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### **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 [www.cookswithcollars.com](http://www.cookswithcollars.com) 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. IGNATIUS

FEBRUARY 11, 2024  
THE SIXTH 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.



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.**

ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA RECTORY  
2810 ST. ALBANS DRIVE ~ READING, PA 19608  
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"LIKE " us on FACEBOOK under  
"St. Ignatius Loyola Roman Catholic Church"!

**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

- 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 & Others: What's Effective**
- May 14<sup>th</sup> Marian Apparitions: What's at the Heart of Mary's Messages**
- June 11<sup>th</sup> Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ/ True Presence of the Eucharist**

**SENIORS BUS TRIPS**

**SENIORS ACTIVITIES**

- **TOBY'S DINNER THEATRE - Beauty & The Beast**  
April 17 - \$114 pp - Deadline March 15
  - **3 STOOGES A CASTLE & A CATHEDRAL**  
May 7 - \$112 pp - Deadline April 10
  - **SCHUYLKILL SUMMER ADVENTURE**  
June 25 - \$125 pp - Deadline May 17
  - **SIGHT & SOUND THEATER - Daniel**  
September 10 - \$154 pp - Deadline August 1
  - **HISTORIC GETTYSBURG DINE AROUND**  
November 12 - \$140 pp - Deadline October 8
- Contact Judy Jablonski at 610.670.0907 or  
 Mail to: 113 Primrose Lane Reading, PA 19610

**SENIORS GROUP REGISTRATION FORM - \$7.00**  
 Bring to Monthly Meeting or Mail to:  
**B. Kunder ~ 2211 Gring Drive ~ Reading, 19610**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

ST. IGNATIUS HSA PRESENTS  
**PURSE Bingo**

MARCH 9, 2024  
 DOORS OPEN 5:15 PM  
 GAMES BEGIN AT 6 PM  
 ST. IGNATIUS SCHOOL GYM

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 \*reserved seating

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Email stighsa@gmail.com with questions

**ACTIVE PARISHIONER STATUS FOR SPONSORSHIP**

We receive many requests from parishioners to be a godparent or sponsor for the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. Part of that request is to be able to verify that a person is an "active member" of our Parish.

**An "active member" of this parish is one who**

- Is properly registered
- Faithfully attends Mass on Sundays/Holy Days
- If married, must be validly married, i.e., married in a Catholic Church by a priest or deacon
- If single, must be 16 years of age and received the Sacrament of Confirmation
- Participates in parish activities when possible
- Regularly contributes through the Sunday offertory collection by use of the parish envelope system or direct withdrawal.

**(your envelope use confirms attendance at Mass)**  
**While assessments of an inquirer's status will be made individually, the above are the main factors considered in making that determination.**

**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.

**ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday, February 12**

- 6:30 a.m. Walter Gumpfer
- 9:00 a.m. Michael & Ginny Scarpignato

**Tuesday, February 13**

- 6:30 a.m. Walter White
- 8:00 a.m. Gloria M. Weber

**Wednesday, February 14 - ASH WEDNESDAY**

- 6:30 a.m. Joseph Daly
- 9:00 a.m. Frank DeFazio *Grade 4A*
- 12:00 p.m. SERVICE with Ashes Distribution
- 5:30 p.m. Intentions of Rev. Zach Wehr

**Thursday, February 15**

- 6:30 a.m. Frank Hudson
- 8:00 a.m. Joan & Pamela Greenwood

**Friday, February 16**

- 6:30 a.m. Intentions of Chris Reimels
- 8:00 a.m. Dee Clemente

**Saturday, February 17**

- 8:00 a.m. Intentions of Erin Fisher
- 4:00 p.m. George & Theresa Katchur

**Sunday, February 18 - First Sunday of Lent**

- 7:30 a.m. Intentions of the Arnold & Vojtasek Families
- 9:00 a.m. Jan & Stefania Pasterczyk
- 10:30 a.m. Hilario & Celia de Miguel
- 12:00 p.m. Joseph & Hazel DeFrank

**GOSPEL MESSAGE**

Jesus manifests the powerful healing love of God by curing the leper who was forced to live under severe restrictions by Jewish legislation. He turned to Jesus in his need and was billed with joy. We are called to imitate the healing and compassionate Jesus.

**STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE**

In today's second reading, St. Paul urges the Corinthians to "do all for the glory of God." If we follow that advice in everything we do, we cannot help but be good stewards!

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 17/18**

Gn 9:8 - 15 / 1 Pt 3:18 - 22 / Mk 1:12 - 15

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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  
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**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!*

**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:**

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**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 SHEETS 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**

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(City State Zip Code) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Envelope Number \_\_\_\_\_

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**ELECTION**

(check one & indicate amount to be debited from your account):

Weekly contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, beginning Monday \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Monthly contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, beginning Monday\* \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

\* ***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 DO NOT ATTACH DEPOSIT TICKET)***



## PA Tax Credit Program What is it?

An opportunity to earn a 90% state-tax credit and provide scholarships to students at St. Ignatius Loyola School.

### How do I qualify?

You as an individual work for a for-profit or non-profit business or own a business.

You pay at least \$1000 in state tax.

### How do I apply?

Fill in a 1 page Joinder Agreement to direct where your PA taxes go & make your initial contribution.

### How does this work?

You become a member of an LLC or SPE (Special Purpose Entity) and receive a K 1 to earn your PA tax credit.

**Questions?** Call Dr. Wood 610.223.0155

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](mailto:stpaulsrcchurch@comcast.net).

**Deadline for reservations/sponsorship - February 12<sup>th</sup>.**

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 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.

**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](mailto:joeboylan17@gmail.com).**

### 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**.

 ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA SCHOOL

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Dr. Carolyn Wood 610 223 0155  
[cwood@stignatiusvikings.org](mailto:cwood@stignatiusvikings.org)

**GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

Today's readings prepare us for the penitential season of Lent. In our Gospel, a leper knelt before Jesus and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Jesus reached out and touched this diseased man and healed him. He then encouraged the man to show himself to the priest and offer himself a cleansing, referencing what was commanded in the Law of Moses. By completing these rituals, this man might be reinstated into the community.

Let us approach this holy season of Lent like the leper. By our faults, we have distanced ourselves from God and His community. The leper reminds us Who to go to so that we might be healed. Let us approach the Lord this season on our knees asking for forgiveness and healing from our offenses, saying, "If You wish, You can make me clean." There is no doubt that, if we have a contrite heart, Jesus will stretch out His hand in forgiveness and His mercy will touch our lives.

And like the leper, we too should go forth from being healed with a commitment to cleanse ourselves from the lasting effects of sin. Lent is a time to offer acts of reparation through Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving so that we might be purified in all areas of our life and walk with the Gracious Healer, Who sacrificed His life for our sake.

This holy season of Lent is an opportunity to be healed and cleansed on our journey as disciples of Christ. Let us consider what we can do to offer acts of reparation so that we might be purified and one day partake in the resurrection of Christ.

**Thank you for your continued support and donations!**

**THIS WEEK LET US PRAY...**

For all married couples,  
 may their openness to new life  
 bear witness to the generous love of God.

**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](http://www.stignatiusreading.org)

**St. Ignatius Columbiettes SANDWICH SALE**

**Coupons for sale at the Rectory. Wawa**

- **\$6.00 Coupon** good for **SHORTI HOAGIE** 
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**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  
**Tuesday through Friday: 6:30 & 8:00 AM Year round**  
**Saturday: 8:00 AM**

**First Friday: 7:00 PM**

**EUCCHARISTIC 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**

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 Secretary, Youth Protection and Catholic Human Services  
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 610.871.5200 ext. 2204 or [prusso@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:prusso@allentowndiocese.org)

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