

# LENT AT ST. IGNATIUS

March 3<sup>rd</sup> - The Third Sunday of Lent

## MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Daily: Monday	6:30 & 9:00 AM
Tuesday through Friday:	6:30 & 8:00 AM
First Friday	7:00 PM
Saturday:	8:00 AM
Confession Saturdays	3:00 - 4:00 PM
Saturday Vigil Mass	4:00 PM
Sunday	7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM and 12 Noon



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

March 5, 12 & 19. The Stations of the Cross will be the Mary Stations. Come join us in our Church Four Tuesdays in Lent at 7 PM as we walk and pray the stations with Mary, led by the women of our parish.

Fridays during Lent, Stations of the Cross with our school students at 1 PM.

Wednesday, March 27, School Students Present **Mary's Journey** Stations of the Cross at 9 AM.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH BAKE

Friday, March 15 - 5:00 - 7:00 PM Parish Hall Eat-In or Take-Out \$12.00

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

Sunday, March 17 - 8:00 - 11:00 AM Parish Hall Eat-In or Take-Out \$11.00

## LENTEN OBLIGATIONS

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence.

Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

Who must fast? Catholics from age 18 until age 59.

What constitutes fasting? 1 full meal & 2 smaller meals that do not equal a full meal.

Who must abstain from meat? Catholics from age 14 onwards.

## HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday - March 24 Blessed Palm Branches distributed after all weekend Masses

Monday of Holy Week - March 25 - Masses 6:30 & 9:00 AM

Tuesday of Holy Week - March 26 - Masses 6:30 & 8:00 AM

Parish Lenten Confessions - 7:00 PM - Visiting Priests available for confessions.

Wednesday of Holy Week - March 27 - Masses 6:30 & 8:00 AM

School Students Present **Mary's Journey** Stations of the Cross - 9:00 AM

Holy Thursday - March 28 - No morning Masses

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 PM

Good Friday - March 29 No morning Masses - Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 3 PM

Holy Saturday - March 30 No Morning Masses - No Sacrament of Reconciliation

Blessing of Food - 12:00 Noon

Easter Vigil - 8:00 PM - Reception of R.C.I.A. Catechumens & Candidates

Easter Sunday - March 31 - 7:30, 9:00, & 10:30 AM & 12:00 Noon

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**Pick up Friday, March 22nd**

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**St. Patrick's Day**  
**All You Care to Eat**  
**Family Breakfast**  
**Sunday, March 17, 2024**

8:00am to 11:00am / School Hall  
 Adults \$11.00—children 6 yrs to 12 yrs \$5.00  
 Children 5 and Under—Free  
 Veterans Receive \$1.00 Discount



Scrambled Eggs	Cereals
Home Fries	Fresh Fruit
Sausage / Bacon	Pastries
Creamed Dried Beef	Coffee / Tea / Milk
Pancakes	Juice

We now accept Credit Cards. And we do the dishes!  
 Our last Breakfast until September. Don't miss it!

**Knights of Columbus**  
**Lenten Fish Bake**  
**Friday, March 15**

5:00pm to 7:00pm / School Hall  
 Adults \$12.00—children 6 yrs to 12 yrs \$6.00  
 Children 5 and Under—Free



Baked Batter-Dipped Cod	Stewed Tomatoes
French Fries	Cole Slaw
Macaroni and Cheese	Apple Sauce
Coffee / Tea	Lemonade / Iced Tea

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 Thank you for your Support.

**COOKS WITH COLLARS**

Thank you to all who participated in "Cooks With Collars" at St. Ignatius as we realized over \$7,000!

While we didn't bring home any of the Diocesan trophies - we are all winners as our parish benefited from your great generosity! *Hopefully you were entertained by your priests' presentation and, at the very least, you have a new recipe to heighten your taste buds!*

We're looking forward to next year's version!  
**May God bless you all!**





**ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday, March 4**

6:30 a.m. Gloria Kallelis  
9:00 a.m. Elizabeth Mullen Creed

**Tuesday, March 5**

6:30 a.m. Bernadette Barvitskie  
8:00 a.m. Grace Hornickle - 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of Death

**Wednesday, March 6**

6:30 a.m. Omer Allen  
8:00 a.m. Harry & Marian Miano

**Thursday, March 7**

6:30 a.m. Intentions of Peter Heim  
8:00 a.m. Chester Zalegowski - 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Death

**Friday, March 8**

6:30 a.m. Antoinette Lozinski  
8:00 a.m. Geraldine Buser

**Saturday, March 9**

8:00 a.m. Debra Michalek  
4:00 p.m. Maria Trinh Doan

**Sunday, March 10 - Fourth Sunday of Lent**

7:30 a.m. Jackie Roth  
9:00 a.m. Intentions of Joan E. Brown  
10:30 a.m. Pat & Annie Flemming  
12:00 p.m. Stella Saus

**GOSPEL MESSAGE**

The law liberates and leads us to freedom. It is to be trusted for it is a source of wisdom. Jesus speaks of the ultimate freedom to be won for us by His being raised up. He is the sign of the power and wisdom of God.

**STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE**

"You shall not covet" is perhaps a difficult commandment to keep in our consumer-oriented society. But as Christian stewards, we know that we are the recipients and caretakers of God's many gifts. May this understanding that *all* is gift help us be less resentful of the gifts of others.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MARCH 09/10**

2 Chr 36: 14 - 16, 19 - 23 / Eph 2: 4 - 10 / Jn 3: 14 - 21

**Don't delay in taking the Disciple Maker Index Survey!**  
Visit: <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/b36155>

**For those without internet access, hard copy surveys will be available to complete in the John Paul II Room AFTER WEEKEND MASSES, MARCH 9 & 10.**

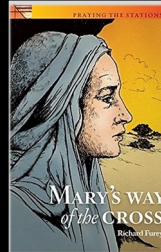


This important survey is essential in helping St. Ignatius assess our greatest strengths and opportunities so that our parish can thrive and deepen our commitment to Christ as missionary disciples!

**LENTEN OPPORTUNITY**  
**2024 RICE BOWL**



**Boxes are available in the Narthex!**  
**Consider using the CRS Rice Bowl box and calendar to pray, fast, give and encounter our global family.**  
**Take one today as you leave Mass and return during Holy Week.**



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**March 5, 12, and 19.**  
**The Stations of the Cross will be the Mary Stations.**

**Come join us in our Church**  
**4 Tuesdays in Lent at 7 PM**  
**as we walk and pray the stations with Mary, led by the women of our parish.**

**Also, Fridays during Lent**  
**Stations of the Cross with our school students at 1:00 PM.**

**ALL ARE WELCOMED!**



**Baby Bottle Drive**

We Need You!  
Make some change in your own community!

**How to donate**

- Visit the narthex
- Grab a baby bottle (or two)
- Fill with loose change & cash
- Or make checks payable to "Lifeline of Berks County"
- Return filled bottle to the narthex by specified date below!

**Pick up: March 2nd & 3rd**

**Return: March 16th & 17th**

(returns can also be made directly to our clinic on Reading Ave.)

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owns your business, you can participate in the  
SPE (Special Purpose Entity) which allows you to  
obtain EITC (Educational Improvement Tax Credit)  
or OSTC (Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit).

*We are now working on PA Tax Credit for 2024.*

It really is simple. You reach out to Dr. Wood, and  
fill in a form with a local scholarship foundation  
who handles all the steps for you. You write a  
check and receive a form that allows you to receive  
a 90% PA tax credit. For example, if you pay \$1,000  
in taxes, you will receive a \$900 tax credit.

*Reach Dr. Wood at [cwood@stignatiusvikings.org](mailto:cwood@stignatiusvikings.org)  
or 610.223.0155 for help or information.*

**ST. JOAN OF ARC WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** is  
offering a consideration of **The Holy Spirit in the Bible.**

In this **six-lesson study**, we explore key Scripture  
passages of the Holy Spirit at Creation, within Israel,  
during the ministry of Jesus and the Early Church,  
and the end of time. The Holy Spirit's role in our personal  
and spiritual lives is also discussed.

**6:30 - 8:00 PM - Parish Library**  
**March 14 and 21, April 4, 11, 18, and 25.**

*(This particular module can be done on your own as well,  
if you prefer to purchase a book for self-study.)*

**The study book is \$15.00.**

Send check to:

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**PA Tax Credit  
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make your initial contribution.

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Dr. Carolyn Wood 610 223 0155  
[cwood@stignatiusvikings.org](mailto:cwood@stignatiusvikings.org)





**HGA is hosting a private screening of *Cabrini***

Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM  
at the AMC Fairgrounds Theater  
3050 N. 5th Street Highway, Reading, 19605

Ticket information:  
\$25 Ticket includes entry to the movie & voucher for a regular-size popcorn/beverage combo.

\$15 Ticket includes entry to the movie.

Purchase tickets online or via paper form. Paper forms may be mailed to or dropped off at the HGA Rectory or placed in the HGA collection basket in an envelope marked "Cabrini Movie."

You do not need a physical ticket. Movie-goers will be checked in at the theater on the day of the screening.

There are 200 tickets available – don't delay!

What parents need to know: *Cabrini* has been assigned an MPAA rating of PG-13 for thematic material, some violence, language, and smoking.

Link to website (with trailer) <https://www.hgaparish.com/post/cabrini-private-screening>

**St. Ignatius Seniors**



will next meet on

**Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM**

in the St. Ignatius School Gym.

**BoomBox BINGO** will be played. Please note that Bingo will be at the start of this meeting with refreshments and business meeting to follow. The Book/Puzzle Exchange will be there and we will collect donations for the Food Pantry. The Seniors Group is really growing and new members are always welcomed. Dues are \$7 / year.

If you are interested or have questions please call Barb at 610.763.1383.

**SENIORS GROUP REGISTRATION FORM - \$7.00**

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**The Patricians**  
Catholic Faith Discussion Group

2nd Tuesday of the Month  
7:00 - 9:00 pm  
Meeting in the School Meeting Rooms January - March  
Meeting in St. Ignatius Church : JP II room April - June

All are Welcome  
Snacks Provided

2024: Session 1

March 12 <sup>th</sup>	SANCTIFYING GRACE & DIVINE MERCY (Location: School meeting rooms)
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	EVANGELIZING OUR CHILDREN & OTHERS: What's Effective (Location: Church JP2 room)
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	MARIAN APPARITIONS: What's at the Heart of Mary's Messages (Location: Church JP2 room)
June 11 <sup>th</sup>	MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST / TRUE PRESENCE OF THE EUCHARIST (Location: Church JP2 room)

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**GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

Our readings call us to roll up our sleeves and persevere through the remainder of Lent by committing to a more faithful life with Christ.

In today's Gospel, Jesus purifies the temple area because it is being misused as a marketplace. He becomes angry at their lack of reverence for God. He spills the coins of the money changers and overturns tables, saying, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace."

Jesus witnessed the way people mistreated the temple - the place to worship God and God alone. He drives out evil and works to purify all that is sinful in that place. This is what Jesus wants to do for us this Lenten season. He wants to remove all impurity and evil in our lives and hearts so that we may have a proper dwelling place for the Holy Spirit. Let us ask ourselves, what areas of our life need cleansing? Let us name those areas and invite Jesus to purify us. He became man to carry our burdens and wipe away our sins. He has given us boundless mercy, but we must do our part to seek it and commit to living a more faithful life as a disciple of Christ. With this knowledge, let us seek to be purified from our sins so that our hearts might be a true temple of the Holy Spirit.

This season of Lent is only halfway done - there is still time to work through our shortcomings and purify our hearts for Easter morning. But let us not waste another moment. Let us name our shortcomings, seek God's mercy and invite Him to transform our hearts.

**Thank you for your continued support and donations!**

**THIS WEEK LET US PRAY...**

That expectant mothers be lovingly supported  
 by the fathers of their children  
 in welcoming new life.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

Please call Clare Hollenbacher at 610.678.0864 to make arrangements for flowers for a special occasion or in loving memory of someone.




Please take note of the businesses advertising on the last pages of our bulletins. We thank them for their support and ask you to consider patronizing them.

Please check our website regularly for current and upcoming events and important parish announcements. [www.stignatiusreading.org](http://www.stignatiusreading.org)

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday:** 4:00 PM Vigil **Sunday:** 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM, 12:00 Noon

**Daily: Monday** 6:30 & 9:00 AM School Year  
 6:30 & 8:00 AM Summer  
**Tuesday through Friday:** 6:30 & 8:00 AM Year round  
**Saturday:** 8:00 AM

**First Friday:** 7:00 PM

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER / ADORATION - CHAPEL**

**Tuesdays** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 8:00 AM Mass until 10 PM AND  
**Wednesdays** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00 AM until 7 PM Evening Prayer & Benediction

**Reconciliation/Confession:**

**Saturday - 3:00 - 4:00 PM - Church Confessionals**

**Baptism:** Third Sunday of each month 1:30 PM.

**Baptism Seminar:** First Sunday of each month 1:30 PM - JP II Rm.  
 Seminar attendance is required for parents before Baptism.  
 Please call the Rectory at 610.678.3767 to register for the Seminar.

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 Secretary, Youth Protection and Catholic Human Services  
 P.O. Box F, Allentown, PA 18105-1538  
 610.871.5200 ext. 2204 or [prusso@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:prusso@allentowndiocese.org)

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