

Liturgy

Weekly Word

Psalms 65:10 –13

“you water its furrows abundantly, level its ridges, soften it with showers and bless its shoots. You crown the year with your generosity, richness seeps from your tracks, the pastures of the desert grow moist, the hillsides are wrapped in joy, the meadows are covered with flocks, the valleys clothed with wheat; they shout and sing for joy.”



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

Let us remember in our prayers parishioners, the residents of St. Ignatius Nursing and Rehab Center and Centennial Village.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12, 2020

1st Reading Isaiah 55:10-11

2nd Reading Romans 8:18-23

Gospel Matthew 13:1-23

The Rosary and Miraculous Medal Prayer will be said from home before mass every Sunday.

Stewardship Status

Parish Weekly Goal \$3,000

Collections for July 5, 2020

\$1,616

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Mass Intention: Mosell B. Bradford

RCIA Program Do you know any adults interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith? If so, please contact Fr. John Hand at the rectory. Please leave your name and number and he will get back to you.

PREP Program: Anyone who needs to receive the Sacraments of :

First Communion (2nd grade to high school) or Confirmation (Grades 7 & 8, high school & adults)

Please contact Janet Cosby at the rectory or email stignatius.dre@gmail.com

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: Father Sy Peterka
Thomasina Kweku-Kennedy
at 215-704-6300,**

**Daniel Bonsu at 215-888-1387
or email: Ourladyafrica@gmail.com**

**THE RECTORY OFFICE REMAINS CLOSED.
PLEASE EMAIL OR LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR
THE OFFICE STAFF IF YOU HAVE AN
EMERGENCY OR WOULD LIKE TO MAKE AN
APPOINTMENT FOR CONFESSION.**

Faith Formation

May Jesus Christ, who showers us with mercy and kindness, be with you!

The summer months are moving along, in spite of “the new norm” we must adjust to this term, “the new norm” had become a part of our daily lives. It is important that we all adhere to this “new norm”, not only for our own safety, but for the safety of others around us. Washing our hands frequently, wearing our masks and social distancing is a must. Although we might get tired of hearing this, we cannot become complacent or axed.

This pandemic had overshadowed another on-going concern is or city and throughout the county. Gun violence has increased since last year. Our cities are becoming a wild west atmosphere. While people have the right to carry and own fire arms, it is being used to hurt, and kill, innocent people. We must speak up against this senseless crime against humanity, We have to find a way to end gun violence in our cities. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please share it. Life is a gift from God. We are to share this gift, not terminate it through violence, or not listening to the terrors of “the new norm”

These are challenging times we are living in. Hopefully by taking about what is good for humanity over and over, it will sink into our minds and hearts.

Our readings for today reminds us, if we listen to what is good for us, the outcome can bear fruit. Listening to God’s word can be challenging to our way of life, but when we take God’s word seriously, good things can happen.

Let me share this reflection; “Receiving the word: The word of God is to the human heart what a seed is to the earth. However, just as a seed needs soil, so the word needs a receptive heart. The earth responds to the rain and sun so that even the desert blooms. Lord, soften our hearts with your grace, open them with your gentle love, so that the precious seed of your word may take root in our hearts and bear fruit in our lives.

~ Peace and blessings, Msgr. Britto

Question of the Week

“How can I be more receptive to God’s word, like rich soil? What specific action can I accomplish this week to bear fruit?”

Parish Council

Because of the Coronavirus and the shut down of public Masses and parish meetings, parish council will resume in September.



**The hot weather is upon us.
It is very important that you stay
hydrated and drink plenty of water.**

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

The Appeal began in February. Our parish goal is the same as last year: \$4,323. Last year we surpassed our goal. Please be very generous with this Appeal. Our parish is a recipient of this goal.

Pastoral Council Members

Msgr. Britto
Michele Bustion
Santa Conix-Parks
Kendall Edwards

Lorna Horsey
Thomasina Kweku-
Kennedy
Joseph McClary
Kathleen McDonald

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.



Communion to the Homebound

If any homebound parishioner is in need of Holy Communion and a visit, please contact the rectory: **215-386-5065**

Parish Life

UPCOMING EVENTS

All Upcoming Events Have Been Canceled



CORONAVIRUS

Dear Parishioners,
Effective June 5, 2020 the Archdiocese has resumed all daily Masses. As of now St. Ignatius Mass will resume on Sundays at 10am. Masses at the Nursing Home remain suspended until further notice. Please take advantage of live streamed Mass links provided and continue to pray for the souls this disease has effected. There will be no communion calls except for last rites. Please contact the rectory if you have any questions. 215-386-5065.

Thank you for your cooperation.

MAJOR UPCOMING PROJECT

We are in need of new electrical lines in the church building. Each floor of the church from the basement to the 3rd floor needs to be rewired with a separate junction box. The total cost is estimated at **\$12,000**. **Pledge Cards are now available in the back of church. We ask that you be generous in helping with the safety upkeep of our Parish.**



RICE BOWLS

If you have any Rice Bowls we are still collecting them. Please return them on Sunday to one of the ushers. Thank you

Prayer for Peace in the Streets

O God, our maker of all creation,
We pray for peace and an end to gun violence.
We pray for respect for human life in all its stages.
We pray for a commitment to human rights and the protection of all lives.
We pray for peace and for justice in our homes, city, and streets.
Wrap all and each of our children in your love,
We pray for an end to violence, especially gun violence, especially gun violence and senseless deaths.
Grant us this peaceful God, Grant us a Peaceful world,
Amen



ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

This November is an important election year. If you are not registered to vote, your voice really counts. Register to Vote!

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.

We can come together in the spirit of prayer on these days and watch the Mass on YouTube at Saint Cyprian Social.

What's Happening at St Ignatius

ST. IGNATIUS Kitchen
Closed Until Further Notice

Regular MEETINGS CANCELED

MONDAY: **Line Dancing Class:** 6:00 pm — 7:30pm
Mitchell Room
TUESDAY: **Food Pantry:** 10 am — 12 noon
SECOND TUESDAY.* **Every Month:** 6:30 pm
Liturgy Committee
SECOND WEDNESDAY.* **Every Month:** 6:30 pm

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

What's New From St. Ignatius Crew

- Total Number of PB&J sandwiches for the Homeless for the **2019 year \$1,187!!**
- **2020:** total 1,646

SINCE THE QUARANTINE

Business around the parish continued.

- ◆ The Food Pantry continued
- ◆ Every parishioner was sent special mailing from the rectory
- ◆ Every pew was cleaned and a cleaning company came in to clean the entire church.
- ◆ Drove through the parish with the Monstrance blessing every area of the parish, mercy Hospital, and St. Ignatius nursing Home.

Links to the livestream sites For Mass can be found below:

- YouTube: Saint Cyprian Social
- www.archphila.org
- [https://www.facebook.com/ ArchbishopPerez/](https://www.facebook.com/ArchbishopPerez/)
- [https://www.facebook.com/ Arch-Phila/](https://www.facebook.com/ArchPhila/)
- <https://vimeo.com/event/17522>

Class of
2020

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Janet Cosby— St. Charles Seminary
Lamar Bustion— St. Joseph University
Cherokee Pindle— Holy Family University

HEARTFELT THANKS

Again, I want to thank every parishioner who maintained their stewardship of treasure to our parish. Mailing in our dropping off your church tithes has been awesome. It demonstrates your commitment and devotion to our parish.

Youth - The School - Alumni



Our Mother of Sorrows/St. Ignatius of Loyola School
Independence Mission School Grades Pre-K to 8

To enroll a child, contact our New Principal Ms. Emily Diefendorf at 215-222-3626

Links available on www.stignatiuswestphilly.com

OPEN ENROLLEMNT HAS STARTED!!

Please contact the school office if you would like to enroll your child.