# ST. IGNATUS

MARCH 24, 2024 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSON OF THE LORD

# HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday - March 24 - Blessed Palm Branches distributed after all weekend Masses - Stations of the Cross with the youth of the Parish 3:00 PM - in Church

Monday of Holy Week - March 25 - Masses 6:30 & 9:00 AM

Tuesday of Holy Week - March 26 - Masses 6:30 & 8:00 AM - Parish Lenten Confessions - 7:00 PM Visiting Priests available for confessions.

Wednesday of Holy Week - March 27 - Masses 6:30 & 8:00 AM - School Students Present Stations of the Cross - 9:00 AM

Holy Thursday - March 28 - No morning Masses - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 PM

Good Friday - March 29 - No morning Masses - Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 3:00 PM

Holy Saturday - March 30 - No Morning Masses

- No Confession / Reconciliation
- Blessing of Food 12:00 Noon - Easter Vigil - 8:00 PM
- Reception of R.C.I.A. Catechumens & Candidates

Easter Sunday - March 31 - 7:30, 9:00, & 10:30 AM & 12 Noon

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#### ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>- Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> Monday, March 25 6:30 a.m. Intentions of Liliana Arias 9:00 a.m. Audrey Michaels & the Marx Family Tuesday, March 26 Beth Anne Stitzel - 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Death 6:30 a.m. **Russell Mina** 8:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 27 Carol Palm - 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of Death 6:30 a.m. Intentions of Damian Oertle 8:00 a.m. Thursday, March 28 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper Friday, March 29 3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion Saturday, March 30 8:00 p.m. Intentions of our Priests Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord 7:30 a.m. **Intentions of our Priests**

9:00 a.m. Intentions of our Priests

10:30 a.m. Intentions of our Priests

12:00 p.m. Intentions of our Priests

#### GOSPEL MESSAGE

Jesus, humbling Himself out of love for us, did not shield His face from buffets and spitting, but offered His life on the cross. He relied on His Father's love.

#### STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Good stewards strive to conform their lives to that of Christ emptying themselves of all pride and putting themselves at the service of others.

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MARCH 30/31

Acts 10:34a, 37 - 43 / Col 3:1 - 4 / Jn 20:1 - 9

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.

SLEEP IN THIS EASTER! Plan now to attend our Easter Vigil Liturgy which many say is the most beautiful liturgy of the whole year.

The Easter Vigil Mass begins at 8:00 PM on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. Attending this Mass counts for your Easter Sunday obligation, assures you and your family of having a comfortable seat, and allows you to sleep in on Easter day, which means avoiding the crowds!



Journey to Calvary on Wednesday, March 27 - 9:00 AM with the St. Ignatius school students as the eighth grade girls lead us through "Mary's Way of the Cross".

We'll follow Jesus's mother as she walks through Jerusalem. Mary's 14 Stations share her sorrow and the deep pain that a Mother's heart feels watching her son suffer. We hear her feelings as she silently watches Jesus carry His heavy cross to Calvary Hill. Jesus stretched out his arms on Good Friday

to open the gates of Heaven for us!

Begin your Holy Week by walking with our Blessed Mother and Jesus.

Come to experience Mary's Way of the Cross Wednesday, March 27 - 9:00 AM St. Ignatius Church.

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.

## Visit our website: stignatiusreading.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* (1<sup>st</sup> 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)

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\* 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 <u>DO NOT</u> ATTACH DEPOSIT TICKET)

# 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.

St. Ignatius Seniors ACTIVITIES 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 11<sup>th</sup>. 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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Does your child enjoy learning new skills?

Bring them to our next scouting event where we will be teaching:

Tent Building Water Safety	Fire Safety Knot Tying



2024: Session 1

(Location: Church JP2 room)

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Legion of Mary Allentown

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EVANGELIZING OUR CHILDREN & OTHERS: What's Effective

MARIAN APPARITIONS: What's at the Heart of Mary's Messages

MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST / TRUE PRESENCE OF THE EUCHARIST

2nd Tuesday of the Month

Meeting in the School Meeting Rooms January - March

Meeting in St. Ignatius Church :

All are Welcome

Snacks Provided

JP II room April - June

7:00 - 9:00 pm

The Patricians

April 9th

May 14th

June 11<sup>th</sup>

**Catholic Faith Discussion Group** 

"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 2<sup>nd</sup> through May 7<sup>th</sup> 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.



## 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.

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

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

#### GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday. As we read about the climax of Christ's mission here on earth, we are reminded that He is the Perfect Steward, a model for us all on our stewardship journey.

Our First Reading, from the prophet Isaiah, portrays a suffering servant. The suffering servant, in many ways, foreshadows what Jesus endured during His passion. Even though He didn't deserve such tortures, He humbly submitted to them. His mission as a steward was to fulfill His Father's mission. We, too, play a unique role in our Father's mission by bringing souls to Christ. It simply begins with the witness of our lives.

Today's Gospel shares the account of Jesus' last days on earth, and how He lives them says a great deal about how we should be living ours as faithful stewards. Jesus does many things in these last days, and they all revolve around prayer and service - two trademark actions of a good and faithful Catholic. He hosts a Passover meal in which He gives us His Body and Blood in the Eucharist. He intensely prays to His Father. Lastly, He submits to humiliation, torture and death for our sake, calling out to God the Father in His weakest moments. We might not be called to the same type of prayer and service, but we are all called to commit time in daily prayer with our Lord, and to serve our families, churches and neighbors.

As we embark on this Holy Week, let us take some time to reflect on the life of Christ as He is our model Steward, and may we strive to imitate Him daily.

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 all mothers facing difficult pregnancies be lovingly accompanied as they prepare to encounter Christ anew through the gift of their children.

The St. Ignatius FOOD PANTRY 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month 3 - 4 PM January- October (November & December - 3<sup>rd</sup> 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
	8:00 AM

#### First Friday: 7:00 PM

EUCHAR	STIC PRAYER / ADORATION - CHAPEL
Tuesdays	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
A State of State	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.

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