

# ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK Monday, December 4th - Sunday, December 10th

Monday, December 4

6:30 a.m. Dawn Drago

8:00 a.m. Robert F. Borst, Sr.

Tuesday, December 5

6:30 a.m. Joseph Novosel 8:00 a.m. Paul Febo Family

Wednesday, December 6

6:30 a.m. Carl Dragonette, Sr. 8:00 a.m. Catherine H. Fagan

Thursday, December 7

6:30 a.m. Joseph Daly 8:00 a.m. Donald Springer 5:30 p.m. Albert Shiner

Friday, December 8 - Immaculate Conception of the BVM

6:30 a.m. Mary Anne Kuhn Stitzel

8:00 a.m. Theresa Koch

9:00 a.m. Intentions of the Gallagher Family (Gr. 4)

12:00 p.m. Rosemarie Calvaresi

7:00 p.m. Lena Alfieri Saturday, December 9

8:00 a.m. Kermuth Carrington, Jr.

4:00 p.m. Jacob Koch

Sunday, December 10 - Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. David & Elizabeth Becker - 20th/29th Ann. of Death

9:00 a.m. Marion Lesanski 10:30 a.m. Tom Balistrere 12:00 p.m. Rodolfo Folino

#### GOSPEL MESSAGE

Lord, rend the heavens and come down. Come and save us from our sins. Let us turn again to You and so be found blameless when You return in glory.

### STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

We are the servants of God, each with his or her own task. We will be judged good stewards if, at His coming, He finds us ready and conscientiously pursuing the tasks to which we have been called.

#### **SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR DECEMBER 09/10**

Is 40:1 - 5. 9 - 11 / Pt 3:8 - 14 / Mk 1:1 - 8

The Friday morning Cleaning Crew is looking for extra help to get our Church ready for Baby Jesus.

Join us Friday, December 15 at 8:30 AM.

Afterwards we will gather for a Christmas treat and fellowship.

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8th

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil - Thursday, December 7th - 5:30 PM Friday, December 8th 6:30, 8:00 & 9:00 AM, 12:00 & 7:00 PM

### **Annual Wishing Well**

Please take a slip of paper from the baskets located in the Narthex of the Church containing ideas and items needed by **Lifeline**.

As you bring in items, simply place a label from the basket on each item and place unwrapped in the container in the Narthex. Wishing Well items are due by Sunday, December 17th. Thank you!

Blessed Oplatek / Christmas Wafer is available for sale at a cost of \$2.00 in the Church Office or at the Rectory.

2024 MISSALS are available for sale in the Church Office and the Rectory - \$5.00.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO ASSIST OUR EMERGENCY MANAGMEMENT TEAM AND OUR USHERS MINISTRY.

If interested please attend a meeting on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5 - 6:30 PM - JPII Rm.

Call the Rectory for information - 610.678.3767.



Please join us for the Christmas Tree Lighting & Crèche Blessing



Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 PM.

We will gather at the St. Albans corner of the Church by the Convent!
Enjoy some Advent fellowship afterwards in the Hall with cookies and hot chocolate.

All are welcomed!



## SIMBANG GABI SCHEDULE

#### All are welcomed!

Christmas Novena Masses in Berks County **December 9, 10,11** (Saturday, Sunday, Monday) Holy Guardian Angels Church, Kutztown Road ~ 7 PM December 9, Saturday ~ Potluck Night **December 12, 13, 14** (Tuesday, Wedneday, Thursday) St. Catherine of Sienna Chapel, Perkiomen Ave. ~ 7 PM **December 15, 16,17** (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) Immaculate Conception Church, Douglassville ~ 7 PM December 17, Sunday ~ Potluck Night / Christmas Party)

### **SENIORS BUS TRIPS**



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- 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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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.			
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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.

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#### 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*.

# ST. IGNATIUS VETERANS MEMORIAL

#### **ONLY 6 SPACES REMAIN!**

There are spaces available for parishioners to honor loved ones with a brick placed at the memorial.

Memorial brick order forms are available at the Rectory.



### YOU <u>REALLY</u> OUT-DID YOURSELVES THIS TIME!

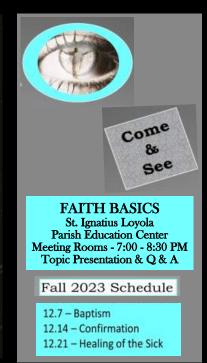
Your generous participation in the parish food drive went a <u>long</u> way to replenishing the shelves of our pantry. We are so grateful for your support and, rest assured, the families who benefit from your kindness are very thankful.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

GOD BLESS YOU ALL!!







1.20- Life Everlasting and

Wrap-up

# **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

#### GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Today we begin the beautiful and holy season of Advent. With all that we have going on this time of year, it's no wonder Advent does not always seem to get the attention it deserves. But if we will commit to living this season well, we will experience a deeper conversion to Christ and find real transformation in our lives as Christian stewards.

Why? Advent calls us not only to look back in grateful contemplation of Christ's first coming, but it also calls us to look forward in preparation for His Second Coming. Advent is a time to reset and regroup, to repent over any misplaced priorities, to turn our minds and hearts back to God while we still have time. We do so not out of fear or guilt, but rather, out of gratitude for Love Incarnate lying in a manger bed.

Whatever we feel God calling us to do this Advent - committing to a daily Gospel reflection, visiting a lonely neighbor, or donating money to those in dire need - there is no time to waste.

Jesus makes this clear in our Gospel passage from Matthew. He tells the parable of a man going off on a journey. Before he leaves, he "places his servants in charge, each with his own work." We, of course, are the servants in this parable, each with a mission to accomplish in building the Kingdom of God. Jesus warns us over and over in this passage to remain vigilant to the work He has given us to do because we do not know when we will be called to give an account for it. Our lives are a gift. This holy season is a gift. Let us recommit to living the stewardship way of life. Love came down to us as a Baby. And He is coming again. Be watchful!

Thank you for your continued support and donations!

### THIS WEEK LET US PRAY...

For all the faithful, may the Lord help us build a culture of life in vigilant expectation of his return.

### **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

#### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 PM Vigil Mass

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

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**

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