### JULY 30, 2023 ~ SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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# Saturday, August 12, 2023

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#### **SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2023** PAGE 2 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Please check our website CATHOLIC FAITH DISCUSSION GROUP regularly for current and Patrician meetings are an opportunity to engage in upcoming events and DATE discussion about what we believe as Catholics! important parish Snacks included each meeting. announcements. **ANNOUNCED!** www.stignatiusreading.org **Tuesday, August 8 CONFIRMATION** 7:00-9:00 PM Best Catholic Content... 2023 All In One Place ... FORMED at St. Ignatius For free access: will be - go to Formed.org Saint Ignatius School Wednesday click sign-up Meeting Rooms as a parishioner This Month's Topic October 4th when prompted Faith & Science: - search for 4:30 PM St. Ignatius Loyola Friends or Enemies? Sinking Spring WE WELCOME STARTING IN SEPTEMBER... OUR RECENTLY BAPTIZED NEW TUESDAY AFTERNOON BAILEY GEHRING **BIBLE STUDY GROUP SABINO** DUNCAN SEAGER Listening to the Sunday Mass readings FOULLAND **STANIZZI** and homily are simply a warmup! FASOLKA TINOCO Come to a weekly Bible study and further unpack the Scriptures and resolve to make personal applications: WE WARMLY WELCOME WELCOME, MEMBERS **OUR NEW** that's living the Good News! FAMILIES/PARISHIONERS We will meet Tuesdays from 1 - 2:15 PM. Call or text your contact information **SOKOLI** WATERS to Lynn at 724.650.5748 to sign up. NEAL GRADILONE **ROSARIO** LAMANNA **NUNEZ** THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY **FLYNN NDIFO** COME JOIN US! **KALINOFSKI** All are welcomed! VU **OLDHAM** Get to know each other while we learn from scripture. We meet every other Thursday morning beginning September 7th, from 10 AM to 12 PM PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS in the John Paul II Room in Church. **OUR RECENTLY DECEASED** The subject will be "Pilgrim People" **GEORGE ARENTZ** ... a little of the Old Testament and a little of the New, **TARQUINO CARPIO** led by Sr. Jacinta Mutheo, CPS. It runs until May, then we break for the summer. FRANK FERKO The cost for the guide book is \$15. To register or ask **EVELYN HAYNES** questions call Marilyn Alberts - 610.743.4301 or **RICHARD RAZZANO** Marianne Durofchalk - 610.678.0642. Deadline - 08/24. **JOSEPHINE REGNETH** PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING US!

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# ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup>- Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>

# Monday, July 31 - St. Ignatius of Loyola

6:30 a.m. Intentions of Sharon Dugan8:00 a.m. Matthew Shirey

### **Tuesday, August 1 - St. Alphonsus Liguori** 6:30 a.m. Frank Hogan

8:00 a.m. Robert Borst, Sr.

### Wednesday, August 2

6:30 a.m. Rita C. O'Brien

8:00 a.m. Michael Duddy

### Thursday, August 3

6:30 a.m. Butch & Joan Medritz

8:00 a.m. Leon Leshock

Friday, August 4 - St. John Vianney

6:30 a.m. David M. Causa

8:00 a.m. Jeanne Dougherty

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

### Saturday, August 5

8:00 a.m. John R. Fagan, Sr.

4:00 p.m. Tom Owens

## Sunday, August 6 - The Transfiguration of the Lord

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Laino & DiSpirito Families

9:00 a.m. Walter Henry

10:30 a.m. Lawrence Jelsma

12:00 p.m. Joe Antosy - 3rd Anniversary of Death

## **GOSPEL MESSAGE**

The person of true wisdom, like Solomon, will seek the reign of God and treasure it above all else. It is more precious than gold and silver. Thus one becomes conformed to the image of Christ, the Son.

## STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

"The law of Your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver pieces," says the psalmist today. Does the amount of my offering suggest that I could honestly do the same?

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR AUGUST 05/06

Dn 7: 9 - 10, 13 - 14 / 2 Pt 1: 16 - 19 / Mt 17: 1 - 9

THIS WEEK LET US PRAY... For women who are unexpectedly pregnant, may they be filled with trust in God's providence and supported by those around them to lovingly welcome the gift of their child.

# PLEASE NOTE! NO 5:30 Sunday MASS!

### As of now, there will be NO 5:30 PM SUNDAY MASS!

Currently, we do not have our replacement for Fr. Maas, and we are blessed that Fr. Paul Rothermel and Fr. Francis Groarke have graciously agreed to assist us until our new priest from Ghana arrives. Our 5:30pm Mass on Sundays is another casualty due to the vocational shortage. To find a "Phil-in" for all of our Masses is not easy, as there are not too many priests available to cover for all the Churches in Berks County. We are so grateful to all of those serving in the various liturgical ministries at our 5:30 Mass! If you desire to continue serving as a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Usher or Greeter at any of our other Masses, please contact the Rectory to be directed to the appropriate ministry leader. Thank you!

### ST. IGNATIUS TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY IS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS!

Drivers are needed to transport parishioners to all weekend Masses. Currently, specifically, transportation for the Saturday, 4 PM and Sunday, Noon Masses is needed.

Call Donna Unger at 610.743.4905 for details.

### 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 JPII Room - Church



### 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 Ćorson 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

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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.

### 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.

### **DONATIONS TO:** THE ST. IGNATIUS MEMORIAL SOCIETY WERE RECEIVED IN MEMORY/HONOR OF/FROM:

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### SENIORS BUS TRIPS

SENIORS CON - 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

# MULTI-DAY TRIPS

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

- 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



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.

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



# MEN'S WEEKEND

September 21 (Thursday) to September 24 (Sunday) 2023

WOMEN'S WEEKEND

September 28 (Thursday) to October 1 (Sunday) 2023

Mariawald Renewal Center - Mohnton, PA

CURSILLO has been a powerful means of spiritual growth for Catholics throughout our diocese as well as Catholics around the world for decades. For more information call or text: Beth Pawlik at 610.781.2935 or Michael Pawlik at 610.781.4400.

SAVE THE DATE! Friday, August 18 - 6:30 PM CURSILLO Information Night - Reading St Catharine Social Hall, pizza and drinks available. Please text or email Beth if you plan to attend.bap3mem@ptd.net.

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.

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### SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2023 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

The stewardship way of life could be described as a daily pursuit of the kingdom of heaven. In our Gospel passage from Matthew today, Jesus employs three parables to describe this kingdom.

In the first of today's parables, our Lord reminds us that living for Him and for His kingdom will be costly. But the deep joy that comes in following Him makes the "price" entailed worth it. Jesus says, "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." Next, He says the kingdom of heaven is "like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all he has and buys it."

In each of these stories, the kingdom of heaven is somewhat "hidden." We must intentionally search for it amidst the noise of the world that bombards us. Yet, our Lord reminds us that His Kingdom is meant for everyone and He wants us to find it! He says, "It is like a net thrown into the sea which collects fish of every kind."

But Jesus concludes His teaching with a rather ominous image, reminding us that every "fish" will also be judged as good or bad. "The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace." This is a description that is difficult to forget. Clearly Jesus wants to get our attention.

Let us pray for the wisdom to recognize the kingdom of heaven in our midst and intensify our efforts to pursue it starting right now. There is no time to lose, and we will obtain the immeasurable joy that only comes when we live as disciples of Jesus.

Thank you for your continued support and donations!

# ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers this weekend are in honor of **DEAN & PATRICIA ANN REBER** on the occasion of their 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Contact Clare Hollenbacher at 610.678.0864 to make arrangements for altar 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.

### ST. IGNATIUS VETERANS MEMORIAL

### **ONLY 15 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.

# 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

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