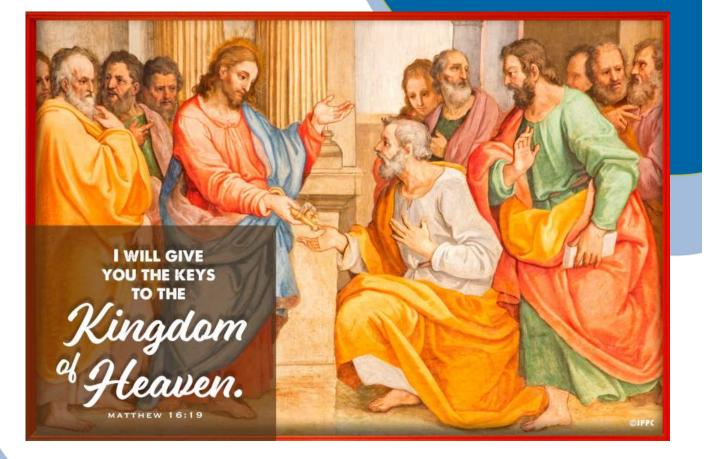
AUGUST 27, 2023 ~ THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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St. Ignatius Seniors to resume monthly meetings



Wednesday, September 6th - 9:30 AM in the Gym.

This is our annual Membership Meeting. Dues are \$7 and if you are 50 or older you can join!! Our membership has been growing and we hope to continue that trend. If you can't attend the meeting, send your dues *payable to St. Ignatius Seniors* and this form to Barbara Kunder, 2211 Gring Drive, Reading, 19610. Call 610.763.1383 with questions.

Name

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Email

Rehearsals start on Wednesday, September 6th.

in paying for their adventures.

Over the last year, Troop activities have included a

THE TRADITIONAL CHOIR is looking for

new members (ages 14+ accompanied by a parent)

for this coming season! No audition or experience

is necessary. Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

in the Church and Sunday Masses are 10:30 AM.

backpacking trip to Philmont, New Mexico, a

week at summer camp, whitewater rafting

and more. Thank you for your support!

We look forward to seeing you on the 10th!

Contact Michael Adams at mdadams1022@gmail.com.

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GOSPEL MESSAGE

As Eliakim is given authority as master of the palace, so does Jesus confer upon Peter authority to bind and to loose. To Jesus. who promised to be with His Church for all time, be glory for ever and ever!

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

In today's second reading, St. Paul reminds the Romans - and us that all things come from God: "For from Him and through Him and for Him all things are." Good stewards understand that all is gift and share generously the gifts of time, talent and treasure with which they've been blessed.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR September 02/03

Jer 20: 7 - 9 / Rom 12: 1 - 2 / Mt 16: 21 - 27

NOCTURNAL ADORATION DEVOTIONS St. Catharine of Siena Chapel - Mt. Penn First Friday, September $1^{st} \sim 4 - 5 PM$ All are welcomed!

40 HOURS DEVOTION Save the Date September 24-26

This year, St. Ignatius will be doubly blessed with our 40 Hours Devotion as Fr. Francis Groarke will be our Homilist each evening (at 7:00 PM), and, to expose our Eucharistic Lord we will be using St. John Paul II's monstrance, on loan to us for our Sunday and Monday adoration. Devotions this year will begin at the conclusion of the 12 noon Mass. Please plan on joining us!

CURSILLO INFORMATION NIGHT

Cursillo Weekend 2023

CURSILLO

Attention: Cursillo Graduates Cursillo Mini Group Reunion After 6:30 AM Mass John Paul II Room Sept 7 & 21 & Oct 5 & 19

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

SAVE THE DATE! Tickets are limited! Saturday, October 7 - 5:30 PM Reading Public Museum St. Ignatius Columbiettes and the Polish American Heritage Association of Berks County will present **IMOGENE SALVA**, author of ONE STAR AWAY. A story of survival, separation and sacrifice and the kindness of an Indian Maharaja, who saved hundreds of Polish Catholic children. \$10 Tickets & \$15 books on sale at the Rectory or contact Chris Earl at 610.743.5613 or cearl47@comcast.net.

Visit our website: stignatiusreading.org

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ST IGNATIUS PREP ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO TEACH? VOLUNTEERS Want to live your faith, teach NFFDFD AND join our school family? "Do small things with great love." Saint Mother Teresa **OPEN POSITIONS** WE ARE St. Ignatius PREP K-4 is looking for dedicated Middle School Science individuals to join us in **HIRING!** Middle School Math our mission to teach God's word. • 4th Grade Substitute Teachers Teachers (2nd-4th) Assistants (2nd-4th) Extended-Care Helpers Substitutes (K-4th) Greeters *Open to HS Send your resume to: students looking eward@stignatiusvikings.org or to volunteer office@stignatiusvikings.org ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA PLEASE CONTACT: ENTOW Faith In Every Child atlack@stignatiusvikings.org **ONLY 8 FOURSOMES ACTIVE PARISHIONER STATUS KNIGHTS** of AVAILABLE! COLUMBUS FOR SPONSORSHIP 4th ANNUAL Saturday, September 23, 2023 We receive many requests from parishioners Charity MANOR GOLF COURSE to be a godparent or sponsor for the Golf Tournamen Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. Bran Road Part of that request is to be able to verify that a Sinking Spring ~ 19608 person is an "active member" of our Parish. This year's tournament proceeds will benefit the An "active member" of this parish is one who Light of Christ Council's charitable efforts. Is properly registered Sponsorship and Donation Options, • Faithfully attends Mass on Sundays/Holy Days Volunteer Opportunities, and Golfer Registrations · If married, must be validly married, i.e., married in are now available. a Catholic Church by a priest or deacon • If single, must be 16 years of age and received Contact Fred Henrich at 610.741.8487 or the Sacrament of Confirmation fphenrich@gmail.com for more details. Participates in parish activities when possible Regularly contributes through the Sunday *New Parishioners, welcome to St. Ignatius!* offertory collection by use of the parish envelope Are you officially registered in our parish? system or direct withdrawal. If you are not receiving our offering envelopes or the (your envelope use confirms attendance at Mass) AD Times in the mail you may not be registered.

While assessments of an inquirer's status will be made individually, the above are the main factors considered in making that determination.

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.

• have your child/children Baptized.

begin Marriage Preparation

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

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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.



Bi-Monthly Meetings -Saturdays 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...

MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT

San Alfonso Retreat House, a ministry of the Redemptorists, offers its annual Married Couples Weekend located on the relaxing Jersey shore in Long Branch, NJ, from September 15 -17. The theme for this year's retreat is Seeing our Story in God's Story: Formed by Word and Sacrament.

It offers a wonderful opportunity to spend quality time with your spouse while being fed spiritually through participating in Holy Mass, the Sacraments, conferences, and having your marriage blessed on Sunday. The Stipend for the retreat is \$550.00 per couple. For more information you can speak with Maureen - 914.980.8307 or Deacon Tom Devaney or visit sanalfonsoretreats.org. Space is limited.

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.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS **OUR RECENTLY DECEASED**

> JAMES REILLY **ROGER RICARDI**

THIS WEEK LET US PRAY

For those who are imprisoned, especially those facing the death penalty, may they be treated with the respect due to every human person.

NEW TUESDAY AFTERNOON **BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

Listening to the Sunday Mass readings and homily are simply a warmup!

Come to a weekly Bible study and further unpack the Scriptures and resolve to make personal applications: that's living the Good News!

OUR FIRST MEETING WILL BE

Tuesday, September 19th 1 - 2:15 PM in the JP II Room

Call or text your contact information to Lynn at 724.650.5748 to sign up.

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GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, leads us to take a serious look at whether our lives give God the glory He deserves. It comes in the form of a question that Jesus poses to the disciples. He leads up to it gently enough: "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they offer varying responses. Then, Jesus gets personal with them. "But who do you say that I am?" Peter gets the answer right: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus is getting personal with us today. He poses the same question to each one of us who call ourselves His stewards and modern-day disciples. Surely we would not hesitate to answer just as Peter did, that Jesus is the Christ, Son of the living God.

But do our lives truly reflect this answer? If we really believe that Christ is the Son of God, sent to save us from our sins and lead us to Heaven, then we must say so, not just with words but with our actions. Do my ambitions and priorities in life say that Christ is my Savior and I am His disciple? Does my budget, my family life, my entertainment say so?

The gifts and blessings that God has given us - our time, our talents, our material possessions - are meant to be used in a manner that says "Christ is my Savior and I am His disciple." The most eloquent praise we can offer Him is a life lived in grateful response to His unfathomable love. This is the beauty and power of a stewardship way of life.

Thank you for your continued support and donations!

<u>ST. IGNATIUS VETERANS MEMORIAL</u>

ONLY 13 SPACES REMAIN! There are spaces available for parishioners to honor loved ones with a brick placed at the memorial.

Memorial brick order forms are available at the Rectory.

ALTAR FLOWERS

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



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

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.

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

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