LENT AT ST. IGNATIUS February 25th - The Second Sunday of Lent

MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Daily: Monday Tuesday through Friday: First Friday Saturday: Confession Saturdays Saturday Vigil Mass Sunday 6:30 & 9:00 AM 6:30 & 8:00 AM Year round 7:00 PM 8:00 AM 3:00 - 4:00 PM 4:00 PM 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM and 12 Noon



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

February 27, March 5, 12 & 19. The Stations of the Cross will be the Mary Stations. Come join us in our Church Four Tuesdays in Lent at 7 PM as we walk and pray the stations with Mary, led by the women of our parish.

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

Wednesday, March 27, School Students Present Mary's Journey Stations of the Cross at 9 AM.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH BAKE

Friday, March 15 - 5:00 - 7:00 PM Parish Hall Eat-In or Take-Out \$12.00

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

Sunday, March 17 - 8:00 - 11:00 AM Parish Hall Eat-In or Take-Out \$11.00

LENTEN OBLIGATIONS

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence. Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. Who must fast? Catholics from age 18 until age 59. What constitutes fasting? 1 full meal & 2 smaller meals that do not equal a full meal.

Who must abstain from meat? Catholics from age 14 onwards.

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday - March 24 Blessed Palm Branches distributed after all weekend Masses
Monday of Holy Week - March 25 - Masses 6:30 & 9:00 AM
Tuesday of Holy Week - March 26 - Masses 6:30 & 8:00 AM
Parish Lenten Confessions - 7:00 PM - Visiting Priests available for confessions.
Wednesday of Holy Week - March 27 - Masses 6:30 & 8:00 AM
School Students Present Mary's Journey Stations of the Cross - 9:00 AM
Holy Thursday - March 28 - No morning Masses
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 PM
Good Friday - March 29 No morning Masses - Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 3 PM
Holy Saturday - March 30 No Morning Masses - No Sacrament of Reconciliation
Blessing of Food - 12:00 Noon
Easter Vigil - 8:00 PM - Reception of R.C.I.A. Catechumens & Candidates
Easter Sunday - March 31 - 7:30, 9:00, & 10:30 AM & 12:00 Noon

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Please help support our St. Ignatius CYO Basketball Teams service project & raffle to support all our CYO programs!

RAFFLE DETAILS

RAFFLE! We will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets.

- 1 ticket for \$5 OR 5 tickets for \$20
- 5 Winners (each winner will receive 10% of proceeds)
- Winners will be drawn 3/4/24

Tickets will be sold at all home basketball games, at the

Rectory and after all Masses the weekends of February 17/18 and 24/25.



OUR SERVICE PROJECT

Our teams are collecting items for the St. Ignatius Food Pantry and New Journey Outreach.

Specific Items Needed: Individually packaged snacks Granola bars, rice crispy treats, crackers, nuts, chips, cookies, etc. Also peanut butter, cereal, canned tuna, canned fruit, deodorant, soap, toothpaste (no toothbrushes please) shampoo and conditioner.

The CYO Youth will be collecting these at all home basketball games, a donation box at the school and at Masses this weekend February 24/25.



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 Stewed Tomatoes **French Fries Cole Slaw** Macaroni and Cheese **Apple Sauce** Coffee / Tea Lemonade / Iced Tea

We accept Credit Cards. And we do the dishes! Thank you for your Support.



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

We now accept Credit Cards. And we do the dishes! Our last Breakfast until September. Don't miss it!

COOKS WITH COLLARS Thank you to all who participated in



as we realized over \$7,000! While we didn't bring home any of the Diocesan trophies - we are all winners as our parish benefited from your great generosity! Hopefully you were entertained by your priests' presentation and, at the very least, you have a new recipe to heighten your taste buds! We're looking forward to next year's version! May God bless you all!

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ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK Monday, February 26th- Sunday, March 3rd

Monday, February 26

6:30 a.m. Tom Stoner - 2nd Anniversary of Death9:00 a.m. Bill Cox *Grade 4A*

Tuesday, February 27

6:30 a.m. Elene Jelsma 8:00 a.m. Omer Allen

Wednesday, February 28

6:30 a.m. Andrew Boulanger 8:00 a.m. Joanna Cirulli

Thursday, February 29

6:30 a.m. William Hess

8:00 a.m. Jim Maurer

Friday, March 1

6:30 a.m. Josephine Regneth

8:00 a.m. Dee Clemente

7:00 p.m. St. Ignatius Memorial Society Members

Saturday, March 2

8:00 a.m. Henry & Cecelia Mysliwic

4:00 p.m. Josie Hozza

Sunday, March 3 - Third Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. Helen Hartman

9:00 a.m. Hazel Sporck

10:30 a.m. Edward Andred

12:00 p.m. Kitty & Grace Tobin

GOSPEL MESSAGE

Abraham offers the ultimate sacrifice of thanksgiving, the gift of his very son. This sacrifice prefigures the sacrifice of Jesus who died for us all. In His transfiguration, Jesus discloses a suffering messiahship.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only, Isaac. St. Paul reminds us that God Himself "did not spare His own Son." Are *my* gifts to the Lord - of my resources, of my time, of myself - also sacrificial?

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MARCH 02/03

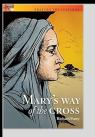
Ex 20:1 - 17 / 1 Cor 1:22 - 25 / Jn 2:13 - 25

Nocturnal Adoration Devotions will be held on a <u>Monthly</u> basis from now on at St. Paul's Church - N. 9th & Walnut Streets, Reading 19603. *NO LONGER ROTATING PARISHES.* The one hour Adoration in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held on the First Friday of the month from 4 - 5 PM. *Parking available entering from Walnut Street.* All are welcomed! Next held on MARCH 1st.

LENTEN OPPORTUNITY 2024 RICE BOWL



Boxes are available in the Narthex! Consider using the CRS Rice Bowl box and calendar to pray, fast, give and encounter our global family. Take one today as you leave Mass and return during Holy Week.



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

Make it a Great Lent! Take the survey...

DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX

Don't delay in taking the Disciple Maker Index Survey!

Visit: https://portal.catholicleaders.org/ dmi/survey/b36155

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! If your are a parishioner, we encourage you to take the DMI survey today! We need your perspective to help strengthen our parish

and better prepare us for the future.

Please continue to pray for this intention for the growth & protection of our parish.

Visit our website: stignatiusreading.org

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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.

DONATIONS TO: The Memorial Society WERE RECEIVED IN MEMORY/HONOR OF/FROM: **RONALD BILLEY & RONALD SWOPE** Knights of Columbus

FRANCES STOTLER

Rod & Mary Baumert

DOROTHY ANN SOUCHAK

Alfredo & Dorian Cola

School Tuition Angel Fund WERE RECEIVED IN MEMORY/HONOR OF/FROM: **INEZ COTE**

Joan Maguire

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 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 4th Thursday of each month 3 - 4 PM January- October

(November & December - 3rd 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 SHEEETS ARE IN THE JPII ROOM.



Pick up orders at St. Ignatius School from 3:00 - 6:00 PM

Number of 4 pack Crab Cakes	x \$24.00 =	S
Number of 6 pack Crab Cakes	x \$36.00 =	S
Number of Quarts Crab Soup	x \$10.00 =	5
Number of Crab Critters (50 count)	x \$15.00 =	\$
	Total	s

All orders require prepayment!

Make Checks Payable to: <u>Knights Of Columbus Light of Christ Council</u> or use your credit card by completing the following information: Name Phone#

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For mail orders, send this form and check or credit card information to:

Rod Baumert ~ 1126 Whitfield Blvd. ~ Reading, PA 19609 Questions? Call Rod at 610-678-1225 Provide your email to receive notification of future sale dates:

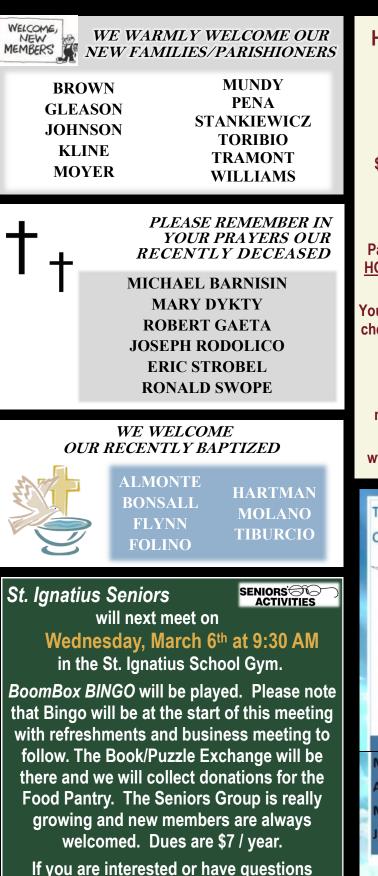
SENIORS BUS TRIPS

- 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

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please call Barb at 610.763.1383.

HGA is hosting a private screening of Cabrini

Sunday, March 10th at 2:00 PM at the AMC Fairgrounds Theater 3050 N. 5th Street Highway, Reading, 19605 Ticket information:

\$25 Ticket includes entry to the movie & voucher for a regular-size popcorn/beverage combo.

\$15 Ticket includes entry to the movie.

Purchase tickets online or via paper form. Paper forms may be mailed to or dropped off at the <u>HGA Rectory</u> or placed in the <u>HGA collection basket</u> in an envelope marked "Cabrini Movie."

You do not need a physical ticket. Movie-goers will be checked in at the theater on the day of the screening.

There are 200 tickets available - don't delay!

What parents need to know: Cabrini has been assigned an MPAA rating of PG-13 for thematic material, some violence, language, and smoking.

Link to website (with trailer) https:// www.hgaparish.com/post/cabrini-private-screening



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Today's readings are a powerful testimony to God's profound love for each one of us. It is a reminder for us, as Christian stewards, to surrender all that we have to the Gracious Giver.

The First Reading from Genesis is the infamous story of God putting Abraham to the test. God commands Abraham to offer his son, Isaac, to the Lord as a sacrifice. Abraham obeys the Lord. Yet, a messenger of the Lord cries out at the last moment to stop him. Because of Abraham's faithfulness and surrender to the Lord, he is blessed abundantly.

We can only imagine how Abraham felt, offering the life of his son, not understanding why, but blindly obeying. Yet, Abraham's response of total surrender to God's plan is a testament to trust in God's deep love for us. As Christian stewards, we are called to surrender all to the Lord - our time, our talents, and even our material possessions. We should willingly give God our entire lives with the confidence that He will take care of us.

St. Paul echoes this message so beautifully in our Second Reading. He says, "He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?" God loves us so much that He gave us His only Son who suffered, died, and rose for us. He has given us His very best. Can we not entrust our entire lives to Him knowing He will continue to pour out His love on us?

As we continue our journey through Lent, let us reflect on God's profound love for us.

Thank you for your continued support and donations!

THIS WEEK LET US PRAY...

May every human person, from conception to natural death, be recognized as precious and beloved in the eyes of the Lord.

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

St. Ignatius Columbiettes SANDWICH SALE Coupons for sale at the Rectory. Wawa

• \$6.00 Coupon good for SHORTI HOAGIE

• Redeemable at any *Wawa* No expiration date.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 PM Vigil Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 &10:30 AM, 12:00 Noon

6:30 & 9:00 AM School Year
6:30 & 8:00 AM Summer
6:30 & 8:00 AM Year round
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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