

Liturgy

Weekly Word Psalms 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15

"You who live in the secret place of Elyon, spend your nights in the shelter of Shaddai, saying to Yahweh, 'My refuge, my fortress, my God in whom I trust!' No disaster can overtake you, no plague come near your tent; he has given his angels orders about you to guard you wherever you go. They will carry you in their arms in case you trip over a stone. You will walk upon wild beast and adder, you will trample young lions and snakes.



Since he clings to me I rescue him, I raise him high, since he acknowledges my name. He calls to me and I answer him: in distress I am at his side, I rescue him and bring him honour."

Prayer Requests: To request prayers, please call the parish and register the intention for the coming Sunday. Let us remember in our prayers those who are sick including **Dennita Oliver-Moore, Mildred DeShields, Martha Martin, Charles Waters, Francesca Carvalho, Harriet Washington, Debra Alexander, Dr. Leda Reeves, Ed Mackey** and parishioners, the residents of St. Ignatius Nursing and Rehab Center and Centennial Village.

First Sunday of Lent

March 9, 2025

1st Reading Deuteronomy 26:4-10

2nd Reading Romans 10:8-13

Gospel Luke 4:1-13

PARISH THEME

Every year, our parish has a Parish theme. This year's theme will be: **"Inspire- Initiate-Invite!"** 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.

First Sunday of Lent

March 9, 2025

Mass Intention: Reba Henry, Ruth G. Hill

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.



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.

LITURGICAL ETIQUETTE— From time to time, proper procedures at Mass will be posted in the bulletin. This will allow a more spiritual expression at Church and Mass.

1. When entering in church, bowing of head or genuflection is the proper gesture given to Christ.
2. Get to Mass on time, so to spiritually get prepared for Mass
3. Don't walk down center aisle after Mass begins.
4. Don't walk in church during the scripture readings and homily. (Unless it is an emergency)
5. Respect other's prayer and meditation time.



BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study continues Every Wednesday 6pm to 8pm via ZOOM If you would like to join please contact our DRE Janet Cosby at 267-255-2965 or 215-386-5065. You may also join the Bible Study at St. Cyprian, every Thursday morning at 10am in person or on ZOOM. For 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 Tettedji
Chris Sarpong - 215-554-8868
Ed Scott - 267-779-1771 or email:
Ourladyafrica@gmail.com

Faith Formation

May Jesus Christ, the living word of God, who calls us to repentance, be with you!

Today, we begin Day Lights Saving time. Our days will be longer and warmer weather will make an appearance May we take a moment , everyday, to give god the praise for His gifts of creation, the sun, moon, stars and even changeable weather.

Our universal church has entered into the season of Lent. The purpose of Lent is to remember Jesus, sacrifice and death , and to prepare foe Easter through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We are reminded to offer up for Lent, especially something that brings us personal satisfaction, or something negative that draws us away from God. In addition, we can also offer something for the good of others, such as charitable acts and works of mercy. As we begin this penitential season, May we journey together looking forward to Easter and Jesus continued covenant and commitment to us. Our parish them for Lent is :”Lifted up in love.” Let us remember that Jesus lifted Himself up in love for each one of us.

The Gospel for today’s Mass recalls Jesus time in the desert and the appearance of Satan who tries to tempt him. His struggle with the devil prevails by Jesus commitment, trust, and faith in God. We too struggle with temptation, but St. Paul reminds us that when we confess our faith and seek help from the Lord, He will help and save us. May we always turn to Jesus when temptation comes our way.

Peace & Blessings,
Msgr. Britto

MARCH AWARENESS MONTH

We’re raising awareness about: Kidney Health, Colorectal Cancer, Ovarian Cancer, Sex Trafficking and Women’s History Month



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: Pride: Embrace Challenges. Take care of your precious heart. Be active! Find something physical to do. Make sure to get a good amount of rest and relaxation.

Question of the Week— “During this Jubilee Year of Hope, what or who sustains me in hope through periods of trial?”

Prayer to the Holy Spirit—Holy Spirit, fill our homes, and set our hearts on fire with the warmth of your love. Inspire us to new beginnings. Help us as part of your universal church to reach out to others with the good news of Christ, to bring hope to those in distress. Amen

MISSION GOALS

Everyone is encouraged to offer at least three ideas to assist in the future goals and growth (spiritually, financially, and physically) of our parish. Index cards will be available to write down your suggestions.

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

“For all of us , may the Jubilee Year of Hope be an opportunity to be renewed in hope. God’s word helps us find reasons for that hope.” Pope Francis

THEME FOR 2025 LENTEN JOURNEY:

“Lifted Up in Love”

Our Parish lapel buttons with this theme on it have been distributed to the parish. Wear it as a sign of evangelization and our Lenten spiritual journey.

SEASON OF LENT—Begins in two weeks, March 5th, with Ash Wednesday. St. Cyprian will continue its Lenten tradition with the Lenten journey. Every Wednesday evening during Lent, Mass, Stations of the Cross. And Mary’s Way of the Cross will be celebrated. Use the Lenten journey as part of your spiritual journey. All are welcomed!

Pastoral Council Members

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

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 & Campus Corner

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Msgr. Britto	Elsie Goss-Caldwell
Ellen Brown	Bernadine Hawes
Marisa Guerin	Morgen Black-Smith
Julian Burnett	Staff—Jasmine White

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.

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.

DISCIPLES IN MISSION IN ACTION

- Our parish Food bank
- Eucharistic Ministries visiting the homebound
- Volunteering at Senior Adult center



St. Ignatius Food Outreach Open

Tuesdays: 10 am —12 pm Those needing emergency groceries bring a photo I.D. and fill out an application. For information contact Lorna Horsey or Portia Edmunds. Non-perishable food donations may be dropped off at the church after Sunday Mass or during business hours at the rectory.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAM

Five Healthy Tips:

1. Enjoy more fruits and vegetables
2. Choose more whole-grain bread, pastas, Try brown rice instead of white rice
3. Select more lean proteins, especially fish and beans.
4. Get more sleep each night: 7-8 hours.

CAMPUS CORNER

Church Bldg. Utilities Paid

Fiscal year 2024 : July –Sept.

Peco : \$14, 845.41

PGW: \$908. 59

Water: \$ 1,262.89

Total: \$17,016.89

Total for Second Collections for Fuel & Utilities

July - Sept.: \$2,995.50

(This does not include the Rectory or Parish Center)

MAINTENANCE FUND ENVELOPES:

The church has raised funds for a new Electronic LED outdoor signboard. **To date we have reached our goal and raising \$11,000 !** Thank you everyone for your Stewardship of Treasure to our parish. Your tithes are very important as it helps our operating budget and expenses.

Maintenance Fund 2024 Yearly Total : \$4,821.00

PROJECTS

- The school would like to inform everyone with the help of our former teacher Sr. Rosanne they were awarded a major grant from the Sisters of St. Joseph Chestnut Hill of Philadelphia. This grant secures \$50,000 for OMSSI to renovate our gymnasium floor and to rejuvenate our Physical Education and Music programs. This grant will allow the school to install new floors for the gym. The timeframe for this project has not yet been announced.
- Parking Lot gate has been fixed, installing new clamps and raising to open more easily; Wifi has been added to the Mitchell for better connection and new lighting has been added to the kitchen. Money raised from the 2024 Christmas Village will go towards these projects.
- Final approvals have been made on the new LED Outdoor sign and installment is coming soon within the next few weeks.

Stewardship Status

Parish Weekly Contribution Goal \$3,000

Total for March 2nd: \$3,523

Second Collection: \$116.00

Maintenance Fund 2025 Yearly Total to Date:

\$1,142.00

New Volunteers Needed to help count the collection. Please contact rectory if you are interested.

What's Happening at St Ignatius

ST. IGNATIUS KITCHEN
March 9th—Ladies Crt.#280
March 16th—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 **2024:** 3,750



YOUR'RE INVITED TO THE ST. IGNATIUS FAMILY BOWLING PARTY!!

**SATURDAY MARCH 15TH - 1:00PM TO
3:00PM WYNNEWOOD LANES ARDMORE, PA**

**Tickets are \$25 per adult and \$15 per child 12yrs and under.
Includes shoe rental, food and drink. Please see Portia for
tickets! All are Welcome!!**

SAVE THE DATE

BUS TRIP TO SIGHT AND SOUND TO SEE "NOAH"

NOVEMBER 29TH TICKETS ON SALE SOON!

**SEATS WILL BE RESERVED ON A FIRST COME FIRST
SERVE BASIS WITH FULL DEPOSIT ONLY!**

TEN COMMANDMENTS

God gives us the Ten Commandments to show us how to live a happy, holy life. The Ten Commandments tell us what we should do and should not do. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see any way that you did not keep the Ten Commandments.

First Commandment: "I am the Lord your God: you shall not have strange gods before me."

- * Did I try to make God the most important thing in my life?
- * Did I act like other things, activities, or people are more important than God?
- * Did I spend time with God each day in prayer?
- * Did I thank God for the good things he has given me?
- * Did I receive Holy Communion with mortal sins that I have not confessed yet?

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) is an opportunity for older adults to offer their skills, wisdom, and life experience in direct service to those in need. In return for a commitment of 1 or 2 days of service a week with a community non-profit, the IVC program provides retreats and monthly gatherings for personal reflection and prayerful conversations with fellow IVC members. Contact IVC Regional Director and St. Ignatius parishioner Meg Retz at mretz@ivcusa.org or visit www.ivcusa.org.

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.

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: Marymotherofcaptive@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 Catholic School is still enrolling students for Kindergarten through Grade 8 for the 2024-2025 school year, and applications will be available for the 2025-2026 school year next month! For nearly 150 years, OMS/SI has been providing a rigorous, faith-based education for students from across the city. In addition to a robust academic curriculum, OMS/SI students enjoy access to a wide variety of extra-curricular programs and after-school clubs, including basketball, ballroom dancing, chess club, garden club, and more! All new students are eligible for financial aid, Children's Scholarship, and will automatically receive the St. Jude Hope Scholarship, which provides up to \$1,500 in assistance. Please contact Mr. Michael Andrews at Mandrews@imsomssi.org, or call 215-222-3626 to learn more and secure your seat!