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#### CALLING ALL GRANDPARENTS

Saint Ignatius Loyola has begun a new ministry for grandparents,

### The Catholic Grandparents Association.

This is an international group that works creatively in supporting grandparents in passing on their Catholic Faith. There are ministry groups in over 60 countries and several parishes in Eastern Pennsylvania. The group provides resources, online Zoom talks, prayer and support as we negotiate our vocation and role in our families' faith journeys.

# Our meetings are the second Saturday of the month after our 8:00 AM Mass.

We gather and share hospitality and fellowship, prayer, discussion and share our values and experiences.

We look forward to learning how to better pass on our faith and enrich the lives of our children and grandchildren.

We welcome all grandparents to join us as we begin a new year and together joyfully foster our faith to multigenerational families.

Please join us on Saturday, January 13, after the 8:00 AM Mass!

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

St. Ignatius Parish Retrea Please Join Us For the 2024	t <b>202</b> 4
Two-Day Parish Retreat	
No Greater Love	
March 2 <sup>nd</sup> 8:00am-5:00pm	Questions? Please Contact:
Retreat begins 8:00am at Saturday daily Mass  March 3 <sup>rd</sup> 8:00am-1:00pm both days at St. Ignatius Educational Center  Presentations * Meals * Confession  Adoration * Mass	TaraJo Schlouch 610.476.2021
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# St. Ignatius Seniors

SENIORS ACTIVITIES

will next meet on

Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 AM

in the St. Ignatius School Gym. We will celebrate Everyone's Birthday with hot dogs, cookies and BINGO!!!

The Book/Puzzle Exchange will be open, upcoming Trip information will be available, and Food Pantry donations will be accepted. Any questions, call Barb at 610.763.1383 Those over 50 are welcome to join us. If you can't attend the meeting, send your dues payable to St. Ignatius Seniors and this form to: Barbara Kunder, 2211 Gring Drive, 19610.

SENIORS GROUP REGISTRATION FORM
Bring to Monthly Meeting or Mail to:
B. Kunder ~ 2211 Gring Drive ~ Reading, 19610

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#### LIGHT OF CHRIST COLUMBIETTES INVITE YOU TO SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

(Proceeds benefit Columbiettes charitable efforts.)

PLACE: Victor Emmanuel's Restaurant DATE: Tuesday, February 13, 2024

TIME: 4:30 - 7:00 PM

COST \$12 per ticket ~ \$14 per ticket at the door

Cost includes salad, bread, and dinner. Beverages may be purchased.

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Pre-paid tickets will be available at the door as "will call". Return forms and payment in the weekend collection basket, at the Rectory or mail to B. Kunder 2211 Gring Drive, 19610.

# ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK Monday, January 1\*- Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>

Monday, January 1 - Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 a.m. Francis Scillieri

Tuesday, January 2 - Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

6:30 a.m. Christine Bernecker 8:00 a.m. Souls in Pugatory

Wednesday, January 3

6:30 a.m. Wanda Matuszak

8:00 a.m. Rev. Stephen Halabora

Thursday, January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

6:30 a.m. Carl DePaulis

8:00 a.m. Chris & Denise Kryeski

Friday, January 5 - St. John Neumann

6:30 a.m. Sybil Andred 8:00 a.m. Mary Lou Pichini

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

Saturday, January 6

8:00 a.m. Maria Trinh Doan

4:00 p.m. Irma Farina

Sunday, January 7 - The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 a.m. Joseph Levitt 9:00 a.m. Peter Marabella 10:30 a.m. Albert Shiner 12:00 p.m. Lynn Gansley

#### **GOSPEL MESSAGE**

Family life is rooted in unconditional love of God as witnessed by the Holy Family. Mindful of His covenant, God blesses the faith of Abraham and Sarah in their son, Isaac. The child Jesus and His parents are blessed by Simeon.

#### STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

"Whatever you do," says St. Paul to the Colossians, "... do it in the name of the Lord Jesus. Give thanks to God the Father through Him." And so it is that we offer our gifts in the Eucharist "through Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit".

#### **SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JANUARY 06/07**

Is 60:1 - 6 / Eph 3:2 - 3a, 5 - 6 / Mt 2:1 - 12

## 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.

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JANUARY 7th - 3 PM.

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#### FRIENDS OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

The mission of 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 confidential.

The St. Ignatius FOOD PANTRY

4th Thursday of each month

3 - 4 PM January- October

(November & December - 3th Thursday)

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

# 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.

#### 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.

#### SENIORS BUS TRIPS



- TROPICANA CASINO & BILLY JOEL TRIBUTE March 14 - \$120 pp - Deadline February 7
- TOBY'S DINNER THEATRE Beauty & The Beast April 17 - \$114 pp - Deadline March 15
  - SCHUYLKILL SUMMER ADVENTURE June 25 - \$125 pp - Deadline May 17
  - SIGHT & SOUND THEATER Daniel
    September 10 \$154 pp Deadline August 1

Contact Judy Jablonski at 610.670.0907 or Mail to: 113 Primrose Lane Reading, PA 19610

#### 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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or joeboylan17@gmail.com
or Secretary@churchofsaintbenedict.org

## **LIFE AD 2024**

Be counted along with other
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publish the anti-abortion/pro-life ad in
The Reading Eagle on
Monday, January 22, 2024.

The suggested donation is \$10/person, \$15/couple or family.

Deadline for the donation is Monday, January 15, 2024.
Include this coupon with your donation (check payable to St. Ignatius Loyola Church)

and please mail/return to:

Life Ad St. Ignatius Loyola Rectory 2810 St. Albans Dr. Sinking Spring, Pa. 19608

"A nation that kills its own children is a nation without hope."

Saint John Paul II

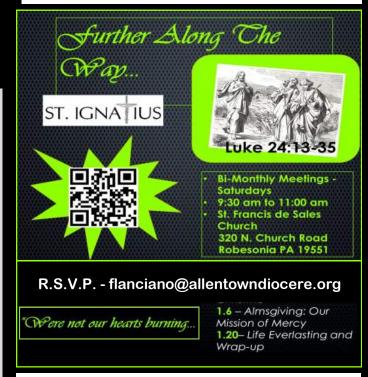
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- If school has a late start due to snow or severe weather, then Adoration will be canceled for that day.
- If school is being dismissed early due to weather, then Adoration and all events and meetings will be discontinued/canceled beginning at the hour school is dismissed.
- If school is closed or being dismissed early due to weather on Tuesday then Adoration will be discontinued/canceled for Tuesday AND Wednesday.

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- search for St. Ignatius Loyola Sinking Spring

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

#### GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Today, we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Just as the Holy Family is holy, we are also called to be holy. This holiness is achievable by living as disciples of Christ.

St. Paul calls us to put on "heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience... as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do." Let us "give thanks to God the Father" by being good stewards of His love and mercy to all our family members.

Today's Gospel says a lot about trust and surrender to our Lord. When Simeon and Anna prophesized about what was to come, Jesus' parents were "amazed at what was said about him." We can imagine that two parents would be taken back by these words! Yet, the Holy Family surrendered their lives to God and had unwavering faith and trust in His plan.

God's plan will fulfill our hearts more than we could have ever imagined. Like the Holy Family, we just need to trust, surrender and be attentive to God's voice.

Thank you for your continued support and donations!

#### THIS WEEK LET US PRAY...

Inspired by the example of the Blessed Mother, may we, like Mary, have the courage to say "yes" to God's gift of human life.

#### 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

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There are spaces available for parishioners to honor loved ones with a brick placed at the memorial. flemorial brick order forms are available at the Rectory.

#### 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

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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