

# 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 registered, active and 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.

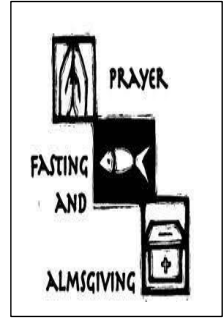
**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:** If you would like to learn about becoming a Catholic, please contact the Religious Education Office at ignatiusreligion@gmail.com. Classes begin at the end of the summer.



# First Sunday of Lent

February 26, 2023

*"The Lord, your God, shall you worship  
and him alone shall you serve."*



## **Mass Intentions**

Saturday, February 25 – 5:00 p.m. – Elizabeth "Bessie" Farmer +  
Sunday, February 26 – 9:00 a.m. – Clyde Copsey +  
Sunday, February 26 – 11:15 a.m. – Elizabeth "Bessie" Farmer +  
Tuesday, February 28 – 8:00 a.m. – Fr. Edward Dougherty, S.J. +  
Friday, March 3 – 8:00 a.m. – Jackson Romine (Happy Birthday)

**Finding a village in Lent by opening a door.** We are justly proud of the beauty of our church on the hill. I wander through the church from time to time during the day. Sometimes people are looking at the windows, or of the painting of St. Ignatius at LaStorta. It might be an individual kneeling at the statues in front of lighted candles. They might also be fixed not on works of art, but on the tabernacle and the gift of God's presence to us which continues day in and day out through the day and through the night. I meet people from other states, counties and yes, religions. I would say I encounter more of tourists and wandering pilgrims than I do of parishioners.

It isn't that we are less pious or more busy, we are just more familiar. When we think of places to visit, we think of places to stop and think, pray and or soak in beauty, we jump to sights at some distance, ones that give us a new perspective. We forget that we can have that new perspective, in old places, familiar spaces. It is easy to have new wonders staring into the cloudless big sky of Montana, or across the wide deep and colorful Grand Canyon. That new wonder is often just an opportunity to find a place within us that the quiet; helps us discover, beauty, silence or God; to enter into Lent.

In Lent, when we are looking for something new to help us find God, there are lots of places, but we should not forget the one we can find without opening an app or a map. If we were in a small walking village we might stop into any unlocked church for 2 minutes or 2 hours. Yet though we are familiar with St. Ignatius, while we are in a motor vehicle with windows up and radio on, it is just not as natural to pull into the lot and walk across the road as it would be walking along a sidewalk to pop open a door and adjust eyes to the light and ears to the sound.

We can make this a village by slowing down, opening a door and stepping into sacred space. It is true that at this moment from dawn to 3 pm one might hear a worker who is sanding or a lift beeping, but God is even in those sounds.

**Lenten Program - How did the Scriptures come to be?** Tues., Feb. 28 at 6:30 p.m. and Wed., March 1 after the 8 a.m. morning Mass-same class different day and time. **NOTE THE DIFFERENT DAYS OF THE WEEK.** How does that process of forming and Bible help us to understand it? We will begin with a video by Fr. Felix Just, S.J. The video will prompt many questions for conversation.

**Stations of the Cross** will be held on Fridays during Lent at 6:30 p.m. **NOTE the time change.** After Stations in the church, we will have fellowship and a light meatless meal in the parish hall. Please bring something to share. We still need one more volunteer to help organize the set up and clean up. Mary Jo Kamin offered help but there are some dates she's unavailable. Call or email Brenda Canter in the office for details. Please join us.

## **MORE WAYS TOWARD PRAYER, FASTING, ALMSGIVING DURING LENT**

**Lenten Guidelines on Fasting and Abstinence** 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.

St. Ignatius is sponsoring **The Restorers of Mt. Carmel's** Lenten Prayer services on three Thursdays in March (the 2nd, 16th, and 30th) from 3 to 4pm in the parish hall. All parishioners and their family are invited to attend. Members of the Restorers of Mt. Carmel will lead shared prayer, readings, and reflection on how these 40 days assist us to walk a little farther in our Lenten journey.

**CRS Rice Bowls give meaning to our Lent!** St. Augustine teaches, *"What you deprive yourself by fasting, add to your almsgiving."* Please be as generous as possible to help Catholic Relief Services worldwide and locally. Join our faith community—and nearly 13,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a transformative Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl to support the mission of Catholic Relief Services. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on global hunger and take action to help our sisters and brothers impacted by this injustice. Rice bowls are available at the back of the church in the vestibule. They come with a daily calendar of reflections and meatless meal recipes to inspire you. As we continue our Lenten journey, reflect on how your prayers, fasting and almsgiving can guide you. As Pope Francis explains, these are “elements which, when lived sincerely, can transform life and provide a sure foundation for dignity and fraternity.” How can practicing the Lenten pillars transform your life and the lives of our sisters and brothers around the world? They will be collected at Easter.

**Lenten Food Drive** Our annual food drive will run through Lent. Food collected will be sent to Wayside Food Bank to feed the needy in our local community. There are paper bags in the back of the church if you need some. Any non-perishable food items are gratefully accepted. Please check the expiration dates. We cannot distribute out of date food. Some items on our wish list are oatmeal (single serve and boxes), ramen noodles, mac and cheese, canned veggies, fruit, canned meat (tuna, chicken), soups, spaghetti sauce and noodles, peanut butter, jelly. We can also use small containers of detergent and bleach. With prices at the grocery stores your donations are even more appreciated. If you'd rather make a monetary donation, checks can be made out to Wayside Food Bank, Inc. Put them in a separate envelope with WFB on the front, place in the collection or mail it in to the office and your donation will be given to the appropriate person at WFB.

**Meals and Hope Mobile Food Truck** Our parish for a number of years has sponsored monthly meals for those in need for the Catholic Charities/So. Md. Food Bank mobile food truck program, *Meals and Hope*. Pre Covid, ladies of the parish prepared a meal in the parish hall. Once the truck resumed serving meals at various locations, for the safety of our volunteers, the parish has purchased a meal (around \$400) for the truck that So. Md. Food Bank picks up in La Plata from Pizza Hotline and takes to a location in Charles or St. Mary's County. Staffing decline at So. Md. Food Bank after covid and less places interested in sponsoring meals has changed things. They have 2 staff members to cover 2 counties and sometimes are preparing meals themselves, so that has impacted also who and where they serve as well. If you are interested in sponsoring a meal for the parish, please contact the parish office for more information. This is a great way to help "the least of our brothers" with almsgiving during **Lent and after**.

**THIS WEEK IN FAITH FORMATION** we are learning about the season of Lent. Lent is a season where we slow down, reflect upon, and commit to our belief in Jesus Christ as our Savior. As he journeys into the desert for forty days, we follow Him spiritually. We make small sacrifices of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving to remind ourselves that the earthly pleasures should not be our worry. We fast to strengthen our souls to cling closely to God; we fast to strengthen our bodies so as to train ourselves to avoid temptation; we give alms to recognize that we are all beloved children of God and we should all be worthy of care. As I prepare to lead my children through this season of Lent, I find myself reflecting on the *Shema*, which is the first prayer of the morning for Jews. I feel connected to my Savior's faith, and also, I feel convicted to take up my cross, too. I commit to returning to the Lord by having daily conversations with my family members about our faith. We will help each other in keeping our Lenten resolutions. "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. And these words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise." (Deuteronomy 6:4-7) Don't forget, though, that we are an "Easter people." We may fast for forty days, but the time between Ash Wednesday and Easter is actually forty-six days. Every Sunday is a feast day! May you have experience a Lenten journey that leads you closer to our Lord.

**WELCOME OUR CATECHUMENS & CANDIDATE into the discipleship of Christ.** At our 9:00 AM Mass, we have our Rite of Acceptance and Welcome. This is one of the first "threshold" rites of Christian Initiation. We mark our catechumens and candidate with the cross of Christ as His own, and we welcome them into our community of believers. We walk with you, and pray for your journey as you continue through Lent learning our faith to be fully initiated into the Church. May you be surrounded by the presence of the Holy Spirit to guide you along the way, and may you always sense the love and prayers of your parish surrounding you. Welcome, Lucas Herr, Judith S. Thompson, and Jacob Diggle!

**WELCOME TO THE CHURCH!** Let's all join together in celebrating our new member of the community who was welcomed into the Church through the sacrament of Baptism this past month. May you always be guided by the Holy Spirit! Congratulations to Ellie Love Kiessling!

**Keep in your prayers** our children who will be receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this weekend.

**CONFIRMATION RETREAT FOR EIGHTH GRADERS** will be on Saturday, March 11th from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM. This is MANDATORY. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Sarah MacMillan at [ignatiusreligion@gmail.com](mailto:ignatiusreligion@gmail.com) or call (301)885-7020.

**FAITH FORMATION & CONFIRMATION PREP RESUMES** this weekend.

**INQUIRY COURSE** on the Church (RCIA) meets on THURSDAYS at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall Religious Education Office. Do you know someone who wants to learn about our faith? Are you wanting to learn more about your faith? Feel free to join us! Contact Sarah MacMillan at [ignatiusreligion@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:ignatiusreligion@gmail.com) or (301)885-7020 to find out more information on how to get prepared for the sacrament.

**PRE-CANA MARRIAGE RETREAT** will be offered here on March 4th, 2023 8:00 AM-4:30 PM. BOTH future spouses must attend the ENTIRE day. Please contact Sarah MacMillan at [ignatiusreligion@gmail.com](mailto:ignatiusreligion@gmail.com) or call (301)885-7020 to register or find out more.

**Wayside Food Bank Report for February 2023** On Saturday, February 18, Wayside Food Bank volunteers served 30 families; which represents 64 adults, 7 teens and 13 children, for a total of 84 individuals served. Our volunteers and supporters are the heart of WFB, and without them we wouldn't be able to provide such a successful service to the southern Charles County community for so many continuous years. We thank you all. The farm fresh eggs the Burch's provide each month are very gratefully received by our clients. Thanks also to Angela Hume who arrived at distribution with fresh fruit that our clients don't normally get. Our next distribution is Saturday, March 18, with stocking on Wednesday, March 15. If you would like to volunteer or for more information, please email Dianne Lyon at [d.e.lyon@comcast.net](mailto:d.e.lyon@comcast.net).

**Parish Council Meeting** will be held Thursday, March 9 in the parish hall.

**Days of Prayer at Loyola on the Potomac** Each Day of Prayer starts at 9:00 am and ends at 3:00 pm and includes Continental Breakfast, Lunch and Mass. **Dates are: March 6 and April 3; Lenten Days of Prayer; May 15 Marian Day of Prayer; July 31 Day of Prayer–Feast of S t. Ignatius. *The fee for each day of prayer is \$40. Register now at [loyolaretreat.org](http://loyolaretreat.org).***

**Camp Maria Retreat Center - Friday, March 17, 2023, Called to Communion, an Invitation like no other.**  
**9am - 4pm; \$50 Lunch included.**

In this workshop for women, Facilitator Mary Beth Griffin Drury will invite all who long to go deeper into intimacy with the Lord. Learn how the invitation to the Supper of the Lamb helps us to grow into union with Jesus and our fellow believers. Communion with him is where our journey actually begins. Learn how to meditate, journal, and hear more clearly from the Lord in this session.

**Camp Maria Retreat Center - Friday, March 24, 2023, Making sense of death. 9am-4pm \$50 Lunch Included**

Facilitator Ann Kovalcik will support participants to consider death by Looking with Mary at the death of her Son – the cornerstone of the Church. 1. A Mother's sorrow, human suffering, and compassion. 2. The Son of God, suffering and God's compassion. 3. A Holy Sacrifice and the compassion of the Church 4. Compassion the pledge of resurrection.

**For more information or to register please visit [www.campmaria.org](http://www.campmaria.org) or contact [director@campmaria.org](mailto:director@campmaria.org) 301 475-8330.**

**St. Mary's Church – Newport - ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY** Sunday, March 12, 2023.

The festivities begin at 4:00 p.m. in the St. Francis Hall. Enjoy Irish tunes from a traditional Irish dancers & band. Bring a Dish to Share, donation accepted at the door. Date: Sunday, March 12, 2023 Location: St. Mary's Newport Catholic Church at 11555 St. Mary's Church Road Charlotte Hall, Md. 20622. Questions call the office at (301)934-8825.

**Cross Catholic Outreach – Boxes of Joy THANK YOU!** We received a thank you from James Cavnar, CEO of Cross Catholic Outreach, sponsor organization for the Boxes of Joy. The Knights of Columbus provided the boxes and some of you took one home, filled it with Christmas gifts or money and the Knights made sure it went to Cross Catholic. Our parish gave \$612 in 2022; \$225 from last Christmas that was credited in 2022, and \$387 that was credited for this Christmas. Thank you to all that participated.

**Gift Shop** The gift shop will close for the winter months but will be glad to place special orders during that time. Leave a request in the collection basket marked gift shop, included your name and phone number. Thanks for your support throughout the years.

**St. Mary of the Mills Parish will host *CHOSEN*, a vocations retreat for high school aged girls** on Saturday, April 29, 8:30am - 4:00pm. The day includes Mass, Adoration, Confession, praise and worship, talks, vocation stories, time for reflection. This day is for girls on retreat to start to feel God's call on their heart for their vocation, whatever that may be! We welcome all high school aged girls registering as individuals or with their school or parish youth group and leaders. Register NOW at <https://stmaryslaurel.org/ywretreat>. Email [youth@stmaryofthemills.org](mailto:youth@stmaryofthemills.org) with any questions.

**Collection Report for Weekend of February 18-19, 2023:** Offertory \$3,538; Votives \$37; Ash. Wed. \$45; Church in Dev. World \$25; TOTAL: \$3,645. Thank you for your support.

**Please remember the following people in your daily prayers:** Karen and family, Marie Martin, Clarence Tucker, James Johnson, Jimmie Roberts, Chuck Gould, Abby Shlagel, Jim Abell, WhitneyHart, Dina Delozier, Carrie Tucker, Evelyn Jackson, Tess Franch, David Braunstein, Raymond L. Zuknick, Sr., Butch Hayden, Rose Langley, Mary Margaret Clarke, Michelle Goldsmith, Roy Maier, Tim Moore, Denise Edelen, Buddy 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, 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

