FEBRUARY 2, 2025 - THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

ST. IGNATIUS

St. Ignatius Parish Retreat 2025

Please Join Us For a Two-Day Parish Retreat

God's Got Us

March 1st 8:00am-5:00pm Retreat begins

Saturday at 8:00am Daily Mass



March 2nd 8:00am-1:00pm Retreat concludes Sunday after 12:00pm Parish Mass

both days at St. Ignatius Education Center

Key Note Speaker – Reverend Thomas Bortz

PRESENTATIONS * MEALS * CONFESSION * ADORATION * MASS

Registration – Parish Retreat 2025 DETACH & RETURN IN COLLECTION BASKET / CHURCH OFFICE / RECTORY \$10 Registration fee due to Church Office / Rectory by 02/09/2025

Name (s): _____

Email: _____

Phone number:

Amount Remitted:

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TICKETS ON SALE! Grand Priz Grand Prize game LOUIS cluded Join the Columbiettes UITTON ticket for a pregame Ladies' Super Bowl Event! Wine and Cheese, friends, and fun! Make a field goal and meet other ladies from parishes in the area. We hope you will consider making a touchdown by joining our national fraternal organization too... but you aren't required to do that. BYOB OF 4 special ages 18 Join us - February 9th - 1:00 - 3:00 PM food & games Tickets St. Ignatius Parish Education Center Meeting Rooms drink \$40/each 50150 If you have questions, call Marie Calderoni - 610.334.5736. for purchase Baffles Email StigsHSA@gmail com with question NURTURING NEEDLES SATURDAY SCAN QR CODE TO BUY TICKETS **St. Ignatius Praver Shawl Ministry** MARCH 8 OR meets twice per month as we use our ST. IGNATIUS SCHOOL Visit us on hands as instruments of God's Love GYMNASIUM DOORS OPEN 5:00 & Facebook to knit/crochet prayer shawls for people St. Ignatius **GAMES BEGIN 6:00** in need. Call 610.678.1540 for info. School HSA All You Care to Eat Champagne Breakfast Sunday, February 16th WOME 8:00 to 11:00 AM - PARISH HALL Adults \$12.00 - Children 6 to 12 years \$5.00 RE **Children 5 and Under - Free** Veterans Receive \$1.00 Discount A TIME OF FORGIVENESS & HEALING Bishop se Yar Scrambled Eggs Cereals 8.30 AM **Home Fries Fresh Fruit** MARCH Pastries Sausage / Bacon 3.30 PM **Creamed Dried Beef** Coffee / Tea / Milk ST. MARY'S IN KUTZTOWN 14833 KUTZTOWN ROAD KUTZTOWN, PA 19530 Pancakes / French Toast Juice FEE: \$35 We now accept Credit Cards. And we do the dishes! Thank you for your support.

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ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 3rd to Sunday, February 9th Monday, February 3 - Blessing of Throats after 6:30 & 9 Masses Poor Souls in Purgatory 6:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. Elizabeth Sterley Houlihan Tuesday, February 4 Sister Kav Coll 6:30 a.m. Gene Klinger - 6th Anniversary of Death 8:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 5 - St. Agatha 6:30 a.m. Stephen Autrey 8:00 a.m. Claude Bayerlé Thursday, February 6 - St. Paul Miki & Companions Alice Corvaglia 6:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. Alfonso Lipawen Friday, February 7 6:30 a.m. Robert & Joan Brown 8:00 a.m. Joseph & Karen Crisafulli 7:00 p.m. St. Ignatius Memorial Society Members Saturday, February 8 8:00 a.m. George Kugler Edward M. Wentzel 4:00 p.m. Sunday, February 9 - The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:30 a.m. **Our Parishioners** 9:00 a.m. Intentions of the Walter & Sczurek Families Sarah Kilduff - 8th Anniversary of Death 10:30 a.m. Anna Kovacs - 55th Anniversary of Death 12:00 p.m.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

Jesus, the King of glory, yet like us in all things, comes to His temple to be the light for all the nations. This feast, originating in 4th c. Jerusalem, came to be celebrated in Rome by the middle of the 5th c. under its Greek title, "Feast of the Meeting", known also as Candlemas Day.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

When Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple, they offered a sacrificial gift "in accord with the dictate in the law of the Lord." An offering of a specific size or kind is not "dictated" when we bring our gifts to the altar at Mass. Is my gift reflective of the many blessings I have received?

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 08/09

Is 6: 1-2a, 3-8 / Cor 15:1-11 or 1 Cor 15:3-8, 11/ Lk 5: 1-11

SURVIVING DIVORCE

A confidential program offering hope & healing from divorce. Began - February 3, and continues through April 21, 2025 7:00 - 8:30 PM - Church of St. Benedict 2020 Chestnut Hill Road, Mohnton. For more information please contact Joe Boylan, 610.781.6415 or joeboylan@berksfoods.com.

Fellow Parishioners...

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

Traveling Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the year 2025 are available in the First Aid Room in our Church.

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!

Bad Weather Alert ~ Please Remember

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

A SIMPLE ACT OF CARE FOR 2025

As we pause and reflect on our blessings after the holidays and a busy winter season ahead, the Diocese of Allentown invites you to show simple act of care to yourself, your loved ones, and even St. Ignatius by creating your will.

In thanks for your support, we partner with *FreeWill* so you can make a will and find peace of mind of the year ahead. *It's completely free to use and takes as little as*



twenty minutes. Please scan the QR code or visit allentowndiocese.mygiftlegacy.org/ to get started.

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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.

DONATIONS TO: THE MEMORIAL SOCIETY

WERE RECEIVED IN MEMORY/HONOR OF/FROM: **RICHARD SWEIGART**

St. Ignatius Legion of Mary

Mark Kerstetter



A VERY SINCERE THANK YOU to all who made donations to our school via the STAR TREE.

Your prayer intentions will continue to be prayed for by our students, faculty and staff. **Donations can still be made** to the Rectory or the collection basket.

Faith Basics

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

School Meeting Rooms, Chapel, or Church



2025 Schedule

2.06 - Confession (FMK) 2.27 - Made for Communion

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 January 23.

3.06 - Faith, Hope, and Charity

Come

& See

For more information please email slanciano@stignatiusvikings.org.

ST. IGNATIUS FRIENDS OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL plan to serve meals at **KENNEDY HOUSE**

the weekend of FEBRUARY 8th & 9th. Donations of meatloaf, hot dogs, soup and baked goods are needed and are greatly appreciated. Anyone interested in donating or volunteering please contact Deb Christ at 610.374.5259.

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.

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

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GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, when Mary and Joseph brought their infant Son to the Temple in obedience to the laws of their Jewish faith. This is a beautiful, and in many ways, mysterious feast - and one that is filled with lessons for a stewardship way of life.

Our Gospel passage from Luke, recounting the details of the Presentation, teaches us a stewardship lesson through the example of St. Joseph and the Blessed Mother, the "Holy Parents." Even knowing their Son was God, they still carefully observed the faith practices of their day bringing him to the temple "to present Him to the Lord just as it is written in the law of the Lord." Later in the passage we read that, "When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to their own town of Nazareth." The Holy Parents were good stewards of their child, teaching Him to live in obedience to the practices of their faith from His infancy and throughout His "growing up" years.

Those of us entrusted with the care of children, whether our own children, godchildren, nieces and nephews, grandchildren, or students, have a vital role to play in the faith formation of these young ones. We, like the Holy Parents, must steward these children well, forming them in the faith by both instruction and example throughout their lives.

What a privilege and high calling we have as Christian stewards. Let us take these stewardship lessons to heart and present our gifts and our young ones joyfully to the Lord.

Thank you for your continued support and donations!

THIS WEEK LET US PRAY...

For the sick, especially those nearing life's end, may they be cared for with tenderness and compassion as they prepare to enter eternal life.



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

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.

PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE

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

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
Tuesday through Friday:	6:30 & 8:00 AM Year round
	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 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.

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