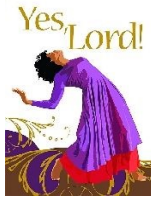


Liturgy

Weekly Word Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

“DIRECT me in your ways, Yahweh, and teach me your paths. ENCOURAGE me to walk in your truth and teach me since you are the God who saves me. FOR my hope is in you all day long -- such is your generosity, Yahweh.



GOODNESS and faithful love have been yours for ever, Yahweh, do not forget them. HOLD not my youthful sins against me, but remember me as your faithful love dictates. INTEGRITY and generosity are marks of Yahweh for he brings sinners back to the path. JUDICIOUSLY he guides the humble, instructing the poor in his way.”

1st Sunday of Lent

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1st Reading Genesis 9:8-15

2nd Reading First Peter 3:18-22

Gospel Mark 1:12-15

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Mass Intention: Reba Manns Ruffin



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 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.

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

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.



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 February 11: \$3,644.00

Second Collection: \$357.00

Maintenance Fund: \$120.00

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 Tettejji

Chris Sarpong - 215-554-8868

Ed Scott - 267-779-1771 or email:

Ourladyafrica@gmail.com

Faith Formation

May Jesus Chris, who suffered for sins in order to lead us to goodness and truth, be with you!

Will Mother Nature ever give us a break? The weather pattern continues to keep us in suspense. Will it be a mild day, or a sunny winter day, or a snowy day? If you noticed, the days are getting lighter. Mother Nature is reminding us to stay woke and always be prepared for what the weather for the day will bring.

Again, I ask you to keep our parish in your prayers. We pray for a continued vibrant, viable, vigilant, and visible parish. The various ministries and activities in our parish, along with our fellowship with each other will demonstrate the 4 –Vs on many parish levels. Also keep in prayer all of our parishioners and especially those who have yet to return to church. It is important that we all surround the altar of Christ and worship together in church. To our homebound parishioners you are always in our thoughts and prayers.

The season of Lent has begun. This is an important liturgical time on the church calendar. We journey with Christ, deepening our relationship with Him and our faith as well. Use this season of grace to reflect on Jesus passion, death, and resurrection. I also encourage you to take advantage of devotional activities during Lent. Pray the rosary, read scripture, use the Lenten Calendar and reflect on the daily spiritual exercises, attend daily Mass as well as Sunday Mass. Attend spiritual devotions that parishes will have during Lent. St. Cyprian will continue its Lenten Journey every Wednesday evening. Masses and Stations of the Cross will be held, in addition to confessions.

This year's Lenten theme is: "Run, Press-On, Win." In Jesus' desert experience, we hear about the temptations from the devil, but Jesus remains steadfast. He ran the race, pressed on to Calvary, and won souls for God. May we do the same : "Run, Press On, Win."

Peace and Blessings,
Msgr. Britto



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: " *Hold fast to dreams, For if dreams die, life is a broken-winged bird that can not fly.*" -
Langston Hughes

Question of the Week— "How will I minister to others during these forty days of Lent? Who is in need of my help?"

Prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

O Most Holy Heart of Jesus , fountain of every blessing, I adore Thee, I love Thee an 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.



Try your knowledge on Black History Trivia:

Question 1: What was the nickname of the units of black soldiers who protected and served in the American West after the Civil war?

Question 2: Which Alice Walker novel became an Oscar nominated movie starring Whoopi Goldberg and Oprah Winfrey?

Answers from Last Sunday: 1. Booker T. Washington; 2. Ralph David Abernathy

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.

Pastoral Council Members

Msgr. Britto	Thomasina Kweku- Kennedy
Michele Bustion	Cedric Scott
Nellda 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.

WOODWORK



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. We hope to recycle and repurpose discarded wood items into something useful. The WoodShop will be located on the 3rd Floor of St. Ignatius Church in the old classrooms.

HALL RENTALS

St. Ignatius School Hall is Available to Rent to

Parishioners ONLY. Cost- \$900

There are a total of 15 round tables and 200 chairs available for use. Please contact Portia at the Rectory to go over rental contracts, fees and to schedule a date on the church calendar.

FUNERAL/REPAST

For Funeral arrangements or information regarding a repast please contact Portia at the rectory.



If any of the Men in our Parish are interested in registering for Man Up Philly on March 2nd at Cardinal O'Hara Vianney Hall. please see Janet Cosby. Martin de Porres Foundation will cover your registration fee. Please go to www.manupphilly.com for more details.

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 Disciple-ship 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
February 18th—3 Degrees
February 25th — Open

Bulletin Submissions give to Portia by the
prior Monday: 215-386-5065 or email
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: 400



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.

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 **\$3,425**. 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.

Spiritual Devotion to do during Lent

1. Pray the rosary daily
2. Spend 10 minutes slowly meditating on the Our Father prayer
3. Attend Mass during the week, in addition to Sunday Mass
4. Do something extraordinary kindness to someone who would never expect it.
5. Participate in the Rice Bowl campaign

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. Also contact John or Sue at 610-259-3178.

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

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