

# Liturgy

## Weekly Word Psalms 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

“By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept at the memory of Zion. On the poplars there we had hung up our harps. For there our gaolers had asked us to sing them a song, our captors to make merry, 'Sing us one of the songs of Zion.' How could we sing a song of Yahweh on alien soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem, may my right hand wither! May my tongue remain stuck to my palate if I do not keep you in mind, if I do not count Jerusalem the greatest of my joys.”



**Prayer Requests:** *To request prayers, please call the parish and register the intention for the coming Sunday.* Let us remember in our prayers, the soul of who passed away, those who are sick including, **Francesca Carvalho, Barbara Stanford-Allen, Harriet Washington, Debra Alexander, Dr. Leda Reeves, Ed Mackey, John Mackey** and parishioners, the residents of St. Ignatius Nursing and Rehab Center and Centennial Village.

**The Rosary and Miraculous Medal Prayer** will be said before mass every Sunday @ 9am. Join us for your intentions and the intentions of others. Copies of the Prayer will be handed out.

### 4th Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2024

1st Reading Second Chronicles 36:14-17, 19-23

2nd Reading Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel John 3:14-21

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Mass Intention: **Reba Henry, Ruth G. Hill**



Parents, if you have a child/children in need of Sacraments please call our DRE, Janet Cosby at the Rectory or email [stignatius.dre@gmail.com](mailto:stignatius.dre@gmail.com) to sign your child up. **RCIA Program**, Do you know any adults interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith? If so, please contact Janet Cosby at the rectory.



**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Everyone is kindly encourage to continue using your **Maintenance Fund Envelope**.

**Total collected for 2023: \$2,170.** These funds were used towards repairing the Church Portals. Thank you everyone for your Stewardship of Treasure to our parish. Your tithes are very important as it helps our operating budget and expenses. If you can increase your offering, that would be a blessing to our parish and to you. If you can not attend church please continue to send in your tithes via mail or you may drop it off at the rectory. Again, thank you

### Stewardship Status

Parish Weekly Contribution Goal \$3,000

Total For March 3rd: \$3,740.00

Second Collection: \$670.00

Maintenance Fund: \$112.00



## BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study continues Every Wednesday 6pm to 8pm via Conference call. If you would like to join the Bible Study please contact our DRE Janet Cosby at 267-255-2965. You may also join the Bible Study Group at St. Cyprian, every Thursday morning at 10am in person or on ZOOM. More information for the St. Ignatius Bible Study Group, please call the rectory. More information for St. Cyprian's group please call 215-747-3250.

## PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.  
~Pope Francis Prayer to St. Joseph

## QUESTIONS TO PONDER

- How do I walk into God's hospitality and share that with others?
- In what ways do I think of my parish as being built on Christ the cornerstone?
- Do I anticipate being in the Father's house each day?

## Our Lady of Africa Queen of Peace Association

Please join us on the last Sunday of every month at 2:00 pm to celebrate Mass with our Ghanaian Catholics families with prayer and songs that honor our Ghanaian culture.

**Celebrant: Fr. Sy Peterka & Fr. Daniel Tettetdji**  
**Chris Sarpong - 215-554-8868**  
**Ed Scott - 267-779-1771 or email:**  
**[Ourladyafrica@gmail.com](mailto:Ourladyafrica@gmail.com)**

# Faith Formation

**May Jesus Christ, light of the world, who calls us put of darkness into his wonderful light, be with you!**

We maintain our Lenten Journey engaging in prayer, service, and almsgiving. Stay focused in your Lenten devotions. Remember to read scripture, pray the rosary, meditate, attend Mass during the week, or attend our Parish Lenten Journey. Take advantage of this season of grace and repentance.

Remember your Lenten Easter Duty. As Catholics we are obligated to go to the Sacrament of Confessions. We do this at least twice a year. Make your Lenten-Easter Duty. Wednesday of Holy Week (three weeks), there will be a Parish Penance Service at St. Cyprian. This is part of the Parish Lenten Journey. You are encouraged to attend the Sacrament of Confession then. Fulfill your Lenten– Easter Duty.

Our readings for today remember us of God's faithfulness, in spite of our infidelities. God's love and mercy are seen in the fact that He sent His son to save us. Jesus came into the world as a light. While our world, or ourselves. Prefer darkness to the light, Jesus remained faithful to his mission. He continued His journey to Calvary to save souls for God. Jesus pressed on in spite of people not walking with Him or believing in Him. We owe our salvation to Jesus Christ,. Not to our own efforts.

As Lent continues to unfold, may we take the Lord's words to heart and continue to embed our lives to his. Run, Press on, and Win for our salvation.

Have a blessed Lenten season.

Peace and Blessings, Msgr. Britto

## **PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

God our Father,  
you reveal to us your love through Christ  
and through our brothers and sisters.  
Open our hearts so that we can welcome each other  
with our differences and live in forgiveness.  
Grant us to live united in one body,  
so that the gift that is each person comes to light.  
May all of us together be a reflection of the living Christ.



**Communion to the Homebound**— If any homebound parishioner is in need of Holy Communion and a visit, please contact the rectory.

## **THOUGHT OF THE MONTH**

**Goal: Flexibility:** “ *Go the Extra mile, it's never crowded.* ”

**Question of the Week**— “During Lent we call to mind our own blindness. How am I blind to God's grace in my life? How am I blind to God's work in the world and in the people in it?”

## **Prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

O Most Holy Heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore Thee, I love Thee and with a lively sorrow for my sins, I offer Thee this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to thy will. Grant, good Jesus, that I may live in Thee and for Thee., Protect me in the midst of danger; comfort me in my afflictions; give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, Thy blessings on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Within Thy Heart I place my every care. In every need let me come to Thee with humble trust saying, “Heart of Jesus help me”, Amen.

**ADOPT A SEMINARIAN**— During this season of Lent, identify a seminarian, send him a note offering your prayers for him. Here are the names of three seminarians from St. Charles Seminary we know: Joshua Brooks, Alex Cross, Ed Town. Thank you to the seminarians that visited with us on March 3rd.

**2nd Year:** Nelson Perez-Lopez and Jacob Lehenky

**1st Year:** Anthony DiDavide, J.D. McEwing, Thomas Oldenburg, Brendon Tufo, Reese Kurian, John Milevoi, Dylan Shilace, Yorman Valerio, Matteo Areara, Sean Barker, Ryan Scavnicky, Daniel Watson, Jake Snyder, & Harry Kingsmill

**Their address is: St. Charles Borromeo Seminary  
100 E. Wynnewood Rd. Wynnewood, PA 19096**

**FYI**— Every 5 years, the City of Philadelphia inspects buildings over a certain height. Our church buildings and bell tower are apart of those buildings. We are forced to have our buildings inspected by a professional engineering companies at the cost of \$10,000 or face a violation and penalties.

## **Pastoral Council Members**

Msgr. Britto	Thomasina Kweku- Kennedy
Michele Bustion	Cedric Scott
Nelda Harris	Crystal Lanham
Lorna Horsey	Chris Spahr
Lauren Cherry	

**Prayer to St. Michael**—Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

# Parish Life

**MISSION STATEMENT** -We the members of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, proclaim that Jesus Christ, the Word of God, is the light of the world. We recognize our Baptismal call, to continue the mission of Jesus, confirmed by the gift of the Holy Spirit and with a strong commitment to our Catholic faith. We commit ourselves to accept the privilege of this call:

- To worship God by faithfully celebrating the sacraments, especially Holy Eucharist through liturgy that invites all to taste and see the goodness of the Lord, that highlights the ministerial gifts of the laity, that reflects a diverse spirituality and that energizes the congregation to witness and reach out.
- To nourish a warm and vibrant Christian faith community which empowers lay leadership, encourages our youth, fosters gifts of service, reaching out to inactive and shut-in members in order to sustain a sense of ourselves as a faith family.
- To proclaim the Good News by talking about the love of Jesus in our homes, and with our neighbors, listening to God's Word, and trying to live the Gospel and witness to the Lord daily.
- To teach the saving message of Jesus in our school and through ongoing religious education, preaching and hearing the word especially at liturgy and acting in a Christian way that deepens our love of God in union with one another.
- To serve our brothers and sisters by our tithing, generous acts of charity, supporting outreach programs that respond to the needs of our parishioners and our neighbors and fostering opportunities for our youth.

Through the intercession of Mary, Our Mother of Sorrows and Saint Ignatius of Loyola, our Patron, we pray for God's guidance and strength to continue to bear witness to Jesus and remain ever faithful to our mission through Christ, the Lord of Light.

## **PARISH THEME**

Every year, our parish held a Parish theme. In 2018 the Parish theme was: "Walk in Love like Christ." In 2019, it was: "Celebration of Faith Through Speech and Action." This year's theme will be: "**Faith Demonstrated Through Action.**" It will begin on the First Sunday of Advent. Each month our parish will demonstrate a spiritual or corporal work of action based on this theme. Each parishioner is asked to participate in this parish theme.

## **HEALTH AND WELLSS PROGRAM**

Maybe you've heard that saying "Treat your body right and it'll treat you right." Eat well by choosing whole grains, lean proteins, low-fat dairy, fruits, and vegetables. Opt for baking or roasting rather than grilling or frying./ Also, cooking at home is healthier (and cheaper) than eating out.

## **JOIN THE WOODSHOP!**

The Woodshop is up and running! **THURSDAYS AT 10AM!** If anyone is interested in working with wood working skills, please contact Fr. Vincent Burns at 215-896-7188 or Wendell Kennedy 215-939-8372. . The WoodShop will be located on the 3rd Floor of St. Ignatius Church in the old classrooms.

**WOMEN'S DAY COLLECTION:** The Women's Day Committee is collecting for the tree removal and follow-up repairs to the concrete. We have received a large donation of **\$1,000** which we graciously accept and will add to our collection making it a total of **\$3,435**. The cost for removal 2 trees, roots and cement repair is \$9,800. Please consider donating a minimum of \$10 to help with this project. Thank you.

LENT: Protect me,. God: for in you I take refuge. You are my portion and cup, my life is in your hands. I keep you ever before me, for you are my God. You stand at my right hand; I shall not waver. And so my heart is glad and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure, For you do not leave my life among the dead, or let your servant go down in to the pit. You will show me the path of life, fullness of joy in your presence, happiness for ever at your right hand Amen. ~ Pope Francis

## **LENTEN OBSERVANCE, FASTING RULES**

On Ash Wednesday, and every Friday during Lent, everyone is abstain from eating meat. People ages 15 to 59 are obliged not to eat meat on Fridays during Lent. People 60 years and older and has medical issues do not have to follow this rule.

**MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP**—A Missionary Discipleship is on who encounters a personal relationship with Christ surrendering oneself to Christ; and follow Him. A Missionary Disciple:1) Worship; Give praise to God and also attend Mass regularly. 2) pray. Have a personal prayer life. Spent time in prayer. 3) serve. Look for opportunities to help others, both within the Christian community and outside of it. 4) learn,. Eager to learn as much as they can about Jesus and the church.

## **HOME BLESSINGS AND HOLY COMMUNION**

Anyone who wishes their home to be blessed., please call the rectory. If any of our homebound or shut-in parishioners wish to receive Holy Communion, please call the rectory.

# What's Happening at St Ignatius

## ST. IGNATIUS KITCHEN

March 10th— Marlene  
March 17th—3 Degrees

Bulletin Submissions give to Portia by the prior Monday: 215-386-5065 or email [staff.manager636@gmail.com](mailto:staff.manager636@gmail.com)

### Regular MEETINGS (Mitchell Room)

MONDAY: Line Dancing Class: 6:00 pm — 7:30pm

TUESDAY: Food Pantry: 10 am — 12 noon

2nd TUESDAY.\* Liturgy Committee Every Month: 6:30 pm

2nd WEDNESDAY.\* Parish Council Every Month: 6:30 pm

### *What's New From St. Ignatius Crew*

- Thank you for your donations. We will meet every other Thursday at 1pm .
- Total Number of PB&J sandwiches for the Homeless for the (2023: 4,800)
  - 2024: 600



**THANK YOU**—To the White Family for their donation of \$10,000. It will go toward erecting electronic bells around the church tower. The rest of the donation will go toward the purchase of an electronic sign replacing the present outside sign board. Thank you also to Rae Maria Smith for her generous donation of \$500. Her donation will also go towards the electronic sign.



**ST. PETER CLAVER COURT#280 GOOD FRIDAY FISHERY MARCH 29TH 12PM UNTIL SOLD OUT!**



### **BOWLING PARTY!!** - March 16th the Parish will be

hosting another Bowling Party at Wynnewood Lanes from 2pm to 4pm. Tickets are \$25 per adult and \$15 for children 5 to 10yrs old. Tickets include 2 hours of bowling, shoe rental, food, and access to arcade games. If you would like to volunteer to help or purchase a ticket, please contact Portia at the rectory. Payment due by March 11th.

### MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS

For immediate help, call 911, 988 or the National Suicide Program Hotline: 1-800-273-8255. Mental health is a very important issue affecting our community.

**NAMI.org**—National Alliance on Mental Illness is a mental health support group to help yourself or someone you know with mental health issues. 1-800-950-6264



### "THE CHOSEN"

Starting Feb. 18th the 1st Sunday of Lent the Biblical Series "The Chosen" will be shown on TV in the Parish Center after Mass. We will be showing a different episode of Season One each Sunday. If you have any questions regarding the series, please contact Janet Cosby. All are welcome to join us on this Lenten Journey to explore the life of Jesus of Nazareth and the people whom he met and interacted with.

**MARY MOTHER OF CAPTIVES**—Proverbs emotional support to the families of the incarcerated. They also offer a Pen Pal Program to the incarcerated. Meetings are held at 7pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month at St. Charles Borromeo Church hall, 3422 Dennison Ave. Drexel hill. For more information, contact: [Marymotherofcaptives@augustinian.org](mailto:Marymotherofcaptives@augustinian.org). Also contact John or Sue at 610-259-3178.

### **PASCHAL SUPPER MARCH 24TH 5PM**

Please join us for our Annual Palm Sunday event. The Paschal Supper is a ritual meal celebrating Passover and Jesus' Last Supper gift of the Eucharist. Ticket are \$20 per adult and \$10 per child 12 and under. Please see Santa Parks, Mona Bradwell, Portia Edmunds and Marlene Long for tickets.

**ADEODATUS PRISON MINISTRY**—Is a support group for families who have members incarcerated and those who are arrested. They meet in St. Cyprian Community Hall every first Thursday of the month.

### OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS/ST. IGNATIUS INDEPENDENCE MISSION SCHOOL GRADES Pre-K to 8

ATTENTION: OMS/SI Catholic School is pleased to announce **ENROLLEMNT HAS OPENED FOR THE 2024 - 2025 SCHOOL YEAR!** If you or anybody you know is interested , please contact OMS/SI's Enrollment and Tuition Manager, Mickey Andrews, at 215-222-3626 with any questions! We look forward to hearing from you and welcoming you to the OMS/SI Family!



**TUITION CREDIT FOR NEW ENROLLMENTS AND TRANSFERS**