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ISSUE 2

A SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year to our parish community from our school family!

Catholic Schools Week

During this week we are proud to celebrate our Catholic Education and embrace the opportunity to practice our faith while we learn each day.

In the spirit of community we will be collecting items that are needed for our parish food pantry.

Listed below are a few highlights of our week. Additionally, we ask that you join us in purposeful prayer each day for the following:

Sunday: Parish
Monday: Community
Tuesday: Students
Wednesday: Nation
Thursday: Vocations
Friday: Faculty and Staff
Saturday: Volunteers



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

or Call anytime to schedule a tour!

OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, 1/28/24
10:15-11:15 AM

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Fr. Tom and Fr. George need your help!

Fr. Tom and Fr. George are representing St. Ignatius Loyola in **COOKS WITH COLLARS**, an online cooking competition to raise funds for our Parish and Catholic Charities.

Visit www.cookswithcollars.com to see Fr. Tom and Fr. George creating delicious kitchen concoctions.

VOTING DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 12TH!

All voting proceeds directly benefit St. Ignatius Loyola.

*Thanks for making
our Priests and Parish winners!*

FRIENDS OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

The mission of FOSVDPS 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 confidential.

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



plan to serve meals at
KENNEDY HOUSE
Catholic Soup Kitchen
on the weekend of February 3rd & 4th.

**Donations of meatloaf, soup,
and baked goods are needed**
and will be greatly appreciated.

Anyone interested in donating/volunteering
please **call Vicky at 484-332-7372.**

St. Ignatius Seniors

will next meet on

Wednesday, February 7th at 9:30 AM
in the St. Ignatius School Gym.

Our program will be a presentation by Sgt. Long of the Spring Township Police Dept. on SCAMS. The book/puzzle exchange, our Trip information and refreshments will be available.

Donations for the Food Pantry will be accepted.

Any questions, call Barb at 610.763.1383.

Those over 50 are welcome to join us.

If you can't attend the meeting, send your dues payable to **St. Ignatius Seniors** and this form to:
Barbara Kunder, 2211 Gring Drive, 19610.



**LIGHT OF CHRIST COLUMBIETTES INVITE YOU TO
SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER**

(Proceeds benefit Columbiettes charitable efforts.)

PLACE: Victor Emmanuel's Restaurant

DATE: Tuesday, February 13, 2024

TIME: 4:30 - 7:00 PM

COST \$12 per ticket ~ \$14 per ticket at the door

Cost includes salad, bread, and dinner.

Beverages may be purchased.

COLUMBIETTES SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

Name _____

Phone _____

NUMBER OF TICKETS _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Please return in an envelope with payment.

**Make checks payable to:
Light of Christ Columbiettes**

Pre-paid tickets will be available at the door as "will call". Return forms and payment in the weekend collection basket, at the Rectory or mail to B. Kunder 2211 Gring Drive, 19610.

SENIORS GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

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

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 29th - Sunday, February 4th

Monday, January 29

6:30 a.m. Thomas Connolly
9:00 a.m. Jen Sarnes *Grade 5B*

Tuesday, January 30

6:30 a.m. Bridget Connelly
8:00 a.m. Joe Hartman

Wednesday, January 31 - St. John Bosco

6:30 a.m. Intentions of the McDonald Family
8:00 a.m. Sebastian & Catherine Crisafulli

Thursday, February 1

6:30 a.m. Loretta Deren
8:00 a.m. Dee Clemente

Friday, February 2 - The Presentation of the Lord

6:30 a.m. Dorothy Maust
8:00 a.m. Paul & Elizabeth Lanshe
7:00 p.m. St. Ignatius Memorial Society Members

Saturday, February 3

8:00 a.m. Intentions of Jaime Nieves
4:00 p.m. Intentions of Rose Milanek

Sunday, February 4 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Bill Vojtasek
9:00 a.m. Joseph Mraz
10:30 a.m. Sarah Kilduff - 7th Anniversary of Death
12:00 p.m. Thomas Reardon

GOSPEL MESSAGE

As Moses challenged the Israelites to listen to God's voice, so we are called to hear the voice of Jesus and live out His teachings by what we say and do, whatever our vocation in life may be.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Moses told the people, "The Lord will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own kinsmen." God still provides among His people the gifts and talents necessary to continue the work of His Church. What gifts are yours to share?

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 03/04

Jb 7:1 - 4, 6 - 7 / 1 Cor 9 - 16, 22 - 23 / Mk 1:29 - 39

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- click sign-up as a parishioner
- search for St. Ignatius Loyola Sinking Spring



PLEASE TAKE NOTE !

Our Monday morning Mass schedule has changed.
Monday Mass schedule will now be ← **6:30 AM and 9:00 AM**
during the school year
until June 10th when the
schedule will return to 6:30 and 8:00 AM.
Tuesday through Friday will remain
6:30 and 8:00 AM year round.

END OF YEAR DONATION STATEMENTS

Please note that statements were mailed this
past week for Parish contributions
totaling over \$600.00 for 2023.
If you do not receive your statement
or wish to request one please call the Rectory
at 610. 678.3767 and one will be provided.



REDNER'S SAVE-A-TAPE

Thank you to all who are submitting
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 save-a-tape number must be visible
 on submitted receipts.

CALLING ALL GRANDPARENTS

St. Ignatius has begun a new ministry for grandparents,
The Catholic Grandparents Association.
 This is an international group that works creatively
 in supporting grandparents in passing
 on their Catholic Faith.

There are ministry groups in over 60 countries
 and several parishes in Eastern Pennsylvania.
 The group provides resources, online Zoom talks,
 prayer and support as we negotiate our vocation
 and role in our families' faith journeys.

Our meetings are the second Saturday of the month after our 8:00 AM Mass.

We gather and share hospitality and fellowship,
 prayer, discussion and share our values and ex-
 periences. We look forward to learning how to
 better pass on our faith and enrich the lives
 of our children and grandchildren. We welcome all
 grandparents to join us as we begin a new year
 and together joyfully foster our faith
 to multigenerational families.

Please join us on Saturday, February 10, after the 8:00 AM Mass!

**DONATIONS TO:
The Memorial Society**

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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.

SURVIVING DIVORCE - a confidential program offering hope and healing from divorce is being held every Monday (now) through March 25

7:00 to 8:30 PM at St. Benedict Church, 2020 Chestnut Hill Road, Mohnton, 19540.

For more information, please contact Joe Boylan, 610.781.6415 or joeboylan17@gmail.com.

***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.

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.

**PLEASE CONSIDER RESERVING A TIME
SLOT TO HAVE OUR TRAVELING
STATUE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
IN YOUR HOME DURING 2024.**

SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE IN THE JPII ROOM.

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** (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**

Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) _____

Address (Street, Route, P.O. Box) _____

(City State Zip Code) _____

Telephone Number _____

Parish Envelope Number _____

IF KNOWN

ELECTION

(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 _____

**PLEASE ATTACH A VOIDED CHECK
(PLEASE DO NOT ATTACH DEPOSIT TICKET)**

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.

Knights of Columbus
FREE THROW BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
HOOP IT UP!
Date: Sunday January 28, 2024 Time: 1:30 PM
Registration at 1:00 PM
 Location: St. Ignatius Loyola School Gymnasium
Open to all boys and girls ages 9-14
 Champions in each age group from both girls' and boys' divisions (12 champions in all) will move on to the District Knights of Columbus Championship **HEY 4th through 8th Graders!**
Show us what you got!
 For more information, call Jim Nawa at 610.207.6555 or email at jimnawa4@gmail.com. Or show up on the 28th.

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



St. Ignatius Parish Retreat 2024
 Please Join Us For the 2024
Two-Day Parish Retreat
No Greater Love

March 2nd 8:00am-5:00pm
 Retreat begins 8:00am at Saturday daily Mass

March 3rd 8:00am-1:00pm
 both days at St. Ignatius Educational Center

Presentations * Meals * Confession
 Adoration * Mass

Questions?
 Please Contact:
 Taralo Schlouch
 610.476.2021

Registration – Parish Retreat 2024
 Detach this portion with Retreatant Information and
 RETURN IN COLLECTION BASKET / CHURCH OFFICE / RECTORY
 \$10 Registration fee due to Church Office / Rectory by 02/01/2024

Name (s): _____
 Email: _____
 Phone number: _____
 Amount Remitted: _____

ST. PAUL'S PARISH in Downtown Reading is holding its **6th ANNUAL ONE FAMILY GALA** Sunday, March 3 at *DoubleTree by Hilton*
Cash Bar - 5:00 PM followed by Dinner - 6:00 PM.
 There will also be a basket raffle.
 Ticket cost is \$75 pp which includes entrée options, available from St. Paul's Church @ 610.372.1531 or stpaulsrcchurch@comcast.net.
Deadline for reservations/sponsorship - February 12th.
 This year's GALA will call attention to **CRIME ALERT OF BERKS COUNTY**, which just celebrated its 25th anniversary last year.
 Downtown areas in cities of all sizes have become overly congested and increasingly crime-ridden, and Reading is certainly no exception. CRIME ALERT has been a welcome response to this worsening trend. Featured Speaker - Madison Winchester, President of the Berks County Chiefs of Police.
 The recipient of ST. PAUL'S ONE FAMILY AWARD will be CRIME ALERT BERKS COUNTY. The award will be accepted by Rick Perandi, President of CRIME ALERT BERKS COUNTY.
Table sponsorships will be available: Gold sponsors (\$1,000) receive complimentary tickets for an entire table of 8 with a table placard, Silver sponsors (\$500) receive 4 complimentary tickets, Bronze sponsors (\$250) receive 2 complimentary tickets.
 There will also be a listing of Patrons (\$10).
 They will also receive event recognition along with the sponsors.



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7PM - 9PM
 THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

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- Bad Weather Alert Please Remember**
- If **school is closed** for the day Adoration and all events and meetings will be canceled also for that day.
 - If **school has a late start** due to snow or severe weather, then Adoration will be canceled for that day.
 - If **school is being dismissed early** due to weather, then Adoration and all events and meetings will be discontinued/canceled beginning at the hour school is dismissed.
 - If **school is closed or being dismissed early** due to weather **on Tuesday** then Adoration will be discontinued/canceled for **Tuesday AND Wednesday**.

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Our readings today remind us of God's authority. As we reflect on our Gospel, we recognize that God possesses all authority and that we want to give Him all authority. Jesus was teaching in the synagogue on the Sabbath. All were fixed on His words and astonished at what He had to say. Suddenly everyone's attention shifted to a man with an unclean spirit who began to question Jesus and His authority. Jesus responded, "Quiet, come out of him!" and removed the evil spirit from the man. All were amazed at the healing of this man. Life can sometimes look like the synagogue in Capernaum. We are living as disciples of Christ when we suddenly recognize evil around us - through events in our lives, temptations we are enduring, or by falling into sin. It can distract us, consume our attention, or even cause us to despair. In these moments of trial, we must remember the Healer in our Gospel today. Recall His words, "Quiet, come out of Him!" Jesus has the power and authority over evil, for He has conquered sin and death. He also has the power and authority over us. And when we invite Him to have that authority, He will heal us and help us persevere.

Today, we are reminded that God is in control and that we want Him to be in control. He is the loving Healer Who will work miracles in our lives if we give Him the authority to do so.

Thank you for your continued support and donations!

THIS WEEK LET US PRAY...

For those suffering after abortion, may they know that the Lord desires to bring healing, and turn to Him for His mercy and peace.

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

St. Ignatius Columbiettes SANDWICH SALE

Coupons for sale at the Rectory. 

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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.

DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT INFORMATION

OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT

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