

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 ~ THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

please
JOIN US

ST. IGNATIUS



**THE CELEBRATION OF
40 HOURS DEVOTIONS
at St. Ignatius**

SEPTEMBER 24, 25 & 26

**Guest Homilist Each Evening
REV. FRANCIS GROARKE AT 7:00 PM,
and, to expose our Eucharistic Lord
we will be using St. John Paul II's
monstrance, on loan to us for our
adoration this year.**

PLEASE NOTE: ADORATION TIMES

**Sunday, September 24
After 12:00 PM Mass - 7:00 PM**

**Monday, September 25
After 9:00 AM Mass - 7:00 PM**

**Tuesday, September 26
After 8:00 AM Mass - 7:00 PM**

No Adoration on Wednesday, September 27

ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA RECTORY
2810 ST. ALBANS DRIVE ~ READING, PA 19608
OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday ~ 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
PHONE 610.678.3767 ~ FAX 610.678.4483
EMAIL Rectory@stignatiusreading.org

"LIKE " us on FACEBOOK under
"St. Ignatius Loyola Roman Catholic Church"!

ROSARY RALLY

JUST ONE HOUR! Please join us!

105th Anniversary of the Fatima apparitions \ and our
 15th **Rosary Rally** for our country and the unborn.

The Rosary will be prayed at the small parking lot between
 the St. Ignatius Gym entrance and the Rectory.

October 14th - Noon - 1:00 PM

Call Joan Reedy at 610.678.5683 for details
 or visit www.Americanneedsfatima.org.



Cub Scout 862

Coat Drive

September 16th - 24th


The Cub Scouts will be collecting lightly
 worn coats, jackets, and blankets for
 those in need this winter.

Please place your donations in our
 collection boxes located in the Narthex.

Thank you for supporting our service project.

St. Ignatius Columbiettes SANDWICH SALE

Coupons for sale at the Rectory. Wawa

- **\$6.00 Coupon** good for **SHORTI HOAGIE** 
- Redeemable at any **Wawa** No expiration date.



REDNER'S SAVE-A-TAPE

Thank you to all who are submitting
 Redner's register receipts to benefit

CENTER FOR CHILDREN'S JUSTICE

Please remember that to receive credit your save-a-
 tape number must be visible on submitted receipts.

SENIORS BUS TRIPS



- **SIMON & GARFUNKEL** at Penn's Peak
 October 24 - \$88 pp - Deadline October 2

- **CHRISTMAS SHOW** - Hunterdon Hills Playhouse
 December 13 - \$115 pp - Deadline November 8

MULTI-DAY TRIPS

- **NASHVILLE'S OPRYLAND COUNTRY CHRISTMAS**
 Nov. 26 - Dec. 1 - \$1435 pp/do - \$2034 pp/so

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

*"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

FALL SESSION of our
BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

which will be held at a new time and location.

These **six sessions** will be held on **Tuesdays**,
 October 3rd through November 7th

from **3:00 - 4:30 PM**

in the **John Paul II Room** in our Church.

OCTOBER 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 & NOVEMBER 7

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

*This "Good Grief" support group will be repeated
 in the Spring during early evening hours
 to accommodate those who work.*

**Come
 &
 See**



Faith Basics

St. Ignatius Loyola Education Center
 Meeting Rooms 7:00 – 8:30 PM
 Topic Presentation – Q & A

Fall 2023 Schedule

- 9.21 – Faith, Grace & Salvation
- 9.28 – Catholic & Christian but
 Christian and not
 Catholic?
- 10.5 – The Catholic Bible
- 10.12 – The Covenants
- 10.19 – Tradition "Capital T"
- 10.26 – The Trinity: A Mystery

- 11.2 – One, Holy, Catholic &
 Apostolic
- 11.9 – Mary & The Saints
- 11.16 – Church Tour
- 11.30 – What is a Sacrament?
- 12.7 – Baptism
- 12.14 – Confirmation
- 12.21 – Healing of the Sick

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 25th - Sunday, October 1st

Monday, September 25

- 6:30 a.m. Kristin Nawoczenski Wassil
- 8:00 a.m. Christine M. Eshelman - 2nd Ann. of Death
- 9:00 a.m. Mary Lou Pichini

Tuesday, September 26

- 6:30 a.m. Intentions of Terrance & Mary Ellen Godek
- 8:00 a.m. Joe Krammer

Wednesday, September 27 - St. Vincent de Paul

- 6:30 a.m. Robert M. Loeper
- 8:00 a.m. Nelly Valencia de Nieves

Thursday, September 28

- 6:30 a.m. Robert P. Hodgson
- 8:00 a.m. Robert & Madison Evans

Friday, September 29 - Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

- 6:30 a.m. Intentions of the School Sisters of St. Francis
- 8:00 a.m. Alfred Tranquillo

Saturday, September 30 - St. Jerome

- 8:00 a.m. Grace Hornickle
- 4:00 p.m. Paul R. Palm, Jr.

Sunday, October 1 - Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 a.m. Harry & Eunice Ramagano
- 9:00 a.m. Eugene Gombar
- 10:30 a.m. Edward Swierczewski
- 12:00 p.m. Dutch & Dorothy Ruppert

GOSPEL MESSAGE

How different are the Lord's ways from our own! Gracious and good to all, the Lord is equally generous in compassion and love to those who are quick to respond to His invitation, as well as to those who are slow to hear His call. May the Lord Jesus always be our life.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

In today's Gospel, the vineyard owner says, "I am free to do as I please with my money, am I not?" We are likewise free. Is a generous return to the Lord in thanksgiving for His many blessings among the choices we have made?

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR September 30 / October 1

Ez 18:25 - 28 / Phil 2:1 - 11 or 2:1 - 5 / Mt 21:28 - 32

THIS WEEK LET US PRAY...

For all who are forgotten or cast off, especially the unborn, the poor, the sick, and the aged, may they be treated according to the dignity with which God created them.

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

www.stignatiusreading.org

Our PREP Office is looking for mentors for our *BELOVED HEARTS PROGRAM* to work one-on-one with special needs individuals preparing to receive the sacraments of First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation. If interested, please contact Lisa Deck at 610.678.0676.



CURSILLO

Attention: Cursillo Graduates
Cursillo Mini Group Reunion - October 5 & 19
After 6:30 AM Mass - John Paul II Room

DISASTER RELIEF COLLECTION

Envelopes are available this weekend, September 23 & 24, to assist those suffering from the wildfire devastation in Hawaii.

Please return your donation by October 1st in the collection with your regular offering.

Any plain envelope marked DISASTER RELIEF is acceptable.

2023 MISSION Co-Op

Rev. Sebastian Francis spoke last weekend on behalf of the Ignatius Butera Guidance Center.

The Ignatius Butera Guidance Center was opened on 5/3/2018 to fulfill the felt need of a Center for guiding the young students and their families who live in the districts of Tuticorin and Tirunelveli which are located in the southernmost tip of India, in the state of Tamil Nadu, South India. The Center strives to offer integral coaching for life to students, youth and their families by accompanying and empowering them.

The Mission Co-Op envelope can be found in your packet of weekly envelopes.

Please return in the collection with your regular offering on or before October 1st.

Thanks to those have already returned their Co-Op envelope.

The St. Ignatius FOOD PANTRY
4th Thursday of each month
3 - 4 PM May- October
(November & December - 3rd 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



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

- 7.22 - Introduction - Outline of Program.
- 8.5 - The Catholic Faith: The Fullness of Life
- 8.19 - The Journey of Faith
- 9.9 - God the Father, Creation, and the Fall.
- 9.16 - Jesus Christ Our Savior.
- 9.30 - The Holy Spirit, The Breath of God.

- 10.14 - The Church
- 10.28 - The Sacramental Life
- 11.11 - Union With God: The Life of Prayer
- 12.2 - Fasting: Becoming Christlike
- 1.6 - Almsgiving: Our Mission of Mercy
- 1.20 - Life Everlasting and Wrap-up

R.S.V.P. - flanciano@allentowndiocese.org

"Were not our hearts burning..."

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 IN CLEANING OUR CHURCH
EACH FRIDAY MORNING 8:30 - 10:00 AM
Call the Rectory for information - 610.678.3767.

BERKS COUNTY LIFE CHAIN

Berks County LIFE CHAIN will provide a visual statement of solidarity by our local Christian community that abortion is grievously wrong and that the church Christ founded is opposed to the unmerciful killing of pre-born children.

Please join with other Berks County Christians, representing 60+ churches standing on both sides of Penn Avenue, while holding 17" x 22" signs that read: Abortion Kills Children; Jesus Heals and Forgives; Adoption, the Loving Option; Lord, Forgive us and our Nation; Abortion Hurts Women; and Life, the First Inalienable Right.

Our bold, prayerful witness is scheduled
2:00 to 3:30 PM Sunday, October 1, 2023
and we regard it as an extension
of our regular worship on the Lord's Day.

Please join with us.

Let us invest at least 1 hour to save a lifetime.

Pam Snyder-610.790.9197-jsnyd@comcast.net

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 - Church

Lancaster Catholic Concert Choir

October 15

10:30 Mass



The Lancaster Catholic Concert Choir will be joining the St. Ignatius Traditional Choir for a Mass with beautiful music at St. Ignatius Church.

You won't want to miss this!

CONTACT MICHAEL ADAMS AT MDADAMS1022@GMAIL.COM FOR MORE INFO!

NEW

YOU ARE INVITED TO COME TO
THE INITIAL MEETING OF THE

ST. IGNATIUS

CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION

Saturday, October 7

following the 8 AM Mass in the JP II Room.

This ministry exists to promote an awareness
of the great vocation of Grandparents
and to support and value them
in their task of passing on our Catholic faith.

*Please consider joining us
for our introduction
to this special ministry
with prayer, discussion
and light refreshments.*



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.

WIN \$10,000 CASH!! The Berks Catholic High School
Extravaganza Cash Raffle tickets are now available.

The drawing will be held on Saturday, October 7th
during the Extravaganza 2023 event. Donation \$100.

To buy raffle tickets, please send your check with return
address & phone number to: Berks Catholic Extravaganza,
955 E. Wyomissing Blvd., Reading, PA 19611.

If you would like to receive an invitation to attend
Extravaganza, please call the Extravaganza Office at
610.374.1695 or e-mail Extravaganza@BerksCatholic.org.

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)**

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Though we can never fully grasp the infinite perfection of God and His ways, a basic knowledge of Scripture reveals that God's logic often differs from worldly logic.

Our first reading, from Isaiah, reminds us that God often thinks bigger than we do. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts." As His followers we must strive as best we can to think as God does, using our time (and our talents and treasure, too) with eternity in mind.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus offers us a glimpse of the "Godly logic" of the Father through a parable of a landowner hiring workers for his vineyard. Some workers are called early in the day, others not until very late. Yet the landowner pays them all a full day's wage. This angered the laborers who had worked longest. But those laborers were relying on human logic and human calculations. They were not thinking as God does. This can happen to us Christian stewards as well. We can grumble and complain (at least internally) when we compare ourselves to others and sense that not everyone is contributing as much as we are to the parish, the neighborhood, within our family and so on. At those moments, we need to think bigger!

We must remember that it is a great privilege to have been called by the Father to work in His vineyard. Living the stewardship way of life brings us meaning, depth and purpose.

Let's embrace this Godly thinking and thank Him for calling us to this way of life.

Thank you for your continued support and donations!



ST. IGNATIUS VETERANS MEMORIAL

ONLY 10 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers the weekend of August 26/27 were in loving memory of **JOAN KUZIO** on the occasion of the **1st Anniversary of her death.**

Please call Clare Hollenbacher at 610.678.0864 to make arrangements for altar 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.

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

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 or phone 800-276-1562.

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Thomas P. Bortz, Pastor

Rev. George Osei Ababio

Deacon Frederick J. Lanciano

Deacon Edward L. Sanders

Deacon Thomas J. Devaney

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St. Ignatius Loyola Regional School ~ 610.678.0111

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