Lent at St. Ignatius

MARCH 5, 2023-THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Additional Mass & Confession Opportunities

Mass Confession Parish Confessions Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, & 22 at 5:30 PM Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, & 22 from 6:00-7:00 PM Tuesday, March 28 from 6:30-8:00 PM (multiple priests available)

Stations of the Cross

Tuesday, Feb 28 & March 7, 14, & 21 at 7:00 PM Friday, Feb 24 & March 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31 at 1:05 PM

Mary's Stations of the Cross School Stations of the Cross (all are welcome)

Lenten Vespers

Friday, March 10, 17, 24, & 31 at 7:00 PM

Exposition, Evening Prayer, and guest preachers

Knights of Columbus Fish Dinner

Friday, March 3 & 24 from 5:00-7:00 PM

Parish Hall, eat in or take out

Lenten Obligations

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics.

Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

Who must fast? Catholics from age 18 until age 59.

What constitutes fasting? One full meal & two smaller meals that do not equal to a full meal.

Who must abstain from meat? Catholics from age 14 onwards.

The fast on Good Friday may be continued until the Easter Vigil as the "paschal fast."

We do not have to abstain on Friday, 17 March in the Diocese of Allentown in celebration of St. Patrick's day. Bishop has asked that if we eat meat, to abstain Thursday or Saturday of that week instead.

Holy Week & Easter

Holy Thursday	7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday	3:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday	12:00 PM Blessing of Food
	8:00 PM Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter
Easter Sunday	7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, & 12:00 PM Masses



Lent at St. Francis de Sales in Robesonia

Stations of the Cross Parish Confessions Friday, February 24, March 3, 6:00 PM, & April 7 (Good Friday), 7:00 PM Monday, March 27, 6:30-8:00 PM (multiple priests available)

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an annual giving program that began in the Diocese of Allentown 48 years ago, is a great way to answer the Church's call for almsgiving during Lent. Families eat a simple meal one day a week, and give the money they would have spent on a more elaborate meal to Operation Rice Bowl. Please take a cardboard offering envelope from the Narthex as you leave Mass. Return on or before Good Friday.

The Light of Christ Columbiettes invite you to join us for our annual Fundraiser at Friendly's





Thursday, March 23, 2023 4:00 to 8:00 PM Friendly's Restaurant 324 Penn Avenue ~ West Lawn, PA



Bake goods will also be sold.



Jesus taught us to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, comfort the sick; and that the poor in spirit are blessed.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES' MISSION

is to provide compassionate services with respect for all human life. During this Lenten season, please consider becoming part of this Mission by supporting the ANNUAL GALA. Visit our website at catholiccharitiesad.org/gala/ for details or contact Julie Scheck at jscheck@allentowndiocese.org, 610-435-1541, ext. 342 or 610-871-5200, ext. 2216.

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ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK Monday, March 6th- Sunday, March 12th

Monday, March 6

6:30 a.m. Patricia B. O'Neill 8:00 a.m. Bill Cox

9:00 a.m. Victor Carvajal

Tuesday, March 7

6:30 a.m. Intentions of Peter Heim

8:00 a.m. Chester Zalegowski - 11th Anniversary of Death

Wednesday, March 8

6:30 a.m. Herminio & Gloria Alegado

- 8:00 a.m. Mary Ann Panto
- 5:30 p.m. Carol Autrey

Thursday, March 9

6:30 a.m. John Dondero

8:00 a.m. Michael & Pierina Iacono

Friday, March 10

- 6:30 a.m. John Vergano
- 8:00 a.m. Eileen Devaney

Saturday, March 11

- 8:00 a.m. Jim Masler
- 4:00 p.m. Ann Plummer

Sunday, March 12 - Third Sunday of Lent

- 7:30 a.m. Intentions of the Laino & DiSpirito Families
- 9:00 a.m. Alex Taffera
- 10:30 a.m. Robert Firely, Sr.
- 12:00 p.m. Pat & Ann Flemming
- 5:30 p.m. Our Parishioners

GOSPEL MESSAGE

Abram places trust in God's promise of making his name and descendants great on the earth. In Jesus' transfigured glory is revealed that life and immortality will rob death of its power.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

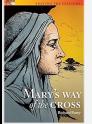
"Bear your share of the hardship for the Gospel," St. Paul tells Timothy in today's second reading. What sacrifice is asked of me for the sake of the Gospel? How willing am I to bear my share?

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MARCH 11/12

Ex 17:3-7 / Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 / Jn 4:5-42 or Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Women's Retreat at San Alfonso Retreat House Friday, March 10 to Sunday, March 12

Please consider joining a group of women parishioners from St. Ignatius spending time in prayer, attending liturgies, having an opportunity for reconciliation, and deepening friendships. The Retreat House, located in Long Branch, New Jersey, is *Where God and Sea Come Together*. For information email Maureen Devaney - mhdpt@aol.com.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

March 7, 14, and 21. This Lent, Stations of the Cross will be the Mary Stations. Come join us in our Church 3 Tuesdays in Lent at 7 PM

as we walk and pray the stations with Mary, led by the women of our parish.

Volunteers are needed to be participants in leading this devotional.

Call Chris Earl at 610.743.5613 if interested.

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



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 lim Corson at 610 413 0949

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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!

Longing to come closer

to Jesus through Mary? Join us to pray the Rosary, for Spiritual Guidance and Sharing. All are welcomed to The LEGION OF MARY prayer/meeting. Every Thursday 6:30 - 8:00 PM - JPII Room in Church

Join us at St. Ignatius Church for a Community Rosary Novena

- Every First Saturday of the Month 12 Noon For: • Ukraine • World Peace
 - First Saturday Reparation Intentions
 for the Blessed Mother

SUPPORT RETIRED SISTERS! THE BERNARDINE FRANCISCAN SISTERS INVITE YOU TO BERNARDINE BONANZA FRIDAY, MARCH 10 - 6:30 PM THE PLEX AT ALVERNIA UNIVERSITY VISIT BRANCISCAN.ORG OR CALL 484.334.6815

Visit our website: stignatiusreading.org

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A Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of Mother Veronica

Foundress of the Bernardine Franciscan Sisters

March 11, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. 460 Saint Bernardine Street Reading, Pennsylvania 19607

A special Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of Mother Veronica, the foundress of the Bernardine Franciscan Sisters, a with Sisters highlighting important aspects of the community's life, histo-ry and ministries will take place on Saturday, March 11th starting at 10:00 am.



To RSVP and for more information, call (610) 777-2967 or email FollowFrancisbfranciscan.org

ST. IGNATIUS SENIORS



JOIN US AT THE SENIOR'S **WINE & CHEESE SOCIAL** IN THE PARISH HALL. SUNDAY APRIL 2nd - 1:00 - 4:00 PM. THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO PAID MEMBERS ONLY.

Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network

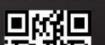
Pope's Prayer Intentions

February: For Parishes March: Victims of Abuse

April: A Culture of Peace & Non-Violence

The Holy Father has an official prayer group! And he wants you to join! It's free! Make a daily offering of your heart to the Sacred Heart.





www.popesprayerusa.net

SENIORS BUS TRIPS

- MOSES at Sight & Sound Theater May 17 - \$135 pp - Deadline April 10

- CHESAPEAKE CITY DINE AROUND June 14 - \$162 pp - Deadline May 3

- 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

MULIT-DAY TRIPS

- PITTSBURGH EXPRESS TOUR August 22-24 - \$636 pp/do - Deadline April 24 - NASHVILLE'S OPRYLAND COUNTRY CHRISTMAS Nov. 26 - Dec. 1 - \$1410 pp/do - Deadline July 26

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



Parish Recreational Volleyball will resume MARCH 5th! Each Sunday from 2:30 - 4:30 PM in the St. Ignatius School 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!

St. Ignatius Columbiettes SANDWICH SALE



\$5.00 Coupon good for SHORTI HOAGIE Redeemable at any Wawa



Coupons are available for sale at the Rectory.

The St. Ignatius FOOD PANTRY

Fourth Thursday of each month 3:00 - 4:00 PM March through October

If you know of anyone who would benefit from this service, please ask them to contact the Rectory. 610.678.3767

No expiration date

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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:

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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.*

Seeking participants for the CYO Declamation Contest.

Any 7th or 8th grade boy or girl from our parish is invited to participate in the St. Ignatius CYO and subsequent Berks County Declamation Contests by choosing a previously spoken public speech, editing it to 4-7 minutes, and then practicing Weekly, on Thursday afternoons, 2:45 - 4 PM with several volunteer coaches in the Meeting Room A.

The St. Ignatius School contest will take place on Wednesday morning, March 29 with judges who will select the 4 winners to continue onto the Berks County Contest at Berks Catholic High School on Friday evening, April 14th.

If you are interested or have questions please call or email the School Office at 610.678.0111 or office@stignatiusvikings.org or Carol Toomey at 610.796.8626 or rainbowact@aol.com.



For mail orders, send this form and check to: Rod Baumert, 1126 Whitfield Blvd., Reading, PA 19609 Questions? Call Rod at 610.678.1225

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GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Our readings for this second Sunday of Lent offer us, as Christian stewards, the motivation to continue our 40-day journey toward deeper holiness.

The first reading from the book of Genesis describes God's call to Abram (who would later be called Abraham). God instructs Abram to leave his home and set out to a land that God had chosen for him. Abram's response is an ancient example of good stewardship. Instead of clinging to his comfortable home and way of life, he recognizes that all he has is a gift from God, puts his trust in God, and obeys. And God rewards him saying, "I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing."

To "be a blessing" is the true aim of a stewardship way of life. It is also an excellent way to live out the season of Lent. The sacrifices we take on, the spiritual disciplines we practice, and the extra acts of service we perform during this season - all give glory to God and transform our lives into a blessing for others.

Lest we grow weary on this path, our Gospel passage today, from Matthew, offers us a powerful image of the great God we serve. It is the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus, when our Lord reveals Himself in His true glory and the Father says, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." The apostles who witnessed this were awestruck. But our loving Savior reassured them saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid."

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us take these two verses, "Listen to him," "Rise, and do not be afraid" to heart. Let us rely on God's strength to aid us in our spiritual disciplines as we move through Lent. We will arrive at Easter with deeper holiness, as a blessing to God and others - and as better stewards of all God's gifts to us.

Thank you for your continued support and donations!

THIS WEEK LET US PRAY....

For each expectant mother considering abortion, may the Lord provide for her needs and give her the grace and resolve to choose life for her child.

ALTAR FLOWERS

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





Come & See! All are welcomed!

Basics of the Faith Thursday, March 9th from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in the Parish Education Ctr. Meeting Rms. A & B. The topic will be THE MORAL LIFE Light refreshments provided.

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.

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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