

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



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> APRIL 13, 2024 4:30-6:30 PM PARISH HALL

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THE DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY



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

Join our *CURSILLO* Mini Group Meetings

April 4 & 18 ~ May 2,16 & 30

After the 6:30 AM Mass - Thursdays - JPII Rm .

SAVE THE DATES FOR

MEN'S WEEKEND - September 19 - 22 WOMEN'S WEEKEND - September 26 - 29 Call 610.670.1429 for more information.





The annual "Inspire Dinner and Auction" brings the St. Ignatius Loyola community together for the biggest fundraiser of the year! The proceeds from the evening's event go directly towards the mission of enhancing the school's ability to offer a high quality, faith based education.

2024 EMOTIONAL APPEAL

"St. Ignatius, A New Chapter" Library Renovation

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\$90 if purchased prior to March 20th \$100 if purchased after March 20th SCAN THE OR CODE OR GO TO

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ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK Monday, April 1st- Sunday, April 7th

Monday, April 1

6:30 a.m. Albertine Grouber

9:00 a.m. John & Zelda Marcinkowski

Tuesday, April 2

6:30 a.m. Intentions of Jean Paul Mbarga

8:00 a.m. Special Intentions of the DeFazio Family

Wednesday, April 3

6:30 a.m. Millie Bortz

8:00 a.m. John Leskovics - 4th Anniversary of Death

Thursday, April 4

6:30 a.m. Phyllis Frazier

8:00 a.m. Diane Marie Kalyan

Friday, April 5

6:30 a.m. Carolyn Marie Potter

8:00 a.m. Billy Lutz

7:00 p.m. St. Ignatius Memorial Society Members

Saturday, April 6

8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Toohill Family 4:00 p.m. Ann Plummer & Int. of the Plummer Family

Sunday, April 7 - Second Sunday of Easter

7:30 a.m. Thomas W. Ellwanger - 31st Anniversary of Death

9:00 a.m. Jan & Stefania Pasterczyk

10:30 a.m. June Pastor 12:00 p.m. Daniel Nelis

GOSPEL MESSAGE

On this day of days we offer a joyful sacrifice of praise to the Father who raised His Son from the dead. Let us be intent upon the life Christ offers us. Christ our Passover who has been sacrificed.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Alleluia! Christ is risen and is victorious over sin and death! We are good stewards of our faith if, like St. Paul, we share this good news whenever and wherever we can.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR APRIL 06/07

Acts 4:32 - 35 / 1 Jn 5:1 - 6 / Jn 20:19 - 31

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.



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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.

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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* (1st 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

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Signature

Date

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St. Ignatius Seniors



ANNUAL WINE & CHEESE SOCIAL will be held Sunday, April 7
1:00 to 3:30 PM in the Parish Hall.

This event is FREE but open to members only.

Food, beverages and fun are on the agenda!

Please call Barb at 610.763.1383 if you plan to attend and/or would like to become a member.

NEW MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

Consider joining fellow parishioners for a friendly discussion group Thursdays from 8:30 - 10 AM in the JP II Room in our Church. Next Gathering - April 11th. No agenda, just friendly conversation about just about anything of interest to attendees. Please call Bob Houlihan at 610.938.3775 with questions or for more information.

SENIORS BUS TRIPS



- TOBY'S DINNER THEATRE Beauty & The Beast April 17 - \$114 pp - Deadline March 15
 - 3 STOOGES A CASTLE & A CATHEDRAL May 7 - \$112 pp - Deadline April 10
 - SCHUYLKILL SUMMER ADVENTURE June 25 - \$125 pp - Deadline May 17
 - SIGHT & SOUND THEATER Daniel September 10 - \$154 pp - Deadline August 1

October 17 - \$93 pp - Deadline September 1 - NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY TRIP

- HISTORIC GETTYSBURG DINE AROUND November 12 - \$140 pp - Deadline October 8

- HOLIDAYS AT MOUNT HOPE December 17 - \$95 pp - Deadline November 8

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

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"Grief never ends ...
but it changes.
It's a passage,
not a place to stay.
Grief is not a sign of

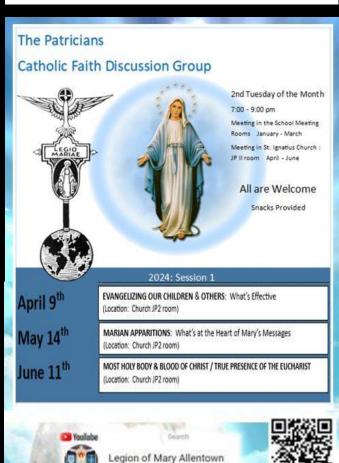


weakness, nor a lack of faith ... it is the price of love."

All are welcomed to join the SPRING SESSION of our BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP.

These sessions will be held on Tuesdays,
April 2nd through May 7th
from 3:00 - 4:30 PM
in the John Paul II Room in our Church.

Registration is required and will be confirmed by calling the Rectory at 610.678.3767.



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Mother Daughter Tea

Sunday, April 28 1 - 4 PM St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall, 1046 W. Cedar Street Allentown!

Mothers and their daughters (ages 9-13) are invited to attend.

Speakers will present on the beauty of God's gift of fertility, explain the physical and emotional changes girls experience, and share empowering tips on modesty, virtue, and personal style.

The afternoon includes lunch, games, & prizes.

This event is sponsored by the Diocese's NFP Task
Force in partnership with the Bishop's Commission
for Women. The cost is \$25.00 per family.

Register by April 7 by visiting allentowndiocese.flocknote.com/signup/152407 or contact Kristin Osenbach at kosenbach@allentowndiocese.org for information.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024 <u>EASTER SUND</u>AY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Today, we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ! Our readings today reveal how we can live out the joy of Easter all year long in our day-to-day lives.

Our Gospel portrays the third day after Jesus' death when Mary of Magdala visits Jesus' tomb. Once she saw the stone removed, she ran to tell Simon Peter and John. They ran to the tomb as well, and upon seeing, they believed. We can tell the relationship that these disciples had with Jesus because of the way they responded about Him - they "ran." Mary didn't see the empty tomb and think, "someone else will figure it out." Peter and John didn't hear the news and think, "I will check on it later." They each responded with conviction as they "ran" for Jesus.

We must ask ourselves, "Do I have a relationship with Christ to the point where I am running to Him each day?" The way these disciples responded is how we should respond to Christ. We must avoid complacency, and as intentional disciples, we must stop rationalizing our choices by telling ourselves we will someday get around to putting God first. Every moment throughout our day is an opportunity to respond to God in gratitude, compassion and eagerness. And although there will be moments when we do not "feel" like responding to Him, it is in those moments when we faithfully respond anyway that matters the most.

Let us celebrate this glorious day with prayer and feasting, for Christ is risen! And let us strive to carry this Easter joy with us all year long by how we respond to Christ each day. **Happy Easter!**

Thank you for your continued support and donations!

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.



THIS WEEK LET US PRAY...

May the glory of the Resurrection inspire lasting hope in all who work to protect human life.

The St. Ignatius FOOD PANTRY

4th Thursday of each month 3 - 4 PM January- October (November & December - 3rd Thursday) If you know anyone who would benefit from this service, please ask them to call the Rectory.

Please check our website regularly for current and upcoming events and important parish announcements. www.stignatiusreading.org

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

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER / ADORATION - CHAPEL

Tuesdays Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

after 8:00 AM Mass until 10 PM AND Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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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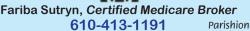
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