

St. Ignatius Loyola Parish Saturday March 23, 2024

E-Day '24

Evangelization Day

2810 St. Albans Drive Reading PA 19608

Many of you helped us achieve a significant milestone for St. Ignatius Parish E-day since 2016.

Please let us know we can count on you again this year!

And have fun too!

AGENDA

8:00 AM - Mass in the Parish Church Training & Assignment Meeting (Materials to be used and what to say will be explained)

Continental Breakfast

10:30AM - Visiting Homes with Partner

12:30 PM - Lunch

Team Reports to Pastor/Priest

1:30 PM - Conclusion

Please register by completing the form below and mailing to:

St. Ignatius Loyola Parish Rectory 2810 St. Albans Drive, Reading PA 19608



THANK YOU again for your help!

May God bless you and your family abundantly.

You may also drop it off at the Rectory or in the Sunday Collection Basket.

Rectory Email: rectory@stignatiusreading.org Rectory Phone: 610.678.3767 Contact Email: jrgonz.geo@gmail.com Phone/Txt: Jake/Gina Gonzales 610.670.1429

Cut here ... PLEASE RE-REGISTER SO WE CAN COUNT YOU IN! - - - Keep the above as your reminder - - - Cut here

ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA PARISH EVANGELIZATION DAY REGISTRATION

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SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024 THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Joining our team!

Here at St. Ignatius ,we provide religious education for all student parishioners, grades K-8. PREP is in need of volunteers next year 2024-2025 to serve the number of students at our parish. There is no need to be a certified teacher; just a heart to teach and guide the next generation. In exchange for your time on Sunday mornings, we provide tuition-free education for your family, light refreshments each Sunday, and a lesson plan to follow.

Contact for more info:

Jenny Matlack or Lisa Deck jmatlack@stignatiusvikings.org Ldeck@stignatiusvikings.org









The annual "Inspire Dinner and Auction" brings the St. Ignatius Loyola community together for the biggest fundraiser of the year! The proceeds from the evening's event go directly towards the mission of enhancing the school's ability to offer a high quality, faith based education.

2024 EMOTIONAL APPEAL

"St. Ignatius, A New Chapter" Library Renovation

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Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Bake Friday, March 15

5:00pm to 7:00pm / School Hall Adults \$12.00—children 6 yrs to 12 yrs \$6.00 Children 5 and Under—Free



Baked Batter-Dipped Cod French Fries Macaroni and Cheese Coffee / Tea Stewed Tomatoes
Cole Slaw
Apple Sauce
Lemonade / Iced Tea

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St. Patrick's Day All You Care to Eat Family Breakfast Sunday, March 17, 2024



8:00am to 11:00am / School Hall
Adults \$11.00—children 6 yrs to 12 yrs \$5.00
Children 5 and Under—Free
Veterans Receive \$1.00 Discount



Scrambled Eggs Home Fries Sausage / Bacon Creamed Dried Beef

Pancakes

Cereals
Fresh Fruit
Pastries
Coffee / Tea / Milk
Juice

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Our last Breakfast until September. Don't miss it!

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ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK Monday, March 11th- Sunday, March 17th

Monday, March 11

6:30 a.m. Eileen Devaney 9:00 a.m. Jim Maslar

Tuesday, March 12

6:30 a.m. Elizabeth Lanciano

8:00 a.m. The Collins & McGurrin Families

Wednesday, March 13

6:30 a.m. Shirley Hogan 8:00 a.m. Amanda Hoffert

Thursday, March 14

6:30 a.m. Intentions of Alejandra Arias

8:00 a.m. Bill Bradshaw

Friday, March 15

6:30 a.m. Adam Swope

8:00 a.m. Michael & Antoinette Scarpignato

Saturday, March 16

8:00 a.m. Intentions of Stephanie Nieves & Lucy Lopez

4:00 p.m. Joseph & Rose Gontarchick Sunday, March 17 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. Teresa Tarragona

9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Mbrs. AOH & LAOH

10:30 a.m. Robert Marcinkowski 12:00 p.m. Daniel C. Zampelli

GOSPEL MESSAGE

God pardons and raises up those who have been unfaithful, those who have loved the darkness rather than the light. For God so loved the world that He sent His only Son to deliver the world from exile.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

All that we have and all that we are comes from the Lord. "We are truly His handiwork," says St. Paul in the second reading, "created in Christ Jesus to lead a life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MARCH 16/17

Jer 31:31 - 34 / Heb 5:7 - 9 / Jn 12:20 - 33

Don't delay in taking the Disciple Maker Index Survey! Visit https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/b36155

DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX



For those without internet access, hard copy surveys will be available to complete in the John Paul II Room AFTER WEEKEND MASSES, THIS WEEKEND MARCH 9 & 10.

This important survey is essential in helping St. Ignatius assess our greatest strengths and opportunities so that our parish can thrive and deepen our commitment to Christ as missionary disciples!

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO ASSIST IN CLEANING OUR CHURCH



It's time for Spring Cleaning!
Our Church Cleaning Crew is looking for extra help on Friday, March 29th at 8 AM.

Help get our Church ready for Easter! Call the Rectory for information 610.678.3767.

Come to experience Mary's Way of the Cross Wednesday, March 27th - 9 AM St. Ignatius Church.



Journey to Calvary on Wednesday, March 27th with the St. Ignatius school students as the eighth grade girls lead us through "Mary's Way of the Cross".



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

March 12, and 19. The Stations of the Cross will be the Mary Stations.

Come join us in our Church Tuesdays in Lent at 7 PM

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

Also, Fridays during Lent Stations of the Cross with our school students at 1:00 PM.

ALL ARE WELCOMED!



LENT

THE TIME

IS NOW

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

WALK WITH JESUS TO CALVARY

JOIN THE YOUTH OF ST.
IGNATIUS IN PRAYING THE
STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT
3PM ON SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH
IN THE CHURCH.

Visit our website: stignatiusreading.org

NEW MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

Consider joining fellow parishioners for a friendly discussion group Thursdays, beginning March 14th, from 8:30 - 10 AM in the JP II Room in our Church. No agenda, just friendly conversation about just about anything of interest to attendees. Please call Bob Houlihan at 610.938.3775 with questions or for more information.

PA State Tax Credit Program

Do you want to direct where your PA Tax dollars are spent?

Would you like to use your tax dollars to help a St. Ignatius family who is struggling to pay tuition? You can do that with one simple form.

Whether you are an individual who works for a non-profit or for-profit company or who owns your business, you can participate in the SPE (Special Purpose Entity) which allows you to obtain EITC (Educational Improvement Tax Credit) or OSTC (Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit).

We are now working on PA Tax Credit for 2024.

It really is simple. You reach out to Dr. Wood, and fill in a form with a local scholarship foundation who handles all the steps for you. You write a check and receive a form that allows you to receive a 90% PA tax credit. For example, if you pay \$1,000 in taxes, you will receive a \$900 tax credit.

Reach Dr. Wood at cwood@stignatiusvikings.org or 610.223.0155 for help or information.

ST. JOAN OF ARC WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY is offering a consideration of The Holy Spirit in the Bible.

In this six-lesson study, we explore key Scripture passages of the Holy Spirit at Creation, within Israel, during the ministry of Jesus and the Early Church, and the end of time. The Holy Spirit's role in our personal and spiritual lives is also discussed.

6:30 - 8:00 PM - Parish Library March 14 and 21, April 4, 11, 18, and 25.

(This particular module can be done on your own as well, if you prefer to purchase a book for self-study.)

The study book is \$15.00.

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How do I qualify?

You as an individual work for a nonprofit or for-profit business or own a business. You pay at least \$1000 in state tax.

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How do I apply?

Fill in a one-page Joinder Agreement to direct where your PA taxes go and make your initial contribution.

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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.

Dr. Carolyn Wood 610 223 0155 cwood@stignatiusvikings.org



JOIN US FOR A **NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH**

What: 9 Day Novena

to St Joseph

When: March 11 - 19 after the 6:30, 8 & 9 AM Masses Consecration to St. Joseph will also be done on March 19.

Light refreshments after the 8 AM Mass on Tuesday, March 19. All are welcomed! St. Joseph, Terror of Demons, pray for us.

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

SENIORS St. Ignatius Seniors HIKE

Our Senior Hike will resume on Wednesday, March 20th.

We will meet at Jim Dietrich Park (4899 Stoudts Ferry Bridge Road, 19605).

Lunch will follow at Crossroads Family Restaurant (4643 Pottsville Pike. 19605) at 12 Noon.

Please call Rose Torres at 610.914.5482 for details.

Hike is weather permitting but lunch is always on.

St. Ignatius Seniors

SENIORS CONTROL ACTIVITIES

NOVENA

SAINT

ANNUAL WINE & CHEESE SOCIAL will be held Sunday, April 7 1:00 to 3:30 PM in the Parish Hall. This event is FREE but open to members only.

> Food, beverages and fun are on the agenda!

Please call Barb at 610.763.1383 if you plan to attend and/or would like to become a member.

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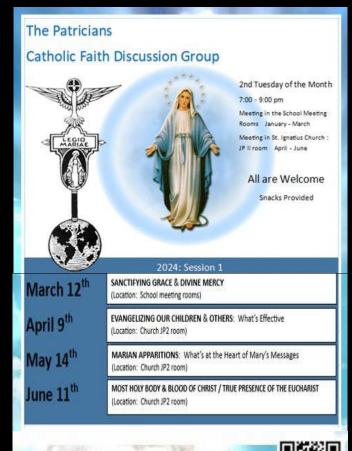
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GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

It has been said many times over and in a variety of ways that stewardship is based upon gratitude. Gratitude for what, we might ask? For the variety of blessings each of us receives, understanding full well that each of us is gifted in different ways and perhaps even in different measures. However, there is one gift in which we all share equally.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (John 3:16). It is difficult for us to even conceive of the magnitude of that multifaceted gift, from God's unconditional love for us to the extraordinary gift of his son Jesus to the fabulous gift of everlasting life. Stewardship calls us to appreciate all of God's gifts, but if we only focus on the gifts listed above, our gratitude should know no bounds. Pope Francis has said, "God never gives someone a gift they are not capable of receiving. We all have the ability to understand and receive God's gifts." We need to recognize God's gifts and especially during our preparations for Easter, find ways to show and live out our gratitude.

Thank you for your continued support and donations!

THIS WEEK LET US PRAY...

For those nearing the end of life may they be given the grace to persevere in faith and place their trust in God as they prepare in hope for eternity with Christ.

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.

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Tea



Mother Daughter Tea Sunday, April 28 from 1-4 PM St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall, 1046 W. Cedar St., Allentown!

Mothers and their daughters (ages 9-13) are invited to attend. Speakers will present on the beauty of God's gift of fertility, explain the physical and emotional changes girls experience, and share empowering tips on modesty, virtue, and personal style. The afternoon includes lunch, games, & prizes. This event is sponsored by the Diocese's NFP Task Force in partnership with the Bishop's Commission for Women. The cost is \$25.00 per family.

Register by April 7 by visiting allentowndiocese.flocknote.com/signup/152407 or contact Kristin Osenbach at kosenbach@allentowndiocese.org for information.

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

EUCHARISTIC 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.

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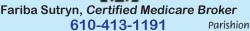
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