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Thank you to all who participated in our first "Cooks With Collars" at St. Ignatius and St. Francis as we realized over \$18,000!

While we didn't bring home any of the Diocesan trophies- we are all winners as our parishes benefited from your great generosity!

Hopefully you were entertained by your priests' presentations and, at the very least, you have two new recipes to heighten your taste buds!

We're already looking forward to next year's version of "Cooks With Collars"!

May God bless you all!



Thank you for your continued support. It's because of you we

are able to support the many charities and organizations that we do. God Bless. Be safe! We'll see you in September.

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ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK Monday, March 13th- Sunday, March 19th

Monday, March 13

6:30 a.m. W. Tom Brown 8:00 a.m. Francis Plucinsky

9:00 a.m. Stephanie Lopez & Luz Maria Negron

Tuesday, March 14

6:30 a.m. Sr. Charlotte Koch 8:00 a.m. Harry & Marian Miano

Wednesday, March 15

6:30 a.m. John J. O'Brien 8:00 a.m. Margaret Leinbach 5:30 p.m. Charles Turner

Thursday, March 16

6:30 a.m. Jerome Kresse - 1st Anniversary of Death

8:00 a.m. Giuseppena & Angelina Iacono

Friday, March 17

6:30 a.m. Adam Swope

8:00 a.m. Edward Swierczewski

Saturday, March 18

8:00 a.m. Donna McLaughlin

4:00 p.m. Joseph & Rose Gontarchick

Sunday, March 19 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. Theresa Koch 9:00 a.m. William Vojtasek 10:30 a.m. Giuseppe Iacono 12:00 p.m. Joseph Genovesi

5:30 p.m. Our Parishioners

GOSPEL MESSAGE

Jesus satisfies our thirst for eternal life. Through His Spirit His grace has been poured into our hearts. God satisfies the thirst of the Israelites whose hearts had become hardened and rebellious.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, He opened the door for a life-changing relationship with Him. Scripture says her testimony drew many others to Him as well. We, too, must be ready to respond whenever and wherever the Lord speaks to us and be prepared for it to change our lives!

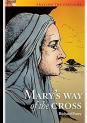
SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MARCH 18/19

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a / Eph 5:8-14 / Jn 9:1-41 or JN 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

ADDITIONAL LENTEN OPPORTUNITES

Wednesdays, March 15 & 22
5:30 PM MASS ~ 6:00 - 7:00 PM CONFESSION

Parish Confessions - Tuesday, March 28 - 6:30 - 8:00 PM
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Tuesdays, March 14 & 21 - 7:00 PM - Mary's Stations
Fridays, March17, 24 & 31 - 1:05 PM - School Stations



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

March 14, and 21.
This Lent, Stations of the Cross will be the Mary Stations.
Come join us in our Church 2 Tuesdays in Lent at 7 PM

as we walk and pray the stations with Mary, led by the women of our parish.

Volunteers are needed to be participants in leading this devotional.

Call Chris Earl at 610.743.5613 if interested.

OPERATION RICE BOWL,

an annual giving program that began in the Diocese of Allentown 48 years ago, is a great way to answer the Church's call for almsgiving during Lent.

Families eat a simple meal one day a week, and give the money they would have spent on a more elaborate meal to Operation Rice Bowl.

Please take a cardboard offering envelope from the Narthex as you leave Mass.

RETURN ON OR BEFORE GOOD FRIDAY.



Sundays at 3:00 PM in our Chapel THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

will be recited.

All are welcomed! Join us!

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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

Parish Recreational Volleyball! Each Sunday from 2:30 - 4:30 PM in the St. Ignatius School Gym.

Parish volleyball, which is always free, fun and competitive, is open to all parishioners & non-parishioners age 13 and above. Parish volleyball will then take place each Sunday until June 7th (unless otherwise noted).

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ST. IGNATIUS SENIORS HIKE



The next Seniors hike will be
Tuesday, March 21st - 10:00 AM on the
Union Canal Trail at Berks Heritage Center.
Join us afterwards for lunch at the Blue
Marsh Italian Restaurant - Noon
JOIN US! Hike - weather permitting.
Lunch is a definite!

Questions call Barb at 610-763-1383.

ST. IGNATIUS SENIORS



JOIN US AT THE SENIOR'S

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IN THE PARISH HALL,

SUNDAY APRIL 2nd - 1:00 - 4:00 PM.

THIS EVENT IS OPEN

TO PAID MEMBERS ONLY.

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We thank them for their support and ask you to consider patronizing them.

The Light of Christ Columbiettes invite you to join us for our annual Fundraiser at Friendly's





Thursday, March 23rd - 4:00 to 8:00 PM

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Donations payable to St. Ignatius School.

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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.*

The Patricians | Catholic Discussion Group

Looking to discuss the teachings of our Faith?

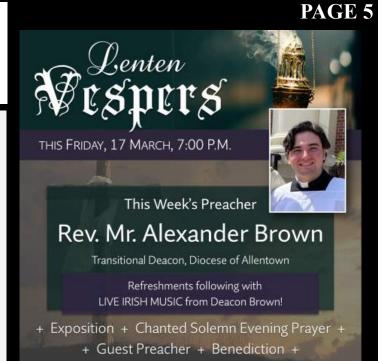
An opportunity to hear two short talks & engage in discussion about elements of our faith with Father Maas. Snacks included each week!

This Month's Topic: My Legacy to the Faith

Tuesday | 14 March | 7:00-9:00 PM Meeting Rooms | Saint Ignatius School

An Outreach of the Legion of Mary | Our Lady of Montserrat Praesidium

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GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Today's readings on this third Sunday of Lent present us with the theme of "thirst" and show us that a stewardship way of life can both satisfy our spiritual thirst for Christ and help us to satisfy Christ's thirst for souls.

Our first reading, from the book of Exodus, begins with the words, "In their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses." What little faith and lack of trust they show after all God has done to free them from slavery. But Moses cried out to God for help, and sure enough, God provided generously to satisfy their thirst. He continues to provide generously for us these many centuries later.

Our Gospel passage from John recounts the life-changing encounter Christ has with the Samaritan woman at the well beginning with His words to her, "Give me a drink." Then, He adds, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water."

Christ is speaking the very same words to us today. These two verses encapsulate the call to stewardship. Christ asks us to "give Him a drink" by sharing what we have with Him and with others for His sake. Yet, it is Christ Himself who provides the water - the living water that is His grace.

God has chosen to include us in His plan for bringing all people to salvation through Him. We live out our part in His plan through a stewardship way of life. This Lent, let us resolve to respond to His call with passion and commitment. Let us do our part to quench His thirst.

Thank you for your continued support and donations!

THIS WEEK LET US PRAY...

For those nearing the end of life, may they be given the grace to persevere in faith and place their trust in God as they prepare in hope for eternity with Christ.

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.





Come & See!

All are welcomed!

Basics of the Faith
Thursday, March 16th
from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in the
Parish Education Ctr. Meeting Rms. A & B.
The topic will be
END TIMES
Light refreshments provided.

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.

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