History’s Greatest Event

Today we celebrate the most important mystery of our faith, the greatest event in the Bible and all of history. Nothing before the events of Easter morning contains their full meaning, and nothing after makes sense without them.

Jesus’ conquering of death validated all of his teaching, teaching, and miracles. Now his doctrine of love, forgiveness, faith, and baptism is confirmed, as is God’s definitive revelation for man’s salvation. In short, the resurrection proves that Jesus wasn’t simply a good man, a wise teacher, or a revolutionary. He was all those things and more—he was the Son of God.

Without Jesus’ rising from the dead, you cannot explain his appearing to the women, apostles, disciples, and crowds before his ascension. You cannot explain the transformation of the timid and baffled apostles into powerful preachers or the conversion of St. Paul from a murdering Pharisee to a persecuted Christian. Without the truth of the resurrection, you cannot explain the courage of any of the martyrs.

Indeed, the Romans and Jews took these martyrs seriously. And if either group could have produced a body of evidence or a convincing explanation to debunk the story, they would have.

So today, set aside your Lenten focus on the mortified, beaten, and buried Jesus. Celebrate the resurrection. Christ the Lord—and Christianity—is a reality and a force. Rejoice! Reflect on the truth and power of this day, and allow God’s Son to open the tombs of your heart and life.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, L.C.

For Reflection

The resurrection changes everything. How does it change my life? If you recorded your whole day, would there be enough evidence that you believe in the resurrection?

“This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible...to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead” (Acts 10:40–41).

As is the blended Catholic community of St. Ignatius Loyola, draw strength from Word and Sacrament, especially in the celebration of the Eucharist. Modeling Christ’s work, we embrace our commitment to God’s call. We remain faithful to the shared acts of prayer, study and service.

Together we extend Christ’s hospitality to others and light the path of peace for generations to come.

“Knowing God is more important than knowing about God.”

—Karl Rahner, S.J.
OFFERTORY ENVELOPE NOTICE:

Due to recent vandalism, we are asking parishioners to no longer place offertory envelopes in the mailbox in front of the rectory. Please deliver envelopes by hand, mail, or in church. We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you, as always, for your continued support of our parish community.

WORD—LEARNING ABOUT OUR FAITH

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Tuesday, April 18th - Confirmation Interviews - schedules have been distributed to families.
Tuesday, April 25th - Confirmation practice - 6:30-7:30 PM. Practice will begin in Conlan Hall.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Scripture Studies
We hope you will join us for “A Biblical Walk through the Mass.” This five week program, developed by Ascension Press, is scheduled on Tuesdays at 6:30 for April 25th and May 2nd and 9th in Begain Hall 1st Floor. The series includes a video (approximately 30 minutes) which explains the biblical background to the words, prayers and gestures of the Mass. Though participants will use their own Bibles, a Study Guide and commentary are also available. We do recommend the Study Guide, which costs $9 and includes an outline of the video, some general information and questions referring you to specific sections of the Bible—this will be helpful for our discussions. The commentary, A Biblical Walk through the Mass by Dr. Edward Sri is available online. Please call the rectory to let us know if you would like to participate and indicate if you would like to purchase the Study Guide.

First Wednesday of the Month Talks
On May 3rd, you are invited to meet Rabbi Roger Lerner, the spiritual leader of Temple B’na’i B’rith, who will discuss spirituality and different rituals in Judaism. Though most of us are familiar with the Passover Supper, there is much we do not know about the basic tenets of Judaism. He will also explain different practices and services in this tradition. This is the final presentation of our Wednesday talks before summer break. Please plan on joining us in Conlon Hall from 7:00 – 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday, May 3rd. As always, there is no need to register.

Spiritual Renewal
The Word and Adult Faith Formation Teams would like to thank all who attended and participated in this renewal. Those of us who were involved in the planning and presentation, were quite taken with the parish’s response—between 50 and 70 persons attended each of the five sessions. Under Father Andy’s guidance, we met Father Albert Haase, OFM, whose mission is to help each person understand an inner yearning to foster a relationship with God. The planning teams and persons who attended, are grateful to Father Andy for his work with this renewal. Since joining our parish in mid-January, he has been a veritable whirlwind of inspiration helping us appreciate the work of God in our midst and fostering our spirituality. Thank you, Father Andy.

In recognition of our need to give, and the many needs of our church and parish, and in gratitude for God’s gifts to us, we declare our willingness to return a portion of our Treasure to our parish, as part of our total Christian stewardship.

Sunday Tithe
$17,787.80

This Week’s Expenses
$9,672.76

Don’t forget! Food Collection each and every weekend at the vestibules of Church and Chapel.
On behalf of Father Andy, Deacon John O’Connor and our parish staff, we wish you and your families a Happy Easter. Thank you for your love of our parish and all that you do to support our Ministries. May God’s peace touch your hearts and bring new meaning to you.

Love, Father Chmil

WELCOME TO THE FAITH
On behalf of Father Andy, Deacon John and Mary O’Connor, Andrew Mihailoff as well as, the Catechists of our RCIA Process and the Parish Family of St. Ignatius, we congratulate and welcome Eileen Rosengrant and Jennifer Rosengrant into the Catholic Faith. They were initiated during the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday. As a parish, we pray that Eileen Rosengrant and Jennifer Rosengrant will continue to listen to God speaking to them and calling them to an ongoing conversion in their lives. May the words of St. Ignatius of Loyola inspire you, “It is true that the voice of God, having once penetrated the heart, becomes strong as the tempest and loud as the thunder. But before reaching the heart it is as weak as a light breath that scarcely agitates then it shrinks from noise and is silent amid agitation.” Congratulations, our love and prayers are with you.

Love, Father Chmil

WORSHIP—LITURGY AND PRAYER
QUESTION OF THE WEEK
Easter Sunday - Witness to faith
Reading I  Acts 10:34, 37-43 (Peter’s discourse)
Reading II  Colossians 3:1-4 (mystical death and resurrection)
Gospel  John 20:1-9 (Peter and the disciple at the tomb)
Key Passage  Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed. (John 20:8)
Adult  What is your experience of resurrection in your own life or the life of your family?
Youth  Jesus is with us today. How can you see him in the people around you in Church?

Think gospel! Please make room for your neighbor in church and slide to the center of the pew.
**WEEKLY MEDITATION**

Alleluia! He is Risen! Let us rejoice and be glad. We rejoice because Jesus conquered sin and death by his Resurrection. Christ lives—and we live in Him. It is a new day for each of us, a new beginning.

**REGIONAL DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - APRIL 23RD**

St. Maria Goretti Church, Laflin, will host the eleventh annual celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. We are honored to have as this year’s principal celebrant and homilist, Rev. Thomas J. Petro, JCL, pastor Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Dupont. Rev. Daniel Toomey, pastor of Gate of Heaven—Our Lady of Victory and Rev. Anthony Urban will be concelebrants.

Schedule: 1:00 PM - Sacrament of Reconciliation; 2:00 PM - Blessing of the Image of Divine Mercy followed by Holy Mass; 3:00 PM - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, The Divine Mercy Chaplet in song, Benediction and blessing with first class relic of St. Faustina. All are welcome.

**COMMUNITY—GROWING TOGETHER**

**VARIETY BINGO**

Save the date - **Sunday, April 23rd**. The bingo will be held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 116 Hughes St., Swoyersville. Doors open at 12:30 PM and Bingo begins at 1:30 PM. $5.00 - entrance fee. Lunch, Bake Sale, Instant Bingo, Door Prizes, and Basket Raffles will be available. All are welcome!

**CATHOLIC MEN’S CONFERENCE**

The Third Annual Catholic Men’s Conference will be held on **Saturday, May 6th** at King’s College. Join hundreds of other like-minded, Catholic men in a half day conference. Hear excellent talks that will challenge you, re-awaken your spirit, and liven you up. Examine your priorities. Rejuvenate your commitment to Catholic Faith, Family and Fellowship. Get new insights for your daily life. For more information, please call the Diocesan Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213 or Mike Kilmer at 570-746-0100. Registration fee is $35.00.

**NIGHT AT THE RACES**

St. Andre Bessette Parish will sponsor a Night at the Races on **Saturday, April 29th** at St. Mary’s Byzantine Hall, 522 Madison St., Wilkes-Barre. Doors will open at 6:00 PM. Post time will be 7:00 PM. Admission is $5.00. Food and beverages will be served. If you wish to purchase a horse, please call 570-823-4988 for further details. Persons must be 21 years of age or older to attend.

“Teach us to give and not to count the cost.” — Ignatius of Loyola
REMEMBERING
April 17–23

**Monday**
7:30—Mary Woods-ALM Mellon Family
12:10—Palma & Sebastian LoRusso-ALM Catherine Fioti

**Tuesday**
7:30—Agnes & Charles Hoosey-ALM Family
12:10—Elizabeth McColey-ALM Family

**Wednesday**
7:30—Daniel Marks, Sr.-ALM Wife, Mary
12:10—Elizabeth Reid-ALM Family

**Thursday**
7:30—John Golden The Welkey’s
12:10—Stanley Swaintek Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Vanderhoff

**Friday**
7:30—Pete Coury-ALM Wife, Marilyn & Son, Michael
12:10—Loyd & Smith Families-ALM Tom & Maureen Smith

**Saturday**
7:30—Richard Longo-ALM Daughters, Susan & Sandy Longo
4 pm—Matthew Plazza Sam & Dorothy Peters
5:30 pm—Michael Munkowski Bobkowski Family

**Sunday**
7:00 am—Irene Grywalski Sean, Ashley & Kathy
8:30 am—Barbara Fella Ramona & Michael Spurlin
10:30 am—Tina Mosca Terri & Rick Bunton
12:00 pm—For the People of the Parish

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### SERVICE—HELPING OTHERS

**THANK YOU!**

Dear Parishioners of Saint Ignatius,
Thank you for supporting my medical mission trip to Ecuador. I cannot express enough gratitude for the generous donations and kind words I have received. I am truly blessed to be a member of the Saint Ignatius family. Please continue to pray for me and my fellow students as we make preparations for our departure on May 26th. Thank you again and God bless you!

Marlee Ann Mierzwa

### LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

The Little Sisters of the Poor will be here the weekend of April 22nd and 23rd to request alms for the residents of Holy Family Residence. Thank you!

### PRO-LIFE FLEA MARKET

This event is sponsored by the Wilkes-Barre Chapter for Human Life and will be held at Wyoming Valley Presbyterian Hall, 2 Lockhart St., Wilkes-Barre. **Dates:** Friday, April 28th - 2:00-6:00 PM and Saturday, April 29th - 4:00-8:00 PM. All proceeds benefit the work of the Pro-Life Center, Wilkes-Barre.

### CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL - APRIL 29TH & 30TH

Home mission dioceses are those dioceses in the United States and its territories and former territories that cannot provide basic pastoral services to Catholics without outside help. Basic pastoral services include Mass and the sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters, and lay people. Support Catholic Home Missions Appeal and lift up the lives and faith of our brothers and sisters around the country. Envelopes for this collection will be available next weekend.

### HOSPICE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Compassionate Care Hospice needs volunteers to visit with hospice patients in nursing homes, assisted living facilities and in private residences. A few hours of your time means the world to our patients seeking companionship. **To touch a heart is to change a life.** Please contact Sylvia Kolosinsky, Volunteer Coordinator at 579-451-1031 or email Sylvia.kolosinsky@cchnet.net

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For full parish calendar go to: www.stignatiuspa.com/calendar
BRIDGET CARNEY SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is available at The University of Scranton. The endowed fund is available to students who are: 1) Parishioners of St. Ignatius Loyola Church; 2) Demonstrate financial need as established by completion of the 2017-2018 FAFSA application. For more information, call Financial Aid Office at The University of Scranton - 570-945-4759.

BINGO - APRIL 30TH

The bingo will be held in the St. Aloysius Church cafeteria, 143 Division St., Wilkes-Barre. Time: 1:00-4:00 PM. Doors open at Noon. Price - $10.00 entry, covers 10 main games/4 specials. Daubers required. Home made food, desserts and beverages, daubers, 50/50 chances and extra games packs available to purchase.

RUMMAGE SALE

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 116 Hughes St., Swoyersville is sponsoring a Rummage Sale on Monday, May 1st - 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM; Tuesday, May 2nd - 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, ($2.00 Bag Day) Wednesday, May 3rd - 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM ($1.00 Bag Day.) There will be refreshments and a bake sale.

Food Pantry Donations Needed

Check here every week for the latest Food Pantry Information.

The Food Pantry is in need of the following items:

- Canned pasta, cereal, peanut butter,
- Jelly, pasta, spaghetti sauce, soup.

(Please place items in the bins in the back of the Church and Chapel.

Monetary donations are also accepted, please make checks payable to:
The Al Beech West Side Food Bank.

Thank you!!!!!

ALARM SYSTEM

Please be aware that when our Church is locked our alarm system is turned on. If you enter the Church without informing the office staff, the police respond when the alarm goes off and our parish is charged $25.00. We appreciate your sensitivity to this circumstance.
ATTENTION: GERRITY’S & SHUR-SAVE MARKET SHOPPERS

If you shop at Gerrity’s or other Shur-Save Markets and have not designated your community rewards in support of St. Ignatius Parish, please call our project administrator, Patti Kupetz ASAP at 570-288-6856 and give her your Gold Card number and name on the card and she will be able to register you for our parish. The income we receive helps support some of our outreach service projects.

PRAYER SHAWLS & LAP ROBES

Handmade prayer shawls and lap robes are available at no charge from Mary's Ministry for those in need of support or comfort. Anyone wishing to have one or give one to someone may contact the rectory for details or may stop at Bergan Parish center on Saturdays between 1:00 & 3:00 PM.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday
Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or, at an afternoon or evening Mass Lk 24:13-35

Monday
Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday
Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday
Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday
Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48

Friday
Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday
Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday 10:30 AM
Lectors
S. Verdone & S. Arbogast

Communion Ministers

Altar Servers
F. Bellia & A. Evan

Sunday 12 Noon
Lectors
B. Hazlak

Communion Ministers
T. Gazowski, A. Calderone, C. Smedley

Altar Servers
C. Hoidra & K. Nilson

Thank you for your cooperation.

Check us out! E-mail us at SILOffice@aol.com or browse our home page at www.stignatiuspa.com
NOMINATIONS FOR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish Pastoral Council is beginning the process of identifying new members to fill three positions for the fall. We invite and encourage you to consider nominating someone you know—or perhaps yourself—for service on the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC).

What is the work of the PPC?
In the Diocesan guidelines put forth by Bishop Bambera, the PPC is to set the “vision” for the parish. You may remember that in June 2014, after gathering input from the parish community through a parish survey, town hall meetings, and focus groups, we developed a five-year Parish Pastoral Plan for St. Ignatius. Since that time the PPC has been working with the four Coordinating Teams and the Finance Council to assist the parish in realizing the goals set for Word, Worship, Community, and Service. Members of the PPC have two-year terms, renewable twice, for a possibility of being on council for six consecutive years. The PPC meets at 6:30 PM on the third Wednesday of each month—except for June, July, & August.

Who should you nominate for PPC?
We are looking for people who have the talent to see something good in the future of our parish and who are willing to discover ways to make that vision a reality. We are looking for people who can work collaboratively in understanding the needs of the parish and in forming goals to meet those needs. Think of the open-minded, the big thinkers. Think of the leaders, the energetic. Think of the dedicated, the faithful. Think of the parishioners you’d like to see involved in helping to foster and support a sustainable future for St. Ignatius.

What is the process for the nomination PPC candidates?
There are a few ways to nominate someone for the PPC:
1. You can contact a current member of the PPC with the name.
2. You can send an email to siloffice@aol.com (clearly noting “PPC Candidate” in the subject line and offer the parishioner’s name in the body of the email.
3. You can complete and submit one of the nomination forms found in the rear of the church and chapel.

The nomination period closes May 1st.

What is the process for the selection of new PPC members?
All nominees will be contacted to confirm their interest in being considered for membership on the PPC. There will be an Information Session for all nominees on Tuesday, May 9th (at 6:30 PM in Conlan Hall). At the close of the Information Session, nominees will be asked to take home reflection questions on parish life and return their responses to those questions to the Rectory by May 15th. (Nominees who are unable to attend the Information Session will of course also be provided with these reflection questions as well.) The PPC will discern and identify new members at its May meeting (May 17th), and new members will be announced no later than June 1st.

Should you have any questions about the nomination and selection process (or about the work of the PPC in general), please contact Tom Hamill, Chairperson, at 570-852-1183 or thomas.hamill@wilkes.edu. Thank you for your help in bringing new voices and perspectives to the PPC!
PARISH SCHOOLS
Good Shepherd Academy: Principal, Mr. James Jones
Phone: 570-718-4724
Holy Redeemer High School: Principal, Mrs. Anita Sirak
Phone: 570-829-2424

YOUTH MINISTRY
Our parish offers a comprehensive Youth Ministry including community building, service, religious education and socialization. Watch the bulletin for ministry information.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS
This is a process the Catholic Church uses to bring adult members into the faith. Anyone interested in becoming a part of this process or in obtaining more information can call the Rectory at 570-288-6446. This journey in faith is concerned with the total formation of the person into living and serving with the Church community.

BAPTISM
Expectant and new parents are asked to participate in a seminar on Baptism. Please call the Rectory at 570-288-6446. Godparents are welcome to attend, though it is not required. Please call the rectory to register at your earliest convenience. The celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism is on the third Sunday of every month.

MARRIAGE
Congratulations! You are asked to contact one of the parish priests at least six months before the date of your marriage so that the appropriate preparations can be made for this special celebration.

VISITATION OF THE SICK
Please call the office for visitation of the sick at home, in the hospital, or health care facility.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Urgent calls will be attended to at any time of the day or night.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION
Grades 1-6 — Sunday morning from 9:15 AM to 10:20 AM.
Grades 7-8 — Released Time Confirmation Program
High School— Sunday Evenings (Monthly)

NEW PARISHIONERS
Please register by calling the rectory. Those moving should inform the office as soon as possible.

DEVOTIONAL LIFE
The Rosary is prayed after the 7:30 AM Mass daily and before the 8:30 AM Mass on Sundays at the Chapel of St. Ann. Eucharistic Adoration is held the First Friday of the month at Saint Ignatius Church beginning at 12:45 PM concluding with Benediction at 4:00 PM. (September—May)

MINISTRY COUNCILS
Pastoral Council — Father Chmil, Father Kurovsky, Deacon O’Connor,
George Andresky, David Baloga, Nancy Bellas, Michelle Butcher, Pat Cole,
Robert Dupre, Maura Fennell, Gloria Galante, Tom Hamill, Molly Kachmar,
Cynthia Liskov, Maria Scappaticci
Finance Council — Father Chmil, Bob Gabriesheski, Mary Lewis,
Lou Mondy, Art Piccone, Lisa Rinker, Kay Smidley
Buildings & Grounds Committee — Pat Clemente, Matt Fiske,
Ron Gaylord, Carl Kachmar, John Schwartz, Jared Urbanski
Word Coordinating Team — Jennifer Bale, Pat Cole, Carmella Faust,
Mary Fiske, Bessmarie Frey, Gloria Galante, Erin Keating, RuthMcEvoy,
Arthur Piccone, Danielle Taylor
Worship Coordinating Team — Father Chmil, George Andresky,
Elaine Blessing, Cindy Liskov, Debbie Lyons, Kathleen McCarthy,
Nick Mirigliani, Denise Mosca, Stephanie Olmstead, Peggy Yanklunas
Community Coordinating Team — Mary Bednarek, Kate Corgan,
Nancy Flannery, Betty Habler, Molly Kachmar, Nancy Larralde, Sally McGinley,
Helen O'Brien, Shelley Smith, Mike Stretanski
Service Coordinating Team — Deacon O’Connor, Steve Durk, Tom Hamill,
Pat Kupert, Tom Scappaticci, Bob Tuttle

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Kim Gnall, Mixed Choir Ensemble
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& Children’s Choir Director
Mrs. Carmella Faust, Handbell Choir
Mrs. Pat Fennell, Accompanist
Mrs. Caprice Ryman, Accompanist
Mr. George Andresky, Accompanist
Maintenance Ron Gaylord
Sacristan Matt Fiske
Visiting Clergy Rev. Joseph Adonizio
Rev. Andrew Sinnott
Rev. Anthony Urban
Rev. Richard Zavacki