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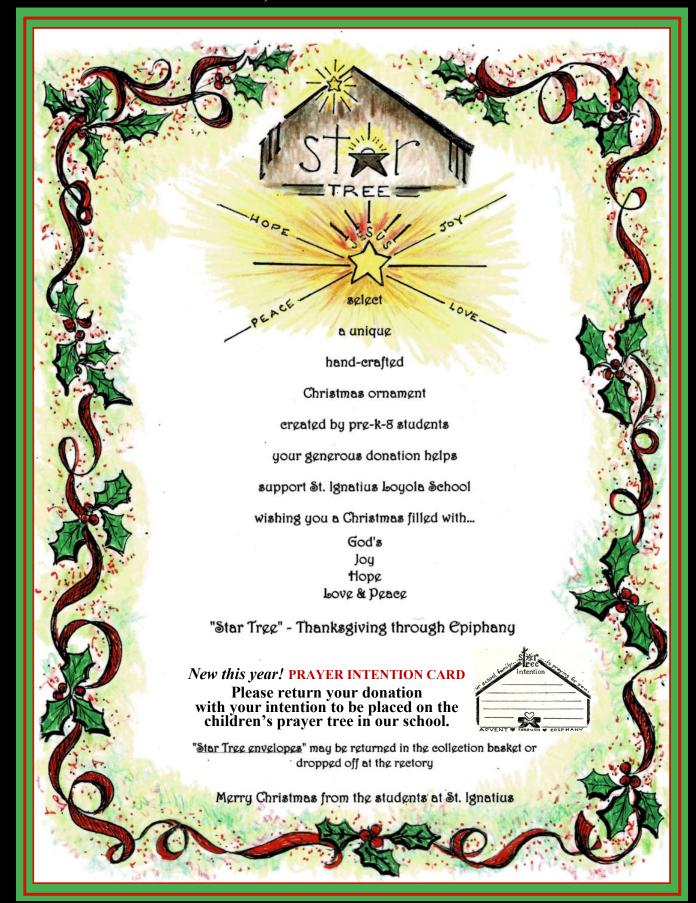






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ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 30th to Sunday, January 5th Monday, December 30

6:30 a.m. Jim Fischer

9:00 a.m. Patricia Jaworski Lewis

Tuesday, December 31

8:00 a.m. Margaret Friedhour 4:00 p.m. Frank DeFazio

Wednesday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

9:00 a.m. A Special Intention

Thursday, January 2 - Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

8:00 a.m. Chris & Denise Kryeski

Friday, January 3

8:00 a.m. Thomas Michael Chevanick

7:00 p.m. St. Ignatius Memorial Society Members

Saturday, January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:00 a.m. Sybil Andred

4:00 p.m. Margaret Leinbach

Sunday, January 5

7:30 a.m. Our Parishioners

9:00 a.m. Anna Moyer 10:30 a.m. Albert Shiner

12:00 p.m. Theresa Elko

GOSPEL MESSAGE

Family life is rooted in the unconditional love of God as witnessed by the Holy Family. Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the temple. He returns to Nazareth, obedient to them.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

The first reading today provides a challenging blueprint for the good stewardship of our family relationships. How do I measure up?

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JANUARY 04/05

Is 60: 1 - 6 / Eph 3: 2 - 3a, 5 - 6 / Mt 2: 1 - 12

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THE RECTORY WILL BE CLOSED WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1st.

GETHSEMANE'S ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

This Mass commemorates all of those interred or entombed in both Gethsemane & St. Mary's Cemeteries in 2024. It will be held on Sunday, January 19th at 3:00 PM in the Chapel of the Resurrection at Gethsemane Cemetery. All are welcomed.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION Tuesday, December 31 ~ 4:00 PM Wednesday, January 1 ~ 9:00 AM



The Columbiettes of St Ignatius would like to express our sincere gratitude for all who donated to our Berks Heim collection.
This was a huge success.

St. Ignatius parishioners are very generous and seem to know no limits for making donations.

A warm **THANK YOU** from our Columbiettes 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> beginning at the hour school is dismissed.
- If school is closed or being dismissed early due to weather on Tuesday then Adoration will bediscontinued/canceled for Tuesday AND Wednesday.

Sundays - 3 PM - 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 - 610.413.0949.

GOD'S MERCY! IT'S TRULY A MATTER OF LIFE & 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.

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Saint John Paul II

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SAVE THE DATE

March 1st and March 2nd

St. Ignatius Parish Retreat 2025 God's Got Us



"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Th 5:16 - 18

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.

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.

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Contact Judy Jablonski at 610.670.0907 or Mail to: 113 Primrose Lane Reading, PA 19610

New Parishioners, welcome to St. Ignatius! Are you officially registered in our parish? If you are

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.

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All information is confidential.

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.

St. Ignatius Seniors

St. Ignatius Seniors MEETING

SENIORS OF ACTIVITIES

Happy New Year – WOW 2025!!
Our Senior meeting is January 8th at 9:30 AM in the gym of St. Ignatius Parish Education Center.
We are starting the New Year celebrating
EVERYBODY'S BIRTHDAY

with hot dogs & sauerkraut and our famous BINGO.

Join us for a fun time.

Book/Puzzle exchange is available.
We are always collecting food for the Food Pantry.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

The Holy Family experienced many of the same joys and trials that all parents and children experience today. And, so, we can look to this Family for help in our own family lives and see in them a model of stewardship in family life

The Gospel passage from Luke starts by telling us something about Jesus' parents: "Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover, and when he was 12 years old, they went up according to festival custom." This Family took seriously the stewardship of their time. The "Holy Couple" carefully observed the traditions and practice of their Jewish faith and brought up their Son to do the same. They worshiped as a family, and with their faith community. And they did so faithfully.

We can take their example to heart by making Sunday Mass attendance a priority for our families, by making prayer with our family a priority every day, by making sure that we regularly celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and by observing in our family life the feasts and fasts appropriate to the liturgical calendar.

When we, as families, prioritize our Time with God and worship of Him we will be imitating the Holy Family.

On this Feast of the Holy Family, let us reclaim the beauty and importance of family life. Let's commit to steward our families well in the coming year, making time spent with God and practicing our faith the most important appointments on our family calendars.

Thank you for your continued support and donations!

THIS WEEK LET US PRAY...

For all families, as the domestic Church, may they pursue holiness, pass on the faith, and persevere in love.



ALTAR FLOWERS

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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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after 8:00 AM Mass until 10 PM AND

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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.
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