Stewardship Corner

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time **November 8, 2026**

ST. IGNATIUS MISSION STATEMENT

We, the members of Saint Ignatius of Loyola proclaim Jesus Christ as the light of the world. Strengthened by the Hoy Spirit, we commit to our Catholic faith by:

- Worshipping God through the sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist, with inclusive and uplifting liturgy.
- Building a welcoming faith community that empowers lay leadership, supports youth, and reaches out to the inactive.
- Proclaiming the Good News through our words, actions and daily witness.
- Teaching Christ's saving message in our school, religious education, and liturgy.
- Serving others through charity, outreach, and youth involvement.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

PARISH MINISTRIES/ORGANIZATIONS

Anointing of the Sick Committee
Knights of Peter Claver, Ladies Crt. #280
Knights of Peter Claver
Women's Day Committee
Paschal Supper Committee
Christmas Bazaar Committee
St. Ignatius Food Outreach
Environmental Committee
Altar Servers
St. Ignatius Choir
Consolation Committee
Our Lady of Africa
Greeters/Ushers
Altar Society
Bible Study
St. Ignatius Crew



St. Ignatius Food Outreach - Open Tuesdays 10am to 12pm. Those needing emergency groceries please bring a photo I.D. and fill out an application. For information contact Lorna Horsey. Nonperishable food donations may be dropped off at the church on Sunday or at the rectory during business hours.

STEWARDSHIP STATUS

Parish Weekly Contribution Goal $3,000
For Sunday of November 1st: $3,188.00
Includes Second Collection: $389.00
Online Parish Giving For:
Oct. 26th – Nov. 2nd - $507.00
Total: $3,3695.00
Maintenance Fund 2026 Yearly Total to Date: $3,781.00

CAMPUS CORNER

PARISH TITHES

Please be more conscience of your donation to the church, especially during the winter months. The heat bill has increased by 2% from last year. Your extra tithes is greatly appreciated.

Thank you again to everyone for your Stewardship of Treasure to our Parish. Your tithes are very important as it helps our operating budget and expenses. It is important in keeping our church functioning.

HALL RENTALS

St. Ignatius School Hall Rental Fees:
Parishioners -$900 NON-Parishioners $1,350
There are a total of 17 round tables, 14 (6ft) banquet 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.
Parish Center Rental Fees:$25 per hour for meetings
Mitchell Room Fees: $300

FUNERALS/REPAST

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

Parish Giving
simple. secure. convenient.

St. Ignatius is enrolled in our Parish Giving Online program. If you have not done so already you may sign up by going to our website www.stignatisuwestphilly.org click on the Parish Giving logo. You may also make a one-time contribution by scanning the OQ Code below. Other ways to sign up would be by downloading the Parish Giving App. This is to ensure a safe, easy and secure way to make your donation, buy tickets to a fundraiser, bus trip etc.

Faith Formation & Parish Life

PASTOR'S CORNER

"May the God of peace and blessings come down upon you as you journey toward the kingdom."

Remember, the month of November is recognized as black Catholic History month. It was established by the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus. This month is to highlight the contributions of Black Catholics to the church. Take the time to read up on Black Catholics and their historical contributions: Fr. Clarence Rivers; Fr. Cyprian Davis, Sr. Cora Marie Bilings; Sr. Thea Bowman; Dr. Norman Francis. You will be enlightened by these servants of God.

I continue to encourage you to support our parish events and activities. It is important to our parish. Also, be mindful of attending mass. Your presence at Mass is important.

As always, keep our parishioners in prayer, including our homebound parishioners and those who have not returned to church.

The Gospel story for today's Mass reminds us to stay awake an ready yourselves for the coming of the Lord. We cannot take life or God's blessings for granted. Each are important as we continue our spiritual journey. May we stay awake in prayer, charity and wisdom.

Peace & Blessings, Msgr. Britto

NOVEMBER AWARENES MONTH

National Diabetes; Men's Health Awareness; national Family Caregivers; National Alzheimer's Disease' Epilepsy; lung cancer and Prostate Awareness

HOME BLESSINGS AND HOLY COMMUNION

Please call the rectory if anyone wishes their home to be blessed or if any of our homebound or shut-in parishioners wish to receive holy Communion.

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH – "With hope all things are possible."

VETERANS DAY NOVMEBER 11TH

We don't know them all but we owe them all. With respect, honor, and gratitude, thank you to all veterans for your service, self sacrifice, and valor.

THANK YOU- To all who attended the St. Martin de Porres Mass at the Cathedral last week. Our presence and support from our parish to the celebration in honor of St. Martin de Porres and Black Catholic history is greatly appreciated.

Question of the Week – "What can I do this week to further prepare for the coming of the kingdom?"



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Francis Xavier Cabrini: born Maria Francesca Cabrini in 1850. She was the first American to be canonized by the Catholic church as a saint. Cabrini founded a religious order of women whose mission was to the care of poor Italian immigrants in New York and later across the U.S. Dispite oppositions to Italian immigrants, her mission led her to establishing hospitals, orphanages, schools, and social services. She became well known for her work and feistiness. She is patron saint of immigrants. Cabrini's feast is celebrated on November 13th.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit – Breathe into me O'Holy Spirit, act in me O'Holy Spirit, that my work too may be holy. Draw my heart O'Holy Spirit, that I love what is holy. strengthen me O'Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then O'Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy, Amen (St. Augustine)

Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus O Scared Heart of Jesus, in you I place my trust and hope., In times of uncertainty and despair, fill my heart with your love and peace. Guide me through my struggles and grant me the strength to persevere. May your Sacred Heart be a refuge, leading me to a brighter tomorrow. Amen

Prayer to St. Michael – St. 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 hosts,
by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

SURVEY – On November 22nd there will be a survey in church after mass. This survey is to get your input on what you feel we should do regarding the school building. Please take this time to gather your thoughts and be ready to fill out the survey when it is passed around. Your input is much appreciated.
~Thank You, Msgr. Britto

QUESTIONS – If you have any questions regarding the State of the Parish address, please write them down and send to the rectory. Thank you, Msgr. Britto

Liturgy

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Mass Intention: Tony & Susie Lopes

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1st Reading Wisdom 6:12-16

2nd Reading First Thessalonians 4:13-17

Gospel Matthew 25:1-13



Weekly Word: Psalms 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
"Thus I have gazed on you in the sanctuary, seeing your power and your glory. Better your faithful love than life itself; my lips will praise you. Thus I will bless you all my life, in your name lift up my hands. All my longings fulfilled as with fat and rich foods, a song of joy on my lips and praise in my mouth. On my bed when I think of you, I muse on you in the watches of the night, for you have always been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice; my heart clings to you, your right hand supports me. "

The Rosary and Miraculous Medal prayer will be said before a 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 D.R.E, Janet Cosby at the rectory or email jtrinity31@verizon.net to sign your child up. OCIA Program, do you know any adult 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 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 via zoom. For more information, please call 215-747-3250.



ALTAR SERVERS – We are in need of Altar servers. Adult Servers are also most welcomed. Contact the rectory or Msgr. Britto if interested.

LECTORS WANTED – If you would like to be a lector please contact Janet Cosby.

Prayer Requests: To request prayers, please call the parish and register the intention for the coming Sunday. Let us those who are sick including **Gloria Ayers, Lois chapman. Albert Johnson, Crystal Conix-Parker, Richard Corbin, Jamaal Robinson, Autumn & Summer Frasier, Mildred DeSheilds, Martha Martin, Charles Waters, Francesca Carvalho, Debra Alexander, Dr, Leda Reeves, Ed Mackey** and parishioners, the residents of West Park Rehab Center and Centennial Village.

PARISH THEME

Every year our parish has a Parish theme. This year's theme will be; "Reflect, Renew, Respond" 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.

LITURGICAL ETIQUETTE

- At the Sign of peace shake the hand with the person around you, or bow to them. The "peace sign" with your fingers is Not Appropriate.
- When entering n church, bowing of head of genuflection is the proper gesture given to Christ.
- Don't walk down =center aisle after mass begins.
- During the scripture readings, homily, and the Eucharistic Prayer, there should not be any walking, in respect to the Word of God and the transubstantiation of the Body and Blood of Christ.
- Receive Holy Communion, either on your tongue or in the palm/cup of your hand. Do not take Holy Communion from the celebrant, deacon or eucharistic Minister.
- Use post communion as a period of meditation and prayer of praise and thanks, Respect other's prayer of praise and meditation time.
- Not attending Sunday, unless of an illness goes against the Commandments, which is a sin.

Our Lady of Africa Queen of Peace Association

Please join us on the last Sunday f every month at 2:00pm to celebrate Mass with our Ghanaian Catholic families with prayer and songs that honor our Ghanaian culture. **Celebrant: Fr. Sy Peterka; Questions contact Chris Sarpong- 215-554-8868, Ed Scott 267-779-1771** or email Ourladyafrica@gmail.com

Faith Formation & Parish Life

ST. IGNATIUS KITCHEN
November 8th – Kitchen Open
November 15th – 3 Degrees

MONTHLY MEETINGS
2ND Tuesday - Liturgy Committee – 6:30pm
2nd Wednesday parish Council – 6:30pm
(Quarterly) Finance Committee – 3pm



THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY MEAL

Our Annual Thanksgiving Community Meal will be on Tuesday November 24th from 10am. Donations of pies, cakes and rolls are needed. Please see Marlene if you would like to donate or volunteer.

PICTURE DAY!! NOVEMBER 9TH

If you have not yet signed up, please contact Portia at the rectory 215-386-5065. Pictures for the church directory will be taken on Monday Nov. 9th between 2pm and 8:30pm by appointment only. Everyone will receive a FREE 8x10 photo with more pictures including Christmas cards available for purchase.



PANCAKES & PAJAMAS CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

will be on **Sunday Dec. 20th** from 11:30am to 1:30pm in the Youth room. All children are invited to come in your best Holiday PJs and enjoy the fun! Donations of treats and juice are appreciated.



CHRISTMAS POP-UP VILLAGE

St. Ignatius Hall **Sunday Dec.6th** 11am to 3pm Vendor space $40 per table

HOLIDAY RAFFLE

TOP PRIZE $1,000, 2ND PRIZE $300, 3RD PRIZE BASKET OF CHEER

TICKETS ARE $5 EACH OR $20 PER BOOK OF 5 TICKETS. Top Seller of 50 or more tickets will receive a bonus of $100. Please see Marlene or Portia for Tickets

MONTH OF REMEMBERANCE– The Book of Remembrance will be on the altar. Families are invited to bring a pitcher of your loved one to place on the windowsill. Today's Memoriam service remembers those who passed this last year Nov. 2025 to present: **Michael Wilson, Shaun Wilson, Robert Green, Fr. James Locke, Richard L. Corbin, Harriet Washington, Janice Jordan-Lee, Mary Reynolds and Sr. Franceline Malone**

Bulletin Submissions give to Portis by the prior Monday: 215-386-5065 or email staff.manager636@gmail.com

What's New From St. Ignatius Crew

- Thank you for your donations. We will meet the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month at 10am
- Total Number of PB&J sandwiches for the Homeless for 2026: 2,400

HEALTH INFORMATION -On November 15 in the Mitchell room after Mass, Marisa Guerin and a colleague will staff a health information table on the topic of Multiple Myeloma, a blood cancer. Marisa is a myeloma patient. This is a cancer that affects African Americans at twice the rate of other populations. Please plan to stop by the table and pick up some helpful information for your family and friends.

Black Catholic History Moment – There are approximately 3 million African American Catholics in the United States out of 1.3 billion Catholics in the world. Making up 6% of the total population. There are approximately 400 African American Religious Sister in the United States out of a total of 35,000 to 40,000. The Oblate sisters of Providence is the first religious order to accept black women to the sisterhood. There are 250 African American Catholic Priests in the U.S. There are 5 living African American Catholic bishops in the U.S.



The Black Catholic Men's Conference will be on Saturday Dec. 5th from 9am to 3:00pm at St. Cyprian Church. Theme: Empowering Black Catholic Men: New Evangelization please contact St. Cyprian to register or scan QR Code on the flyer. Lunch will be provided.

WHAT IS FLOCKNOTES? - Flock notes offer better communication thru text and email. If you would like to receive updated announcements from the Parish. Please fill out the card in the back of church or simply email staff.manager636@gmail.com.

MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS – For immediate help call 911, 988 or National Suicide Program Hotline: 1800-273-8255. 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 – 1800-950-6264