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SEPTEMBER 8, 2024
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME



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Are you interested in guiding/assisting an adult to know more about the Catholic Faith this coming year?

Come & See (RCIA) provides information to those interested in knowing more about what the Catholic Church teaches and believes.

There will be a meeting on September 19 at 7:00 PM In the School for all those interested.

The program begins on September 26 at 7:00 PM in the School.

> For more information please email slanciano@stignatiusvikings.org.





with Fr. Tom Wednesday, September 18 Join our Parish Family! What: Pilgrimage

Where: Sacred Heart Basilica

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine and National Shrine Grotto

When: Wednesday, September 18, 2024

SAVE THE DATE!

Parish Pilgrimage

\$60.00 Includes bus, tours & lunch Dinner on your own Cost:

Bus pick up at St. Ignatius: 7:30 AM **Back to St. Ignatius:** 9:00 PM

Please call the Rectory at 610-678-3767. Payment confirms your reservation. Deadline to reserve is September 10th.



Back to School All You Care to Eat **Family Breakfast** Sunday, September 15th



8:00 to 11:00 AM / Parish Hall Adults \$12.00 - children 6 to 12 years \$5.00 Children Age 5 and Under - FREE Veterans Receive \$1.00 Discount



Scrambled Eggs **Home Fries** Sausage / Bacon **Creamed Dried Beef Pancakes**

Cereals Fresh Fruit **Pastries** Coffee / Tea / Milk Juice

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BANNS OF ORDINATION

Mr. Daniel J. Osle, a member of St. Ignatius, has been called to the Order of the Deacon by His Excellency, Alfred A. Schlert, D.D. Bishop of Allentown.

Mr. Daniel J. Osle will be ordained at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown, on Saturday, the 14th day of September 2024.



ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 9th to Sunday, September 15th Monday, September 9 - St. Peter Claver

6:30 a.m. Andrew Boulanger 9:00 a.m. Jane Belinda Nin

Tuesday, September 10

6:30 a.m. Leslie Amaral 8:00 a.m. Mary Lou Pichini

Wednesday, September 11

6:30 a.m. Geraldine Rakowiecki

8:00 a.m. Fillippe & Verna Ciatto & Family

Thursday, September 12

Kristin Nawoczenski Wassil 6:30 a.m.

8:00 a.m. Jean Bready

Friday, September 13 - St. John Chrysostom

6:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the Furey Family Marie Loeper - 2nd Anniversary of Death 8:00 a.m.

Saturday, September 14 - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00 a.m. James Hogan

4:00 p.m. Helen Haberberger

Sunday, September 15 - Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Carl Dragonette, Sr. 7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. Special Intention

10:30 a.m. Peter & Sira Fernandes

Brendan Lackman 12:00 p.m.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

The advent of the age of salvation is upon us: the deaf hear, the blind see, and those bowed down are raised up. The kingdom is made manifest around the Eucharistic table, where rich and poor alike are invited to feast.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

The good steward must not show favoritism. The rich may have many material gifts to share, but St James reminds us in the second reading that God has chosen the world's poor to be rich in faith and inheritors of God's kingdom.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 14/15

Is 50:5 - 9a / Jas 2:14 -18 / Mk 8:27 - 35

Consider joining MEN'S BIBLE STUDY this Fall as we study

"The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy".

This 10 session study begins Wednesday, September 11th. The group meets every other Wednesday 7 - 8 PM in the John Paul II Room at St. Ignatius Church. No bible experience is necessary to join this group. Email stignatiusmbs@gmail.com for information or just show up to the first meeting.

Please take note! Our Monday morning school year Mass schedule has resumed. Monday Mass schedule will now be 6:30 AM and 9:00 AM until June 9, 2025.



SAVE THE DATES!

St. Ignatius 40 Hours Devotion

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

Father Keaton C. Eidle will be our Homilist each evening at 7 PM.

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



INTERVIEW TODAY!

- MIDDLE SCHOOL LANGUAGE ARTS 5-8
- PART TIME MATH TEACHER FOR GRADES 7-8 (MUST BE ABLE TO COMMIT TO 5 DAYS PER WEEK)
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- EXTENDED CARE WORKER (2:30PM TO 5:30PM)
- SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

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BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC DAILY MASSES Celebrated by The Most Rev. Alfred A. Schlert D.D.

Monday, September 9

Our Lady of Mercy, Easton – 8:00 am 132 S. Fifth Street, Easton Thursday, September 12 Holy Guardian Angels, Reading – 8:00 am 3121 Kutztown Road, Reading Monday, October 28

St. Teresa of Calcutta, Mahanov City 6:00 PM 600 W. Mahanoy Avenue, Mahanoy City



CALLING ALL GRANDPARENTS!

Catholic Grandparents
Association Meeting

(NOTE NEW TIME AND LOCATION) MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 7: 00 PM - ST. IGNATIUS CHAPEL

Our group creates an awareness for the great vocation of grand-parenting. Together we help grandparents pass on their faith and to keep prayer at the heart of family life.

FR. TOM BORTZ WILL BE OUR GUEST SPEAKER Please join us and bring a friend!

For additional information email Maureen Devaney at mhdpt@aol.com.

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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.

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.

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.

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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., 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 system or direct withdrawal.

(your envelope use confirms Mass attendance) While assessments of an inquirer's status will be made individually, the above are the main factors considered in making that determination.

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 you may not be registered.

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

You must be registered for 3 months to:

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

St. Ignatius Seniors



St. Ignatius Seniors HIKE

Our senior hike will be on Tuesday September 17th. We will meet at 10:30 AM - soccer field parking lot. The entrance is next to Sheetz on Lancaster Avenue.

GPS address: 2001 Old Wyomissing Road, 19610 Lunch will follow at Deluxe Diner, 2295 Lancaster Pike, 19607.

Hike is weather permitting but lunch always on. Please call Rose Torres at 610 914-5482 for details.



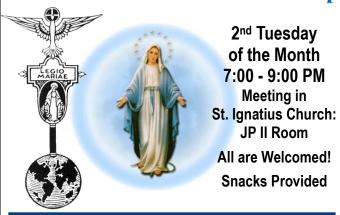
PARISH RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL WILL RESUME SEPTEMBER 8th

2:00 - 4:00 PM - St. Ignatius School Gym

Parish volleyball is free, fun, competitive, and open to all parishioners & non-parishioners age 13 and above.

Spread the word and bring family and friends!

The Patricians **Catholic Faith Discussion Group**



2024 SESSION 2

September 10th How to Explain and Defend Catholic

Teaching Using Common Sense, Simple Logic ,and the Bible.

October 8th Developing Virtue

How to Arrange Your Life Around the November 12th

Liturgical Year

December 10th Gifts of the Church: What You Might

Not Know

SENIORS BUS TRIPS



- NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY TRIP October 17 - \$93 pp - 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

SENIORS GROUP REGISTRATION FORM - \$7.00

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

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GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Our readings today offer us a message of hope - God is with us and wants to heal us. May this message come ablaze in our hearts so that we might live with unwavering faith.

The Gospel presents us with the story of the profound physical healing of a deaf man with a speech impediment. People brought him to Jesus and begged for his healing. Jesus took the man off by himself, touched his ears and his tongue, then proclaimed, "Be opened!" Immediately he was healed.

This story in our Gospel overwhelms us with comfort and peace because we have a compassionate God who sees our physical needs. Yet if we reflect further on this reading, we see that God uses this moment of physical healing as an opportunity to restore something much deeper - our souls.

Oftentimes we are blind and deaf to God in our lives. We miss countless opportunities to see God working in our day-to-day moments - through our loved ones, our community, or even a stranger. We miss the quiet voice of Jesus in our hearts telling us to choose Him instead of sin, respond in love instead of anger, or care for someone else in a moment instead of ourselves.

These are how we need to be spiritually healed. And the scriptures remind us that God is with us and wants to heal us. This week let us seek God to heal our souls and transform our hearts. Let us pray that our eyes and our ears might "be open" to His workings, words, and promptings in our lives.

Thank you for your continued support and donations!

THIS WEEK LET US PRAY...

For all people, that we always recognize each member of this human family as being loved by God and made in His image.



ALTAR FLOWERS

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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

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

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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