JANUARY 26, 2025 - THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK Monday, January 27th to Sunday, February 2nd Monday, January 27 6:30 a.m. **Richard Angstadt** 9:00 a.m. Barbara Logero Tuesday, January 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas 6:30 a.m. Conor McLaughlin - 1st Anniversary of Death 8:00 a.m. Amy Marie Delcollo Wednesday, January 29 6:30 a.m. William Kennedy Sebastian & Catherine Crisafulli 8:00 a.m. Thursday, January 30 6:30 a.m. **Bill Carroll** 8:00 a.m. Clare Ritz - 1st Anniversary of Death Friday, January 31 - St. John Bosco 6:30 a.m. **Richard Pratt** 8:00 a.m. Leo Poirier Saturday, February 1 8:00 a.m. Loretta Deren 4:00 p.m. Ann Pietruszynski Sunday, February 2 - The Presentation of the Lord 7:30 a.m. Intentions of Bishop Alfred Schlert 9:00 a.m. Michael Barnisin - 1st Anniversary of Death 10:30 a.m. Frank DeFazio 12:00 p.m. Guida Guidici Family **GOSPEL MESSAGE**

Ezra proclaims the word of the Lord which gives spirit and life. Jesus proclaims Himself the fulfillment of the Law and the prophets. In Him we have become one body with many members.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

The U.S. Bishops' pastoral on stewardship reinforces today's reading from 1 Corinthians: "Because its individual members do collectively make up the Body of Christ, the body's health and well-being are the responsibility of the members - the personal responsibility of each one of us. We all are stewards of the Church."

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 01/02

Mal 3:1-4 / Heb 2:14-18 / Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22-32

SURVIVING DIVORCE

A confidential program offering hope & healing from divorce.

February 3, 2025 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 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 discontinued / canceled 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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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.



WE WELCOME OUR RECENTLY BAPTIZED

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WE WARMLY WELCOME OUR NEW FAMILIES/ PARISHIONERS



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> PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

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St. Ignatius Seniors St. Ignatius Seniors MEETING

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A short business meeting will be followed by refreshments. Our program will be, Alzheimer's Disease-Healthy Living for your Brain & Body.

Look forward to seeing everyone.

Book/Puzzle exchange is available and donations for the Food Pantry accepted. Thank you!

PINOCHLE: We will meet Thursday, February 6th Deluxe Diner, Lancaster Pike at noon. *Hike: Our Senior Hikes will resume in March.*

SENIORS BUS TRIPS

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- WIND CREEK CASINO & HISTORIC BETHLEHEM March 20 - \$101pp - Deadline February 6

- MT. VERNON & D C CHERRY BLOSSOM CRUISE April 9 - 10 - \$859 pp S / \$695 D / \$630 T / \$610 Q Deadline February 6

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

> - 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. PAUL'S PARISH DOWNTOWN READING is holding its

SEVENTH ANNUAL ONE FAMILY GALA This year's GALA will be celebrating Catholic Education. Sunday, February 23

Redner's Event Center at First Energy Stadium 2024 Centre Avenue 19605. Cash Bar - 5:00 PM Dinner / Hot Buffet - 6:00 PM.

\$75 pp available from St. Paul's Church

610.372.1531 or stpaulsrcchurch@comcast.net. Deadline for reservations is February 10.

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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:

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Msgr. James A. Treston Scholarship Fund WERE RECEIVED IN MEMORY/HONOR OF/FROM: PAUL SOMMERS

John & Mary Ann Arentz

Faith Basics

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

School Meeting Rooms, Chapel, or Church



2025 Schedule

1.30 - The Body and Blood 3.06 - Faith, Hope, and Charity 2.06 - Confession (FMK)

3.13 - The Truth Will Set You Free 2.27 - Made for Communion 3.20 - Prayer on Earth as it is in Heaven 3.27 - Discipleship and Mission

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The next session is January 23. 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. Anvone 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

In St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians, it states "If they were all one part, where would the body be? But as it is there are many parts, yet one body" (1 COR 12:18-20).

What does this teach us as Christian stewards? It shows us that we all have equal dignity and worth in God's sight, and that if God sees us as equally precious, we should view each other in this same light. It teaches us to humbly recognize our own gifts as well as the giftedness of every member of our parish family. And, while God designed us to be ultimately dependent on Him, it seems He has also designed us to need each other!

This is part of the beauty and richness of a stewardship way of life. No one person can "do it all" in life - whether in family life or parish life. But God does not ask us to do it all. He simply asks us to share the gifts and talents we do have in the season of life we find ourselves right now.

It might feel uncomfortable at first. But the good news is you don't have to do it all. Do your part, let your brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ do theirs, and know that the Spirit of the Lord is upon us all as we live out this stewardship way of life.

Thank you for your continued support and donations!

THIS WEEK LET US PRAY...

For those suffering after abortion, may they know that the Lord desires to bring healing, and may they turn to Him for His mercy and 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

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 during January. *Any questions please call the Rectory.*

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

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Tuesdays	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
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Wednesdays	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
6:00 /	AM until 7 PM Evening Prayer & Benediction
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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.

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

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