



Save the date

Parish Evangelization Day

Saturday, April 1st.

May you consider being an apostle for a day.

Start with 8 AM Mass

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- Breakfast and Lunch provided.
- •NO Experience required.
- ONE Day event commitment.
- There will be a brief Training



St. Ignatius Loyola Parish Evangelization Day Registration

We are typically finished by 1:30 PM

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FRIDAY, MARCH 24th

5 PM to 7 PM - PARISH HALL ADULTS \$12.00 CHILDREN 6-12 \$6.00 **CHILDREN UNDER 6 YEARS FREE**

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- FRENCH FRIES
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COOKS WITH COLLARS

Thank you to all who participated in our first "Cooks With Collars" at St. Ignatius and St. Francis as we realized over \$18,000!

While we didn't bring home any of the Diocesan trophies- we are all winners as our parishes benefited from your great generosity!

Hopefully you were entertained by your priests' presentations and, at the very least, you have two new recipes to heighten your taste buds!

We're already looking forward to next year's version of "Cooks With Collars"!

May God bless you all!



are able to support the many charities and organizations that we do. God Bless. Be safe! We'll see you in September.

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ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 20th- Sunday, March 26th

Monday, March 20 - St. Joseph, Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 a.m. Antenor Senat, Paulina Polidor, Anita Severe

& Leonide Marcelin

8:00 a.m. Debbie Cincinnati - 41st Anniversary of Death

9:00 a.m. Debra Monderewicz

Tuesday, March 21

6:30 a.m. Joseph Daly

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

Wednesday, March 22

6:30 a.m. Frances Lentini

8:00 a.m. Mike Buser - 41st Anniversary of Death

5:30 p.m. Intentions of the Plummer Family

Thursday, March 23

6:30 a.m. Deborah Lee Carrington

8:00 a.m. Teresa & Louise Iacono

Friday, March 24

6:30 a.m. Alan Kitchen

8:00 a.m. Michael & Antoinette Scarpignato

Saturday, March 25 - The Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Dan Durso

4:00 p.m. Our Parishioners

Sunday, March 26 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. Iackie Roth

9:00 a.m. J. Peter VanderKam

10:30 a.m. Edward Swierczewski

12:00 p.m. Krzysztof Zielinski

5:30 p.m. Analise Caron

GOSPEL MESSAGE

Samuel does not see as God sees in the choice of David, who is anointed with oil. As Jesus cures the blind man, so too are we brought from darkness into light through the grace of Baptism.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

The blind man was willing to let Jesus minister to him and willingly did all Jesus asked of him. The Pharisees were more resistant to His message, spending their time and energy to disprove the miracle. Which am I more like, the man born blind or the Pharisees?

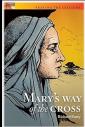
SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MARCH 25/26

Ez 37:12 - 14 / Rom 8:8 -11 / Jn 11:1- 45 or Jn 11:3 - 7, 20 - 27, 33b - 45

ADDITIONAL LENTEN OPPORTUNITES

Wednesday, March 22
5:30 PM MASS ~ 6:00 - 7:00 PM CONFESSION
Parish Confessions - Tuesday, March 28 - 6:30 - 8:00 PM
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Tuesdays, March 21 - 7:00 PM - Mary's Stations Fridays, March 24 & 31 - 1:05 PM - School Stations



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

March 21.
This Lent, Stations of the Cross will be the Mary Stations.
Come join us in our Church Tuesday in Lent at 7 PM

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

Volunteers are needed to be participants in leading this devotional.

Call Chris Earl at 610.743.5613 if interested.

OPERATION RICE BOWL,

an annual giving program that began in the Diocese of Allentown 48 years ago, is a great way to answer the Church's call for almsgiving during Lent.

Families eat a simple meal one day a week, and give the money they would have spent on a more elaborate meal to Operation Rice Bowl.

Please take a cardboard offering envelope from the Narthex as you leave Mass.

RETURN ON OR BEFORE GOOD FRIDAY.



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 Rosan.

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.

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Visit our website: stignatiusreading.org

SENIORS BUS TRIPS



- CHESAPEAKE CITY DINE AROUND June 14 - \$162 pp - Deadline May 3
- 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 Deadline April 24

- 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

Parish Recreational Volleyball! Each Sunday from 2:30 - 4:30 PM in the St. Ignatius School 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!

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The St. Ignatius FOOD PANTRY

Fourth Thursday of each month 3:00 - 4:00 PM March through October

If you know of anyone who would benefit from this service, please ask them to contact the Rectory - 610.678.3767.

ST. IGNATIUS SENIORS HIKE



The next Seniors hike will be
Tuesday, March 21st - 10:00 AM on the
Union Canal Trail at Berks Heritage Center.
Join us afterwards for lunch at the Blue
Marsh Italian Restaurant - Noon
JOIN US! Hike - weather permitting.
Lunch is a definite!

Questions call Barb at 610-763-1383.

ST. IGNATIUS SENIORS



JOIN US AT THE SENIOR'S

WINE & CHEESE SOCIAL

IN THE PARISH HALL,

SUNDAY APRIL 2nd - 1:00 - 4:00 PM.

THIS EVENT IS OPEN

TO PAID MEMBERS ONLY.

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.

The Light of Christ Columbiettes invite you to join us for our annual Fundraiser at Friendly's





Thursday, March 23rd - 4:00 to 8:00 PM

Fríendly's Restaurant 324 Penn Avenue ~ West Lawn, PA



Bake goods will also be sold.

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.

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Donations payable to St. Ignatius School.

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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.



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All orders require prepayment (Cash or Check only at the Rectory)

Deadline for Orders is Sunday, March 26th.

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023 THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Today's readings on this fourth Sunday of Lent are filled with contrasting images - God's vision versus human vision, the light of Christ versus the darkness of sin, spiritual blindness versus spiritual sightedness. Embracing a stewardship way of life can free us from spiritual blindness, allow us to see as God sees, and help us to reflect the light of Christ's love in the way we live our daily lives.

Our Second Reading, from Ephesians, begins, "... You were once in darkness but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light." Because of our Baptism, we have the "light" of the Blessed Trinity dwelling within us. In the difficulties and messiness of daily life, it's easy to forget this glorious truth about ourselves. It can also be difficult to determine whether we truly are living in a way that reflects Christ's light.

The stewardship way of life, with its emphasis on the rightly ordered use of the gifts of time, talent, and treasure, gives us a guide we can consult on a daily basis to help ensure that we really are living as "children of the light."

In our Gospel passage from John, Christ restores sight to a man born blind. The man says that Christ "opened my eyes." These Lenten days are an excellent time for us to ask Jesus to open our eyes, too. Let us ask Him to show us where we may be suffering from spiritual blindness, perhaps even in subtle ways in our use - or misuse - of time, talent, and treasure.

As we continue on our Lenten journey, let's intensify our efforts in any of these areas where we have become a little blinded so that by Easter, we are truly living as children of the light.

Thank you for your continued support and donations!

THIS WEEK LET US PRAY...

May all who suffer from the wounds of abortion be filled with the hope that does not disappoint, and be healed by Christ.

ALTAR FLOWERS

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





Come & See!

All are welcomed!

Basics of the Faith
Thursday, March 23rd
from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in the
Parish Education Ctr. Meeting Rms. A & B.
The topic will be

LAY SPIRITUALITY
Light refreshments provided.

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.

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