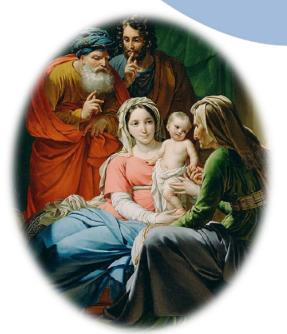
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ST. IGNA IUS

Pope Benedict XVI's Prayer for Grandparents

Lord Jesus, you were born of the Virgin Mary, the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne. Look with love on grandparents the world over. **Protect them!** They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all of society. Support them! As they grow older, may they continue to be for their families strong pillars of Gospel faith, guardians of noble domestic ideals, living treasuries of sound religious traditions. Make them teachers of wisdom and courage, that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience. Lord Jesus. help families and society to value the presence and roles of grandparents. May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love. Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which you give them. Mary, Mother of all the living, keep grandparents constantly in your care, accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage, and by your prayers, grant that all families may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland, where you await all humanity for the great embrace of life without end. Amen!





St. Joachim & St. Anne, Parents of Mary, Grandparents of Jesus

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SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2023 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

DATE ST. IGNATIUS **ANNOUNCED!** Annual Parish Picnic **CONFIRMATION** 2023 Sunday - July 30th at St. Ignatius St. Benedicts Picnic Grove 1065 will be 1065 4541 Morgantown Road, Route 10 South Mohnton, PA 19540 Wednesday 1:00 to 6:00 PM Rain or Shine October 4th Carnival Games Mass 1:30 PM 4:30 PM TRIVIA - PRIZES Carnival 2:30 – 4:30 PM Bingo Dinner 2:45 – 5:00 PM Rita's Water Ice Please check our website Indoor Toilets/Washrooms regularly for current and upcoming events and \$10 Per Person / \$20 Per Family important parish announcements. **Reservations/Payments Must Be Made In Advance** www.stignatiusreading.org DEADLINE: SUNDAY - JULY 23rd Best Catholic Content... **RESERVATIONS TAKEN AFTER MASSES** All In One Place ... **THE WEEKENDS OF JULY 15-16 & 22-23** FORMED **OR AT THE RECTORY MONDAY - FRIDAY 9 AM - 5 PM** For free access: - go to Formed.org MENU WHAT TO BRING - click sign-up Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Lawn Chairs or Blankets & as a parishioner Weekly Envelope (for Mass) Pasta Salad, Chips, Your Favorite Adult Beverage when prompted Watermelon, Beer, Lemonade, Your Favorite Cookies/Dessert Iced Tea & Water - search for **Your Favorite Lawn Games** St. Ignatius Loyola Sinking Spring ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA PARISH PICNIC REGISTRATION FORM Last Name: #Adults ^{over age 21} Children

Ages of Children Attending: _____Payment Enclosed \$_____

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\$10 / person ~ \$20 / family (immediate household only). Payment must accompany form.

Return forms in the collection basket during Mass, or drop off at the Church Office or Rectory.

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ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK Monday, July 24th- Sunday, July 30th

Monday, July 24

6:30 a.m. Patrick Corson

8:00 a.m. Al & Anna Nerino, Sr.

Tuesday, July 25 - St. James

6:30 a.m. Jeffrey Nonamaker8:00 a.m. Joanne Cush

Wednesday, July 26 - Ss. Joachim & Anne

6:30 a.m. Margaret May

8:00 a.m. Alfred Tranquillo

Thursday, July 27

6:30 a.m. Danny Ulman

8:00 a.m. Richard & Clara Reedy

Friday, July 28

6:30 a.m. Roland Thibeault - 2nd Anniversary of Death

8:00 a.m. Adeline Llewellyn

Saturday, July 29 - Ss. Martha, Mary & Lazarus

8:00 a.m. David Yates

4:00 p.m. Albert Moscirella

Sunday, July 30 - The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Jan & Stefania Pasterczyk

- 9:00 a.m. Tommy & Jackie Sweeney
- 10:30 a.m. Michele Gonzalez
- 12:00 p.m. Joshua Ramsey

1:30 p.m. Our Parishioners PICNIC - NO 5:30 PM MASS

GOSPEL MESSAGE

In His patience the Lord allows both weeds and wheat to grow together, both saints and sinners to respond to salvation in the Kingdom. The Lord is good and forgiving, lenient to all, desiring repentance for our sins. May the spirit assist us in our weakness.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

"Those who are just must be kind," says today's first reading. If our words and deeds are kind and selfless, we will be like the good seed in the Gospel parable and gathered as wheat in the Lord's harvest.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JULY 29/30

1 Kgs 3:5, 7 - 12 / Rom 8:28 - 30 / Mt 13:44 - 52 or 13:44 - 46

THIS WEEK LET US PRAY... May married couples embrace their call to total, faithful, and fruitful love with openness to new life.

CATHOLIC FAITH DISCUSSION GROUP

Patrician meetings are an opportunity to engage in discussion about what we believe as Catholics! Snacks included each meeting.

Tuesday, August 8

7:00-9:00 PM



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.

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!

Visit our website: stignatiusreading.org

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SACRAMENT PREPARATION

Please be aware...

A minimum of 2 years of religious education (PREP or school) is needed to be eligible to receive these Sacraments.

First Holy Communion- 1st and 2nd grade Confirmation- 7th and 8th grade

Register by July 26th

ST IGNATIUS PREP VOLUNTEERS

"Do small things with great love." Saint Mother Teresa

St. Ignatius PREP K-4 is looking for dedicated individuals to join us in our mission to teach God's word.

> Teachers (2nd-4th) Assistants (2nd-4th) Substitutes (K-4th) Greeters

> > *Open to HS students looking to volunteer

PLEASE CONTACT:

nny Matlack, K-4 Level Coordinator jmatlack@stignatiusvikings.org 610-678-0676

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.



ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO TEACH?

Want to live your faith, teach AND join our school family?

WE ARE

HIRING!

OPEN POSITIONS

- Middle School Science
- Middle School Math
- 4th Grade
- Substitute Teachers
- Extended-Care Helpers

Send your resume to: eward@stignatiusvikings.org or office@stignatiusvikings.org



ST. IGNATIUS VETERANS MEMORIAL

ONLY 15 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.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP) AWARENESS WEEK - JULY 23 -29.

As a Parish, we join with the Diocese of Allentown and Diocese' nationwide in the celebration of Natural Family Planning (NFP) Awareness Week (July 23–29).

These dates highlight the anniversary of the papal encyclical Humanae Vitae (July 25), articulating Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, marriage, conjugal love, and responsible parenthood.

The National theme this year is, Marriage: One Flesh, Given and Received, NFP - Supporting God's gifts of love & life in marriage.

Please consult the diocesan website allentowndiocese.org for more information and NFP events happening in the diocese this week.

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 ST. IGNATIUS MEMORIAL SOCIETY* WERE RECEIVED IN MEMORY/HONOR OF/FROM:

ROBERT WYLIE

Joseph & Barbara Falci THE MSGR. TRESTON SCHOLARSHIP FUND WERE RECEIVED IN MEMORY/HONOR OF/FROM: DIANE SLOVIK

Ramona Slovik

Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist (OLME) will present on August 25 & 26 "Come and Experience the Joy of Your Lord" with special guest speaker MATTHEW LEONARD, founder of The Science of Sainthood. Registration is open. Please visit our website olme@olme.org for more details.

SENIORS BUS TRIPS

- 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

MULTI-DAY TRIPS - PITTSBURGH EXPRESS TOUR August 22-24 - \$636 pp/do - \$876 pp/so

- 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



7.22 – Introduction – Outline of Program.
8.5 – The Catholic Faith: The Fullness of Life
8.19 – The Journey of Faith
9.9 – God the Father, Creation, and the Fall.
9.16 – Jesus Christ Our Savior.
9.30 – The Holy Spirit, The Breath of God.



Christlike **1.6** – Almsgiving: Our Mission of Mercy **1.20**– Life Everlasting and Wrap-up

R.S.V.P. - flanciano@allentowndiocese.org

"Where not our hearts burning...



Join us for an evening of gaming, delicious food and drinks, and great company. Try your luck at the poker table, roll the dice at the craps table, or take a spin at the roulette table or slot machines!

Saturday, August 12, 2023 6:00 - 10:00 St. Ignatius Loyola Regional School Hall Over 21 Parish Adults

Adult Ticket \$80 Includes Hors d'oeures, Beer & Wine, \$50 in "Funny Money" and 1 raffle ticket for prizes

Couples Ticket \$150

Includes Hors d'oeures, Beer & Wine, \$100 in "Funny Money" and 2 raffle ticket for prizes

BUY TICKETS NOW:

Email fellowship@stignatiusreading.org Tickets to be sold after masses July 29/30th and Aug 5/6th

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GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Today's Gospel passage from Matthew is filled with lessons both cautionary and consoling for the Christian steward as Jesus uses several parables to describe the kingdom of heaven and our role in it.

First, He compares it to a field where both wheat and weeds have been sown. Both weeds and wheat are permitted to grow and only at the harvest time are they separated, or "judged" - the wheat gathered into the sower's barn and the weeds finally destroyed. So it will be for each of us at the end of our time on earth. It is a sobering reminder of the justice of God.

Next, He says the kingdom of heaven is like the small portion of yeast that is mixed in with flour for the making of bread. The yeast makes up an insignificant fraction of the ingredients, yet it is vital to the outcome - without that tiny bit of yeast, the bread simply will not rise. Similarly, He compares the kingdom of heaven to a mustard seed, "the smallest of all the seeds." But when it is full-grown it becomes the largest of all the plants, a sturdy and hardy bush where "birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches."

So often, the prayers that we pray, the service we offer, the gifts we give - in comparison to the immense needs around us - can seem laughably small. But, as Jesus makes clear through the images of yeast and mustard seed, that is not the truth!

God sees and treasures and "grows" our offerings of time, talent, and treasure in ways we cannot begin to imagine. In justice, in gratitude, in love, let us remain faithful to the mission entrusted to our care for the building of the kingdom of heaven.

Thank you for your continued support and donations!

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers this weekend are Contact Clare Hollenbacher at 610.678.0864 to make arrangements for altar 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.

The St. Ignatius FOOD PANTRY 4th Thursday of each month 3 - 4 PM May- 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.

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

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