

# Liturgy

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

“For I am well aware of my offences, my sin is constantly in mind. Against you, you alone, I have sinned, I have done what you see to be wrong, that you may show your saving justice when you pass sentence, and your victory may appear when you give judgement, Give me back the joy of your salvation, sustain in me a generous spirit. I shall teach the wicked your paths, and sinners will return to you. Deliver me from bloodshed, God, God of my salvation, and my tongue will acclaim your saving justice. Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will speak out your praise.”



**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.

### 5th Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2024

1st Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34

2nd Reading Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel John 12:20-33

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**Mass Intention: Marie Jordan, Herbert Jordan, Carrie Jordan Family**



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 10th: \$2,372.00**

**Second Collection: \$209.00**

**Maintenance Fund: \$102.00**



### 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.

### 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?

### 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.

### 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, who restored a steadfast spirit within us, be with you!**

It seems as if our prayer list grows daily. We pray for family, friends, fellow parishioners, our city and world. I am requesting that you add one more prayer petition. We are obligated to pray for Family, Church, world and community. Please include on your prayer list. The country of Haiti. Once again, turmoil is existing. The government is in crisis and the people are being neglected, abandoned, and lose of lives. Please pray for Hati, and for our parishioners who have families there.

We are quickly approaching the end of our Lenten season. Maintain your Lenten resolutions. Ask God to shower his grace upon you to assist you in these final weeks of Lent. I also encourage you to attend the final weeks of St. Cyprian Lenten Journey. Don't forget to take advantage of the Sacrament of Confession at least twice a year. Lent/Easter is that time. Do not let this sacrament pass you by. Receive the grace its offers.

Holy week begins March 24th with Palm Sunday. I really encourage to attend the Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. We will also have the Seven Last Words on Good Friday. We renew our faith and reflect on Jesus commitment to us through His passion, death and resurrection. Make every effort to attend the Holy Week liturgies.

Our readings for today's mass reminds us of Christ's obedience to God the Father. Jesus' "yes" to die for this sins of many allowed believes to have an opportunity for eternal life. His death brought eternal life and salvation to all: "if a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit."

May we learn to sacrifice our own self-interest, demonstrate acts of love for others, and put our faith in action, we can produce much fruit and help others in their faith.

Peace and Blessings,  
Msgr. Britto

**Question of the Week**— "What part of myself that I've become attached to in a self-centered way can "die" so that I so that I will clear more space in my heart and schedule for love of neighbor?"

**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**



## **"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.

## **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**Holy Thursday**—Mass of the Lord's Supper @7pm

**Good Friday**— Seven Last Words @ 2pm

Prayer Service @3pm

**Holy Saturday Vigil Mass**—@ 7pm

## **Pastoral Council Members**

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



**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."

**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 17th— 3 Degrees

March 24th— Ladies Crt. #280

**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 **2024**: 600

## **HOLY**



### **FOOT WASHERS FOR HOLY THURSDAY**

During the Holy Thursday Mass at 7pm, we will **THURSDAY** wash the foot of twelve people. This is an re-enactment of the twelve people disciples at the Last Supper. If you wish to participate in this, please call the rectory.



**ST. PETER CLAVER  
COURT#280  
GOOD FRIDAY FISHFRY  
MARCH 29TH  
12PM UNTIL SOLD OUT  
Platters \$15.00  
Sandwiches \$10.00  
Sides \$3.00 each**

### **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.

### **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**



**EASTER EGG HUNT**—The Jr. Daughters of Crt. #280 will be hosting their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday March 31st after mass I the Parish Center Yard. Donations of plastic eggs, and candy are much appreciated and can be dropped to the rectory by March 28th. For questions please see Nelda Harris

**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.

**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.



**SPRING CLEAN UP—WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP CLEAN UP OUR BLOCK ON SATURDAY MARCH 23RD FROM 10AM TO 1PM. PLEASE HELP US TO**

**GET READY IN MAKING OUR PARISH SHINE ON PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER SUNDAY. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP PLEASE CONTACT PORTIA OR RHONDA HARRIS. CLEANING SUPPLIES WILL BE PROVIDED. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR ALL OF YOUR HELP.**

### **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**