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#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025 THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME









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#### ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>

Monday, February 17

6:30 a.m. Joan Brown

9:00 a.m. Henry & Cecilia Mysliwiec

Tuesday, February 18

6:30 a.m. Raymond Zale

8:00 a.m. Clare Ritz

Wednesday, February 19

6:30 a.m. Jim & Lucy Born & Family

8:00 a.m. Eric Strobel

Thursday, February 20

6:30 a.m. Sara Gallagher 8:00 a.m. Peter Sfameni

Friday, February 21

6:30 a.m. Jeanette Kauffman

8:00 a.m. Joseph Miano

Saturday, February 22 - The Chair of St. Peter

8:00 a.m. Leonora Magruder

4:00 p.m. Joseph Doan

Sunday, February 23 - The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the Sloane Family

9:00 a.m. Joanna Cirulli 10:30 a.m. Elene Jelsma

12:00 p.m. John Werner, Sr. - 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Death

#### GOSPEL MESSAGE

Blest are they who trust in the Lord. Blest are they who are poor and who endure insult, for their reward shall be great, eternal life.

#### STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

The words of the psalmist echo the theme of all of today's readings. "Blessed are they who hope in the Lord." As good stewards, firmly grounded in that hope, may we bear fruit in due season - assisting the poor, feeding the hungry, and consoling the sorrowful whenever we have the chance.

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 22 /23

1 Sm 26: 2, 7 - 9, 12 - 13, 22 - 23 / 1 Cor 15: 45 - 49 / Lk 6: 27 - 38

#### **NURTURING NEEDLES**

St. Ignatius Prayer Shawl Ministry meets twice per month as we use our hands as instruments of God's Love to knit/crochet prayer shawls for people in need. Call 610.678.1540 for info.

#### ADULT ALTAR SERVER FUNERAL MINISTRY

This ministry is open to adult men and women, age 18 and older, who will be tasked with serving Funeral Masses on weekdays & special circumstances.

This ministry offers the opportunity to perform Corporal and Spiritual works of Mercy while serving our brothers and sisters in Christ during their final Mass, as well as offering comfort and compassion to their families.

If interested in joining this ministry, please contact the Rectory at 610.678.3767.

New server training / returning server refresher

TRAINING WILL BE FEBRUARY 27 - 9:30 - 11:00 AM MARCH 6 - 1:00 - 2:00 PM.

Please consider becoming part of this ministry.

#### Bad Weather Alert ~ Please Remember

- If school is closed for the day Adoration and all events and meetings will be canceled also for that day.
- If school has a late start due to snow or severe weather, then Adoration will be canceled for that day.
- If school is being dismissed early due to weather, then Adoration and all events and meetings will be <u>discontinued / canceled</u> <u>beginning at the hour school is dismissed</u>.
- If school is closed or being dismissed early due to weather on Tuesday then Adoration will be discontinued / canceled for Tuesday AND Wednesday.

## Fellow Parishioners...

Sign-up sheets and instructions for reserving the St. Ignatius



What a wonderful experience having the Blessed Mother statue in your home for a week where you can recite the Rosary, say prayers or just sit and meditate for some quiet time with her.

Hurry... she is waiting to visit with you!





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## St. Ignatius Seniors - HIKE SENIORS CONTROL



Our Senior hike will resume on Tuesday March 11th at 10:30 AM. We will meet at the Reading Museum parking lot (500 Museum Rd.). Lunch will follow at the GNA Ristorante 421 Penn Ave. at noon. Hike - weather permitting, lunch - always on. Call Rose Torres - 610-914-5482 for details.

#### SENIORS BUS TRIPS



- A SUNNY, TIMELESS EXPERIENCE AROUND YORK May 13 - \$85pp - Deadline April 7

**NEW ADDITION** - HORSESHOE CURVE & POTOMAC EAGLE June 12-14 \$1205 pps/\$970 pp<sup>D</sup>/\$845 pp<sup>T</sup>/\$850 pp<sup>Q</sup> Deadline - April 1

- SIGHT & SOUND THEATER NOAH July 22 - \$154 pp - Deadline June 12
- LIGHTS OUT THE MUSIC OF FRANKIE VALLI September 24 - \$88 pp - Deadline August 22
- MEADOWBROOK GOURDS & KITCHEN SHOPPE October 8 - \$135 pp - Deadline August 27
- STAR BARN CHRISTMAS & NATIONAL CHRISTMAS CENTER December 2 - \$170 - Deadline November 7 Contact Judy Jablonski at 610.670.0907 or Mail to: 113 Primrose Lane Reading, PA 19610

#### St. Ignatius Seniors - MEETING



March 5th - 9:30 AM - St. Ignatius School Gym A short business meeting will be followed by refreshments. Our program will be Learning how Scammers use Al (Artificial Intelligence) to target victims and provide tips on how to protect yourself. Presented by Lt. Robert Long of the Spring Township Police Department. Look forward to seeing everyone. Book/Puzzle exchange is available and donations for the Food Pantry, always accepted.

#### St. Ignatius Columbiettes SANDWICH SALE Coupons for sale at the Rectory.

- \$6.00 Coupon good for SHORTI HOAGIE
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#### **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., 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 Mass attendance)
While assessments of an inquirer's status
will be made individually, the above are the main
factors considered in making that determination.

#### 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* you may not be registered.

To register, visit the Rectory Monday-Friday, 9 AM - 5 PM.

You must be registered for 3 months to:

- serve as a sacramental Godparent or Sponsor
- begin Marriage Preparation
- have your child/children Baptized.

The St. Ignatius FOOD PANTRY 3 - 4 PM
4" Thursday of each month January - October
November & December - 3" Thursday

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

## Part-time positions: MARY'S SHELTER

is seeking part time Youth Advocates who have the desire help homeless youth – teaching them life skills through Positive Youth Development.

We create a safe and supportive environment while motivating youth to explore education, employment, and housing opportunities. We are currently seeking part time staff for a variety of shifts and days. If you have experience or want to learn to work with youth and want to make a difference in a young person's life, we look forward to hearing from you!

Please email Sandee Burns, Human Resources, at Sandee@Marysshelter.org.

#### **Faith Basics**

St. Ignatius Loyola Education Center Thursdays from 7:00 – 8:30 PM

School Meeting Rooms, Chapel, or Church



2.20 - Holy Orders

#### 2025 Schedule

2.27 - Made for Communion

Come

& See

3.06 - Faith, Hope, and Charity 3.13 - The Truth Will Set You Free

3.20 - Prayer on Earth as it is in Heaven 3.27 - Discipleship & Mission

The next session is February 20. For more information please email slanciano@stignatiusvikings.org.

#### **DONATIONS TO:**

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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 call the Rectory.

#### FRIENDS OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL

The mission of FOSVDP 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.

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025 ΓHE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Today's readings speak of an essential quality for the Christian steward - hope. This is especially fitting this year, as Pope Francis has designated 2025 as a Jubilee Year with the theme, "Pilgrims of Hope."

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit CCC 1817." In many ways, this is the very definition of a stewardship way of life - focusing on eternity as we live our daily lives and relying on God to provide for our needs and satisfy our deepest longings for meaning and happiness right now. In today's Gospel from Luke, Jesus describes the true richness of life that is possible for those of us who are willing to live as His hope-filled disciples. We are all familiar with this passage in which Jesus reveals the Beatitudes: blessed are the poor; they have the kingdom of God. Blessed are those now hungry because they will be satisfied. Blessed are those who weep because they will laugh. Blessed are those who are hated, excluded, and insulted because they are disciples of Jesus; they will be greatly rewarded in heaven. Jesus is describing here the character of one who is living a life of hope – the life of a Christian steward whose trust is firmly rooted in God and who is focused on others and eternity. It is not always an easy life, but it is a deeply meaningful life and one that leads to eternal reward.

Thank you for your continued support and donations!

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

For married couples struggling with infertility, may the Lord help them trust in His love and sustain them with His peace.



#### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Please call Clare Hollenbacher 610.678.0864 to make flower arrangements for a special occasion or in loving memory of someone.

Please check our website regularly for current and upcoming events and important parish announcements, www.stignatiusreading.org

#### PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE

They will be distributed to the participating families from our Church after weekend Masses. Any questions please 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.

#### 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

**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER / ADORATION - CHAPEL** 

Tuesdays **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** after 8:00 AM Mass until 10 PM AND

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** 

Wednesdays 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

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Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or phone 800-276-1562.

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