

MARCH 17, 2024  
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

ST. IGNATIUS



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Here at St. Ignatius, we provide religious education for all student parishioners, grades K-8. **PREP is in need of volunteers next year 2024-2025** to serve the number of students at our parish. There is no need to be a certified teacher; just a heart to teach and guide the next generation. In exchange for your time on Sunday mornings, we provide **tuition-free education** for your family, **light refreshments** each Sunday, and a **lesson plan** to follow.

**Contact for more info:**

Jenny Matlack or Lisa Deck  
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**St. Patrick's Day**  
**All You Care to Eat**  
**Family Breakfast**  
**Sunday, March 17, 2024**



8:00am to 11:00am / School Hall  
 Adults \$11.00—children 6 yrs to 12 yrs \$5.00  
 Children 5 and Under—Free  
 Veterans Receive \$1.00 Discount



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|--------------------|---------------------|
| Scrambled Eggs     | Cereals             |
| Home Fries         | Fresh Fruit         |
| Sausage / Bacon    | Pastries            |
| Creamed Dried Beef | Coffee / Tea / Milk |
| Pancakes           | Juice               |

We now accept Credit Cards. And we do the dishes!  
 Our last Breakfast until September. Don't miss it!



**Save the Date**  
**Parish Evangelization Day**  
**Saturday, MARCH 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
 May you prayerfully  
 consider being  
 an apostle for the day.

**REGISTER SO WE CAN COUNT YOU IN!**  
**Keep the above as your reminder!**

**St. Ignatius Parish Evangelization Day Registration**  
**Return registration to the Rectory or in the collection.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Have Car? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

First time I've done evangelization? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
 (New workers will be teamed with experienced partner)

**ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday, March 18**

6:30 a.m. Millie Bortz  
9:00 a.m. Rita Mullen

**Tuesday, March 19 - St. Joseph Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary**

6:30 a.m. Joseph Levitt  
8:00 a.m. Stephen Daly

**Wednesday, March 20**

6:30 a.m. Mickey Sirianni  
8:00 a.m. Debbie Cincinnati

**Thursday, March 21**

6:30 a.m. Henry Stapleton  
8:00 a.m. Woodrow & Annamae Porrecco

**Friday, March 22**

6:30 a.m. Gabriel Gregorek  
8:00 a.m. Michael Buser - 42<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of Death

**Saturday, March 23**

8:00 a.m. Maria Dao  
4:00 p.m. Margaret Daly

**Sunday, March 24 - Palm Sunday of the Pasion of the Lord**

7:30 a.m. Carl Dragonette, Sr.  
9:00 a.m. Intentions of Mackenzie Heim  
10:30 a.m. Intentions of Sean & Elizabeth Devaney  
12:00 p.m. Rosemarie Calvaresi

**GOSPEL MESSAGE**

The grain of wheat must die to produce fruit. Such dying must be cultivated by obedience and by our covenant with God, rooted in love and forgiveness.

**STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE**

"If anyone would serve me," says Jesus in today's Gospel, "let him follow Me; where I am, there will be My servant be." In what way is Jesus inviting me to follow Him? What service is He asking of me?

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MARCH 23/24**

Is 50: 4 - 7 / Phil 2: 6 - 11 / Mk 14: 1 - 15:47

**Don't delay in taking the Disciple Maker Index Survey!**  
Visit <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/b36155>



*This important survey is essential in helping St. Ignatius assess our greatest strengths and opportunities so that our parish can thrive and deepen our commitment to Christ as missionary disciples!*

**VOLUNTEERS  
ARE NEEDED  
TO ASSIST  
IN CLEANING  
OUR CHURCH**

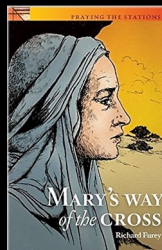


**It's time for Spring Cleaning!**  
**Our Church Cleaning Crew is looking for extra help on Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM.**  
**Help get our Church ready for Easter!**  
**Call the Rectory for information 610.678.3767.**

**Come to experience  
Mary's Way of the Cross  
Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> - 9 AM  
St. Ignatius Church.**



**Journey to Calvary on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>  
with the St. Ignatius school students as the eighth grade girls lead us through  
"Mary's Way of the Cross".**



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**March 19<sup>th</sup>**  
The Stations of the Cross will be the Mary Stations.  
**Come join us in our Church  
Tuesday at 7 PM**  
as we walk and pray the stations with Mary, led by the women of our parish.

**Also, Fridays during Lent Stations of the Cross with our school students at 1:00 PM.**  
**ALL ARE WELCOMED!**

**HOLY WEEK**

- Palm Sunday - March 24 - Blessed Palm Branches distributed after all weekend Masses**
- Stations of the Cross with the youth of the Parish 3:00 PM - in Church
- Monday of Holy Week - March 25 - Masses 6:30 & 9:00 AM**
- Tuesday of Holy Week - March 26 - Masses 6:30 & 8:00 AM**
- Parish Lenten Confessions - 7:00 PM  
*Visiting Priests available for confessions.*
- Wednesday of Holy Week - March 27 - Masses 6:30 & 8:00 AM**
- School Students Present Stations of the Cross - 9:00 AM
- Holy Thursday - March 28 - No morning Masses**
- Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 PM
- Good Friday - March 29 - No morning Masses**
- Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 3:00 PM
- Holy Saturday - March 30 - No Morning Masses**
- No Confession / Reconciliation
- Blessing of Food - 12:00 Noon
- Easter Vigil - 8:00 PM  
**Reception of R.C.I.A. Catechumens & Candidates**
- Easter Sunday - March 31 - 7:30, 9:00, & 10:30 AM & 12 Noon**

## 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** (1<sup>st</sup> 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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(City State Zip Code) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Parish Envelope Number \_\_\_\_\_

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(check one & indicate amount to be debited from your account):

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\* *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 DO NOT ATTACH DEPOSIT TICKET)**

### NEW MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

Consider joining fellow parishioners for a friendly discussion group Thursdays from 8:30 - 10 AM in the JP II Room in our Church. Next - March 21<sup>st</sup>. No agenda, just friendly conversation about just about anything of interest to attendees. Please call Bob Houlihan at 610.938.3775 with questions or for more information.

### 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.

*(your 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.**

Join us for - **CURSILLO** - Mini Group Meetings  
After the 6:30 AM Mass on Thursdays - JP II Room  
March 22 ~ April 4 & 18 ~ May 2, 16 & 30

**SAVE THE DATES FOR**

**MEN'S WEEKEND - September 19 - 22**

**WOMEN'S WEEKEND - September 26 - 29**

Call 610.670.1429 for more information.

PACK 862

# SPRING INTO SCOUTING

**Does your child enjoy learning new skills?**

Bring them to our next scouting event where we will be teaching:

**Tent Building    First Aid Training    Fire Safety**  
**Water Safety    Outdoor Safety    Knot Tying**



**5:30**  
APRIL 5

**ST. IGNATIUS**  
Meet us outside between the school and rectory



**Cub Scout Pack 862**

## *Spaghetti Dinner*

APRIL 13, 2024  
4:30-6:30 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

Limited number of tickets sold at the door for \$14 each

BASKET RAFFLE, & BYOB

SENIORS ACTIVITIES

St. Ignatius Seniors HIKE

**Our Senior Hike will resume on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>.**

We will meet at **Jim Dietrich Park** (4899 Stoudts Ferry Bridge Road, 19605).

Lunch will follow at **Crossroads Family Restaurant** (4643 Pottsville Pike. 19605) at 12 Noon.

Please call Rose Torres at 610.914.5482 for details.

*Hike is weather permitting but lunch is always on.*

SENIORS ACTIVITIES

St. Ignatius Seniors

ANNUAL WINE & CHEESE SOCIAL

will be held **Sunday, April 7**  
**1:00 to 3:30 PM** in the Parish Hall.

This event is **FREE** but open to members only.

Food, beverages and fun are on the agenda!

Please call Barb at 610.763.1383 if you plan to attend and/or would like to become a member.

SENIORS ACTIVITIES

SENIORS BUS TRIPS

- **TOBY'S DINNER THEATRE - Beauty & The Beast**  
April 17 - \$114 pp - Deadline March 15
- **3 STOOGES A CASTLE & A CATHEDRAL**  
May 7 - \$112 pp - Deadline April 10
- **SCHUYLKILL SUMMER ADVENTURE**  
June 25 - \$125 pp - Deadline May 17
- **SIGHT & SOUND THEATER - Daniel**  
September 10 - \$154 pp - Deadline August 1  
October 17 - \$93 pp - Deadline September 1
- **NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY TRIP**
- **HISTORIC GETTYSBURG DINE AROUND**  
November 12 - \$140 pp - Deadline October 8
- **HOLIDAYS AT MOUNT HOPE**  
December 17 - \$95 pp - Deadline November 8

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

SENIORS GROUP REGISTRATION FORM - \$7.00

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

As we are nearing the end of our Lenten journey, our readings today remind us of the goodness that our God has to offer us.

In today's Gospel, Jesus announces that the "hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." All that He came to do on this earth was soon to be fulfilled. When we reflect on what Jesus says in this passage, He tells us a great deal about how we should be living as disciples of Christ. He clearly states, "unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."

We are called to detach from our own desires and entrust our lives to all that God has in store for us. Without self-denial, we might miss occasions God has given us to produce good fruit. We have been practicing this throughout our Lenten season through fasting. One way to continue this effort after Lent is by taking advantage of the countless opportunities God presents to us to sacrifice our desires for something much greater-whether waking earlier to spend time in prayer, fasting from a favorite comfort on a weekly basis or taking the time to check in on a friend or family member instead of turning on the TV, just to name a few. It is important that we continue to make room for God and the good things He wants to produce in us all year long.

As our Lenten journey soon concludes, may we consider the ways in which we might continue the practice of self-denial by offering small, daily sacrifices to the Lord.

**Thank you for your continued support and donations!**

**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.



**THIS WEEK LET US PRAY...**

For all those receiving hospice care, may the care they receive respect and protect their lives.

**The St. Ignatius FOOD PANTRY**

**4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month**

**3 - 4 PM January- October**

**(November & December - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday)**

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

Please check our website regularly for current and upcoming events and important parish announcements. [www.stignatiusreading.org](http://www.stignatiusreading.org)

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday: 4:00 PM Vigil Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM, 12:00 Noon**

**Daily: Monday 6:30 & 9:00 AM School Year**  
**6:30 & 8:00 AM Summer**  
**Tuesday through Friday: 6:30 & 8:00 AM Year round**  
**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**

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**Pamela J. Russo, M.S.W., M.S.**  
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