FEBRUARY 9, 2025 - THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 10th to Sunday, February 16th Monday, February 10-St. Scholastica

6:30 a.m. Eric Strobel

9:00 a.m. Michael & Ginny Scarpignato

Tuesday, February 11

6:30 a.m. Bernard & Ethel Houllion

- 8:00 a.m. Donald McLees
- Wednesday, February 12

6:30 a.m. Intentions of Zelie Zudie

8:00 a.m. Stanley Romanowski

Thursday, February 13

6:30 a.m. Brian Vaierio

8:00 a.m. Joan & Pamela Greenwood

Friday, February 14 - Ss. Cyril & Methodius

6:30 a.m. Mary Kos

8:00 a.m. Chester Zalegowski - 13th Anniversary of Death Saturday. February 15

8:00 a.m. Joanne Koch

4:00 p.m. George & Theresa Katchur

Sunday, February 16 - The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:30 a.m. Intentions of Fr. Pendergraft

9:00 a.m. Dee Clemente

10:30 a.m. Eleanor Mary Henne - 2^{m} Anniversary of Death

12:00 p.m. Joseph & Hazel DeFrank

GOSPEL MESSAGE

Isaiah, a man of unclean lips, beholds the Lord's glory in the temple and is sent on mission. Simon, a sinner, responds to the mission of Jesus by becoming a disciple. Paul, the persecutor, speaks of his call to preach nothing but Christ crucified and risen.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

In today's readings, both Isaiah and Peter hear the call of God and feel themselves unworthy. But, reassured by the Lord, both answer and follow. Do I hear the Lord asking, "Whom shall I send?" Am I prepared to answer, "Here I am. Send me!"?

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 15 /16

Jer 17: 5 - 8 / 1 Cor 15:12, 16 - 20 / Lk 6: 17, 20 - 26

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 will be canceled also for that day.
- If *school has a late start* due to snow or severe weather, then Adoration <u>will be canceled</u> 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.





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CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION

Next Meeting: Monday, February 10 7 PM - St. Ignatius Chapel

Our Topic will be: **Reconciliation - Is Confession just for Old People?** We look forward to welcoming Fr. George Ababio as our speaker.

We welcome all grandparents to join us for prayer, reflection and discussion as we continue to support each other with the grace of passing on our faith to our families.

SENIORS BUS TRIPS

- 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.

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.



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

Come 4 See

2.20 - Holy Orders2.27 - Made for Communion3.06 - Faith, Hope, and Charity3.13 - The Truth Will Set You Free3.20 - Prayer on Earth as it is in Heaven3.27 - Discipleship & Mission

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

DONATIONS TO: The Memorial Society

WERE RECEIVED IN MEMORY/HONOR OF/FROM:

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IN HONOR OF GUIA LIPAWEN ^{80th BIRTHDAY} Ed & Liz Bortz

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.

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

Our readings today remind us of the great privilege we have in calling ourselves both children and disciples of the Most High God.

The First Reading from Isaiah describes a vision of the prophet in which angels surround the Lord proclaiming, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory!" Our God invites us to such deep intimacy and friendship with Him that sometimes we can forget just how majestic and unspeakably holy He truly is. In the Gospel passage, from Luke, Jesus instructs Simon to lower his nets for a catch despite an unsuccessful night of fishing. Peter is skeptical but obeys and is amazed at the catch of fish that he makes. He kneels down before Jesus in astonishment.

This sense of awe and reverence before God should motivate us to deepen our stewardship way of life. As we contemplate the holiness of God, we come to a heightened awareness of what a privilege it is that He has chosen to include us in His work of spreading the Gospel to others through the grateful sharing of the gifts He has given us. Aware of this privilege, we will then make the words of Isaiah our own: "Here I am Lord, send me!"

Thank you for your continued support and donations!

THIS WEEK LET US PRAY...

For all married couples, may their openness to new life bear witness to the generous love of God.



ALTAR FLOWERS The Altar Flowers this weekend are IN LOVING MEMORY OF BERNARD & ETHEL HOULLION on the occasion of their birthdays.

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

	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. 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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