ST. IGNATIUS

St. Ignatius Parish Retrea	at 2024			
Please Join Us For the 2024				
Two-Day Parish Retreat				
No Greater Love				
March 2 nd 8:00am-5:00pm	Questions?			
Retreat begins 8:00am at Saturday daily Mass				
March 3 rd 8:00am-1:00pm both days at St. Ignatius Educational Center Presentations * Meals * Confession Adoration * Mass	TaraJo Schlouch 610.476,2021			
Registration – Parish Retreat 2 Detach this portion with Retreatant Information a				
RETURN IN COLLECTION BASKET / CHURCH OFFICE / \$10 Registration fee due to Church Office / Rectory by 02				
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME







Fr. Tom and Fr. George need your help!

Fr. Tom and Fr. George are representing
St. Ignatius Loyola in *COOKS WITH COLLARS*,
an online cooking competition to raise
funds for our Parish and Catholic Charities.

Visit <u>www.cookswithcollars.com</u> to see
Fr. Tom and Fr. George
creating delicious kitchen concoctions.

VOTING DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 12TH!

All voting proceeds directly benefit St. Ignatius Loyola.

Thanks for making our Priests and Parish winners!

St. Ignatius Seniors



will next meet on

Wednesday, February 7th at 9:30 AM

in the St. Ignatius School Gym.

Our program will be a presentation by Sgt. Long of the Spring Township Police Dept. on SCAMS. The book/puzzle exchange, our Trip information and refreshments will be available.

Donations for the Food Pantry 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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The mission of FOSVDPS 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.

FRIENDS OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

plan to serve meals at

KENNEDY HOUSE

Catholic Soup Kitchen
on the weekend of February 3rd & 4th.

Donations of meatloaf, soup,
and baked goods are needed
and will be greatly appreciated.

Anyone interested in donating/volunteering please call Vicky at 484-332-7372.

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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ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK Monday, January 15th-Sunday, January 21st

Monday, January 15

6:30 a.m. Kristin Nawoczenski Wassil

9:00 a.m. Samara Dillard

Tuesday, January 16

6:30 a.m. Robert Kidron 8:00 a.m. James Sheldon

Wednesday, January 17 - St. Anthony

6:30 a.m. Brian Dixon 8:00 a.m. George Stuhl

Thursday, January 18

6:30 a.m. Margaret O'Conner

8:00 a.m. Sebastian Finacharo & Family

Friday, January 19

6:30 a.m. David Van Dewater 8:00 a.m. Zelda Marcinkowski

Saturday, January 20

8:00 a.m. Dylan Young

4:00 p.m. Dorothy Bator - 9th Anniversary of Death

Sunday, January 21 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Iackie Roth

9:00 a.m. **Intentions of Sandy Craig**

10:30 a.m. Sonia Paulev

12:00 p.m. Peter & Sira Fernandes

GOSPEL MESSAGE

Through Baptism we have been joined to the Lord who calls us to be His disciples. How well do we listen to His voice? How willing are we to do His will?

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

In today's first reading, we hear Samuel respond eagerly, "Here I am!" each time the Lord calls him. May we too be listening for the call of God in our lives and be ready to say like the psalmist, "Here am I, Lord; I come to do Your will."

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JANUARY 20/21

Jon 3:1 - 5, 10 / 1 Cor 7:29 - 31 / Mk 1:14 - 20



Happy New Year

Next Knights of Columbus BREAKFAST

January 21st ~ 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

PLEASE TAKE NOTE!

Our Monday morning Mass schedule has changed. Monday Mass schedule will now be 6:30 AM and 9:00 AM during the school year until June 10th when the schedule will return to 6:30 and 8:00 AM. Tuesday through Friday will remain

6:30 and 8:00 AM year round.

WITH GRATITUDE

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR ADVENT ANGELS AND PARISHIONERS FOR THE PRAYERS, WISHES, GIFTS, THOUGHTFULNESS AND SWEET TREATS YOU BESTOWED UPON US THIS CHRISTMAS. THEY ARE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.

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WITH GRATITUDE

Sister Rosemarie and Sister Patricia wish to thank their Advent Angels for the many prayers and thoughtful gifts they received nightly.

Mass will be offered for the intentions of the Advent Angels on January 19, 2024 in St. Francis Convent **Immaculate Conception Chapel** at Monacacy Manor, Bethlehem.

The St. Ignatius Parish Library would like to acknowledge the following donations: IN HONOR OF:

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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!
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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.

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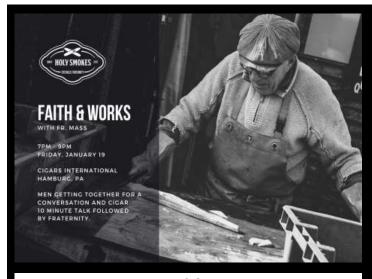


ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA MEMORIAL SOCIETY

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.

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Date: Sunday January 28, 2024 Time: 1:30 PM Registration at 1:00 PM

Location: St. Ignatius Loyola School Gymnasium
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Champions in each old age groups from both girls' and boys' divisions (12 champions in all) will move on to the District Knights of Columbus Championship

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LIFE AD 2024

Be counted along with other Berks County Catholics when we 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 15th.

Include this coupon with your donation (check payable to St. Ignatius Loyola Church)

and please return to:

Life Ad St. Ignatius Loyola Rectory 2810 St. Albans Dr. Reading, PA 19608

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Stress is working itself into our days. How can we restore the golden element of peace back into our lives?

St. Joan of Arc Women's Bible Study

will be exploring Finding Peace:

Letting Go of Stress and Worry for 3 sessions
Thursday January 18 & 25 and February 1
in the Parish Education Center Library.
All sessions begin at 6:30 PM.

This study explores three New Testament passages to help us refresh our minds and hearts.

If interested, please send a check made out to Columbiettes Auxiliary 8726 in the amount of \$7.00 to obtain your study book. Checks can be mailed to Marie Calderoni, 2314 Gring Drive, West Lawn, PA 19609.

We hope to see you there.



Bad Weather Alert Please Remember

- If school is closed for the day Adoration and all events and meetings will be canceled also for that day.
- 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.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINAR TIME

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

"Speak, for your servant is listening." With those few words, Samuel humbles himself and declares his loyalty and obedience to God. There are perhaps for many of us challenges in those words. Initially, Samuel responds, "Here I am," but thinks it was Eli who called him. The idea of being a servant and the willingness to serve are what may be trials for us in terms of how we live.

Samuel does not recognize the voice of the Lord. That, too, might be a problem for us. First, we need to be listening. Are we, or are we merely going through the motions? Responding to God with "Here I am" is a magnificent way to react to God. It is not that God does not know where we are but saying that can serve as a reminder to us that we are stewards and servants to Him, and it implies we are prepared to hear what He wants us to do.

"Here I am" is said numerous times by those in the Old Testament including Abraham, Jacob, Moses, Isaiah, and by Ananias in the New Testament. When Jesus says, "Come follow me," as He does to us, do we hear Him, and even more importantly do we respond, and do we follow? In order to do that properly we have to be prepared to serve Him and others. Thus, like Samuel, we need to listen, and then we need to serve. At a recent papal audience, Pope Francis said, "Love and charity are service, helping others, serving others. When you forget yourself and think of others, this is love!"

Thank you for your continued support and donations!

THIS WEEK LET US PRAY...

For all Christians, may we live out our baptismal call to proclaim the Gospel of God's love and the dignity of every 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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Coupons for sale at the Rectory.

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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.

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