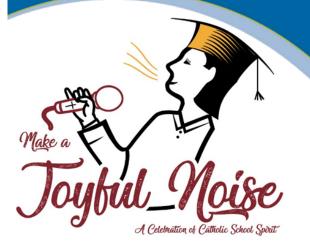
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MAY 21, 2023 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!

St. Ignatius Loyola Regional School needs your help!

We are participating in *MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE*,

an online competition to raise funds for our Catholic schools in the Diocese of Allentown.

Visit <u>www.weloveourcatholicschools.com</u> to see St. Ignatius and other schools from around the Diocese celebrate the spirit and joy of Catholic Education.

Please dance, sing, and VOTE by May 31st! All voting proceeds benefit our school.

> Thanks for making St. Ignatius Loyola Regional School a winner!

Scan here to visit the website and vote for St. Ignatius!



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SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



SAVE THE DATE Saturday, September 23, 2023

Manor Golf Course Bran Road Sinking Spring ~ 19608

This year's tournament proceeds will benefit the Light of Christ Council's charitable efforts. Sponsorship and Donation Options, Volunteer Opportunities, and Golfer Registrations are now available. Contact Fred Henrich at 610.741.8487 or fphenrich@gmail.com for more details.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!!



Your generous

participation in the parish food drive went a long way to replenishing the shelves of our pantry.

We are grateful for your support and, rest assured, the families who benefit from your kindness are very thankful.



SAVE THE DATES

The Light of Christ Council of the Knights of Columbus will present The Vatican International Exhibition of The Eucharistic Miracles

A photographic exhibit showcasing the Eucharistic Miracles that transpired through the years, first observed in 750 AD in Lanciano, Italy. Learn about the various scientific and medical tests and studies performed in numerous countries that all point to the same divine conclusion.

They are visible proof of Jesus Christ's Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist.

Saturday, July 15 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM and Sunday, July 16 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

St. Ignatius Parish Education Center GYM 2700 St. Alban's Drive ~ 19609



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ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK Monday, May 22nd- Sunday, May 28th

Monday, May 22

6:30 a.m. Joyce Pugliese 8:00 a.m. Sante & Lucia Ronchi 9:00 a.m. In Honor of St. Rita

Tuesday, May 23

6:30 a.m. Peter Fernandes 8:00 a.m. Ronald Woessner

Wednesday, May 24

6:30 a.m. Llovd Wolf

8:00 a.m. Michael Mellon

Thursday, May 25

6:30 a.m. Benjamin Delp 8:00 a.m. Intentions of Michele Heim Friday, May 26 - St. Philip Neri

- 6:30 a.m. John Buser
- 8:00 a.m. Tom Owens

Saturday, May 27

8:00 a.m. Carl Dragonette, Sr.

- 4:00 p.m. Robert D. Smith
- Sunday, May 28 Pentecost Sunday

7:30 a.m. Jan & Stefania Pasterczyk

9:00 a.m. Sharon Miller

10:30 a.m. Frank Muzopappa

- 12:00 p.m. John & Rose DeFrank
- 5:30 p.m. Anastasia Giglio

GOSPEL MESSAGE

Jesus, having completed the work of His Father, speaks of returning to Him and of being glorified. As we share in Christ's glory, so too do we share in His suffering. We have nothing to fear, however, since the Lord is our refuge. In His name do we gather, attentive to the Spirit.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

In today's Gospel, Jesus prays, "I have given You glory on earth by finishing the work You gave Me to do." Good stewards follow His example by using their time and talents for the glory of God.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MAY 27/28

Acts 2:1 - 11 / 1 Cor 12:3b - 7, 12 - 13 / Jn 20:19 - 23



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 Morey Chaplet or, praying the

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!



Spring Performance "PRAISE HIS NAME 2023" Sunday, June 4, at 3:00 PM. in the St. Ignatius Gym. ALLARE WELCOMED! Free Admission.

BANNS OF ORDINATION

MR. KEATON CHRISTOPHER EIDLE, who was baptized and resides in this parish, has been called to the order of the Diaconate by His Excellency, Alfred A. Schlert, D.D. Bishop of Allentown.

Mr. Eidle was ordained at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown, on Saturday, May 20, 2023.

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



<u>SAVE THE DATE</u>

SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2023

PARISH PICNIC

ST. BENEDICT'S PICNIC GROUNDS

Visit our website: stignatiusreading.org

ANNUAL PARISH CALENDAR RESERVATION REQUEST for

Meetings & Events JUNE 2023 to JUNE 2024. All parish organizations and groups must submit meeting space requirements to the Rectory to ensure reserved meeting space. Please submit your requests on or before Monday, June 5th - by Noon.

Requests MUST include Each specific month & date, time, and room request for

EVERY meeting request. Please email requests to: rectory@stignatiusreading.org with Calendar Request in the subject and include your name & phone number.

St. Ignatius Seniors

The Seniors will meet on Wednesday, May 31st NOON - Breneman Park.

St. Ignatius Seniors Picnic Wednesday, May 31, Noon to 4:00 PM At Breneman Park *(Rain or Shine)* Our Picnic will be catered by *Kauffman's Chicken*. Cost: Members \$10 Guests \$12

Any questions, call Barb at 610.763.1383.

SENIORS BUS TRIPS

- GREASE at the Fulton Theatre July 5 - \$110 pp - Deadline May 24

- 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

MULIT-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



Thank you!

Dear Parishioners,

We'd like to sincerely thank you from the bottom of our hearts for helping to make our international professional development trip a reality. Your generosity is overwhelming! We truly enjoyed speaking with you and sharing our story after Masses last weekend. We are excited and looking forward to this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity at The University of Oxford. We deeply appreciate your ongoing prayers and support as we "strive for excellence in all that we do" here at St. Ignatius Loyola Regional School.

With gratitude, The TExpL Teacher Cohort

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.

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.

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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.

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 MEMORIAL SOCIETY*

WERE RECEIVED IN MEMORY/HONOR OF/FROM: DR. VENIEDO A. ALIDIO

Guia, Patrick, Mark & Bridget Lipawen

LOUISE CAVALIERI Jerry & Maureen Wojciechowski, Sr.

DOLORES MILANEK Elaine Zalegowski Rose Milanek

GETHSEMANE CEMETERY

Gethsemane Cemetery will host a live Mass on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29, 2023 at 10:00 AM. *Please join us for fellowship and celebration.*

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

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.

St. Ignatius Columbiettes SANDWICH SALE



- <u>\$6.00</u> Coupon good for SHORTI HOAGIE Redeemable at any *Wawa*
- No expiration date *Coupons are available for sale at the Rectory.*



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** (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.

ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA CHURCH AUTHORIZATION FOR DIRECT DEBIT OF WEEKLY OR MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Address (Street, Route

(Street, Route, P.O. Box)

(City State Zip Code)

Telephone Number

Parish Envelope Number

IF KNOWN

ELECTION

(check one & indicate am	nount 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 <u>DO NOT</u> ATTACH DEPOSIT TICKET)

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Last Thursday, we celebrated the great feast of the Ascension of our Lord, that glorious moment when Jesus, 40 days after His resurrection, was lifted up quite literally

- into heaven, as the apostles watched in stunned amazement. It was recounted in both the first reading, from Acts, as well as the Gospel passage, from Matthew. It must have been an extraordinary thing to witness.

But the first reading told us that the apostles were not permitted to simply bask in the moment for very long. "While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?"

In other words, "Don't just stand there, do something!"

This verse is a call to each one of us Christian stewards this week. We have been given every grace and blessing through the Mass and all of the Sacraments, through the Word of God, the rich teachings of our faith, and even our talents and our material possessions.

And like those first apostles, we are not meant to just stand here but to do something with these gifts - in love and gratitude to the One Who gave them to us. We are called, just as much as the first apostles "to be [His] witnesses, to the ends of the earth," not with our own power, but through the power of the Holy Spirit in us.

Thank you for your continued support and donations!

THIS WEEK LET US PRAY...

For all Christians, that our example may give witness to the precious gift of human life in this world and the invitation to eternal life in the next.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Contact Clare Hollenbacher at 610.678.0864 to make arrangements for altar flowers for a special occasion or in loving memory of someone.

Parish Recreational Volleyball! <u>NO VOLLEYBALL MAY 21st NOR JUNE 4th</u> Each Sunday from 2:30 - 4:30 PM St. Ignatius Gym.

Parish volleyball, which is always free, fun and competitive, is open to all parishioners & non-parishioners age 13 and above. Parish volleyball will then take place each Sunday until June 7th (unless otherwise noted).

Spread the word and bring family and friends!

Best Catholic Content... All In One Place ... For free access:

- go to the Formed.org website
- click sign-up as a parishioner when prompted
- search for St. Ignatius Loyola Sinking Spring

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

OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT Pamela J. Russo, M.S.W, M.S. Secretary, Youth Protection and Catholic Human Services P.O. Box F, Allentown, PA 18105-1538 610.871.5200 ext. 2204 or prusso@allentowndiocese.org

> VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR MRS. WENDY S. KRISAK DIRECT LINE: 1.800.791.9209

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If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or phone 800-276-1562.

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