

NOVEMBER 19, 2023  
THE THIRTY – THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. IGNATIUS



The illustration features a central wooden barn with a star on its roof. The word "Star" is written across the front of the barn, with a star replacing the letter 'a'. Below the barn, the word "TREE" is written. A large, glowing yellow star is positioned below the barn, with rays emanating from it. The rays are labeled with the words: HOPE, JOY, LOVE, PEACE, and a central label that says "JESUS". Below the star, the text reads: "a unique hand-crafted Christmas ornament created by pre-k-8 students your generous donation helps support St. Ignatius Loyola School wishing you a Christmas filled with... God's Joy Hope Love & Peace". The entire illustration is framed by a decorative border of holly leaves and red ribbons.

Star Tree  
TREE

HOPE JOY  
PEACE LOVE  
JESUS  
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God's  
Joy  
Hope  
Love & Peace

"Star Tree" - Thanksgiving through Epiphany

Each student's ornament has an envelope with a message from the "artist". Thank you for your generous gift which helps support Catholic education at St. Ignatius

"Star Tree envelopes" may be returned in the collection basket or dropped off at the rectory

Merry Christmas from the students at St. Ignatius

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**Happy Thanksgiving**



**BUFFET BREAKFAST**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>  
 8 AM to 11 AM / PARISH HALL  
 ADULTS \$11.00 CHILDREN 12 TO 6 YRS = \$5.00  
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**VETERANS RECEIVE \$1.00 DISCOUNT ON THEIR MEAL**

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- SCRAMBLED EGGS
- HOME FRIES
- SAUSAGE / BACON
- CREAM DRIED BEEF
- PANCAKES
- CEREALS
- FRESH FRUIT
- PASTRIES
- COFFEE / TEA / MILK
- AND MORE.....





**WE ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS**



**DECEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**BREAKFAST**  
**WITH SANTA**



**AND WE DO THE DISHES!!!!**




Please join us for our annual Women's Advent Retreat

**PEACE, JOY, ADVENT**

Sponsored by the Bishop's Commission for Women in partnership with the Women's Society of Giving

*Rediscover the peace and joy of Advent that so often gets lost in Christmas to do lists*


**Keynote Speaker: Rev. Stephan Isaac**



St. Mary's Church, 94 Walnut Road, Hamburg PA 19526


**16** | Saturday  
 December  
 9am-12pm

For questions email [kathleennevel@gmail.com](mailto:kathleennevel@gmail.com)  
 RSVP Deadline: Dec. 1st



scan to register

**SENIORS BUS TRIPS**



- TROPICANA CASINO & BILLY JOEL TRIBUTE  
 March 14 - \$120 pp - Deadline February 7
- TOBY'S DINNER THEATRE - *Beauty & The Beast*  
 April 17 - \$114 pp - Deadline March 15
- SCHUYLKILL SUMMER ADVENTURE  
 June 25 - \$125 pp - Deadline May 17
- SIGHT & SOUND THEATER - *Daniel*  
 September 10 - \$154 pp - Deadline August 1

Contact Judy Jablonski at 610.670.0907 or  
 Mail to: 113 Primrose Lane  
 Reading, PA 19610

**St. Ignatius Parish Retreat 2024**

Open Registration  
 December 9<sup>th</sup>



March 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 &  
 March 3<sup>rd</sup>

**NO GREATER LOVE**  
 Greater Love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.  
 John 15:13

**SENIORS GROUP REGISTRATION FORM**  
 Bring to Monthly Meeting or Mail to:  
 B. Kunder ~ 2211 Gring Drive ~ Reading, 19610

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**SIMBANG GABI SCHEDULE**  
 All are welcomed!

Christmas Novena Masses in Berks County

**December 9, 10, 11** (Saturday, Sunday, Monday)  
 Holy Guardian Angels Church, Kutztown Road ~ 7 PM  
 December 9, Saturday ~ Potluck Night

**December 12, 13, 14** (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)  
 St. Catherine of Sienna Chapel, Perkiomen Ave. ~ 7 PM  
 December 15, 16, 17 (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)  
 Immaculate Conception Church, Douglassville ~ 7 PM  
 December 17, Sunday ~ Potluck Night / Christmas Party)



**ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday, November 20**

- 6:30 a.m. Intentions of Ross & Samantha Pilliod
- 8:00 a.m. Francis & Ethel Boulanger

**Tuesday, November 21 - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

- 6:30 a.m. MJ Herman
- 8:00 a.m. Joanne Cush

**Wednesday, November 22 - St. Cecilia**

- 6:30 a.m. Sandra Sullivan
- 8:00 a.m. Intentions of Lesanski & Stauffer Families

**Thursday, November 23 - Thanksgiving- ONE MASS ONLY**

- 9:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving

**Friday, November 24 - St. Andrew Jung-Lac**

- 8:00 a.m. Carl Dragonette, Sr.

**Saturday, November 25**

- 8:00 a.m. Jim Herington
- 4:00 p.m. Barry Kasper

**Sunday, November 26 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

- 7:30 a.m. Intentions of Laino & DiSpirito Families
- 9:00 a.m. Frank & Mary Castanaro & Jamie
- 10:30 a.m. Krzysztof Zielinski
- 12:00 p.m. Mary Volpe - 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of Death

**GOSPEL MESSAGE**

Those who use their gifts and talents in the service of one another, especially the poor and the needy, are blessed indeed. They shall be known as children of the light, and will be ready for the Lord's return.

**STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE**

Good stewards are like the industrious and reliable servants in today's Gospel, prudently using and multiplying the gifts entrusted to them by God.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 25/26**

Ez 34:11 - 12, 15 - 17 / 1 Cor 15:20 - 26, 28 / Mt 25:31 - 46



Come & See

- 11.30 - What is a Sacrament?
- 12.7 - Baptism
- 12.14 - Confirmation
- 12.21 - Healing of the Sick

**Fall 2023 Schedule**

**FAITH BASICS**  
St. Ignatius Loyola  
Education Center  
Meeting Rooms - 7:00 - 8:30 PM  
Topic Presentation & Q & A

*The Diocese of Allentown is holding a special collection in support of **St. Charles Borromeo Seminary's Building Campaign.***

Seminarians returned to their home parishes to speak about their experiences at St. Charles Seminary and to ask the people of our Diocese to support this important cause for the formation of our priests in the Diocese for many more years to come.

**SPECIAL ENVELOPES CAN BE FOUND IN THE PEWS.**

**Return in the collection basket or the Rectory. Any envelope can be used if marked Seminary Fund.**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

The Rectory will close at **5:00 PM - Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>** and reopen **9:00 AM - Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>.**

**ALL SOULS**

*We are happy and privileged to remember your deceased family, friends and relatives daily in our Masses the entire month of November.*

If you wish, kindly complete the **ALL SOULS** envelope you received in the mail with your Sunday envelope packet and place it in the collection basket at any weekend Mass. **Their names will be placed on the altar and remain there throughout November.**

**Longing to come closer to Jesus through Mary?**

All are welcomed to the **LEGION OF MARY** prayer/meeting. Join us to pray the Rosary, for spiritual guidance & sharing. Each Thursday, 6:30 - 8:00 PM - JP II Room.



**Sundays at 3:00 PM in our Chapel THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET** will be recited.

**All are welcomed! Join us!**

*If you would like information or would like to learn more about praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet or praying the Rosary please call Jim Corson at 610.413.0949.*

**GOD'S MERCY! IT'S TRULY A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH.**

**When your loved one is facing imminent death call 610.413.0949 any hour of the day or night and The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited for him or her by many!**

**LIGHT UP  
ST. IGNATIUS!!**

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FAMILY FUN  
AT THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE  
LIGHTING FESTIVAL

**WHEN:**  
Wednesday, December 13 at 5:30PM  
Snow Date: Thursday, December 14

**WHERE:**  
St. Ignatius Loyola Regional School  
(parking lot)

Tickets for purchase to vote for your favorite  
tree decorated by the St. Ignatius classes

- MAGIC SHOW
- BALLOON ART      • GAMES
- FOOD TRUCKS
- MUSIC                      • FACE PAINT

**ACTIVE PARISHIONER STATUS  
FOR SPONSORSHIP**

We receive many requests from parishioners to be a godparent or sponsor for the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. Part of that request is to be able to verify that a person is an "active member" of our Parish.

**An "active member" of this parish is one who**

- Is properly registered
- Faithfully attends Mass on Sundays/Holy Days
- If married, must be validly married, i.e., married in a Catholic Church by a priest or deacon
- If single, must be 16 years of age and received the Sacrament of Confirmation
- Participates in parish activities when possible
- Regularly contributes through the Sunday offertory collection by use of the parish envelope system or direct withdrawal.

*(your envelope use confirms attendance at Mass)*

**While assessments of an inquirer's status will be made individually, the above are the main factors considered in making that determination.**

**SAVE TIME & MONEY**

Spend less time, and use a lot fewer checks by signing up for our electronic stewardship program (ESP). Your weekly or monthly contributions can be withdrawn automatically from your checking account. It works in the same manner as automatic payments to a utility or mortgage company. This is a completely optional program. If you would like to avail yourself of this opportunity, please complete the direct debit form below and mail it to the Rectory or drop it into the collection basket in a sealed envelope marked "ESP".

Contributions can be made **weekly** (Mondays) **or monthly** (1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month). Since this program is not yet available for Holy Days or special collections, envelopes will continue to be distributed unless you wish otherwise. If you have any questions, please call Terry at the Rectory at 610-678-3767.

**ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA CHURCH  
AUTHORIZATION FOR DIRECT DEBIT OF  
WEEKLY OR MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS**

Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street, Route, P.O. Box) \_\_\_\_\_

(City State Zip Code) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Envelope Number \_\_\_\_\_

**ELECTION**

IF KNOWN

(check one & indicate amount to be debited from your account):  
Weekly contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, beginning Monday \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_  
Monthly contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, beginning Monday\* \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

\* **Monthly contributions will be deducted on the first Monday of the month.**

I (we) hereby authorize St. Ignatius Loyola Parish to debit funds, in the amount and frequency listed above, from the account at the Financial Institution designated on the attached voided check, and to initiate credit entries and adjustments for any debit entries in error to that account. I (we) acknowledge that the origination of ACH transactions to my (our) account must comply with provisions of U.S. law. This authorization will remain in effect until the Parish has received written notification from me (or either of us) of its termination in such time and in such manner as to afford the Parish and Financial Institution a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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(PLEASE DO NOT ATTACH DEPOSIT TICKET)**

**DONATIONS TO:**

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**JOSEPH SKIP JAGIELSKI**

Lorraine Jagielski

**ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA MEMORIAL SOCIETY**

After the death of a loved one, more and more people are considering a lasting memorial gift given to their parish in memory of the deceased. Memorials also may be given in lieu of flowers or other charity. For details please call the Rectory.

**ST. IGNATIUS SCHOOL TUITION ANGEL SPONSOR**

**Help a St. Ignatius student in need of tuition assistance.**  
**If you would like to donate:** Donate any amount in memory of someone who has died, in honor of a special occasion or just make a charitable donation to help defray the cost of tuition for a St. Ignatius student.  
**Donations payable to St. Ignatius School.**

**FRIENDS OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY**

The mission of the FOSVDP Society at St. Ignatius is to help our parishioners and neighbors who may need temporary financial assistance. Please contact the Rectory to request assistance / refer a family in need.  
*All information is held in the strictest confidence.*

**New Parishioners, welcome to St. Ignatius!**

**Are you officially registered in our parish?**  
**If you are not receiving our offering envelopes or the AD Times in the mail you may not be registered.**

To register, visit the Rectory  
Monday - Friday, 9 AM - 5 PM.

**You must be a registered parishioner for 3 months to:**

- serve as a sacramental Godparent or Sponsor
- begin Marriage Preparation
- have your child/children Baptized.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO ASSIST**

**OUR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TEAM AND OUR USHERS MINISTRY.** If interested please attend a meeting on **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5 - 6:30 PM - JP11 Rm in Church.**  
**Call the Rectory for information - 610.678.3767.**

**The St. Ignatius FOOD PANTRY**

**4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month**

**3 - 4 PM May- October**

**(November & December - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday)**

**If you know anyone who would benefit from this service, please ask them to call the Rectory - 610.678.3767.**

*Further Along The Way...*

ST. IGNATIUS



Luke 24:13-35



- Bi-Monthly Meetings - Saturdays
- 9:30 am to 11:00 am
- St. Francis de Sales Church
- 320 N. Church Road
- Robeson PA 19551

R.S.V.P. - [flanciano@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:flanciano@allentowndiocese.org)

*"Were not our hearts burning..."*

- 12.2 - Fasting: Becoming Christlike
- 1.6 - Almsgiving: Our Mission of Mercy
- 1.20- Life Everlasting and Wrap-up

**2024 MISSALS** are available for sale in the Church Office and at the Rectory - \$5.00.

**Blessed Oplatek / Christmas Wafer** is available for sale at a cost of \$2.00 in the Church Office or at the Rectory.

**ST. IGNATIUS VETERANS MEMORIAL**



**ONLY 8 SPACES REMAIN!**  
There are spaces available for parishioners to honor loved ones with a brick placed at the memorial.

**Memorial brick order forms are available at the Rectory.**



## **GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

We are reminded today that we will each be called to give an account for the gifts God has given us - our physical, intellectual and material gifts - as well as the gift of time itself.

Jesus illustrates this truth in our Gospel passage from Matthew. He tells the parable of a wealthy man who is about to go on a journey. Before he leaves, the man calls his three servants to "entrust his possessions to them."

The master in our parable gives to the care of each servant a portion of his money ("talent") commensurate with that servant's abilities. The first two prove to be good and faithful servants — they "immediately" put the talents to use, doubling what had been entrusted to them. The third servant reacted to this responsibility with fear - in fact, he did the opposite. He hid master's talent, burying it in the ground. He took the safe way, the easy way out.

What a tragic response!

This servant did not understand his master at all. He failed to see what a privilege he had been given. The master wanted to give all his servants the joy and satisfaction of helping him grow his kingdom. This is what our Heavenly Father wants for us, too - the incredible privilege of helping to advance the coming of the Kingdom of God.

Let us embrace the stewardship way of life, using all the gifts entrusted to us - Time, Talent, and Treasure - in such a way that at the end of our life on this earth, we will hear these words from our Father: "Well done, my good and faithful servant... Come, share your master's joy."

*Thank you for your continued support and donations!*

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

**For married couples considering adoption, may the Holy Spirit guide their discernment, grant them peace, and bring to fruition His holy will.**

## **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)**

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday: 4:00 PM Vigil Mass**

**Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM, 12 Noon**

**Daily: Monday through Friday: 6:30 & 8:00 AM**  
**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.*

## **DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT INFORMATION**

### **OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT**

**Pamela J. Russo, M.S.W, M.S.**

**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)**

### **VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR**

**MRS. WENDY S. KRISAK**

**DIRECT LINE: 1.800.791.9209**

## **CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE REPORTING SERVICE**

**If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at [www.ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or phone 800-276-1562.**

## **PASTORAL STAFF**

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