MAY 7, 2023 ~ FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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St. Ignatius Loyola School - May 20th, 2023

The annual "Inspire Dinner and Auction" brings the St. Ignatius Loyola community together for the biggest fundraiser of the year! The proceeds from the evening's event go directly towards the mission of enhancing the school's ability to offer a high quality, faith-based education.

Come dressed to impress in your best 1980's INSPIRED attire!

LIVE MUSIC - BYOB - SILENT & LIVE AUCTIONS - AFTER PARTY

Catering by Salute & Monte Lauro

LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE! SCAN THE OR CODE OR GO TO https://stignatiusvikings.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/2023Inspire TO LEARN MORE, PURCHASE TICKETS, AND DONATE.



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SAVE THE DATES

The Light of Christ Council of the Knights of Columbus will present

The Vatican International Exhibition of The Eucharistic Miracles

A photographic exhibit showcasing the Eucharistic Miracles that transpired through the years, first observed in 750 AD in Lanciano, Italy. Learn about the various scientific and medical tests and studies performed in numerous countries that all point to the same divine conclusion.

They are visible proof of Jesus Christ's Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist.

Saturday, July 15 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM and Sunday, July 16 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

St. Ignatius Parish Education Center <u>GYM</u> 2700 St. Alban's Drive ~ 19609





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ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK Monday, May 8th- Sunday, May 14th

Monday, May 8

6:30 a.m. Dominic Concordia 8:00 a.m. Jerry Lesanski Francesco & Lina Vuono 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 9 6:30 a.m. Int. of Leroy & Eleanor Lengel - 70th Ann. 8:00 a.m. **Roy Sanders** Wednesday, May 10 6:30 a.m. Alfred Tranquillo Keith Yost 8:00 a.m. Thursday, May 11 6:30 a.m. John Jack J. O'Donnell 8:00 a.m. Jane Magill - 2nd Anniversary of Death Friday, May 12 6:30 a.m. Robert DiPaolo - 1st Anniversary of Death 8:00 a.m. Joe Krammer Saturday, May 13 Robert J. Brown, Sr. 8:00 a.m. Adeline Llewellyn 4:00 p.m. Sunday, May 14 - Sixth Sunday of Easter 7:30 a.m. Theresa Koch 9:00 a.m. Frank & Mary Castanaro & Jamie Manuel & Magdalena Fernandes 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. Carol Palm 5:30 p.m. **Our Parishioners**

GOSPEL MESSAGE

We are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood" called to place our faith and trust in the Spirit of Jesus who guides the community of faith.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

"Those who have faith in Me will do the works I do, and far greater than these," Jesus tells His disciples. That is quite an assignment for us as Christian stewards!

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MAY 13/14

Acts 8:5 - 8; 14 - 17 / 1 Pt 3:15 - 18 / Jn 14:15 - 21

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 - JPII Room/Church



Sundays at 3:00 PM in our Chapel **THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET** will be recited. **All are welcomed! Join us!** If you would like information or would like to learn more

about praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet or praying the Rosary please call Jim Corson at **610.413.0949**.

GOD'S MERCY! IT'S TRULY A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH. When your loved one is facing imminent death call 610.413.0949 any hour of the day or night and

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited for him or her by many!

TRAINING FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS



Altar Servers

We are looking for young people interested in serving at the Altar of the Lord!

Open to St. Ignatius youth currently in grades 4 – 11.

Training will take place with Fr. Maas in our Church on May 10th - 3:45 - 5:00 PM & May 11th - 3:45 - 4:45 PM.

Call or email the Rectory for information and to reserve your spot - 610.678.3767 or altarservers@stignatiusreading.org.

ST. IGNATIUS TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY IS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS!

Drivers are needed to transport parishioners to all weekend Masses. Currently, specifically, transportation for the Saturday, 4 PM and Sunday, Noon Masses is needed.

Call Donna Unger at 610.743.4905 for details.



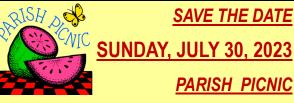
Attention Families with Members Serving in the U.S. Armed Forces!

If any parishioners or children of parishioners are currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, we are looking to update our display in the Narthex.

Please send Name, Rank, Branch, and, optionally, a photograph (5x7 or smaller or digital) of your family member to be included.

We pray for servicemen and women at each Sunday Mass and are excited to update the display. Please send any changes to the current display to the Rectory as well.

rectory@stignatiusreading.org.



ST. BENEDICT'S PICNIC GROUNDS

Visit our website: stignatiusreading.org

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SAVE THE DATE Saturday, September 23, 2023

> Manor Golf Course Bran Road Sinking Spring ~ 19608

This year's tournament proceeds will benefit the Light of Christ Council's charitable efforts. Sponsorship & Donation Options, Volunteer Opportunities, and Golfer Registrations are now available. Contact Fred Henrich at 610.741.8487 or fphenrich@gmail.com for more details.

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.

ACTIVE PARISHIONER STATUS FOR SPONSORSHIP

We receive many requests from parishioners to be a godparent or sponsor for the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. Part of that request is to be able to verify that a person is an "active member" of our Parish.

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., married 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 envelope system or direct withdrawal.

(your envelope use confirms attendance at Mass)

While assessments of an inquirer's status will be made individually, the above are the main factors considered in making that determination.

BASKETS OF LOVE

Please join the St. Ignatius Columbiettes as they create Baskets of Love for the young ladies of *Mary's Shelter*.

Donations accepted in a box in the Narthex of the Church April 16th to May 14th.

- Baby Books
- Baby Bottles
- Baby Wash / Shampoo / Lotion (NO oil or powder please)
- Baby Wipes
- Bassinet Sheets
- Blankets
- Crip Sheets Diapers All sizes (Newborn - Size 6)
- Formula Similac
- Nail Clippers
- New Underwear (2T 10/12)
- Pull-Ups All sizes
- Puzzle Books
- Socks
- Toys Baby to Age 8





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.

SENIORS BUS TRIPS

- GREASE at the Fulton Theatre July 5 - \$110 pp - Deadline May 24

- GUYS & DOLLS at the Dutch Apple Theatre September 13 - \$98 pp - Deadline August 7

- 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

MULIT-DAY TRIPS

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

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

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

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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.

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.*

DONATIONS TO: *THE MEMORIAL SOCIETY*

WERE RECEIVED IN MEMORY/HONOR OF/FROM:

TOM STONER

John & Cathy Meharg **STEPHEN KRUPA & ANNA NERINO** Carol Schuck

GETHSEMANE CEMETERY

Gethsemane Cemetery will host a live Mass on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29, 2023 at 10:00 AM. *Please join us for fellowship and celebration.*

GETHSEMANE CEMETERY will be hosting its SPRING OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, 7th, 12:00 - 4:00 PM. All are welcomed to attend, chat with counselors, walk around the grounds, enjoy the day. We hope to see you then!

The St. Ignatius FOOD PANTRY 4th Thursday of each month 3 - 4 PM April - 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 Columbiettes SANDWICH SALE



- <u>\$6.00</u> Coupon good for SHORTI HOAGIE Redeemable at any *Wawa*
- No expiration date **Coupons are available for sale at 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.

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 am	ount 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 <u>DO NOT</u> ATTACH DEPOSIT TICKET)

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GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

The readings on this fifth Sunday of Easter present us with themes of dwelling places and home. As Christian stewards, we are well aware that this world is not our permanent home. We are merely pilgrims here, making our way through the stewardship way of life to our true home, heaven.

Yet, as we make our way to heaven, we are called to make our dwelling here - whether we are in a household of one or bursting at the seams - a true "domestic church." In other words, the stewardship way of life begins long before we set foot on the parish grounds. Stewardship starts at home. It begins with our families, our domestic churches.

The domestic church plays a key role in our sanctification because it is the primary place where we practice intimate and selfless love of other persons.

In our Gospel passage from John, Jesus speaks of heaven as a home filled with dwelling places. "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" This is a beautiful image of the glory that awaits us and the personal love our Lord has for us in preparing the perfect "spot" for each one of us who remain faithful to Him.

Let us respond to this great love by becoming good stewards of our earthly dwellings, making our homes true "domestic churches" where we honor God with our prayer, our thoughtfulness to each other, and our generous hospitality to all.

Let us never forget that stewardship starts at home!

Thank you for your continued support and donations!

THIS WEEK LET US PRAY...

For those in public office, may they work to enact laws that protect and safeguard the gift of human life.



ALTAR FLOWERS

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

Parish Recreational Volleyball! Each Sunday from 2:30 - 4:30 PM St. Ignatius Gym.

Parish volleyball, which is always free, fun and competitive, is open to all parishioners & non-parishioners age 13 and above. Parish volleyball will then take place each Sunday until June 7th (unless otherwise noted).

Spread the word and bring family and friends!

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM, 12 Noon, & 5:30 PM

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

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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