





# Fr. Tom and Fr. George need your help!

Fr. Tom and Fr. George are representing St. Ignatius Loyola in *COOKS WITH COLLARS*, an online cooking competition to raise funds for our Parish and Catholic Charities.

Visit <u>www.cookswithcollars.com</u> to see Fr. Tom and Fr. George creating delicious kitchen concoctions.

VOTING DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>!

All voting proceeds directly benefit St. Ignatius Loyola.

Thanks for making our Priests and Parish winners!

# ST. IGNATUS

#### FEBRUARY 4, 2024 THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

# COLUMBIETTES SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone

NUMBER OF TICKETS

TOTAL \$

Please return in an envelope with payment. *Make checks payable to:* Light of Christ Columbiettes

Pre-paid tickets will be available at the door as "will call".

Return forms and payment in the weekend collection basket, at the Rectory or mail to B. Kunder 2211 Gring Drive, 19610.

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



LIGHT OF CHRIST COLUMBIETTES INVITE YOU TO SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

(Proceeds benefit Columbiettes charitable efforts.)

- PLACE: Victor Emmanuel's Restaurant
- DATE: Tuesday, February 13, 2024
- TIME: 4:30 7:00 PM
- COST: \$12 per ticket

\$14 per ticket at the door

Cost includes salad, bread, and dinner. Beverages may be purchased.

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

# SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024 THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

The Patricians Catholic Faith Discussion Group



2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month 7:00 - 9:00 PM Meetings are in the



Parish Education Center Meeting Rooms - January, February & March Meetings are in St. Ignatius Church JP II Room - April, May & June ALL ARE WELCOMED! Snacks Provided

# January 9<sup>th</sup> Fasting

February 13 <sup>th</sup>	Universal Call to Holiness:
	Part 1 Prayer
March 12 <sup>th</sup>	Sanctifying Grace & Divine Mercy
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	Evangelizing Our Children &
-	<b>Others: What's Effective</b>
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Marian Apparitions: What's at the
, v	Heart of Mary's Messages
June 11 <sup>th</sup>	
	True Presence of the Eucharist
v	Marian Apparitions: What's at the Heart of Mary's Messages Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ/

*St. Ignatius Seniors* will next meet on

SENIORS OF

# Wednesday, February 7th at 9:30 AM

in the St. Ignatius School Gym.

Our program will be a presentation by Sgt. Long of the Spring Township Police Dept. on SCAMS. The book/puzzle exchange, our Trip information and refreshments will be available. Donations for the Food Pantry will be accepted. Any questions, call Barb at 610.763.1383. Those over 50 are welcome to join us. If you can't attend the meeting, send your dues payable to St. Ignatius Seniors and this form to: Barbara Kunder, 2211 Gring Drive, 19610.

#### SENIORS GROUP REGISTRATION FORM Bring to Monthly Meeting or Mail to: B. Kunder ~ 2211 Gring Drive ~ Reading, 19610

Name		
Address		
Phone	 	
Email		

# CALLING ALL GRANDPARENTS

St. Ignatius has begun a new ministry for grandparents,

# The Catholic Grandparents Association.

This is an international group that works creatively in supporting grandparents in passing on their Catholic Faith.

There are ministry groups in over 60 countries and several parishes in Eastern Pennsylvania. The group provides resources, online Zoom talks, prayer and support as we negotiate our vocation and role in our families' faith journeys.

# Our meetings are the second Saturday of the month after our 8:00 AM Mass.

We gather and share hospitality and fellowship, prayer, discussion and share our values and experiences. We look forward to learning how to better pass on our faith and enrich the lives of our children and grandchildren. We welcome all grand-parents to join us as we together, joyfully foster our faith to multigenerational families.

## Please join us on Saturday, February 10, after the 8:00 AM Mass!



SURVIVING DIVORCE - a confidential program offering hope and healing from divorce is being held every Monday (now) through March 25 7:00 to 8:30 PM at St. Benedict Church, 2020 Chestnut Hill Road, Mohnton, 19540. For more information, please contact Joe Boylan, 610.781.6415 or joeboylan17@gmail.com.

# SENIORS BUS TRIPS

 TROPICANA CASINO & BILLY JOEL TRIBUTE March 14 - \$120 pp - Deadline February 7
 TOBY'S DINNER THEATRE - Beauty & The Beast April 17 - \$114 pp - Deadline March 15

 SCHUYLKILL SUMMER ADVENTURE June 25 - \$125 pp - Deadline May 17
 SIGHT & SOUND THEATER - Daniel September 10 - \$154 pp - Deadline August 1
 Contact Judy Jablonski at 610.670.0907 or Mail to: 113 Primrose Lane Reading, PA 19610

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# ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>- Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> Monday, February 5 - St. Agatha

6:30 a.m. Intentions of Deacon Ed Sanders 9:00 a.m. Claude Bayerle *Grade 6A* 

Tuesday, February 6 - St. Paul Miki

6:30 a.m. Sean Lucchese

8:00 a.m. Joseph & Karen Crisifulli

### Wednesday, February 7

6:30 a.m. Dennis Allen Smith

8:00 a.m. Mary Collini

### Thursday, February 8

6:30 a.m. Intentions of Terry & Mary Dugan

8:00 a.m. Gerald D. Wagner

# Friday, February 9

6:30 a.m. Rose Alongi

8:00 a.m. Luigi Borelli

### Saturday, February 10 - St. Scholastica

8:00 a.m. Intentions of the Walter & Sczurek Families

4:00 p.m. Albert Shiner

# Sunday, February 11 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Anna Kovacs - 54<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Death

- 9:00 a.m. Guido Guidici & Family
- 10:30 a.m. Robert M. Loeper
- 12:00 p.m. Peter Marabella

# GOSPEL MESSAGE

Job's cry of hopelessness stands in marked contrast to the hope of those who put their trust in Jesus, who "heals the broken and binds up their wounds". Such are the blessings of the good news.

# STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Like St. Paul in the second reading, the good steward can say, "I do all that I do for the sake of the Gospel in the hope of sharing in its blessings.

# SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 10/11

Lv 13:1 - 2, 44 - 46 / 1 Cor 10:31; 1:1 / Mk 1:40 - 45

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- go to Formed.org
- click sign-up as a parishioner
- search for St. Ignatius Loyola Sinking Spring

# PLEASE TAKE NOTE !

Our Monday morning Mass schedule has changed. Monday Mass schedule will now be 6:30 AM and 9:00 AM

during the school year until June 10<sup>th</sup> when the schedule will return to 6:30 and 8:00 AM. *Tuesday through Friday will remain* 6:30 and 8:00 AM year round.

END OF YEAR DONATION STATEMENTS

Please note that statements were mailed this past week for Parish contributions totaling over \$600.00 for 2023. If you do not receive your statement or wish to request one please call the Rectory at 610. 678.3767 and one will be provided.

Redner's WAREHOUSE MARKETS

# 🐕 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.

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.

#### 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!

# Visit our website: 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.

# **DONATIONS TO:** *The Memorial Society*

WERE RECEIVED IN MEMORY/HONOR OF/FROM: BARBARA LOGERO

Judith Cutler

**MARY REHRER** 

John & Maria O'Brien

KATHLEEN J. LAWLER

Alfredo & Dorian Cola

*The Friends of St. Vincent de Paul Society* WERE RECEIVED IN MEMORY/HONOR OF/FROM: CAROL PALM

Paula Wentzel

#### 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 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 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 CONSIDER RESERVING A TIME SLOT TO HAVE OUR TRAVELING STATUE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY IN YOUR HOME DURING 2024. SIGN-UP SHEEETS ARE IN THE JPII ROOM.

# 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)

(City State Zip Code)

Telephone Number

Parish Envelope Number

IF KNOWN

#### ELECTION

(check one & indicate am	nount to be debited from your account):			
Weekly contribution of \$	, beginning Monday//			
Monthly contribution of \$	, beginning Monday*//			
<sup>*</sup> 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)

# New Parishioners, welcome to St. Ignatius!

Are vou 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.

WE WELCOME OUR RECENTLY BAPTIZED **BURKHART** 

WE WARMLY WELCOME OUR **NEW FAMILIES/PARISHIONERS** MEMBERS

CONNOLLY DEPAUL EZZELL **FINNERAN GREBLOSKI MERIDIONALE MEYERS** 

MILLER **PHILLIPS** REES SCHOTT **STOKES** VATH WRIGHT

WELCOME

NEW

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS OUR **RECENTLY DECEASED** 

**MARY BARRETT JOSEPH DANVER JAMES DOTZENROTH** MICHAELENE FOX **CAROL FREESE ROSEANNE GRYNIEWICH** PHILLIP LAUER **BARBARA LOGERO** MARGARET MARTINI **ANNA MOYER MARY REHRER** EARL SHUMAKER **JOSEPH YOKITIS** 



ST. PAUL'S PARISH in Downtown Reading is holding its 6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ONE FAMILY GALA Sunday, March 3 at DoubleTree by Hilton Cash Bar - 5:00 PM followed by Dinner - 6:00 PM. There will also be a basket raffle. Ticket cost is **\$75 pp** which includes entrée options, available from St. Paul's Church @ 610.372.1531 or stpaulsrcchurch@comcast.net. Deadline for reservations/sponsorship - February 12th. This year's GALA will call attention to CRIME ALERT OF BERKS COUNTY. which just celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary last year. Downtown areas in cities of all sizes have become overly congested and increasingly crime-ridden, and Reading is certainly no exception. CRIME ALERT has been a welcome response to this worsening trend. Featured Speaker - Madison Winchester, President of the Berks County Chiefs of Police. The recipient of ST. PAUL'S ONE FAMILY AWARD will be CRIME ALERT BERKS COUNTY. The award will be accepted by Rick Periandi, President of CRIME ALERT BERKS COUNTY. Table sonnoors will be available: Gold sonnoors Table sponsorships will be available: Gold sponsors (\$1,000) receive complimentary tickets for an entire table of 8 with a table placard, Silver sponsors (\$500) receive 4 complimentary tickets, Bronze sponsors (\$250) receive 2 complimentary tickets. There will also be a listing of Patrons (\$10). They will also receive event recognition along with the sponsors.



# DON'T BLOW SMOKE AT L PRACTICAL TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL LENT WITH FR. HOFFA

7PM - 9PM THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

CIGARS INTERNATIONAL HAMBURG, PA

# Bad Weather Alert Please Remember

- If school is closed for the day Adoration and all events and meetings will be canceled also for that day.
- If school has a late start due to snow or severe weather, then Adoration will be canceled for that day.
- If school is being dismissed early due to weather, then Adoration and all events and meetings will be discontinued/canceled beginning at the hour school is dismissed.
- If school is closed or being dismissed early due to weather on Tuesday then Adoration will be discontinued/canceled for Tuesday AND Wednesday.

# SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024 THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINAR TIME

# GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Our readings today remind us that Christ came to serve. Jesus' entire life was focused on others. He came to fulfill His Father's mission - the salvation of mankind. He labored for this mission by becoming the humblest of servants.

In today's Gospel, Simon says to Jesus, "Everyone is looking for you." Jesus did not seek after the praise. Rather, He responded by saying, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also." Jesus was already looking to whom He could serve next.

As Christian stewards, we are also called to be humble servants who labor for our Father's mission. We should strive to imitate the Perfect Steward, Who was constantly aware of the needs of those around Him and put His gifts to good use. For us, this begins right here in our home, parish, and community. We are called to live each moment in awareness of our Father's mission and in gratitude for all He has given us.

Jesus tells us that the way to be attentive is through prayer. Before Jesus made the decision to go to the nearby villages to preach, He first went off to pray. It is through prayer that Jesus could hear what His Father was asking of Him. We, too, are called to spend time in daily prayer - we will then become aware of the opportunities to serve the Lord.

Let us commit to finding some quiet time this week to pray. Let us ask the Lord - how can I serve You better throughout my days? And let us pray, 'Make me humble, Lord.'

Thank you for your continued support and donations!

# THIS WEEK LET US PRAY...

May friends and families of women with difficult Pregnancies provide loving, life-affirming support for both mother and child.

# 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.



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

# 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.

### 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
<b>Tuesday through Friday:</b>	6:30 & 8:00 AM Year round
Saturday:	8:00 AM
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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 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

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