

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 ~ THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. IGNATIUS

**BASKET RAFFLE
BYOB,
NEW & IMPROVED
EQUIPMENT**



Cub Scout Pack 862

Spaghetti Dinner

SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

4-7 PM

PARISH HALL

Join us for an evening of food, drinks, and family fun! The scouts will be serving fresh salad, spaghetti with meatballs and sauce, homemade garlic bread, and dessert. Water, juice and coffee provided or **BYOB!** Buy your tickets now after Masses in the office, at the Rectory, or from a cub scout!

Children under 4 **FREE**
Kids/Adults 4-55 **\$12**
Adults over 55 **\$10**

****Gluten Free option will be provided****

Limited number of tickets sold at the door for \$12 each

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"St. Ignatius Loyola Roman Catholic Church"!



NOW IS THE TIME TO
JOIN
CUB SCOUTS!

At Cub Scouts, boys and girls ages 5-10 years old embark on unforgettable experiences that build character, instill values, and nurture leadership skills. Look no further and join us at our first event of the year! Come learn about our community's first responders and enjoy some **free Snow Cones!**



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 AT 6:00 PM
PARISH HALL

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED
TO ASSIST IN CLEANING OUR CHURCH
EACH FRIDAY MORNING 8:30 - 10:00 AM**

Call the Rectory for information - 610.678.3767.

**Scout Troop 430 will be selling popcorn & nuts
after all Masses on Sunday, September 10th.**

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and all money made will directly help the Scouts in paying for their adventures.

Over the last year, Troop activities have included a 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!



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.

Rehearsals start on Wednesday, September 6th.

Contact Michael Adams at mdadams1022@gmail.com.



**ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
BREAKFAST BUFFET**



We got the meat!!!!



..... AND THE EGGS AND BACON, SAUSAGE, FRENCH TOAST, OUR FAMOUS CHIPPED BEEF (ON TOAST OR HOME FRIES), FRESH FRUIT AND PASTRY..... AND FRESH BREWED COFFEE.....**ALL YOU WANT!**
OVER 20 ITEMS ON OUR BUFFET!



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH
8 AM TO 11 AM - PARISH HALL
ADULTS \$10.00 CHILDREN 12 TO 4 YRS= \$5.00
CHILDREN UNDER 4 YEARS **FREE**

AND WE DO THE DISHES!

Please note for:

GETHSEMANE CEMETERY & ST. MARY CEMETERY

Starting the week of September 11, 2023, we will have our semi-annual grave clean-off at Gethsemane and St. Mary's Cemeteries.

If you have items on gravesites you wish to keep, please visit the Cemetery to remove the items prior to the week of September 11th. Thank you.

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 _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 4th - Sunday, September 10th

Monday, September 4 - *ONE MASS ONLY*

9:00 a.m. Gene Klinger

Tuesday, September 5

6:30 a.m. Frances Charnigo

8:00 a.m. Mary A. Fennerty

Wednesday, September 6

6:30 a.m. Thomas Devaney - 11th Anniversary of Death

8:00 a.m. Jane Magill

Thursday, September 7

6:30 a.m. Al Nerino, Sr.

8:00 a.m. Intentions of Peter & Michele Heim

Friday, September 8 - Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 a.m. Andrew Boulanger

8:00 a.m. Richard Zepiora

Saturday, September 9 - St. Peter Claver

8:00 a.m. Intentions of Brian & Jesmin Erickson

4:00 p.m. Harry & Alberta Miller

Sunday, September 10 - Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. William Vojtasek

9:00 a.m. Anna Ellwanger - 40th Anniversary of Death

10:30 a.m. Leslie Amaral

12:00 p.m. Gertrude Daley

GOSPEL MESSAGE

Following the Lord means nothing less than the cross: offering ourselves with Jesus as a living sacrifice and not conforming ourselves to this world. Following Him will entail derision and scorn, yet the Lord is your help!

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

In today's second reading, St. Paul exhorts the Romans to **total** stewardship. Brothers and sisters, he urges, "... offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR September 09/10

Ez 33: 7 - 9 / Rom 13: 8 - 10 / Mt 18: 15 - 20

THIS WEEK LET US PRAY...

May the life of every human person,
from conception to natural death, be protected
in our laws and cherished in our hearts.

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

www.stignatiusreading.org



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

CURSILLO INFORMATION NIGHT

Friday, September 8 - 7 :00 PM

St Ignatius Church - John Paul II Room

CURSILLO

Cursillo Weekend 2023

Men : September 21 - 24

Women: September 28 - Oct 1

CURSILLO

Attention: Cursillo Graduates
Cursillo Mini Group Reunion

After 6:30 AM Mass

John Paul II Room

September 7 & 21 & October 5 & 19

CATHOLIC FAITH DISCUSSION GROUP

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

Tuesday, Sept 12

7:00-9:00 PM



Saint Ignatius School
Meeting Rooms

This Month's Topic
Finding Joy:

The Mystery of the Religious Life





Cub Scout 862 Coat Drive

September 16th - 24th

The Cub Scouts will be collecting lightly worn coats, jackets, and blankets for those in need this winter. Please place your donations in our collection boxes located in the Narthex.

Thank you for supporting our service project.

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**.

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.**

The Diocese of Allentown, Commission for Men presents:

CASTING THE NET

"The Evangelization of Men by Men"



Men's Morning Reflection
September 23rd 8AM

St. Mary's Hamburg PA
www.MenAliveInChrist.org

Msgr. Andrew Baker

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.

Come
&
See



Faith Basics

St. Ignatius Loyola Education Center
Meeting Rooms 7:00 – 8:30 PM
Topic Presentation – Q & A

Fall 2023 Schedule

9.21 – Faith, Grace & Salvation
9.28 – Catholic & Christian but Catholic and not Catholic?
10.5 – The Catholic Bible
10.12 – The Covenants
10.19 – Tradition "Capital T"
10.26 – The Trinity: A Mystery

11.2 – One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic
11.9 – Mary & The Saints
11.16 – Church Tour
11.30 – What is a Sacrament?
12.7 – Baptism
12.14 – Confirmation
12.21 – Healing of the Sick

BERKS COUNTY LIFE CHAIN

Berks County LIFE CHAIN will provide a visual statement of solidarity by our local Christian community that abortion is grievously wrong and that the church Christ founded is opposed to the unmerciful killing of pre-born children. Please join with other Berks County Christians, representing 60+ churches standing on both sides of Penn Avenue, while holding 17" x 22" signs that read: Abortion Kills Children; Jesus Heals and Forgives; Adoption, the Loving Option; Lord, Forgive us and our Nation; Abortion Hurts Women; and Life, the First Inalienable Right.

Our bold, prayerful witness is scheduled 2:00 to 3:30 PM Sunday, October 1, 2023 and we regard it as an extension of our regular worship on the Lord's Day.

Please join with us.

Let us invest at least 1 hour to save a lifetime.

[Pam Snyder-610.790.9197-jsnyd@comcast.net](mailto:Pam.Snyder-610.790.9197-jsnyd@comcast.net)

Further Along The Way...

ST. IGNATIUS



- Bi-Monthly Meetings - Saturdays
- 9:30 am to 11:00 am
- St. Francis de Sales Church
- 320 N. Church Road
- Robeson PA 19551

- 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.

- 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..."

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.

THE MEMORIAL SOCIETY

WERE RECEIVED IN MEMORY/HONOR OF/FROM:
JANE MARIE WOLSIFFER

Cynthia Mary Slaski

VERONICA SMITH

Carol Schuck

RONALD SNELL

The Fasig Family
The Reedy Family

The Cox Family
The Schlouch Family

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.*

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.

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS
4th ANNUAL
Charity
Golf Tournament

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
Saturday, September 23, 2023
MANOR GOLF COURSE
Bran Road
Sinking Spring ~ 19608

The Light of Christ Council is looking for a few volunteers to help with its annual Charity Golf Tournament. Please contact Terry Williams at 484.755. 4618 or tp.williams@comcast.net for more information. Hours will depend on your availability. This is a great opportunity to support the Knights as well as the beneficiaries of the event: *St. Ignatius Loyola School, Mary's Shelter, John Paul II Center, and Opportunity House of Reading.* Thank you for your support !

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY FALL SEMESTER
From Formed - Lectio: THE CASE FOR JESUS

Can we trust the Gospels? Do we really know who wrote them? Do the Gospels communicate truth – or fabricated fables? Who is Jesus? Who did Jesus claim to be?

Join Dr. Brant Pitre as he draws evidence from both early Christian and non-Christian writings attesting to the authenticity, authorship, and dating of the Gospels, and as he gives an in-depth look at the Gospel accounts of Jesus's Crucifixion, Resurrection, and the proclamation of Christ's divinity.

Dr. Pitre's powerful presentation will strengthen your faith so that you can not only stand firm and profess that Jesus truly is "the Christ, the Son of the living God," but also confidently respond to any skeptics you encounter.

We will meet every other Wednesday evening beginning September 13th in the John Paul II Room 7:00 PM.

All are welcomed! Hope to see you there!

For more information contact
Jeremy Clark at: stignatiusmbs@gmail.com

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.

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Let's be honest. If we are striving to live the stewardship way of life, it's not going to be easy. Dying to self and living for Christ and others is tough. It's the work of a lifetime. But in the end, it's the only work that really matters and the only life that truly satisfies.

Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, reflects this challenging reality. Jesus tells His disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." This sounds harsh. Why would anyone want to do this?

Our Lord has the answer, of course. "Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

It's all about love. Jesus loved (and loves) us totally, giving us all of Himself on the Cross, in His Word, and in the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist.

And so we must choose: love of self, or love of God and others - which is tough, but fulfilling and leads to the eternal reward of heaven. Jesus promises that He "will come with his angels in his Father's glory and then he will repay all according to his conduct."

Let us make the tough choice to lose our life for Christ's sake in grateful response to His love. Honestly, what better life could there be?

Thank you for your continued support and donations!

DIASTER RELIEF COLLECTION

Envelopes will be available the weekend of September 23 & 24 to assist those suffering from the wildfire devastation in Hawaii.

Please return your donation by September 30th in the collection with your regular offering.



ST. IGNATIUS VETERANS MEMORIAL

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

The altar flowers this weekend are in celebration of the wedding of **ROSS PILLIOD & SAMANTHA KANE.**

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

EUCCHARISTIC 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

VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

MRS. WENDY S. KRISAK

DIRECT LINE: 1.800.791.9209

CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE REPORTING SERVICE

If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or phone 800-276-1562.

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Thomas P. Bortz, Pastor

Rev. George Osei Ababio

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Deacon Edward L. Sanders

Deacon Thomas J. Devaney

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