

Parish Retreat 2023

Join us for our Annual Parish Retreat! Saturday & Sunday, March 4-5, 2023

Retreat includes Mass each day, talks focused on our theme, Adoration, Confession, & time for reflection and conversation

Breakfast and lunch provided on Saturday, breakfast provided on Sunday



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Sunday, February 26 from 2 to 4 PM Cost Range - \$25 to \$30

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Don't Forget to VOTE! Cooks with Collars

Fr. Tom, Fr. Zach and Fr. Maas need your help!

Fr. Tom, Fr. Zach and Fr. Maas 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, Fr. Zach and Fr. Maas creating delicious kitchen concoctions.

Vote early and vote often!

Voting deadline is February 20th for our Diocesan top chef! All voting proceeds directly benefit St. Ignatius Loyola.

Thanks for making our Priests and our Parish winners!





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

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ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 6th-Sunday, February 12th

Monday, February 6 - St. Paul Miki & Companions

6:30 a.m. Mary Ann Panto 8:00 a.m. Michael Falatovich 9:00 a.m. Baudon Malmbeck

Tuesday, February 7

6:30 a.m. Bernard Campbell

8:00 a.m. Joseph & Karen Crisafulli

Wednesday, February 8

6:30 a.m. Mildred P. Delashmit 8:00 a.m. Intentions of Melissa Heck

Thursday, February 9

6:30 a.m. Kathleen G. Ott 8:00 a.m. George Leoper

Friday, February 10 - St. Scholastica

6:30 a.m. John Vergano

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

Saturday, February 11

8:00 a.m. Intentions of Dr. Brian Reimels

4:00 p.m. Dec. Mbrs. of Kupin & Bogucka Families

Sunday, February 12 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Bernard Houllion

9:00 a.m. Anna Kovacs - 53rd Anniversary of Death

10:30 a.m. George Stuhl, Sr.

12:00 p.m. John & Marcia Kopteros

5:30 p.m. Our Parishioners

GOSPEL MESSAGE

Through the power of God, we can be a light to the world by our loving concern for others, especially the poor and the oppressed.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

In the first reading, Isaiah urges us in the name of the Lord to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, and clothe the naked. If we do so, he assures us, the Lord will hear and answer *our* cries for help in time of need.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 11/12

Sir 15:15 - 20 / 1 Cor 2:6 - 10 / Mt 5:17 - 37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

The St. Ignatius Greeter's Ministry is in need of new members!

Please contact Kristin Herbein by text 484.388.1403 or email at kherbeins@aol.com if you would be willing to greet our fellow Parishioners before Mass or to get more information. This is a wonderful ministry and we need your support to keep it going!



Come & See!
All are welcomed!

Basics of the Faith
Thursday, February 9th
from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in the
Parish Education Center
Meeting Rooms A and B.
The topic will be
CONFESSION & ANOINTING
Light refreshments provided.

A big THANK YOU to all those who enhanced our EPIPHANY MASSES!

Rod Baumert, Terry Williams, Kurt Lowther, Tony Calderoni, Brian Sauselen, Joe Bonano, Ray Newmaster, Dave Roslin, Joe Kots, Bill Cullen, Jim Nawa, and Frank Sarnes who portrayed the Wisemen and to Chris Earl and Gerry Wernicki for all the preparations!

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

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!

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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!

LEGION OF MARY All are welcomed.

Pray the Rosary with us!

Every Thursday - 6:30 PM - JPII Room

Join us at St. Ignatius Church for a
Community Rosary Novena
Every First Saturday of the Month - 12 Noon

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onth - 12 Noon
• World Peace

• First Saturday Reparation Intentions for the Blessed Mother

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Men's Bible Study Presents LECTIO MARY

Why is Mary so important to Catholics, and why have so many people been devoted to her over the centuries?

In this 7-part series, Dr. Brant Pitre examines what the Old and New Testaments, the life of Christ, and the early Church fathers reveal about the life and identity of Mary.

Please join us every other Wednesday beginning February 15 at 7:00 PM in the JPII Room in Church. For information please contact Jeremy Clark at 610.750.2927. The Patricians | Catholic Discussion Group

Looking to discuss the teachings of our Faith?

An opportunity to hear two short talks & engage in discussion about elements of our faith with Father Maas. Snacks included each week!

This Month's Topic: Wrestling with Church Teaching on Contraception

Tuesday | 14 February | 7:00-9:00 PM Meeting Rooms | Saint Ignatius School

An Outreach of the Legion of Mary | Our Lady of Montserrat Praesidium

All Are Welcome



GETHSEMANE SEMI-ANNUAL GRAVE CLEAN-OFF

Starting the week of March 15, we will have our semi-annual grave clean-off at Gethsemane and St. Mary's Cemeteries.

If you have any items
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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.

Get Ready To Prepare For Lent 2023! St. Ignatius MINI MISSION - February 19 & 20

St. Ignatius Loyola Church - 7:00 - 8:30 PM Guest Speaker - Matthew Leonard

Matthew Leonard is an international speaker, author, podcaster, and founder of the Science of Sainthood, a powerful online teaching platform focused on transformative prayer and authentic spirituality.

An accomplished filmmaker, he has written, produced, directed, and hosted multiple best-selling series which have been translated into almost a dozen languages and broadcast around the world. Matthew is a former missionary and convert to Catholicism and appears regularly on radio and television programs across the country like EWTN, Relevant Radio, and *SiriusXM*. His own popular podcast, "The Art of Catholic," is listened to around the world. Matthew holds a Masters in Theology from Franciscan University of Steubenville and lives in Ohio with his wife Veronica and their siix children. See all he's doing at ScienceOfSainthood.com.

Sunday - February 19

Pray Like a Saint - The 3 Stages of Deeper Prayer
According to Scripture, every one of us is called to "be perfect" and
to "pray without ceasing." Prayer is the path to God and we've been
doing it all our lives. But are we really praying? Are we really
progressing toward holiness, perfection, and a deep relationship with
God? In this talk we'll define and discuss the three modes of prayer
as taught by spiritual greats like St. Francis de Sales, St. John of the
Cross, and St. Teresa of Avila - vocal, meditative, and contemplative
prayer. We won't just talk theory, but lay out the practical steps to
achieve union with God through deep prayer even in the midst of
this busy, distracting world. Because if you're not praying, you're not
living.

Monday - February 20 - Why the Cross?

How the Death & Resurrection of Jesus Actually Save You Have you ever sat back and asked yourself, "Why did Jesus have to die on a cross in order to save me? How does that make sense?" These are fair questions. This illuminating talk clearly reveals the links between the Original Sin of Adam and the sacrifice of New Adam, Jesus Christ. Nothing God does is random. Diving into Scripture, Matthew beautifully explains the logic behind Christ's incredible act of love on the Cross and how it gets us to heaven. It's a talk that sheds new light on the Mass and help us understand more deeply the incredible power of sacrificial love.

The Allentown Diocese

Fertility Awareness and NFP Task Force invites you to Designed with Purpose:
Understanding Fertility Awareness & NFP

an evening of learning and conversation about women's health and fertility.

This is the time to learn and ask all your questions about NFP as we touch on the importance of fertility to women, couples, and the Church and share the many blessings and challenges involved.

This event will be February 19th - 5:00 - 8:00PM at Blessed Sacrament in Bally.

It is open to all single, engaged, or married individuals 21 or older and is free to attend.

For information call Kathleen Chovanes at 484.894.6343.

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Bad Weather Alert Please Remember

- If **school** is **closed** for the day Adoration and all events and meetings <u>will be canceled</u> 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.







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

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

610.678.3767

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023 THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Today's readings are part pep talk and part marching orders for us Christian stewards. They offer wonderfully clear quidance on what matters most to God in the way we prioritize our lives and the way He intends for us to use the gifts He has given us.

The first reading, from the prophet Isaiah, gives us very straightforward instructions: "Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own." The Lord gives no wiggle room here - care for our brothers and sisters in need is a "must do" for the Christian steward.

But note how generous our God is to us when we do these things. "Then your light shall break forth like the dawn and your wound shall quickly be healed." The more we give ourselves away the more we will find ourselves, and "light shall rise" for us in the form of more of God's grace in our lives and more joy and peace in our hearts.

Our Gospel passage, from Matthew sends us out on our stewardship way with a bang as Jesus declares to us, His disciples, that we are the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world." But, He adds, salt no longer gives flavor if allowed to go stale - light cannot bring its blessed brightness if left hidden. Therefore, we must act! We must live our lives so that others will see the things that we do - the ways that we serve others, care for the vulnerable, prioritize our family relationships and above all, our love for God - and then give Him glory.

This is the stewardship way of life. Let's give it our all! Thank you for your continued support and donations!

THIS WEEK LET US PRAY... For the sick. especially those nearing life's end, may they be cared for with tenderness and compassion as they prepare to enter eternal life.



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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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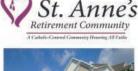
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