

NOVEMBER 5, 2023 ~ THE THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. IGNATIUS

INTRODUCING  
*Box of Joy*  
PARISH-WIDE CHRISTMAS INITIATIVE

During the months of October & November, St. Ignatius of Loyola Church will be participating in Box of Joy, a Christmas shoebox gift ministry organized by local Catholic schools, parishes and groups nationwide. We will bless children suffering from extreme poverty by filling boxes with toys and other gifts, sharing the joy of Christmas, and planting seeds of hope through the Gospel

*3 easy steps...*

1-TAKE A BOX

2-FILL WITH GIFTS

3- RETURN BOX & \$9

Please look at the poster in the Narthex for more information and brochures to get started!



ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA RECTORY

2810 ST. ALBANS DRIVE ~ READING, PA 19608

OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday ~ 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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"LIKE " us on FACEBOOK under  
"St. Ignatius Loyola Roman Catholic Church"!



You are cordially invited to our

**VETERANS MASS  
AND CURRENT MILITARY**

November 13, 2023  
9 AM  
St. Ignatius Loyola Church  
2600 St Albans Drive  
Reading, PA 19609

Reception and Refreshments for Veterans and their family immediately after Mass in the school cafeteria.

RSVP Sheryl Lanciano slanciano@stignatiusvikings.org  
or Susan Larlein starlein@stignatiusvikings.org

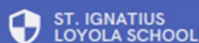
St. Ignatius Parish Retreat 2024  
SAVE THE DATE!  
NO GREATER LOVE  
Greater Love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.  
John 15:13  
March 2<sup>nd</sup> & March 3<sup>rd</sup>

**This weekend, the Diocese of Allentown is holding a special collection in support of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary's Building Campaign.**

Seminarians will return to their home parishes in order to speak about their experiences at St. Charles Seminary and to ask the people of our Diocese to support this important cause for the formation of our priests in the Diocese for many more years to come.

**SPECIAL ENVELOPES CAN BE FOUND IN THE PEWS.**  
Please return these envelopes in the collection basket or to the Rectory this weekend or next.

**Any envelope can be used if marked Seminary Campaign.**



**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 or your spouse work for a for-profit business or own a business. You pay at least \$1000 in state tax.

**How do I apply?**

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

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

**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 family at St. Ignatius who is struggling to pay tuition?

You can do that with one simple form! The process is very easy!

Reach out to Dr. Wood and fill in a form that goes to a local scholarship foundation who will handle all the steps for 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.

Whether you are an individual who works for a for-profit business or own your own 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). There is still money available for the 2023 tax year from three local scholarship funds.

Call Dr. Carolyn Wood at 610 223 0155 or email cwood@stignatiusvikings.org if you would like more information about this program.



**ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK**  
**Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday, November 6**

- 6:30 a.m. Alex Taffera, Jr.
- 8:00 a.m. Marie Loeper
- 9:00 a.m. William Borst

**Tuesday, November 7**

- 6:30 a.m. Joseph & Sarah Drago
- 8:00 a.m. Byron Markel

**Wednesday, November 8**

- 6:30 a.m. Herminio & Gloria Alegado
- 8:00 a.m. William & Mary Morris

**Thursday, November 9 - Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

- 6:30 a.m. Rita Mikuta
- 8:00 a.m. Donald Springer

**Friday, November 10 - St. Leo the Great**

- 6:30 a.m. Stephen & Margaret Daly
- 8:00 a.m. Grace M. Orlando

**Saturday, November 11 - St. Martin of Tours**

- 8:00 a.m. To Honor All Veterans
- 4:00 p.m. Krzysztof Zielinski

**Sunday, November 12 - Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 7:30 a.m. Robert Firely, Sr.
- 9:00 a.m. Joseph Skip Jagielski
- 10:30 a.m. Our Parishioners
- 12:00 p.m. John A. Wright, Jr.

**2024 MISSALS**  
are available for sale in the Church Office  
and the Rectory at a cost of \$5.00.

**ALL SOULS**

*We are happy and privileged to remember your deceased family, friends and relatives daily in our Masses the entire month of November.*

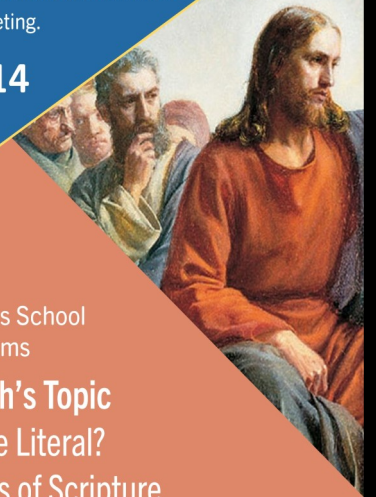
If you wish, kindly complete the **ALL SOULS** envelope you received in the mail with your Sunday envelope packet and place it in the collection basket at any weekend Mass. **Their names will be placed on the altar and remain there throughout November.**

**CATHOLIC FAITH DISCUSSION GROUP**

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

**Tuesday, Nov 14**

7:00-9:00 PM



Saint Ignatius School  
Meeting Rooms



**This Month's Topic**  
Is the Bible Literal?  
The Senses of Scripture

**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.

Please consider attending the next meeting of the **ST. IGNATIUS CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION**

**Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> following the 8 AM Mass in the JP II Room.**

This ministry exists to promote an awareness of the great vocation of Grandparents and to support and value them in their task of passing on our Catholic faith.

**GOSPEL MESSAGE**

The prophet denounces those priests who in their pride have turned away from the Law, causing others to go astray. Jesus, too, is critical of those religious leaders who fail to practice what they preach. All, rather are called to greatness through humility and service.

**STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE**

"The greatest among you will be the one who serves the rest," Jesus says in today's Gospel. What wonderful good news for those who give of their time in service to others.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 11/12**

Wis 6:12 - 16 / 1 Thes 4:13 - 18 OR 4:13 - 14 / Mt 25:1 - 13



**Come & See**

- 11.9 – Mary & The Saints
- 11.16 – Church Tour
- 11.30 – What is a Sacrament?
- 12.7 – Baptism
- 12.14 – Confirmation
- 12.21 – Healing of the Sick

**Fall 2023 Schedule**

**FAITH BASICS**  
St. Ignatius Loyola  
Education Center  
Meeting Rooms - 7:00 - 8:30 PM  
Topic Presentation & Q & A

ST. IGNATIUS SCHOOL HALL

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN**

# PARISH GAME NIGHT

November 18, 2023  
6-8 pm

**JOIN OUR PARISH FAMILIES AT GAME NIGHT. BRING YOUR FAVORITE GAME TO PLAY AND A SNACK TO SHARE WITH ALL!**

Sponsored by the Fellowship Ministry

## St. Ignatius Columbiettes Collecting Items for Berks Heim Residents

**Suggested Items:**

- Cologne
- Candies
- Stuffed Toys
- Hand/Body Lotion
- Costume Jewelry
- Boxes of Tissues
- Lipstick/Lip Balm
- Word Search *No Crosswords or Sudoku*
- Snacks *Tastykakes/Crackers/Goldfish*

*No powders, shampoos or soaps please.*

*Donations will be accepted in the box in the Narthex of the Church November 4/5 & 11/12.*

## 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.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LIGHT OF CHRIST COUNCIL CRAB CAKE SALE

Supporting our Church, Community, Family, Youth, and Pro-Life Activities

**Featuring Capt'n Chucky's Famous FRESH JUMBO LUMP CRAB CAKES**

\$6.00 each, in packs of 4 and 6 (minimum order 4)  
Priced Below Wholesale! Save! An incredible Deal!

**MARYLAND CRAB SOUP**

Traditional Chesapeake flavor, red, made with vegetables and lots of crabmeat! Packed in Frozen Quarts - \$10.00

**CRAB CRITTER APPETIZERS**

Capt'n Chucky's popular crab balls, ready in 10 minutes  
Great for Parties! Packed Frozen in bags of 50 - \$15.00

**Order Deadline, Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**Pick up orders at St. Ignatius School**  
**3:00 – 6:00 PM - Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**

Number of 4 pack Crab Cakes	_____	x \$24.00 = \$	_____
Number of 6 pack Crab Cakes	_____	x \$36.00 = \$	_____
Number of Quarts Crab Soup	_____	x \$10.00 = \$	_____
Number of Crab Critters (50 count)	_____	x \$15.00 = \$	_____
<b>All orders require prepayment!</b>		<b>Total \$</b>	_____

Make Checks Payable to: Knights Of Columbus Light of Christ Council or use your credit card by completing the following information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Code \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

For mail orders, send this form and check or credit card information to: Rod Baumert  
1126 Whitfield Blvd. Reading, PA 19609 Questions? Call Rod 610.678.1225

Provide your email to receive notification of future sale dates: \_\_\_\_\_

**Happy Thanksgiving**

# BUFFET BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>  
8 AM to 11 AM / PARISH HALL

ADULTS \$11.00 CHILDREN 12 TO 6 YRS = \$5.00  
CHILDREN UNDER 5 YEARS FREE

**VETERANS RECEIVE \$1.00 DISCOUNT ON THEIR MEAL**

## ALL YOU CARE TO EAT

- SCRAMBLED EGGS
- HOME FRIES
- SAUSAGE / BACON
- CREAM DRIED BEEF
- PANCAKES
- CEREALS
- FRESH FRUIT
- PASTRIES
- COFFEE/TEA/ MILK
- AND MORE.....

**WE ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS**

**DECEMBER 17<sup>th</sup> BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**

**AND WE DO THE DISHES!!!!**



**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.*

**DONATIONS TO:**

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

**REV. WILLIAM KEECH, OSF**

Rod & Mary Baumert

**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.*

**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.

*Further Along The Way...*

ST. IGNATIUS



**Luke 24:13-35**



- Bi-Monthly Meetings - Saturdays
- 9:30 am to 11:00 am
- St. Francis de Sales Church
- 320 N. Church Road
- Robeson PA 19551

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

**11.11** - Union With God: The Life of Prayer

**12.2** - Fasting: Becoming Christlike

**1.6** - Almsgiving: Our Mission of Mercy

**1.20** - Life Everlasting and Wrap-up

*"Were not our hearts burning..."*

**St. Ignatius Seniors HIKE**

**SENIORS ACTIVITIES**

Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM  
at the **SCHUYLKILL RIVER TRAIL.**

We will meet at the Trailhead in Leesport. (1310 Washington Rd. Leesport) Park behind the Schuylkill Valley Community Library.

Lunch around Noon at the Leesport Diner on Rt. 61.

*New hikers are always welcomed.*

Questions: call Barb at 610-763-1383.

Hike is weather permitting but lunch is always on.

**SENIORS GROUP REGISTRATION FORM**

*Bring to Monthly Meeting or Mail to:*

**B. Kunder ~ 2211 Gring Drive ~ Reading, 19610**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

There is no question that Jesus had a way with words. The Word of the Lord is filled with what we are very familiar with in our society - soundbites if you will, which convey so much meaning. The last verses of today's Gospel from St. Matthew contain one of those short statements which carry so much more meaning. Jesus says, "The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

In those two sentences are found the key to a stewardship way of life, which revolve around service and humility. There is no question that these are powerful words. They reveal to us all that we need to understand to be a true disciple of Christ. In his letter to the Philippians St. Paul wrote, "Though He was in the form of God, He did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." (Phil. 2:5-8).

True humility will be ultimately exalted by God. Our society teaches us to strive to reach the top, but Jesus is reminding us that we need to regard others as more important than we are. We have two choices in life perhaps, to be self-exalters, or to be God-exalted. Is there any doubt as to what we as Christians should pursue?

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

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

For the sick, suffering, and those near death, may they receive adequate care which embraces their physical, psychological, and spiritual needs as they journey toward eternal life.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The altar flowers this weekend are from the **CRESPO / JACK WEDDING** and the **FOANIO / GAZZILLO WEDDING**



Please call 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.

Please check our website regularly for current and upcoming events and important parish announcements. [www.stignatiusreading.org](http://www.stignatiusreading.org)

**MASS SCHEDULE**

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

Daily: Monday through Friday: 6:30 & 8:00 AM  
 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**

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](mailto:prusso@allentowndiocese.org)

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

**CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE REPORTING SERVICE**

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

**PASTORAL STAFF**

Rev. Thomas P. Bortz, Pastor  
 Rev. George Osei Ababio  
 Deacon Frederick J. Lanciano  
 Deacon Edward L. Sanders  
 Deacon Thomas J. Devaney  
 Mrs. Emilia Ward, Principal  
 St. Ignatius Loyola Regional School ~ 610.678.0111  
 Mrs. Sheryl Lanciano - Director of Parish Life ~ 610.678.0676  
 Mr. Tim Wood - Youth Ministry Director ~ 610.678.0676  
 Mr. Michael Adams - Music Coordinator ~ 610.914.9607  
 Mrs. Joan Skolny - Parish Secretary ~ 610.678.3767  
 Mrs. Debbie Pilliod - Parish Secretary & Parish Safe Environment Coordinator ~ 610.678.3767  
 Mrs. Jenny Matlack - Coordinator of AM PREP ~ 610.678.0676  
 Mrs. Lisa Deck - Coordinator of PM PREP ~ 610.678.0676



