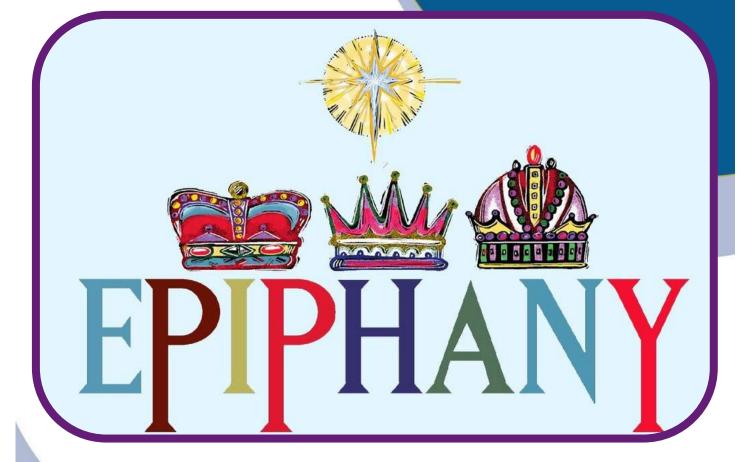


JANUARY 8, 2023 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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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.

DONATIONS TO:

The Memorial Society WERE RECEIVED IN MEMORY/HONOR OF/FROM:

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Join us for our Annual Parish Retreat! Saturday & Sunday, March 4-5, 2023

Retreat includes Mass each day, talks focused on our theme, Adoration, Confession, & time for reflection and conversation Breakfast and lunch provided on Saturday, breakfast provided on Sunday



Registration opens **January 21st** Please stay tuned for more information! Questions? Email **parishretreat2023@gmail.com**



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ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK Monday, January 9th-Sunday, January 15th Monday, January 9 - The Baptism of the Lord 6:30 a.m. Lawrence Klopfle - 1st Anniversary of Death 8:00 a.m. Chris & Denise Kryeski 9:00 a.m. **Bessie Imbesi** Tuesday, January 10 6:30 a.m. Margaret Surgeoner 8:00 a.m. John Cigan - 2^{nd} Anniversary of Death Wednesday, January 11 6:30 a.m. Susie Wolf Intentions of Deacon Tom & Maureen Devaney 8:00 a.m. Thursday, January 12 6:30 a.m. Katie Cogan Dale & Sandy Hollenback 8:00 a.m. Friday, January 13 6:30 a.m. Marguerite Borst 8:00 a.m. John Burkert Saturday, January 14 8:00 a.m. Intentions of Christopher Heim **4:00 p.m.** Dorothy Bator - 8th Anniversary of Death Sunday, January 15 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:30 a.m. Harry & Eunice Ramagano 9:00 a.m. Marceli Radomski 10:30 a.m. Justin Madiera 12:00 p.m. John Owens & Kelly Jones **Our Parishioners** 5:30 p.m.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

All nations are invited to sing the Lord's praises for they have been called to hear the good news and worship the long-awaited Messiah and King with the gift of their lives.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Today we remember the three wise men from the East who came to pay homage to the infant Jesus, bringing Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The gifts we bring - our time, service and some share of what we earn for the work we do - are equally precious in His sight.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JANUARY 14/15

Is 49: 3, 5 - 6 / 1 Cor 1: 1 - 3 / Jn 1: 29 - 34

PLEASE CONSIDER RESERVING A TIME SLOT TO HAVE OUR TRAVELING STATUE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY IN YOUR HOME DURING 2023. SIGN-UP SHEEETS ARE IN THE JPII ROOM.



Come & See! All are welcomed!

Basics of the Faith Thursday, January 12th from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in the Parish Education Center Meeting Rooms A and B. The topic will be CONFIRMATION Light refreshments provided.

WITH GRATITUDE

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR ADVENT ANGELS AND PARISHIONERS FOR THE PRAYERS, WISHES, GIFTS, THOUGHTFULNESS AND SWEET TREATS YOU BESTOWED UPON US THIS CHRISTMAS. THEY ARE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.

FR. BORTZ • FR. ZACH • FR. MAAS

WITH GRATITUDE

Sister Rosemarie and Sister Patricia wish to thank their Advent Angels for the many prayers and thoughtful gifts they received nightly.

Mass will be offered for the intentions of the Advent Angels on January 11, 2023 in St. Francis Convent Immaculate Conception Chapel at Monacacy Manor, Bethlehem.



Sundays at 3:00 PM in our 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 at 610.413.0949.

Join us at St. Ignatius Church for a **Community Rosary Novena** Every First Saturday of the Month - 12 Noon For:

- World Peace Ukraine
 - First Saturday Reparation Intentions for the Blessed Mother

Visit our website: stignatiusreading.org

SAVE TIME & MONEY

Spend less time, and use a lot fewer checks by signing up for our electronic stewardship program (ESP). Your weekly or monthly contributions can be withdrawn automatically from your checking account. It works in the same manner as automatic payments to a utility or mortgage company. This is a completely optional program. If you would like to avail yourself of this opportunity, please complete the direct debit form below and mail it to the Rectory or drop it into the collection basket in a sealed envelope marked "ESP".

Contributions can be made weekly (Mondays) or monthly (1st Monday of the month). Since this program is not yet available for Holy Days or special collections, envelopes will continue to be distributed unless you wish otherwise. If you have any questions, please call Terry at the Rectory at 610-678-3767.

ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA CHURCH AUTHORIZATION FOR DIRECT DEBIT OF WEEKLY OR MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS

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Monthly contributions will be deducted on the first Monday of the month.

I (we) hereby authorize St. Ignatius Loyola Parish to debit funds, in the amount and frequency listed above, from the account at the Financial Institution designated on the attached voided check, and to initiate credit entries and adjustments for any debit entries in error to that account. I (we) acknowledge that the origination of ACH transactions to my (our) account must comply with provisions of U.S. law. This authorization will remain in effect until the Parish has received written notification from me (or either of us) of its termination in such time and in such manner as to afford the Parish and Financial Institution a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

Signature

Date

PLEASE ATTACH A VOIDED CHECK (PLEASE DO NOT ATTACH DEPOSIT TICKET)

SENIORS BUS TRIPS

- MURDER MYSTERY at Mount Hope Mansion March 15 - \$85 pp - Deadline February 1

- MOSES at Sight & Sound Theater May 17 - \$135 pp - Deadline April 10

- CHESAPEAKE CITY DINE AROUND June 14 - \$162 pp - Deadline May 3

- GREASE at the Fulton Theatre July 5 - \$110 pp - Deadline May 24

- GUYS & DOLLS at the Dutch Apple Theatre September 13 - \$98 pp - Deadline August 7

- SIMON & GARFUNKEL at Penn's Peak October 24 - \$88 pp - Deadline October 2

MULIT-DAY TRIPS

- VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL TATTOO April 20-23 - \$676 pp/do - Deadline February 15 - PITTSBURGH EXPRESS TOUR August 22-24 - \$636 pp/do - Deadline April 24 - NASHVILLE'S OPRYLAND COUNTRY CHRISTMAS Nov. 26 - Dec. 1 - \$1410 pp/do - Deadline July 26

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

The St. Ignatius Greeter's Ministry is in need of new members!

Please contact Kristin Herbein by text 484.388.1403 or email at kherbeins@aol.com if you would be willing to greet our fellow Parishioners before Mass or to get more information. This is a wonderful ministry and we need your support to keep it going!



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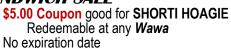
Right for Life March - Washington, DC. Friday, January 20th

Departing 7:00 AM from St. Jane's in Easton after 6:30 AM Mass. \$15.00 per person. Contact Andrew at andrewazan3rd@rcn.com or 484.259.7740.



Please join us Sunday, January 22, 2023 - 3:00 PM in the Chapel of Resurrection at Gethsemane Cemetery for a MASS FOR ALL DECEASED in 2022.

St. Ignatius Columbiettes SANDWICH SALE



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Coupons are available for sale at the Rectory.

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.

REDNER'S SAVE-A-TAPE

Thank you to all who are submitting Redner's register receipts to benefit CENTER FOR CHILDREN'S JUSTICE. Please remember that to receive credit your save-a-tape number must be visible on submitted receipts.

Lifeline of Berks County

Wishes to thank you for your generous support through your donations to the Wishing Well during Advent.

Being able to offer material assistance to women who choose LIFE and those who, through their circumstances, are at-risk of abortion is a vital part of the work that we do.

Your gifts provide support for the women we serve so that they can take the time they need to build a future for themselves and their families. Thank you very much!

LIFE AD 2023

Be counted along with other Berks County Catholics when we publish the anti-abortion/pro-life ad in The Reading Eagle on Sunday, January 22, 2023.

The suggested donation is \$10/person, \$15/couple or family.

Deadline for the donation is Monday, January 16, 2023. Include this coupon with your donation (check payable to St. Ignatius Loyola Church)

and please mail/return to:

Life Ad St. Ignatius Loyola Rectory 2810 St. Albans Dr. Sinking Spring, Pa. 19608

"A nation that kills its own children is a nation without hope." Saint John Paul II

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GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

As our celebration of Christmas continues, today we observe the great feast of The Epiphany of the Lord. The word "epiphany" comes from Greek and means manifestation or appearance. The stewardship way of life is one in which we live in grateful response to God's countless manifestations in our lives.

Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, has much to teach us about stewardship, through the actions of the magi.

As good stewards, the magi were watching for manifestations of God's presence in their lives. "We have seen the star at its rising," they say. Good stewards are keenly aware of the "star" of God's presence and His gifts in their lives. It is this awareness that fills them with gratitude and the desire to both worship God and share His gifts with others.

The magi, upon seeing the manifestation of God's presence in their lives, "were overjoyed." Good stewards, who live with the awareness of God's presence and gifts to them, simply can't help but be filled with joy. Not necessarily the fleeting and superficial kind of joy the world promises through wealth or power, but rather the deep, unalterable joy only God can give. Finally, the magi were so filled with awe upon encountering the newborn Jesus, they prostrated themselves before Him and "opened their treasures and offered Him gifts." This is precisely why good stewards generously share their material gifts - as a loving act of worship to an extravagantly loving God.

Let us rejoice in God's manifestations in our lives and be watchful for the new ways He is calling us to share ourselves and our gifts in gratitude to our King in the year ahead.

Thank you for your continued support and donations!

THIS WEEK LET US PRAY... On this Feast of the Epiphany, may we be given the grace to always see in others the face of Christ our Savior.



ALTAR FLOWERS Please contact Clare Hollenbacher at 610.678.0864 to make arrangements for altar flowers for a special occasion or in loving memory of someone.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM, 12 Noon, & 5:30 PM

Daily: Monday through Friday: 6:30 & 8:00 AM 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

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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