

# ST. IGNATIUS

NOVEMBER 12, 2023  
THE THIRTY – SECOND SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

## INTRODUCING *Box of Joy* PARISH-WIDE CHRISTMAS INITIATIVE

During the months of October & November, St. Ignatius of Loyola Church will be participating in Box of Joy, a Christmas shoebox gift ministry organized by local Catholic schools, parishes and groups nationwide. We will bless children suffering from extreme poverty by filling boxes with toys and other gifts, sharing the joy of Christmas, and planting seeds of hope through the Gospel

*3 easy steps...*

1- TAKE A BOX

2- FILL WITH GIFTS

3- RETURN BOX & \$9

Please look at the poster in the Narthex for more information and brochures to get started!



*Thanks for Giving*

Honoring  
ALL WHO  
served  
**THANK YOU  
VETERANS**



You are cordially invited to our

## VETERANS MASS AND CURRENT MILITARY

November 13, 2023

9 AM

St. Ignatius Loyola Church

2600 St Albans Drive

Reading, PA 19609

Reception and Refreshments for Veterans and their family immediately after Mass in the school cafeteria

RSVP Sheyl Lenciano [slenciano@stignatiusvillings.org](mailto:slenciano@stignatiusvillings.org)  
or Susan Larkin [slarkin@stignatiusvillings.org](mailto:slarkin@stignatiusvillings.org)

ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA RECTORY  
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"LIKE " us on FACEBOOK under  
"St. Ignatius Loyola Roman Catholic Church"!

*The Diocese of Allentown  
is holding a special collection in support of  
**St. Charles Borromeo Seminary's  
Building Campaign.***

Seminarians will return to their home parishes in order to speak about their experiences at St. Charles Seminary and to ask the people of our Diocese to support this important cause for the formation of our priests in the Diocese for many more years to come.

**SPECIAL ENVELOPES CAN BE FOUND IN THE PEWS.**

Return in the collection basket or to the Rectory.

*Any envelope can be used if marked Seminary Campaign.*

**2024 MISSALS** are available for sale in the Church Office and at the Rectory - \$5.00.

**SENIORS BUS TRIPS**



- TROPICANA CASINO & BILLY JOEL TRIBUTE  
March 14 - \$120 pp - Deadline February 7
  - TOBY'S DINNER THEATRE - *Beauty & The Beast*  
April 17 - \$114 pp - Deadline March 15
  - SCHUYLKILL SUMMER ADVENTURE  
June 25 - \$125 pp - Deadline May 17
  - SIGHT & SOUND THEATER - *Daniel*  
September 10 - \$154 pp - Deadline August 1
- Contact Judy Jablonski at 610.670.0907 or  
Mail to: 113 Primrose Lane  
Reading, PA 19610

**St. Ignatius Seniors HIKE**



Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM  
at the SCHUYLKILL RIVER TRAIL.  
We will meet at the Trailhead in Leesport.  
(1310 Washington Rd. Leesport) Park behind the  
Schuylkill Valley Community Library.  
Lunch around Noon at the Leesport Diner on Rt. 61.  
*New hikers are always welcomed.*  
Questions: call Barb at 610-763-1383.  
Hike is weather permitting but lunch is always on.

**SENIORS GROUP REGISTRATION FORM**

*Bring to Monthly Meeting or Mail to:*

B. Kunder ~ 2211 Gring Drive ~ Reading, 19610

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_



**HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE**

Friends of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will hold a Food Drive **NOVEMBER 17/18.**

Once a month, 12 months a year, our Parish Food Pantry provides food to 30 households in our community. Donations to the Food Drive will restock our Food Pantry shelves. Your generous donations will allow the Food Pantry to operate throughout the coming months.

**Volunteers will be stationed at the Penske truck parked in the church parking lot.**

**They will collect donations before all weekend Masses.**

**Please make donations from the following categories:**

**Canned - beans, vegetables, tuna, fruit, spaghetti sauce, cereal, rice, dry beans, ramen noodles, soap, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, toilet & facial tissue.**

**Thank you for your support of the Food Pantry Ministry!**

St. Ignatius Parish Retreat 2024  
Open Registration  
December 9<sup>th</sup>  
March 2<sup>nd</sup> & March 3<sup>rd</sup>  
NO GREATER LOVE  
Greater Love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.  
John 15:13

ST. IGNATIUS SCHOOL HALL

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN

**PARISH GAME NIGHT**  
November 18, 2023  
6-8 pm

JOIN OUR PARISH FAMILIES AT GAME NIGHT. BRING YOUR FAVORITE GAME TO PLAY AND A SNACK TO SHARE WITH ALL!

Sponsored by the Fellowship Ministry

**ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday, November 13 - St. Frances Xavier**

- 6:30 a.m. Intentions of Patrick Heim
- 8:00 a.m. Alfonso Lipawen
- 9:00 a.m. Jen Sarnes

**Tuesday, November 14**

- 6:30 a.m. Mary Dolmovich
- 8:00 a.m. Jacob Koch

**Wednesday, November 15**

- 6:30 a.m. Susan Krammer
- 8:00 a.m. Romeo Poirier

**Thursday, November 16**

- 6:30 a.m. Kristin Nawoczenski
- 8:00 a.m. Ethel Ann Ashcroft

**Friday, November 17 - St. Elizabeth of Hungary**

- 6:30 a.m. Marie Loeper
- 8:00 a.m. Joan & Margaret Pasko

**Saturday, November 18**

- 8:00 a.m. Paul Marrella
- 4:00 p.m. Ignatius & Wanda Kondek

**Sunday, November 19 - Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 7:30 a.m. Thomas Lenovich
- 9:00 a.m. SSG Sean M. Flannery - 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Death
- 10:30 a.m. Christy Magruder
- 12:00 p.m. Lloyd Wolf

**GOSPEL MESSAGE**

We ask many things in life, but we should seek first the Lord and His wisdom. By so living, we will keep vigil for the Lord as we await His return in glory.

**STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE**

Like the sensible bridesmaids in today's parable, good stewards make sure that they, and whatever gifts are theirs to share, are ready to serve when the Master calls.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 18/19**

Prv 31:10 - 13, 19 - 20, 30 - 31 / 1 Thes 5:1 - 6 / Mt 25:14 - 30



Come & See

- 11.16 - Church Tour
- 11.30 - What is a Sacrament?
- 12.7 - Baptism
- 12.14 - Confirmation
- 12.21 - Healing of the Sick

Fall 2023 Schedule

**FAITH BASICS**  
St. Ignatius Loyola  
Education Center  
Meeting Rooms - 7:00 - 8:30 PM  
Topic Presentation & Q & A

**CATHOLIC FAITH DISCUSSION GROUP**

Patrician meetings are an opportunity to engage in discussion about what we believe as Catholics!  
Snacks included each meeting.

**Tuesday, Nov 14**

7:00-9:00 PM



Saint Ignatius School  
Meeting Rooms



**This Month's Topic**  
**Is the Bible Literal?**  
**The Senses of Scripture**

**ALL SOULS**

*We are happy and privileged to remember your deceased family, friends and relatives daily in our Masses the entire month of November.*

If you wish, kindly complete the **ALL SOULS** envelope you received in the mail with your Sunday envelope packet and place it in the collection basket at any weekend Mass. **Their names will be placed on the altar and remain there throughout November.**

**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 - JP II Room.



**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!**



Happy Thanksgiving



# BUFFET BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>  
8 AM to 11 AM / PARISH HALL  
ADULTS \$11.00 CHILDREN 12 TO 6 YRS = \$5.00  
CHILDREN UNDER 5 YEARS FREE

**VETERANS RECEIVE \$1.00 DISCOUNT ON THEIR MEAL**

## ALL YOU CARE TO EAT

- SCRAMBLED EGGS
- HOME FRIES
- SAUSAGE / BACON
- CREAM DRIED BEEF
- PANCAKES
- CEREALS
- FRESH FRUIT
- PASTRIES
- COFFEE / TEA / MILK
- AND MORE.....





**WE ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS**



DECEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>  
BREAKFAST  
WITH SANTA



**AND WE DO THE DISHES!!!!**



## St. Ignatius Columbiettes Collecting Items for Berks Heim Residents

**Suggested Items:**

- Cologne
- Candies
- Stuffed Toys
- Hand/Body Lotion
- Costume Jewelry
- Boxes of Tissues
- Lipstick/Lip Balm
- Word Search *No Crosswords or Sudoku*
- Snacks *Tastykakes/Crackers/Goldfish*

*Donations will be accepted in the box in the Narthex of the Church November 11/12.*

*No powders, shampoos or soaps please.*

## St. Ignatius Columbiettes SANDWICH SALE

**Coupons for sale at the Rectory.** 

- \$6.00 Coupon good for SHORTI HOAGIE 
- Redeemable at any Wawa No expiration date.



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**Order Deadline, Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**Pick up orders at St. Ignatius School**  
**3:00 – 6:00 PM - Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**





Number of 4 pack Crab Cakes	_____	x \$24.00 = \$
Number of 6 pack Crab Cakes	_____	x \$36.00 = \$
Number of Quarts Crab Soup	_____	x \$10.00 = \$
Number of Crab Critters (50 count)	_____	x \$15.00 = \$
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Provide your email to receive notification of future sale dates: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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.**

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

**DAVID CIRULLI**

Rich, Rainey & Patti Cirulli

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Alfredo & Dorian Cola

**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.*

***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.

**ST. IGNATIUS VETERANS MEMORIAL**



**ONLY 8 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.**

**The St. Ignatius FOOD PANTRY**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month**  
**3 - 4 PM May- 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 - 610.678.3767.**

*Further Along The Way...*

ST. IGNATIUS



Luke 24:13-35



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

R.S.V.P. - [flanciano@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:flanciano@allentowndiocese.org)

*"Were not our hearts burning..."*

- 12.2 - Fasting: Becoming Christlike
- 1.6 - Almsgiving: Our Mission of Mercy
- 1.20 - Life Everlasting and Wrap-up

**SIMBANG GABI SCHEDULE**

All are welcomed!

Christmas Novena Masses in Berks County  
December 9, 10,11 (Saturday, Sunday, Monday)  
Holy Guardian Angels Church, Kutztown Road ~ 7 PM  
December 9, Saturday ~ Potluck Night  
December 12, 13, 14 (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)  
St. Catherine of Sienna Chapel, Perkiomen Ave. ~ 7 PM  
December 15, 16,17 (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)  
Immaculate Conception Church, Douglassville ~ 7 PM  
December 17, Sunday ~ Potluck Night / Christmas Party)

**Gethsemane & St. Mary's Cemeteries**

Semi-annual grave clean-off will begin the week of November 13<sup>th</sup> at Gethsemane & St. Mary's Cemeteries.

**If you have any items on gravesites you wish to keep, please visit the Cemetery to retrieve them prior to November 13<sup>th</sup>.**

### **GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

Wisdom is a central theme in our readings today. It is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, key to living the stewardship way of life in our complex world. As Christian stewards, we should rely on this gift and ask the Holy Spirit to increase it within us.

Jesus teaches the importance of wisdom in our Gospel passage from Matthew. He tells the parable of ten virgins awaiting the arrival of the bridegroom who will welcome them in to the wedding feast. Five of the virgins were foolish and five were wise. The foolish virgins failed to bring oil along with their lamps when they went to meet the bridegroom. The wise ones, however, had prepared and brought sufficient oil to keep their lamps lit when the bridegroom came. The foolish virgins, caught off guard, ran off to buy more oil, but they were too late. The door to the wedding feast was locked to them. Jesus cautions, "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The stewardship way of life - with its daily and weekly commitments to giving God the best of our Time, Talent, and Treasure - is the "oil" that we keep with us at all times. When we have this plan in place and we rely deeply on the Holy Spirit to guide us through the twists and turns of each day, we are free, we are ready to answer the Bridegroom when He calls us. We live in wisdom.

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

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

For all public officials, especially those newly elected, may they strive to govern with the wisdom of God, and protect life from conception to natural death.

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Altar flowers this weekend are in honor of **RODNEY & JACKIE AUMAN** on the occasion of their **70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.**



Please call 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.

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 Mass  
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM, 12 Noon

Daily: Monday through Friday: 6:30 & 8:00 AM  
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**

#### **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](mailto:prusso@allentowndiocese.org)

#### **VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR**

MRS. WENDY S. KRISAK  
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### **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](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or phone 800-276-1562.

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