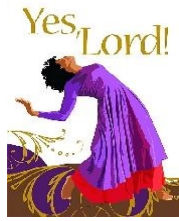


Liturgy

Weekly Word Psalms 131:1, 2, 3

“Yahweh, my heart is not haughty, I do not set my sights too high. I have taken no part in great affairs, in wonders beyond my scope. No, I hold myself in quiet and silence, like a little child in its mother's arms, like a little child, so I keep myself. Let Israel hope in Yahweh henceforth and for ever.



Prayer Requests: *To request prayers, please call the parish and register the intention for the coming Sunday.*

Let us remember in our prayers, the souls of who passed away, those who are sick including, **Debra Alexander, Dr. Leda Reeves, Ed Mackey, John Mackey** and parishioners, the residents of St. Ignatius Nursing and Rehab Center and Centennial Village.

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 5, 2023

1st Reading Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10
2nd Reading First Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13
Gospel Matthew 23:1-12

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.

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Mass Intention: Tony and Susie Lopes



To 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 very much.



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.

Stewardship Status

Parish Weekly Contribution Goal \$3,000
October 29, 2023 Total: \$1,165.00
Second Collection Fuel & Utilities: \$214.00
Maintenance Fund: \$50.00

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 Tetedji
Chris Sarpong - 215-554-8868
Ed Scott - 267-779-1771 or email:
Ourladyafrica@gmail.com



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.

Series on the Eucharist

Q: Why should I attend Mass and receive the Eucharist?

A: On each Sunday, the faithful come together not only to profess the faith but also to renew the life of Christ within them. The church calls upon believers to celebrate the gift of God with us in the Eucharist every Sunday. Jesus invites us to his spiritual banquet and to share in His Body and Blood It also unites us to Jesus Christ.

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

Faith Formation

May Jesus Christ, who leads us to eternal life, be with you!

Now that the month of October is history, we moved into the month of November. This is a time for remembrance and celebration. November is the month we remember the souls of all our deceased loved ones, we pray that they are resting in the presence of Our Lord. While this month can be emotional. We pray for the repose of their souls and remember them in a special way.

November is also the month we remember the rich history of lack Catholics and their contributions to the church. I encourage you to like-up famous Black Catholics who contributed so much and who made a better life for us. On a personal note, I am often reminded of the contributions and gifts of such people like Bishop Harold Perry. Fr. Clarence Rivers, Sr. Thea Bowman, Fr. Augustus Tolton, Julia Greeley, Sr. Cora Marie Billings and Fr. Rayford Emmons, just to name a few. These men and women blazed a path for future priests, religious sisters and lay catholic.

November is also a time to celebrate. We celebrate the change of seasons and time. We also celebrate America's Thanksgiving Day. On that day, we pause to recognize all the blessings we received. These blessings include our faith, church family, blood family, friends and supporters. During this month of November, may we stop, take a moment to remember and celebrate.

I want to keep in the back of our heads the on-going process of creating a vision and goal for our parish. You will continue to hear reports about our Parish Survey, everyone's thoughts and a time line. We must "Keep the Fire Burning."

Our readings for today's Mass reminds us that we have all been called to a life of service before God. Everything isn't always about us. We must share our gifts, talents, and service with others. With humble hearts, may we always be about God's work and plan.

Peace and Blessings, Msgr. Britto

2023 CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

2023 Catholic Charities Appeal has begun. St. Ignatius goal is \$4,323. May we all participate in this campaign. Our parish does profit from this appeal. This is an important Appeal to which our parish is one of the recipients.



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: "With flexibility comes a greater choice of options."

Question of the Week— "When do I fail to practice what I preach? What change must I make to do so as effectively as Paul and his fellow-disciples?"

Prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

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

BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH

There are currently 3 million Black Catholics in the United States, making up 6% of the total population of African Americans. There are about 450 Black Catholic Nuns, 250 Black Catholic Priests, and over 500 Black Catholic Deacons. Most notable people are Fr. Augustus Tolton, Sr. Thea Bowman, Julia Greeley, Mother Mary Lange, Henrietta DeVille, and Pierre Toussaint.

LITURGICAL ETIQUETTE:

- ◆ Spend time in prayer before mass.
- ◆ Genuflect, or bow, before the Blessed Sacrament when entering church as a respect to Our Lord.
- ◆ Bow your head when the name of Jesus is mentioned.
- ◆ No walking around church when mass begins.
- ◆ No walking during the homily and the Eucharistic prayer.

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.

SUMMARY OF PARISH ADDRESS

- ◆ **Number of Parishioners**—349
- ◆ **Number of Households**—289
- ◆ **Sacraments for 2023:**
 - *Baptisms: 8
 - *First Communion: 7
 - *Funerals: 7
 - *Confirmations : 0
 - *Weddings: 0
- ◆ **Parish Finances (2022-2023 Fiscal Year)**
 - * Total Sunday Collections: \$135, 439.12
 - * Other Collections: \$8,866.20
 - * Social Donations: \$28, 956.03
 - * Operating Expenses: \$32,698.97
 - * Trust Fund: \$298,463.8
 - * Parish is not in debt
- ◆ **Campus Issues**
 - *Toilets in Women's Bathroom
 - * Repair Sewer line
 - * Portals on either side of the church doors
 - * Estimated cost : \$20, 000.00
 - * Maintenance Fund Envelopes will go towards repairs.
- ◆ **Moving Forward**
 - *Strategic Plan
 - * parish Survey
 - * Think Tank
 - * Implement results from Black Catholic Congress

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
November 5th— Men's Group
November 12th—3 Degrees

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: 3,600

HOLIDAY RAFFLE !!!

TOP PRIZE—2 TICKETS TO EAGLES VS. GIANTS GAME CHRISTMAS DAY !!!

2ND Prize—BASKET OF CHEER

3RD Prize—\$150 & 4TH Prize—\$100

Tickets are \$5 Each OR \$20 for a Book of 5 tickets. Please See Marlene, Portia, Santa or Michelle for tickets. Drawing will be held on Dec. 17th. **Eagles tickets will be sent Electronically to the winner.**



ELECTION DAY—NOV. 7TH!! Don't forget to vote! It is a right and obligation to place your vote.



Thank you to the Men's Group they were able to split the cost with the church to have two high seated toilets and handi-cap bars installed in the women's bathroom.



CHRISTMAS VILLAGE—The Christmas Village will be on December 3rd, 10th and 17th. 11am to 2pm
Vendors Spaces are \$40 per table per day or \$100 for all 3 days. Please contact Portia if you would like to be a vendor. The Holiday Raffle will be announced on the 17th!



LADIES CRT. #280 are hosting a SOCK DRIVE Nov. 8th to the Nov. 17th. Collection Boxes will be at the back of church. They are asking for Men and Women's socks . All donations go to St. Ignatius Nursing Home.

MEMORIAL SHRINE During the month of November, we remember the souls of all our deceased loved ones. You can place a photo of your deceased loved ones on the memorial Shrine in front of the Blessed Mother's Altar.

WOMEN'S DAY COLLECTION: The Women's Day Committee is collecting for the tree removal and follow-up repairs to the concrete. So far we have collected a total of \$2,425. 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.

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK—Remember in your prayers all men and women in formation preparing to become a priest, religious information preparing to become a priest, religious sister or religious brother. These is a great need for priests, deacons, nuns and religious brothers

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

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.

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