

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 contributing parishioners at the bottom 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.

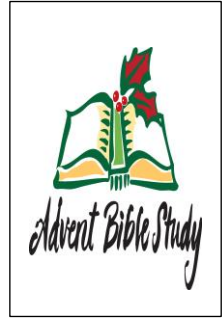


First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022

"Therefore, stay awake!

For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 26 – 5:00 p.m. – Will Livers +

Sunday, November 27 – 9:00 a.m. – James Kenley (Healing)

Sunday, November 27 – 11:15 a.m. – Jeff Bowersox +

Tuesday, November 29 – 8:00 a.m. – Fr. Larry Smith, S.J. (Happy Birthday)

Wednesday, November 30 – 8:00 a.m. – April Sage (Happy Birthday)

Advent and Thanksgiving Every year, there is discussion about which Thanksgiving was first. Was it in Plymouth 1621? Maybe the first was in Jamestown in 1610; when ships arrived with supplies that literally put an end to starvation. There were other recorded thanksgivings in the southern parts of what is not the United States. Spanish settlers, in what is now Texas, gathered for thanksgiving in 1541 and French Huguenots in Florida in 1564. Each of those enriches the local appreciations of the survival of their early settlers and the assistance they needed to see the next year. None denies or diminishes the others. History keeps discovering lost episodes, and each helps us see the breadth of human experiences, hopes and crises.

In previous years, I have revisited the various attempts of Presidents since George Washington to establish the habit of national habit of Thanksgiving. While we may read accounts of the 1621 event, none of us have family celebrations which strictly reenact any specific event. On the basic menu of turkey and stuffing, families add all sorts of local and ancestral dishes. There are also patterns of who gathers at whose home. When I was a child, we gathered at my Grandmother Clifford's house for Thanksgiving and stayed home for Christmas to host my grandmother and uncle. Thanksgiving is a largely family event remembering some particular events in their recent or distant past. The celebration has evolved and will continue to do so, the hope is that we keep alive an understanding of giving thanks for one another to God.

Advent similarly has evolved over centuries. Fairly early on the Church settled on a time for an annual celebration of the birth of Jesus in an annual cycle of feast and observances. Then came a period of prayerful preparation, which for centuries was as similar to Lent, both in length and penances.

Over the next four weeks we should be setting aside time to prepare for the celebration of the coming of God into our lives in a new and significant way. An Advent wreath light at the dinner table or in the living room before dinner, marks off time to pray and remember. It can take many forms, and again might grow out of old family traditions. The act of setting aside some time to remember and pray is a good starting point for either Thanksgiving or Advent. It is not the particular practice but just taking time to remember and thank God.

Happy Birthday Fr. Larry Smith, S.J.!! Fr. Smith has a birthday on Tuesday. If you see him around this week, wish him a happy birthday.

A BIG THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!! The anniversary dinner for Frs. Clifford and Smith was a great success! This is due to so many of you giving your talent, time and help in many ways. Your generosity and kindness were so very appreciated.

A special thanks to Chris and Joanie Heinze and the Pizza Hotline crew for donating the delicious lasagna dinner; and to Karen and Glenn Carpenter for donating the awesome roast beef and chicken dinner.

Thanks also to everyone who donated towards the gifts and offset the costs involved. We have much to be thankful for here at our parish. May God bless you all richly. We wish you and your family a very safe and family filled Thanksgiving.

Advent Series: The Catholic Church as The Biblical Church Fr. Clifford will have an Advent program, developing the Biblical theme that he introduced in several columns. He will provide the necessary handouts. The same ground will be covered at two times each week. On Sundays Dec 4, 11, 18 – after the 9 am Mass and again at 7pm on Wednesdays November 30, Dec 14 and 17.

Advent Books This is the First Sunday of Advent. Pick up a copy of *The Word Among Us* from the back of the church; a devotional book with daily meditations for Advent. It contains Mass readings and meditations to help prepare you spiritually for Christmas.

INQUIRY COURSE on the Church (RCIA) meets on THURSDAYS at 6:30 PM beginning on December 1st, 2022. 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? Are you a Catholic who would like to learn more about your faith? Then our Thursday evenings are for you! Contact Sarah MacMillan at ignatiusreligion@gmail.com or (301)885-7020 for more information.

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.

NO FAITH FORMATION & CONFIRMATION PREP CLASSES November 27th. See you on December 4th! Happy Thanksgiving!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR for CHRISTMAS EVE IS BACK! Beginning next Sunday, December 4th, Tina O'Neil and her daughters, Ms. Nora & Ms. Lauren will be leading the Children's Christmas Choir, which will perform during the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Vigil Mass. Rehearsal will be immediately following Faith Formation during the 11:15 Mass. Please arrive immediately following Mass (around noon) to pick up your children from rehearsal.

FEAST of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION on DECEMBER 8th: All families in Faith Formation are invited to attend our 6:15 PM Activity in the Parish Hall. We will be making a craft honoring our Blessed Mother, who is the Immaculate Conception. Mass is immediately following at 7:00 PM in the Church. This is a **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION** and Mass is offered here at 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS FUN DAY returns on Sunday, December 11th from 1:00-5:00 PM! Have your children come join us for fun crafts, games, and holiday cheer hosted by our Youth Group. It's a great opportunity for you to drop your kids off and holiday shop (or enjoy a date!). Cost is \$5/child to support our Youth Group. Children need to be potty trained. Questions? Contact Sarah MacMillan at ignatiusreligion@gmail.com or call (301)885-7020 to register or find out more.

Gift Shop Hours We have Advent candles, Advent calendars and a variety of Nativity sets. The gift shop will be open a half hour after 9 and 11:15 a.m. Masses on the second and fourth Sundays. It will also be open for the Holiday Trail event.

Holiday Trail Fr. Clifford will give tours on Saturday, Dec. 3; 10 a.m. til 1 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 4; 12:30 p.m. til 4 p.m. Please contact him if you can help with tours.

Handel's Messiah Chesapeake Choral Arts Society will perform the Christmas portion of Handel's *Messiah* at St. Joseph Catholic Center, Pomfret, MD on Saturday, Dec. 3 at 7:30pm and Sunday, Dec. 4 at 3:30pm. Sunday's concert will include a *Messiah* Sing-A-Long; a holiday Sing-A-Long will be featured at both concerts. For more information, see ChesapeakeChoral.com or call 301-624-0594.

Collection Report for Weekend of November 19-20, 2022: Offertory \$4357; Votives \$9; All Saints \$10; Dinner \$50; Thanksgiving outreach \$150; TOTAL: \$4,526. Thank you for your continued support and 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, John Abell, Pat Anderson, Steve Oliff, Victims, families and survivors of abuse