



APRIL 2, 2023

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday of Holy Week - April 3 Masses 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday of Holy Week - April 4 Masses 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday of Holy Week - April 5 Masses 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m.

Holy Thursday - April 6 No morning Masses Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday - April 7 No morning Masses Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 3:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday - April 8 No Morning Masses No Sacrament of Reconciliation Blessing of Food - 12:00 Noon The Easter Vigil - 8:00 p.m. *Reception of R.C.I.A. Catechumens & Candidates*

Easter Sunday - April 9 7 :30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., & 12:00 Noon NO 5:30 PM MASS

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SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

PRINCIPAL POSITION OPENING

St. Ignatius Loyola Regional School, West Lawn, PA (Grades PK-8) is seeking a dynamic and innovative educational leader with a strong commitment to Catholic Education, values and academic excellence to serve as Principal beginning in July 2023. We are seeking a proven leader with the ability to promote the school's mission while overseeing teaching and learning, enrollment, development, facilities, finance, as well as implementing policies and operational and strategic objectives.

Successful candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Be a practicing Catholic committed to the mission of Catholic Education
- Have 5+ years in teaching experience.
- Demonstrate strong leadership skills in the areas of motivation, communication, organization, decision making, conflict prevention & resolution.
- Demonstrate ability to promote an environment which fosters high expectations of faculty, staff, and students in faith, academic excellence and service.
- Be a team leader who focuses on collaboration, and engagement of faculty, staff, pastors, parents and parishioners.
- Have a collaborative leadership style capable of working effectively with parents, faculty and staff, as well as parish clergy, staff, and the School Board.
- A Master's Degree and Principal's certification is preferred.

Those interested in the position should submit their letter of interest, resume, background clearances, and appropriate certifications, along with personal and professional references, and a letter of recommendation from your Pastor, and may mail or email to:

> St. Ignatius Loyola Rectory Very Reverend Thomas P. Bortz, Pastor 2810 St. Albans Drive Sinking Spring, PA 19608-1028 Via email: tbortz@allentowndiocese.org Deadline: April 10, 2023 EOE M/FD/V



<u>SAVE THE DATE</u> SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2023 <u>PARISH PICNIC</u> BENEDICTS PICNIC GROUNDS

Attention youth in Grades 8-12! HOLY THURSDAY ADORATION BUS TRIP!

Youth in grades 8 to 12 are invited to visit local churches for Adoration on Holy Thursday night.

We will team up with youth from St. Catharine's and take a bus to visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament at our local Churches.

The evening will end with time for fellowship and pizza!

Please email Tim Wood for more details and to RSVP at youthministry@stignatiusreading.org.

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.

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. (vour 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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ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK Monday, April 3rd- Sunday, April 9th

Monday, April 3

6:30 a.m. Lorraine Volciak 8:00 a.m. Audrey Michaels & The Marx Family

Tuesday, April 4

6:30 a.m. Robert & Ruby Koueiki

8:00 a.m. Peter & Marie Boulanger

Wednesday, April 5

6:30 a.m. Jen Sarnes 8:00 a.m. Michael Duddy

Thursday, April 6

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 7

3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 8

8:00 p.m. Intentions of our Priests

Sunday, April 9 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

- 7:30 a.m. Intentions of our Priests
- 9:00 a.m. Intentions of our Priests
- 10:30 a.m. Intentions of our Priests
- 12:00 p.m. Intentions of our Priests
- 5:30 p.m. NO 5:30 p.m. MASS

GOSPEL MESSAGE

Jesus, humbling Himself out of love for us, did not shield His face from buffets and spitting, but offered His life on the cross. He relied on His Father's love.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

"Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" shout the crowds in today's Gospel. May we be always ready to share our blessings when we are sent in His name!

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR APRIL 08/09

Acts 10:34a, 37 - 43 / Col 3:1 - 4 or 1 Cor 5:6b - 8 / Jn 20:1 - 9

SLEEP IN THIS EASTER!

Plan now to attend our *Easter Vigil Liturgy* which many say is the most beautiful liturgy of the whole year.

The Easter Vigil Mass begins at 8:00 PM on Saturday, April 8th.

Attending this Mass counts for your Easter Sunday obligation, assures you and your family of having a comfortable seat, and allows you to sleep in on Easter day, which means avoiding the crowds!

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



Journey to Calvary on Monday, April 3rd with the St. Ignatius school students as the eighth grade girls lead us through "Mary's Way of the Cross".

We'll follow Jesus's mother as she walks through Jerusalem. Mary's 14 Stations share her sorrow and the deep pain that a

Mother's heart feels watching her son suffer.

We hear her feelings as she silently watches Jesus carry His heavy cross to Calvary Hill.

Jesus stretched out his arms on Good Friday to open the gates of Heaven for us!

Begin your Holy Week by walking with our Blessed Mother and Jesus.

Come to experience Mary's Way of the Cross Monday, April 3 - 9:00 AM - St. Ignatius Church.

Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network

April: A Culture of Peace & Non-Violence

The Holy Father has an official prayer group! And he wants you to join! It's free!

Make a daily offering of your heart to the Sacred Heart.





See our Website:

www.popesprayerusa.net

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!

Visit our website: stignatiusreading.org

SENIORS BUS TRIPS

- CHESAPEAKE CITY DINE AROUND June 14 - \$162 pp - Deadline May 3

- GREASE at the Fulton Theatre July 5 - \$110 pp - Deadline May 24

- 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

MULIT-DAY TRIPS

- PITTSBURGH EXPRESS TOUR August 22-24 - \$636 pp/do - \$876 pp/so Deadline April 24

- 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

The St. Ignatius FOOD PANTRY

Fourth Thursday of each month 3:00 - 4:00 PM April through October

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

St. Ignatius Columbiettes SANDWICH SALE

\$6.00 Coupon good for SHORTI HOAGIE Redeemable at any *Wawa*

No expiration date

Coupons are available for sale at the Rectory.

BERKS CATHOLIC YOUTH FOOTBALL & CHEERLEADING

2023 Season Registration is now open! Register by going to //go.teamsnap.com/forms/361889 This program is open to girls and boys enrolled in Berks County Parochial Schools. Some age and grade restrictions do apply. FOR MORE ON ELIGIBILITY AND COST: Go to www.leaguelineup.com/bcyfac For any other questions contact: Danielle Fowler 610.374.1695 or email dfowler@berkscatholic.org







To all those who have generously given their time and effort by volunteering for St. Ignatius Loyola Regional School and St. Ignatius Loyola CYO, you are invited to celebrate Mass with our students followed by a reception at school to honor you. Mass begins at 9:00 am; Reception after at 10:00 Light refreshments will be provided.

LINK for RSVP: http://evite.me/rBeu2awx2J



REDNER'S SAVE-A-TAPE Thank you to all who are submitting *Redner's* register receipts to benefit

CENTER FOR CHILDREN'S JUSTICE.

Please remember that to receive credit your save-atape number must be visible on submitted receipts.

WESTERN BERKS SHEPHERDING MINISTRIES

provides transportation for their clients



to local medical appointments. Ministrie Volunteers can choose when and where they wish to drive as well as how often.

It is a great way to volunteer that is flexible, very little commitment and extremely rewarding! For information, call 484.294.7394 or email WesternBerksShepherding@gmail.com.

St. Ignatius is a financial supporter of WBSM.

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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.

DONATIONS TO: *The Memorial Society*

WERE RECEIVED IN MEMORY/HONOR OF/FROM: GERALDINE BUSER

Mildred O'Neill

John & Donna Giardiello

ANNA NERINO

Charles & Shirley Keller

TOM STONER

Eugene & Margaret Lower

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.*



Women of the New Testament

Journey with the Bernardine Franciscan Sisters to discover how women in the Bible responded to challenges, took bold actions, and triumphed through adversity. The retreat is based on Louis Glanzman's paintings of women in the Gospels and the poetry of Edwina Gateley.



Cost \$30. Register by April 8, 2023. Call 610-777-2967 or Email FollowFrancis@bfranciscan.org

McGlinn Conference and Spirituality Center 460 Saint Bernardine Street, Reading, PA 19607

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. PAGE 5

SAVE TIME & MONEY

Spend less time, and use a lot fewer checks by signing up for our electronic stewardship program (ESP). Your weekly or monthly contributions can be withdrawn automatically from your checking account. It works in the same manner as automatic payments to a utility or mortgage company. This is a completely optional program. If you would like to avail yourself of this opportunity, please complete the direct debit form below and mail it to the Rectory or drop it into the collection basket in a sealed envelope marked "ESP".

Contributions can be made **weekly** (Mondays) **or monthly** (1st Monday of the month). Since this program is not yet available for Holy Days or special collections, envelopes will continue to be distributed unless you wish otherwise. If you have any questions, please call Terry at the Rectory at 610-678-3767.

ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA CHURCH AUTHORIZATION FOR DIRECT DEBIT OF WEEKLY OR MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Address (Street, Route, P.O. Box)

(City State Zip Code)

Telephone Number

Parish Envelope Number

IF KNOWN

ELECTION

(check one & indicate am	nount to be debited from your account):
Weekly contribution of \$, beginning Monday//
Monthly contribution of \$, beginning Monday*//

Monthly contributions will be deducted on the first Monday of the month.

I (we) hereby authorize St. Ignatius Loyola Parish to debit funds, in the amount and frequency listed above, from the account at the Financial Institution designated on the attached voided check, and to initiate credit entries and adjustments for any debit entries in error to that account. I (we) acknowledge that the origination of ACH transactions to my (our) account must comply with provisions of U.S. law. This authorization will remain in effect until the Parish has received written notification from me (or either of us) of its termination in such time and in such manner as to afford the Parish and Financial Institution a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

Signature _____

Date

PLEASE ATTACH A VOIDED CHECK (PLEASE <u>DO NOT</u> ATTACH DEPOSIT TICKET)

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

We begin this Holy Week with the reading of the Lord's Passion from the Gospel of Matthew. It is fitting that during this week we intensely focus our minds and hearts on the steps of our Savior as He laid down His very life for us. But let us also examine the seemingly small acts of stewardship by some who encountered Jesus during this most eventful week.

One occurred when Jesus gave instructions about the room where He would celebrate the Passover. Jesus said, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him..." 'In your house I shall celebrate the Passover with my disciples." While we do not know this man's name, we do know he agreed to this request -he shared the material gift of his home and the gift of hospitality. Because of his good stewardship, his own home became the site of the institution of the Eucharist!

There was also Simon the Cyrenian, who offered the gift of his physical strength, helping the Lord to carry His Cross. Consider, too, the actions of Joseph of Arimathea - he generously shared a material gift of the tomb that was his, and he gave the gift of service to our Lord by giving Him a proper burial. Then there were the "two Marys" who gave Jesus the gift of their time. Keeping watch in tender vigil after His death, they "remained sitting there, facing the tomb."

Each of these were simple acts of good stewardship, yet God used them in mighty ways. God invites each of us, too, to cooperate with Him in small ways through the sharing of our time, talent, and material gifts. Small gifts can become mighty deeds when placed in God's service.

Thank you for your continued support and donations!

THIS WEEK LET US PRAY... For all those receiving hospice care, may the care they receive bear witness to the gift of their lives.

ALTAR FLOWERS

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





BUSY SCHEDULE? CHILD GLUED TO ELECTRONICS? Join Cub Scouts now and take advantage of all the fun activities we have planned this spring and summer!

St. Ignatius Cub Scout Pack 862 has a calendar full of activities, allowing parents and cubs to attend events that fit into their busy schedule. Cub Scouts is a year-round adventure for boys & girls in K - Grade 5! Not sure or have questions, email us at JoinPack862@gmail.com.

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

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.

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