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ST. IGNATUS



THIS WEEKEND!

The Light of Christ Council of the Knights of Columbus is presenting

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 Sunday, July 16 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

St. Ignatius Parish Education Center <u>GYM</u> 2700 St. Alban's Drive ~ 19609

ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA RECTORY 2810 ST. ALBANS DRIVE ~ READING, PA 19608 OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday ~ 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM PHONE 610.678.3767 ~ FAX 610.678.4483 EMAIL Rectory@stignatiusreading.org

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Sunday - July 30th St. Benedicts Picnic Grove 4541 Morgantown Road, Route 10 South Mohnton, PA 19540

1:00 to 6:00 PM Rain or Shine

- Carnival Games TRIVIA - PRIZES
- Bingo

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- Rita's Water Ice
- Dinner 2:45 5:00 PM Indoor Toilets/Washrooms

\$10 Per Person / \$20 Per Family

Reservations/Payments Must Be Made In Advance

DEADLINE: SUNDAY - JULY 23rd

RESERVATIONS TAKEN AFTER MASSES THE WEEKENDS OF JULY 15-16 & 22-23 OR AT THE RECTORY MONDAY - FRIDAY 9 AM - 5 PM

MENU Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Pasta Salad, Chips, Watermelon, Beer, Lemonade, Iced Tea & Water

WHAT TO BRING

Mass 1:30 PM

Carnival 2:30 – 4:30 PM

- Lawn Chairs or Blankets & Weekly Envelope (for Mass)
- Your Favorite Adult Beverage Your Favorite Cookies/Dessert
- **Your Favorite Lawn Games**

DATE **ANNOUNCED! CONFIRMATION** 2023 at St. Ignatius will be

Wednesday October 4th 4:30 PM

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ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA PARISH PICNIC REGISTRATION FORM

Last Name: #Adults ^{over age 21} Children

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Ages of Children Attending: _____Payment Enclosed \$_____

\$10 / person ~ \$20 / family (immediate household only). Payment must accompany form.

Return forms in the collection basket during Mass, or drop off at the Church Office or Rectory.

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ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK Monday, July 17th- Sunday, July 23rd

Monday, July 17

6:30 a.m. Ben Nelson 8:00 a.m. Tom Papavasilion

Tuesday, July 18

6:30 a.m. Joseph Yeager 8:00 a.m. William & Katherine Davidheiser

Wednesday, July 19

6:30 a.m. Joseph & Irene Yeager

8:00 a.m. Chris Adams

Thursday, July 20

6:30 a.m. J.T. & Betty Schmitt 8:00 a.m. Llovd Wolf

Friday, July 21

6:30 a.m. Frank & Veronica Pavlik

8:00 a.m. Joseph Cappucci

Saturday, July 22 - St. Mary Magdalene

8:00 a.m. Robert DiPaolo

4:00 p.m. John Milanek & Int. of Robert Kostival, Jr.

Sunday, July 23 - The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Joan Marie Greenwood

9:00 a.m. Vincent Williams

- 10:30 a.m. Krzysztof Zielinski
- 12:00 p.m. Irma Farina
- 5:30 p.m. Our Parishioners

GOSPEL MESSAGE

"The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest". May the soil of our hearts be receptive to the Word and carry it out through the presence of the Spirit.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

May our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure show us to be among those who have heard the message of Christ and taken it in, yielding a hundred - or sixty - or thirty-fold!

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JULY 22/23

Wis 12:13, 16 - 19 / Rom 8:26 - 27 / Mt 13:24 - 43 or 13:24 - 30

THIS WEEK LET US PRAY... For all those nearing death, that their faith will grow ever stronger, as they prepare in hope to share eternal life with Christ.

CATHOLIC FAITH DISCUSSION GROUP

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

Tuesday, August 8

7:00-9:00 PM



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



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 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!

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The Friends of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will hold a Food Drive the weekend of JULY 22/23.

Once a month, 12 months a year, our Parish Food Pantry provides food to 30 households in our community. Donations to this Food Drive will restock our Food Pantry shelves. Your generous response will allow the Food Pantry to operate throughout the coming months.

Volunteers will be stationed at the Penske truck parked in the church parking lot.

They will collect donations before all weekend Masses. Donations brought to the Sunday evening 5:30 Mass can be left in the bin in the Church Narthex.

Please make donations from the following categories: Canned - soup, beans, vegetables, tuna, fruit, pasta (i.e. Chef Boyardee); spaghetti sauce, cereal, rice, dry beans, ramen noodles, soap, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, toilet & facial tissue.

Thank you for your support of the Food Pantry Ministry!

We will meet on Tuesdays from 1:00 - 2:15 PM. Call or text your contact information to Lynn at 724.650.5748 to sign up.

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THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY COME JOIN US! All are welcomed!

Get to know each other while we learn from scripture. We meet every other Thursday morning beginning September 7th, from 10 AM to 12 PM

in the John Paul II Room in Church.

The subject will be "Pilgrim People" ... a little of the Old Testament and a little of the New. led by Sr. Jacinta Mutheo, CPS.

It runs until May, then we break for the summer. The cost for the guide book is \$15. To register or ask questions call Marilyn Alberts - 610.743.4301 or Marianne Durofchalk - 610.678.0642. Deadline - 08/24. PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING US!

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

JOSEPHINE REGNETH Heinz & Christa Zimmermann

BISHOP EDWARD CULLEN Brother John McErlean

SENIORS BUS TRIPS



- 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

MULTI-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



7.22 - Introduction -Outline of Program.
8.5 - The Catholic Faith: The Fullness of Life
8.19 - The Journey of Faith
9.9 - God the Father, Creation, and the Fall.
9.16 - Jesus Christ Our Savior.
9.30 - The Holy Spirit, The Breath of God. 9:30 am to 11:00 am
St. Francis de Sales Church 320 N. Church Road Robesonia PA 19551
10.14 - The Church 10.28 - The Sacramental Life 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

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

"Were not our hearts burning...

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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GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

In today's Gospel from Matthew, our Lord shares the Parable of the Sower who scatters seed on many different kinds of land. This is a wonderful analogy for the stewardship way of life, demonstrating the slow and steady, yet powerful effect this lifestyle will have on those who fully embrace it.

In this parable, some of the seeds land on a path where birds carry them off before they can begin to take root. Other seeds land on rocky ground with little soil. As soon as things begin to heat up, they get scorched and die. Then there are seeds that land on soil cluttered with thorns which choke the seeds just as they are beginning to grow strong.

Finally, there are seeds that land on deep and healthy soil. These seeds produce abundant fruit.

This is where the stewardship way of life comes in. When we give the best of our time, talent and treasure to serve God and others, we create lives filled with that rare "good soil" needed for the Kingdom of God to thrive.

How does this happen? Stewardship living removes the "rocks" of mistrust from our lives as we develop an unshakeable faith that God will always provide for our needs. It clears away the "thorns" of worldly ambition that make us self-centered, fill us with needless anxiety and stifle our focus on God. Stewardship living requires a deep reliance on the Word of God and the sacraments which continuously nourish and fertilize the soil of our lives. Let us deepen our commitment to this way of life, allowing the Sower to do His work in us, slowly and steadily. The Master Gardner will surely produce miraculous fruits through us.

Thank you for your continued support and donations!

ALTAR FLOWERS The Altar Flowers this weekend are In loving memory of KELSEY J. NAPLES on the occasion of the 15th Anniversary of her death.



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

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. FOOD DRIVE JULY 22/23! (See page 4)

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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