time to gather to praise and worship God.

We seem as a society to be losing the struggle to gather the people of God on Sundays. Before Covid we had seen signs of slippage. With isolation and concern with infection the bottom fell out. In 2018, we averaged about 457 worshipers on weekends and down to 404 in 2019. In 2020 given that we were in the first year of the pandemic, with masks and sanitizers, 195 for the weekend did not seem too bad. Last year, 2021 seemed to show a slow recovery to 311. This year we dropped back to 280. There are all sorts of reasons of health, family travel and related issues that can be mitigating circumstances; but our ancestors in faith had to invent measures of time so they could gather together. We should be able to gather in larger numbers and faith-filled dispositions.

Tuesday, November 1 is All Saints Day and a Holy Day Of Obligation Masses will be held at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. **All Souls Day is Wed., Nov. 2 and is not a Holy Day of Obligation**, but we will have Masses at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

The All Souls Book of Remembrance is in the back of the Church for those who would like to add their deceased loved ones names to the book and have them prayed for at Masses during the month of November. The book will remain on the altar during November.

Fall Wine Social THANKS SO MUCH to everyone who attended the Fall Wine Social on such a beautiful evening. Special thanks to Michelle Humphrey and Lana Beattie for hosting the event. A good time was had by all.

The Knights of Columbus *Boxes of Joy* There are still 23 boxes that haven't been returned. **We need them back this weekend so they can be included in the shipment to get them to needy children by Christmas.**

OCTOBER HEAD COUNT - USHERS For the month of October at all Masses, please be sure to count all who attend Masses-all children and babies too-don't forget the outside Mass too. The forms are in the back of the church.

RESERVATIONS FOR ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY SUPPER We'd love for everyone to attend, but reservations are required by Sunday, November 6. The sign-up sheet is in the back of the church or you can email Brenda Canter at stigooffice@yahoo.com. Please be sure to include the number of people in your party. **Volunteers: please reserve places for you and your family as well for dinner. We need an accurate head count of everyone, even our wonderful volunteers.**

November ADULT FAITH FORMATION: "Be Still, and know that I am God!" (Psalm 46) Our lives pull us into a myriad of different directions, and sometimes we can become disoriented and even anxious by the 'busyness of it all. As we find ourselves coming into the winter and holiday season, now more than ever, we need to seek peace that is only found in God. Join us Wednesdays, either following daily Mass or at 6:30 PM. You choose which time works best for you. Come to some sessions, or come to all! Study will be offered on November 2nd, 9th, and 16th. We will meet in the Parish Hall. Contact Sarah MacMillan at ignatiusreligion@gmail.com or (301)885-7020 to find out more.

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.

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.

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.

Daylight Savings Time Change Next Weekend! Don't be late for Mass or Religious Ed.

FAITH FORMATION & CONFIRMATION PREP CLASSES continue this week on Sunday, October 30th. Please make sure that you are registered in the Google classroom as it is the primary means to communicate what we learned, assignments for home, and any needed changes to the schedule.

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.

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

Restoration Progress A sufficient supply of mortar has arrived. Work has resumed in several areas: damaged brick replacement around the windows was removed and is being replaced especially around windows. The west chimney is finished the east one should be almost finished by Sunday. Rotting outdoor window sills both on the manor and the north side of the church have been replaced. Restoration of the brickwork below them may not be finished this week. The demolition of the old second floor porch has begun. We will be replacing it with a porch which will look the same but be structurally secure. The replacement stone for the front steps is due soon; you will notice that three cinderblock rows to support the steps have been built. Pointing the brick work on the east wall of the east wind has begun. There were a number of stress points from the addition of the second floor after the 1866 fire. Reinforcing bars called Heli Bars will run through those cracks held in by new mortar.

Fundraiser for Mt. Carmel Monastery: On Saturday, November 5, 2022, The Night at the Races (sponsored by The Restorers of Mount Carmel of Maryland, Inc.). Festivities will be at Sacred Heart Church Friendship Room, 201 St. Mary's Avenue, La Plata, and MD. Doors Open at 5:30; Italian Buffet dinner is at 6:00; races and betting at 7:00 pm. For more information, please contact Sharon at 301.934.2983. Dinner cost is \$26 per person. You can also purchase a horse for any or all of the 12 races (\$25 per horse, per race).

Holiday Trail We will have a modified participation this year due to the renovation work being done. Fr. will give tours as best as can be done of the church and not sure about the Manor House. He could use some help with tours on Saturday, Dec. 3 and Sunday, Dec. 4. Please contact him if you are interested.

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 OCTOBER REPORT On Saturday, October

15, Wayside Food Bank's volunteers served 31 families; which represents 77 adults, 11 teens, and 27 children; for a total of 115 individuals served. There were fresh eggs and gift cards for our clients to obtain perishable food items we can't provide.

Special thanks to J and Sandy Hixson for providing Halloween goodie bags for the children. Thanks also to Terry and Frank Burch for donating huge sweet potatoes that were gratefully accepted by our clients.

With colder weather fast approaching, we will have our first registration and check in back in the hall since COVID. This will allow us to provide more items for our people that we can't, with just doing drive thru service.

Our next distribution is Saturday, November 19, with stocking on Wednesday, November 16. We always need volunteers and are grateful to everyone who offers their help. If you can help or have any questions, please contact Dianne Lyon at d.e.lyon@comcast.net. **If you'd like to make a donation, please write a separate check to Wayside Food Bank, Inc. Please don't make it out to the church.** You can drop it in the collection and it will be forwarded to WFB.

Collection Report for Weekend of October 22-23, 2022: Offertory \$3,058; Mission Sunday \$1,140; Votives \$9; All Saints \$30; Dinner \$75; TOTAL: \$4,312. Thank you for your generosity.

Please remember the following people in your daily prayers: Jimmie Roberts, Chuck Gould, Abby Shlagel, Jim Abell, Carolyn and Norm Chlosta, Whitney Hart, 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



CELEBRATING OUR 2022 JESUIT JUBILARIANS



This year marks the 50th anniversary of our Pastor, Fr. Tom Clifford, S.J., who entered the Society of Jesus in 1972. We congratulate him, who has served the Church and the people of God for half a century.

We also offer prayers of gratitude to Fr. Larry Smith, S.J., our Senior Priest here at Chapel Point, who celebrates a Jubilee Year in 2022. He entered the Society of Jesus in 1962 and celebrates 60 years in the Society of Jesus.

Join us Sunday, November 20 at the 11:15 a.m. Mass, Feast of Christ the King, to celebrate Fr. Tom Clifford, S.J. and Fr. Larry Smith, S.J., who will concelebrate.

Immediately following Mass, please join us for Sunday supper in the parish hall. Reservations are required. We will take reservations until November 6. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the church, or please email Brenda Canter at stigooffice@yahoo.com with your name and number of people in your party who plan to come. You can also call the office 301-934-8245 ext. 2 with your reservation.