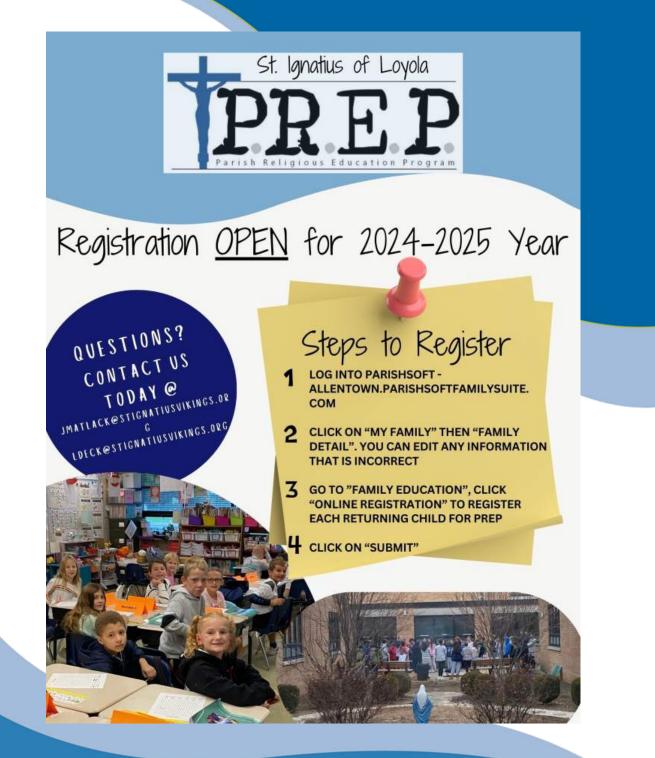
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SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

St. Ignatius School HSA would like to invite all of our School Volunteers

May 20,2024 at 9:00

to our

Volunteer Appreciation Mass

followed by a reception in the School to say Thank you! LIGHT REFRESHMENTS & GIFT INCLUDED

EMOTIONAL APPEAL

St. Ignatius, A New Chapter

To parishioners, alumni, and families of St. Ignatius Parish and School,

This is the 19th year for our school's auction event, Inspire. Inspire looks to raise money through donations small, large, even created by our students to support our school's educational programs, safety goals, and arts curriculum. Some of the money raised can be given directly to the Emotional Appeal. This year's Emotional Appeal is upgrading our school's library.

NAME/FAMILY TO BE WRITTEN ON LEAF (30 CHARACTERS OR LESS)



Be a part of our story! Purchase a "leaf" on our tree mural to be painted in our library with you or your family's name. This tree will canopy our students as they ignite their imaginations with each book they read. We are so grateful for your help in achieving our goal for renovations.

JOIN US AND BE A PART OF A NEW CHAPTER!

Green leaf with name - \$100.00 _____ Gold leaf with name - \$200.00

Name/Family to be written on leaf (30 characters or less)

Cash or checks made to St. Ignatius Regional School syment and form can be dropped off at Rectory or school's office Contact Annie Fischer at 610-207-9061 with any questions

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INSPIRE DINNER & AUCTION Relax the hight Away!

The annual "Inspire Dinner and Auction" brings the St. Ignatius Loyola community together for the biggest fundraiser of the year! The proceeds from the evening's event go directly towards the mission of enhancing the school's ability to offer a high quality, faith based education.

2024 EMOTIONAL APPEAL

"St. Ignatius, A New Chapter" Library Renovation

TICKETS

\$90 if purchased prior to March 20th \$100 if purchased after March 20th SCAN THE QR CODE OR GO TO stignatiusvikings.ejoinme.org/2024Inspire

TO LEARN MORE, PURCHASE TICKETS, AND DONATE...

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

Monday, April 15

6:30 a.m. Walter Henry - 58th Anniversary of Death 9:00 a.m. James P. Buser - 23rd Ann. of Death *Kdg. B*

Tuesday, April 16

6:30 a.m. Frank Ferraro

8:00 a.m. Dec. Members Boulanger & Koch Families

Wednesday, April 17

6:30 a.m. Carl Waldman

8:00 a.m. George Sheetz

Thursday, April 18

6:30 a.m. Clara D'Agostino

8:00 a.m. Rodolfo Folino

Friday, April 19

6:30 a.m. Thomas B. McHugh

8:00 a.m. Barbara Blankenbiller

Saturday, April 20

8:00 a.m. Marie-Ange Sambourg & Elie Antoine 4:00 p.m. Augustine Hoanh Doan

Sunday, April 21 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:30 a.m. Michael Dougherty, Jr.

9:00 a.m. James Luke - 6^{th} Anniversary of Death

10:30 a.m. George & Martha Dodds

12:00 p.m. Adela Tarragona

GOSPEL MESSAGE

Peter proclaims the wonders of the Lord: The suffering Messiah is raised from the dead and has been glorified. This Jesus is our intercessor, and our offering for sin, our peace.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

The disciples in today's Gospel came to know Jesus in the breaking of the bread. When we share what we have with those who are in need, we, too, will discover Jesus in our midst.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR APRIL 20/21

Acts 4:8 - 12 / 1 Jn 3:1 - 2 / Jn 10:11-18

SINCERE THANKS FOR THE EASTER BLESSINGS

We are so blessed as a Parish and that means having you here! We are blessed with wonderful clergy and a diligent staff that helped prepare us for a beautiful Triduum and our Easter liturgies. We are also grateful for everyone who worked so hard behind the scenes to clean, decorate, and set up our Church for the Paschal Feast.

We are thankful for the choirs and the angelic music and all of our ministers serving

in their specialized capacities. We are blessed with those who organized our Lenten Confessions and Priest-Confessors and for so many of you who took advantage of this healing Sacrament. We are blessed with nineteen new Catholics who joined us at the Easter Vigil and grateful for those

who walked with them through this process. Fr. Tom & Fr. George are grateful to so many of you who thought of them with greeting cards and graced them with delicious Easter gifts of candy, bacon, breads and goodies. We are most thankful though for our Lord God, who sent His Son Jesus to die for our salvation and then raised Him to new life to reveal to the faithful this same destiny.

Let us continue to live our faith in communion with Jesus so that we may one day share in His divine life.

Join our CURSILLO Mini Group Meetings April 18 ~ May 2,16 & 30 After the 6:30 AM Mass - Thursdays - JPII Rm . SAVE THE DATES FOR MEN'S WEEKEND - September 19 - 22 WOMEN'S WEEKEND - September 26 - 29 Call 610.670.1429 for more information.

IMMEDIATE HELP NEEDED AT JOHN PAUL II CENTER FOR SPECIAL LEARNING, SHILLINGTON SUBSTITUTE NURSE - The John Paul II Center for Special Learning is in immediate need of a substitute nurse to assist with school related responsibilities and to administer daily medications. This is a part time position three to four days per week from 9 to 2:30. Looking for an immediate start date and continue through June 6, 2024. LPN or RN with time, dates and salary negotiable. For additional information and to request an interview call 610.777.0605. **DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS** - The John Paul II Center for Special Learning is looking for individuals to join our staff as Direct Support Professionals for the Center's Adult Program. This is a perfect job for retired teachers, empty nesters and recent graduates looking for a vocation to serve the Lord through service to others. Hours are 8:00 to 3:00, Monday Through Friday, year round. Call for additional information and to request an interview 610.777.0605. **SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPIST** needed for 2024-2025 school year. John Paul II Center for Special Learning is looking to hire a full or part time Speech Language Therapist to provide speech/language therapy for our school age students with Intellectual Disabilities. Perfect opportunity for recently retired SLP, recent graduates or an SLP looking for a fresh start in a small, family oriented, caring, Christian community. For additional information call 610.777.0605.

Visit our website: stignatiusreading.org

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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.

THE MASCULINE QUALITIES OF THE APOSTLES

WITH HIS EXCELLENCY, BISHOP SCHLER

12:30PM - 2PM SATURDAY, APRIL 20

ST. MARY'S PARISH KUTZTOWN, PA

MEN GETTING TOGETHER FOR A CONVERSATION AND CIGAR. 10 MINUTE TALK FOLLOWED BY FRATERNITY.



St. Ignatius Seniors Seniors

ST. IGNATIUS SENIORS PICNIC WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5th - Noon to 4 PM

ST. JOHN'S (HAIN'S) UCC GROVE 591 North Church Rd Wernersville, PA 19565

Old Fashion Picnic catered by Kauffman's Bingo after Lunch ~ Rain or Shine Event ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE NOT ALLOWED

The Senior's Club will be providing all of the food (Chicken, Hot Dogs, Sides, Condiments, Dessert, Water and all paper products) Members should bring their own favorite (non-alcoholic) beverage.

Members: \$10.00 Guests: \$12.00 Make checks payable to St. Ignatius Seniors Deadline to register - May 22

SENIORS CON

NEW

St. Ignatius Seniors HIKE Thursday April 18th

We will meet at 10:30 AM in the parking lot behind the Schuylkill Valley Community Library. GPS address 1310 Washington Road West Leesport. PA Lunch, will follow at the Leesport Diner:

5407 Pottsville Pike, Leesport. at 12 Noon Hike is weather permitting - lunch is always on.

Please call Rose Torres at 610 914-5482 for details.

SENIORS BUS TRIPS

- TOBY'S DINNER THEATRE - Beauty & The Beast April 17 - \$114 pp

- 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

> - BOSTON MASSACHUSETTS August 20 - 23 - \$999 pp - Deadline July 8

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 SINCEREST THANKS & GRATITUDE TO ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS THAT ASSISTED IN CLEANING OUR CHURCH MARCH 29th IN PREPARATION FOR EASTER AND SPRING! JOB WELL DONE! THE RESPONSE WAS INSPIRING! Consider assisting again ANY Friday morning at 8 AM!

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 Gathering - April 18th. 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.

DONATIONS TO: *THE MEMORIAL SOCIETY*

WERE RECEIVED IN MEMORY/HONOR OF/FROM: JEAN FROMUTH

Dr. & Mrs. Robert Noga

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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.

FRIENDS OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

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.*

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.**

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"Grief never ends ... but it changes. It's a passage, not a place to stay. Grief is not a sign of weakness. nor a



lack of faith ... it is the price of love."

All are welcomed to join the SPRING SESSION of our BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP.

The sessions are being held on Tuesdays, through May 7th from 3:00 - 4:30 PM in the John Paul II Room in our Church.

Save the Date - Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament Saturday, September 7 - Galen Hall Golf Course N. Galen Hall Road Wernersville, PA 19565

Tournament proceeds will benefit St. Ignatius Loyola School, Mary's Shelter, John Paul II Center, & Opportunity House of Reading. Sponsorship & Donation Options, Volunteer Opportunities, & Golfer Registrations are now open.

Contact Fred Henrich at 610.741.8487 or fphenrich@gmail.com for additional information.

Thank you, St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, for your overwhelming support of the Lifeline of Berks County baby bottle fundraiser. Your parish gift was over \$8000. Thank you for your incredible generosity.

Pregnant? Want a free ultrasound? Lifeline of Berks County is looking for women who are 8-16 weeks pregnant and currently receiving prenatal care to help us train our newest RN, Cecily. Cecily is learning to provide ultrasound confirmation of pregnancy to women facing an unplanned pregnancy and needs to scan 50 women to gain her practical skills. Cecily has taken a didactic course (the book learning) and will be working under the supervision of a certified RDMS. You will receive a gift card for Dunkin' Donuts, a cookie, a picture of your baby, and our thanks. Please call Stephanie Conrad at 610.374.8545 to set up an appointment.

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GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

In addition to celebrating all Christ did for us this Easter season, we also are reminded of how His sacrifice impacts our lives.

Today's Gospel reminds us that Jesus should be the center of our lives. This passage begins with two disciples realizing Jesus had just appeared to them.

We can learn a valuable lesson from these disciples. To recognize Jesus' appearances in our lives, we need to know Him. And the best way to know the Lord is to spend time with Him. It can start with just 10 minutes of quiet prayer a day and increasing that each week. We might begin by reading Scripture, books on the lives of the Saints, or even a decade of the Rosary. Yet the goal should be to carve out time each day, in a quiet space, for just you and the Lord.

As the disciples mentioned, they recognized it was Jesus in the breaking of the bread. We, too, can better know the Lord through the sacraments, most especially the Holy Mass. The Eucharist is Jesus Himself - Body, Blood Soul, and Divinity. What better way to grow in intimacy with Christ than to receive Him frequently or to go talk to Him in front of the Blessed Sacrament? As we make Jesus the center of our lives through prayer and the sacraments, we will be able to recognize Him in day-to-day moments.

As we are still in the midst of this Easter season, take time to think about what Christ did for us and the changes we should make in our daily lives to help us grow closer to Him.

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 who work to build a culture of life, may the hope of the Resurrection renew and sustain them in their mission.

The St. Ignatius FOOD PANTRY 4th Thursday of each month 3 - 4 PM January- October (November & December - 3rd Thursday) If you know anyone who would benefit from this service, please ask them to call the Rectory.

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

MASS SCHEDULE

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

6:30 & 9:00 AM School Year
6:30 & 8:00 AM Summer
6:30 & 8:00 AM Year round
8:00 AM

First Friday: 7:00 PM

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Mass until 10 PM AND
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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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Secretary, Youth Protection and Catholic Human Services P.O. Box F, Allentown, PA 18105-1538 610.871.5200 ext. 2204 or prusso@allentowndiocese.org

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