SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 ~ THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Cub Scout Pack 862 naahetti



SEPTEMBER 23, 2023 4-7 PM PARISH HALL

Join us for an evening of food, drinks, and family fun! The scouts will be serving fresh salad, spaghetti with meatballs and sauce, homemade garlic bread, and dessert. Water, juice and coffee provided or BYOB! Buy your tickets now after Masses in the office, at the Rectory, or from a cub scout!

Children under 4 FREE Kids/Adults 4-55 \$12 Adults over 55 \$10 **Gluten Free option will be provided**

Limited number of tickets sold at the door for \$12 each

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Scout Troop 430 will be selling popcorn & nuts after all Masses <u>on Sunday, September 10th.</u>

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and all money made will directly help the Scouts in paying for their adventures.

Over the last year, Troop activities have included a backpacking trip to Philmont, New Mexico, a week at summer camp, whitewater rafting and more. *Thank you for your support! We look forward to seeing you on the 10th*!



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

THE TRADITIONAL CHOIR is looking for new members (ages 14+ accompanied by a parent) for this coming season! No audition or experience is necessary. Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in the Church and Sunday Masses are 10:30 AM.

Rehearsals started on Wednesday, September 6th.

Contact Michael Adams at mdadams1022@gmail.com.

CATHOLIC FAITH DISCUSSION GROUP

Patrician meetings are an opportunity to engage in discussion about what we believe as Catholics! Snacks included each meeting.

Tuesday, Sept 12

7:00-9:00 PM

Saint Ignatius School Meeting Rooms This Month's Top Finding Jov

This Month's Topic Finding Joy: The Mystery of the <u>Religious Life</u>



SENIORS GROUP REGISTRATION FORM Bring to Monthly Meeting

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ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK Monday, September 11th- Sunday, September 17th Monday, September 11

6:30 a.m. Kristin Nawoczenski Wassil

- 8:00 a.m. Domenico Gentile
- 9:00 a.m. Lucio Santella

Tuesday, September 12

6:30 a.m. Richard & Loretta McCarthy

8:00 a.m. The Collins & McGurrin Families

Wednesday, September 13 - St. John Chrysostom

6:30 a.m. Anne Schreck

8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Furey Family

Thursday, September 14 - Exaltation of the Holy Cross

- 6:30 a.m. Wyatt Denson
- 8:00 a.m. Walter & Eva Schaeffer

Friday, September 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows

- 6:30 a.m. Mayra Hoy
- 8:00 a.m. Special Intentions of the Skolny Family

Saturday, September 16 - St. Cornelius

8:00 a.m. Timothy Reiver

4:00 p.m. Bessie Imbesi

Sunday, September 17 - Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Jan & Stefania Pasterczyk

9:00 a.m. Intentions of the Pilliod & Njaim Families

10:30 a.m. Pia Miller

12:00 p.m. Paul Olsakovsky, Sr.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

May our hearts not be hardened, but may we turn from our sin. In our love for one another, we may be called to confront our sister and brother for the wrong they may be doing.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Am I my brother's keeper? All three readings today suggest that for the Christian steward the answer is **"YES!**"

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR September 16/17

Sir 27:30 - 28:7 / Rom 14:7 - 9 / Mt 18:21 - 35

THIS WEEK LET US PRAY...

For solidarity and peace in our global human family, that we may work together to protect the lives of those who are most vulnerable.

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

40 Hours Devotion

40 HOURS DEVOTION Save the Date September 24-26

This year, St. Ignatius will be doubly blessed with our 40 Hours Devotion as

Fr. Francis Groarke will be our Homilist each evening (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 Sunday and Monday adoration.

Devotions this year will begin at the conclusion of the 12 noon Mass. *Please plan on joining us!*

CURSILLO Cursillo <u>Weekend 2023</u>

Men : September 21 - 24 Women: September 28 - Oct 1

CURSILLO Attention: Cursillo Graduates

Cursillo <u>Mini Group Reunion</u> After 6:30 AM Mass John Paul II Room September 21 & October 5 & 19

2023 MISSION Co-Op

Rev. Sebastian Francis will be speaking at our Masses next weekend - September 17th & 18th. He will be speaking 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. Thanks to those have already returned their Co-Op envelope.

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.

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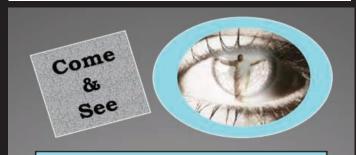
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023 MANOR GOLF COURSE Bran Road Sinking Spring ~ 19608

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Light of Christ Council is looking for a few volunteers to help with its annual Charity Golf Tournament. Contact Terry Williams at 484.755. 4618 or tp.williams@comcast.net for more information. Hours will depend on your availability. This is a great opportunity to support the Knights as well as the beneficiaries of the event: *St. Ignatius Loyola School, Mary's Shelter, John Paul II Center, and Opportunity House of Reading.*

SPONSORS NEEDED!

Variety of Opportunities to promote your business and support our charities. Tournament proceeds will benefit St. Ignatius Loyola School, Mary's Shelter, John Paul II Center, and Opportunity House of Reading. Sponsorship and Donation Options are now available. For more information please contact Fred Henrich at 610.741.8487or fphenrich@gmail.com. Thank you for your support !



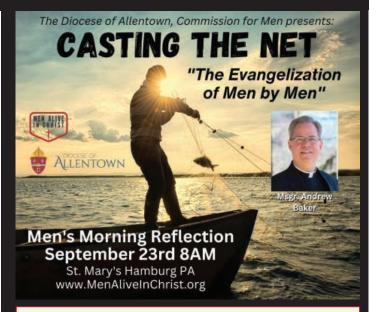
Faith Basics

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



SAVE THE DATE! Tickets are limited! Saturday, October 7 - 5:30 PM Reading Public Museum

St. Ignatius Columbiettes and the Polish American Heritage Association of Berks County will present IMOGENE SALVA, author of ONE STAR AWAY. A story of survival, separation and sacrifice and the kindness of an Indian Maharaja, who saved hundreds of Polish Catholic children.

\$10 Tickets & \$15 books on sale at the Rectory or contact Chris Earl at 610.743.5613 or cearl47@comcast.net.

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

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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.

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.

THE MEMORIAL SOCIETY WERE RECEIVED IN MEMORY/HONOR OF/FROM: **JANE HOFFMAN** Cynthia Mary Slaski

EVELYN HAYNES Mike & Betty Barnisin



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.

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...

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.

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.

DISASTER RELIEF COLLECTION

Envelopes will be available the weekend of 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.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY FALL SEMESTER From Formed - Lectio: THE CASE FOR JESUS

Can we trust the Gospels? Do we really know who wrote them? Do the Gospels communicate truth - or fabricated fables? Who is Jesus? Who did Jesus claim to be?

Join Dr. Brant Pitre as he draws evidence from both early Christian and non-Christian writings attesting to the authenticity, authorship, and dating of the Gospels, and as he gives an in-depth look at the Gospel accounts of Jesus's Crucifixion, Resurrection, and the proclamation of Christ's divinity.

Dr. Pitre's powerful presentation will strengthen your faith so that you can not only stand firm and profess that Jesus truly is "the Christ, the Son of the living God," but also confidently respond to any skeptics you encounter.

We will meet every other Wednesday evening beginning September 13th in the John Paul II Room 7:00 PM.

All are welcomed! Hope to see you there! For more information contact Jeremy Clark at: stignatiusmbs@gmail.com

NEW TUESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Listening to the Sunday Mass readings and homily are simply a warmup! Come to a weekly Bible study and further unpack the Scriptures and resolve to make personal applications: that's living the Good News! OUR FIRST MEETING WILL BE Tuesday, September 19th

1 - 2:15 PM in the JP II Room Call or text your contact information to Lynn at 724.650.5748 to sign up.

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GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Today's readings are all about relationships. Among the many lessons we have learned from the global pandemic is the deep importance of the relationships and communities in our lives. Our families, neighbors, friends and parish family need us, and we need them to be our best selves.

St. Paul gives us simple instructions in our second reading from Romans to guide us in our dealings with others.

reminding us what Christ Himself taught: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love is the overarching principal that guides us to be good stewards of our relationships.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus further refines this instruction on good stewardship of our relationships, even when they involve conflict. He says, "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother."

Jesus teaches us to confront the offending person directly and discretely - with the goal of restoring the relationship if possible. This is how we steward our relationships even through rocky waters. Jesus also speaks to us of the power and beauty of community life. "If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Christian stewards, God has designed us in such a way that we must help each other on the journey towards heaven. Let us take care to steward our relationships well.

Thank you for your continued support and donations!

ST. IGNATIUS VETERANS MEMORIAL

ONLY 12 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 Please call Clare Hollenbacher at 610.678.0864 to make arrangements for altar flowers for a special occasion or in loving memory of someone.



Wawa

St. Ignatius Columbiettes SANDWICH SALE

Coupons for sale at the Rectory.

\$6.00 Coupon good for SHORTI HOAGIE

Redeemable at any Wawa No expiration date.

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

EUCHARISTIC 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

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