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St. Ignatius Seniors



The first meeting of the St. Ignatius Seniors in 2023 will be *Wednesday, January 4 at 9:30 AM* in the *Parish Education Center Gym*.

We will celebrate **Everyone's Birthday**. **Hot dogs and other goodies** will be provided and **Bingo** will be on the agenda.

New members are always welcomed.

Any questions, please call Barb at 610.763.1383.

WITH GRATITUDE

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Parish Retreat 2022

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

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Registration opens January 21st
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Questions? Email parishretreat2023@gmail.com

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ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 2nd- Sunday, January 8th

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

6:30 a.m. Thomas Kupres 8:00 a.m. Adeline Llewellyn

Tuesday, January 3

6:30 a.m. Dr. Willis S. Hoch 8:00 a.m. James Lawlor

Wednesday, January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

6:30 a.m. Intentions of Mariana Viera

8:00 a.m. Rita Ott - 2nd Anniversary of Death

Thursday, January 5 - St. John Neumann

6:30 a.m. Judith McMahon 8:00 a.m. Sybil Andred

Friday, January 6

6:30 a.m. Intentions of the Matsco Family

8:00 a.m. Alfonso Lipawen

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

Saturday, January 7

8:00 a.m. Joan Ecenrode 4:00 p.m. Albert Shiner

Sunday, January 8 - The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the Laino & DiSpirto Families

9:00 a.m. Intentions of Zofia Dolegowski

10:30 a.m. Abraham Badway12:00 p.m. Krzysztof Zielinski5:30 p.m. Our Parishioners

GOSPEL MESSAGE

We seek God's blessing as did Mary. Because of her Son, we can confidently call God, "Abba"!.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Today's second reading reminds us that through Christ we have been delivered from the old law and have become sons and daughters of God. New Year's Day provides a perfect opportunity to ask ourselves the question: Does my life reflect my gratitude for all that my loving Father has given me?

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JANUARY 7/8

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

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.



Come & See!
All are welcomed!

Basics of the Faith
Thursday, January 5th
from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in the
Parish Education Center
Meeting Rooms A and B.
The topic will be
BAPTISM

Light refreshments provided.

A VERY SINCERE THANKYOU

to all who donated to the Blessed Virgin Mary Statue Restoration!

The statue has returned and is in her place of honor in the Chapel in our Church.

Please consider visiting our Chapel and spending some quiet moments in the presence of the statue.

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.

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- First Saturday Reparation Intentions for the Blessed Mother

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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.

If you have any questions, please call Terry at the rectory at 610-678-3767.

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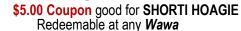
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Contact Kerry Williard, Pres.
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610.678.4590

FRIENDSHIP, UNITY AND CHRISTIAN CHARITY

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* in the mail you may not be registered.

To register, visit the Rectory Monday - Friday, 9 AM - 5 PM.

You must be a registered parishioner for 3 months to:

- serve as a sacramental Godparent or Sponsor
- begin Marriage Preparation
- have your child/children Baptized.

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., married 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 attendance at Mass)

While assessments of an inquirer's status will be made individually, the above are the main factors considered in making that determination.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023 THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

The blessing included in the First Reading from the Book of Numbers is one with which most of us are familiar. "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord let His face shine upon you. and be gracious to you..." In the Jewish culture this has been known for centuries as the Aaronic blessing as it was dictated by God Himself to Aaron. It is important to note that it begins with "The Lord bless you."

All blessings come from God. One error we make is to conclude that blessings always mean happiness or security or prosperity. God knows what blessings we need, even if we do not. They key for us is to be grateful for whatever blessings we may have. That mindset is at the hub of stewardship knowing all blessings come from the Lord, and our need to be appreciative of them.

To be "kept" by the Lord is to turn our lives over to Him, to know that He is with us and that He loves us, blesses us, and does indeed "keep" us ever in His care. The truth is that to be blessed by God is one of the greatest gifts we can receive. It is available to all of us without exception.

During this continued Christmas season, it is well to remember and repeat the classic statement by the character Tiny Tim in Charles Dickens' immortal A Christmas Carol: "God bless us. every one," for certainly He does.

Thank you for your continued support and donations!

THIS WEEK LET US PRAY...

May friends and families of women with difficult pregnancies provide loving, life-affirming support for both mother and child.

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- click sign-up as a parishioner when prompted

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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.

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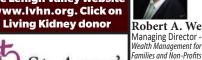
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