A Chosen People, A Common Ancestry

All of today's readings have a common theme: how Jesus' words to his Jewish brothers and sisters influence our faith.

The Catholic Church's relationship with our Jewish brothers and sisters has been strengthened dramatically over the last years. This is thanks in large part to Vatican II's Declaration on the Relationship of the Church to Non-Christian Religions (Nostra Aetate), particularly Judaism.

Our deep connection with Judaism is rooted in the fact it was to these Chosen People God offered the Old Covenant. We are also indebted to them because their history and culture formed the lives of the people of God and the Holy Family, from which the early Church sprung.

Christianity's firm belief that Jesus was the long-awaited Messiah is the reason our Church is like a shoot sprung from the root of Jesse. This difference was something Paul's Letter to the Romans dealt with directly—the need for all, both Jews and Gentiles, to accept Jesus.

The key element to this acceptance is the faith shown in the Gospels. Jesus reaches out to his fellow members of the house of Judah yet also recognizes that a Canaanite (Gentile) woman has faith that leads to salvation. This has key implications for both insiders and outsiders: one can no longer claim salvation by a bloodline or nationality but only by one's acceptance of Jesus as the Son of God and active participation in his body, the Church. Jesus broadens the welcome and opens God's house to all people.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection
How can you become more united with your ancestors in faith? How can you strengthen your bond with your brothers and sisters in Christ in your parish community or greater public community?

Piece: The Crossing of the Red Sea, 1481-82
Artist: Domenico Ghirlandaio, Cosimo Rosselli, or Biagio d'Antonio
Location: Sistine Chapel, Rome

“Them I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer” (Isaiah 56:7).
Welcome Back Father Dan Issing

It is with much joy that we have Father Issing back at St. Ignatius. We have missed you! We thank you for your service to our parish.

Thank You To Ron Gaylord

A big thank you to Ron Gaylord for his six faithful years of service to St. Ignatius Loyola Parish. We wish him luck and success in his future endeavors. Thank you, Ron.

Welcome To Bill Gross

A very warm welcome to our new maintenance man, Bill Gross. The people of St. Ignatius Loyola Parish wish him a long and happy tenure. Welcome aboard Bill!

Word—Learning About Our Faith

Religious Education

Important upcoming dates:
Thursday, August 24th - 7 pm, Religious education faculty meeting, Bergan Hall
Registration Sunday, August 27th: 9:30 am – Noon, Bergan Hall
Make up registration dates: Tuesday, August 29th: 6-7:30 pm
Tuesday, September 5th: 6-7:30 pm

Students registering for the first time who were not baptized at St. Ignatius will need a copy of their baptismal certificate.

Registration Fee: $25/student; $55/3 or more
Classes begin Sunday, September 10th

Tuesday, August 29th – 7:30 pm, Special Needs faculty meeting, Bergan Hall. If anyone would like to help with these special children, please contact the religious education office, 287-3682 or religiouseducation1@yahoo.com.

CLOW (Children’s Liturgy of the Word)

If anyone would like to help our young children celebrate the Liturgy of the Word, please contact Carmella Faust at 570-287-3682 or religiouseducation1@yahoo.com. Guidance and materials will be supplied. CLOW is held during the 10:30 am Mass.

Weekly Meditation

All are welcome, all are welcomed in this place!

Isaiah tells us that all who join themselves to the Lord will be brought to God’s holy mountain and made joyful in His house of prayer. This house of prayer is for ALL people. God wants each of us, no matter who we are or what we have done, to join Him. The Body of Christ is not complete unless everyone does what God is calling them to. So wherever you are, join yourself to the Lord today. You are welcomed.

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
$12,303.10

This Week’s Expenses
$14,046.40

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.

Don’t forget! Food Collection each and every weekend at the vestibules of Church and Chapel.
ADULT FAITH FORMATION

FALL SCHEDULE FOR 1ST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH TALKS

Plans for this year’s 1st Wednesday Talks are set, and the Adult Faith Formation Team hopes you will plan on joining us for those that interest you. The topics and dates are listed below, details will be posted in future bulletins. Instead of presentations dealing directly with religious themes, we have included some topics which are relevant to certain groups within the parish and address very pressing social concerns. Because of the poor attendance at our 2nd Wednesday of the Month Videos, we have decided to schedule only one video in the fall which is connected to the talk on Alzheimer’s. As in the past, there is no fee or sign up for attending these talks. Come to those that interest you, bring others who may share that same interest. All programs are scheduled for Conlon Hall at 7:00 P.M., unless otherwise noted, and will last about an hour.

September 6 — Cybernet Concerns and Children
7:00 P.M. Conlon Hall
Detective Charles Balogh, Luzerne County DA’s Office, Computer Crime Unit will present information on potential problems which children may encounter through the internet. How aware are we of the dangers which pose a threat to our children’s safety as they surf websites or opt to chat on social media? Are they being bullied? What can we as parents and caregivers do to protect our children? This program is designed for adults. As always, no reservations are required—bring a friend.

Mark your calendars. Other programs scheduled for the fall include:

October 4 — Alzheimer’s and the Caregiver
October 11 — Still Alice (video will begin at 6:30)
November 8 — Veterans’ Needs
December 6 — An Introduction to Islam

WORSHIP — LITURGY AND PRAYER

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - All are welcome

Reading I  Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 (the Lord’s house open to all)
Reading II Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 (Israel’s final conversion; the triumph of God’s mercy)
Gospel  Matthew 15:21-28 (faith of the Canaanite woman)
Key Passage  For my house shall be called a house of prayer or all peoples.
(Isaiah 56:7)

Adult  The woman in this story was persistent in prayer. For what do you pray insistently?
Youth  For what do you ask God to give you most often?

Think gospel! Please make room for your neighbor in church and slide to the center of the pew.
COMMUNITY—GROWING TOGETHER

Our parish will hold a Summer Social on **Sunday, August 27th**. The event will be held under the pavilion at Keely’s on Division St., Kingston from 2:00 to 6:00 PM. Cost-$20.00 per adult and $13.00 per child 12 years and under; 2 years and under - free. Food, games, music, Theme Baskets and lots of fun. We are seeking basket donations and gift cards. Anyone who wishes to donate a gift card or basket should contact Kristen Boyle at 570-814-9543. Tickets are available at the Rectory.

**Covered Dish Meeting/Social with Fr. McKernan - Tuesday September 5th**
Mark your calendar today. On **Tuesday, September 5th** at 5:30 PM, Mary’s Ministry will host a fall Covered Dish Meeting/Social in Conlan Hall to welcome our new pastor, Fr. Leo McKernan. We will have a brief business meeting open to all to adopt our program of work calendar and spending plan for 2017-2018. Following dinner, Fr. McKernan will share with us aspects of his Priesthood. All members of our parish community are invited to participate. Contact Alice Naylis at 288-5597 by September 3rd, for details if you plan to attend and to indicate the food dish or donation you are able to provide.

**Autumn Fling Bingo Prizes and Sponsorship Donations**
Thanks to all who have responded so far to our request for prizes and sponsorship donations for Mary’s Ministry **November 5th** Autumn Fling Bingo. We are still in need of some additional items and would appreciate your continued support. Please contact Michele Butcher at 570-288-4366, (cell) 570-592-2465 or mjb2605@aol.com or Maribeth Girton at 570-814-0997 or Marebeth10@aol.com if you wish to provide a prize or donation as an individual or business sponsor. Sponsorship levels range from $50 and under to $250 plus. Prizes and sponsorship reply forms may be picked up at the rectory as well as from the event planning team. We hope this new event will be a fun and rewarding for all who participate.

**The Week Ahead**

**Wednesday**
Knights of Columbus
7:30 PM
Conlan Hall

**Thursday**
Cantor Rehearsal
6:00 PM - Church
Rel. Ed. Faculty Mtg.
7:00 PM
Bergan Parish Center
1st Floor

**Saturday**
Prayer Shawl Ministry
12:30 PM
Bergan Parish Center
1st Floor

“Teach us to give and not to count the cost.” — Ignatius of Loyola
**REMEMBERING**

August 21st - 27th

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**SERVICE—HELPING OTHERS**

**COLLECTION FOR EASTERN EUROPE NEXT WEEKEND**

This collection supports the Church in over 20 countries, many of which are still struggling to recover in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. **Please make checks payable to St. Ignatius Loyola Church as we will forward one check to the Diocese. Thank you!**

**PRO-LIFE BABY BOTTLE PROJECT**

Once again our parish will participate in the PA for Human Life baby bottle project to help our local crisis pregnancy center meet the needs of moms and babies at the poverty level. Please consider supporting this effort to raise funds to reach out to those who might otherwise choose abortion. Donations may be placed in the baby bottles distributed by Mary’s Ministry at Masses **this weekend** and returned to the collection container at the back of the Church/Chapel at weekend Masses only on August 26-27th or September 2-3rd. During the week, bottles must be returned to the rectory during business hours. Contributions may also be made by envelope and placed in collection basket or returned to the rectory. All bottles (used and unused) and donations must be returned no later than Sunday, September 3rd. Make checks payable to the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola with memo – Baby Bottle Project.

**VIRTUS FACILITATORS NEEDED**

The Scranton Diocese is in need of VIRTUS facilitators for the Wyoming Valley area. There will be a training session on **Saturday, September 23rd** from 9:30 AM-5:00 PM at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Ave., Scranton. There will be a follow up session on Saturday, November 4th from 9:30 AM-Noon. If anyone is interested, please contact the rectory.

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**Monday**

12:10—Mary Zekus-ALM  Family

**Tuesday**

7:30—Heffernan Family-ALM  Family

12:10—Rosemary Prutzman-ALM  T. Prutzman

**Wednesday**

12:10—Peter Yablonski-ALM  Wife, Rita

**Thursday**

7:30 —James McGuire-ALM  Ann Marie & Jared

12:10—Robert & Jean Iorio-ALM  Susan, Janet & Ruth

**Friday**

12:10—William Horan-ALM  Wife & Family

**Saturday**

7:30—Neil E. McCall, Jr.-ALM  Family

4 pm—For the People of the Parish

5:30 pm—Thomas Roan  Mack Family

**Sunday**

7:00 am—Marian McGavin  Ladies of Assumpta

8:30 am—Thomas Martin  Dukus Family

10:30 am—Norma Agati  Patricia E. Podesta

12:00 pm—John A. Touey  Jenn & Steve Bale

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SOUP FOR THE SOULS SALE
Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church, 420 Main Road, Buttonwood, Hanover Township, Soup for the Souls soup sale is set for August 31st. Soup of the month is vegetable beef. Pick up time is from 10 AM-6 PM. Cost is $8.00. Pre-orders are appreciated. For more information, please call 570-825-6370 or 570-899-5080.

FALL CRAFT SHOW
The Social Concerns Committee of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, will be sponsoring their Annual Fall Craft Show on Saturday, November 4th from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM. Please note that this year’s show will feature only homemade crafts, not commercially produced items. For further information, please visit our website, www.setonpa.com, and click on the “Fall Craft Show” button to download a copy of the Vendor Contract. Cost for a 10 x 10 rental space is $25.00 ($35.00 after October 1st.) Table rentals are $10 each. For more information, call Mary Ann Martinsky - 570-287-3484.

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 administer, 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.

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**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday**

Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

**Monday**

Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22

**Tuesday**

Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30

**Wednesday**

Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16

**Thursday**

Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51

**Friday**

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40

**Saturday**

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12

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**MINISTRY SCHEDULE Continued**

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**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Announcements for the bulletin must be submitted **NINE DAYS** in advance of their intended printing. If announcements are received after the due date, please be aware that they will not be included in that week’s bulletin. Thank you for your cooperation.

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Check us out! E-mail us at SILOffice@aol.com or browse our home page at www.stignatiuspa.com
MOTHER TERESA’S HAVEN—VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

St. Ignatius Parish will once again be hosting Mother Teresa’s Haven in Conlan Hall from Monday, September 11th through Sunday, September 17th. **We are currently looking for different sponsor groups to plan, supply, and cook dinners for several evenings during that week.** In addition to sponsors who can supply and cook the meals, we welcome **any** individuals who can help support the work of Mother Teresa’s Haven on **any** of the scheduled nights—from helping with kitchen prep, to serving, to sharing fellowship with our guests, to dishwashing and cleaning up.

- **Sponsor groups** (usually 4 to 6 people per group) cover all aspects of their given night, from planning the meal, to shopping for food, to cooking and serving the meal, to cleaning up. Dinner is served at 5:30 each night, and clean up is usually completed by around 8:00. Members from volunteer groups who are cooking the meal that evening should plan to arrive earlier as needed for food preparation.
- **Individuals** who want to offer supplemental support (from kitchen prep through clean up) on any given night are always welcome.
- **We welcome and invite any food donations parishioners might be able to offer in support of this ministry.**
- **We extend a special welcome and invitation to those who have never had the chance to support and participate in Mother Teresa’s Haven and would like to become involved this time around.**
- **We wish to thank all of our parishioners who have already volunteered and served in support of this ministry! Thank you for all that you do for and on behalf of St. Ignatius Parish!**

If you would like to help and become involved with this ministry, or if you have any questions about how you might help and become involved, please contact Tom Hamill (570-852-1183); Mike Stretanski (570-817-3430); or Deacon John O’Connor (570-991-0672). We look forward to hearing from you—and to working with you. God bless.

TRIDUUM AND FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

The Oblates of St. Joseph Fathers will hold the annual Triduum and Feast of St. Joseph the Worker on **September 1st-2nd-3rd** at the Oblates of St. Joseph Chapel, Route 315, Laflin, with a Mass at 7:00 PM followed by special prayers to St. Joseph for workers and the unemployed. Confessions and the Holy Rosary will precede the Mass.
PARISH SCHOOLS
Good Shepherd Academy: Principal, Mr. James Jones
Phone: 570-718-4724
Holy Redeemer High School: Principal, Michael S. Reese
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 McKernan, Deacon O’Connor,
George Andresky, David Baloga, Nancy Bellas, Michelle Butler, Pat Cole,
Robert Dupre, Mauren Fennell, Gloria Galante, Tom Hamill, Molly Kachmar,
Cynthia Liskov, Maria Scappaticci
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Mary Fiske, Bessmarie Frey, Gloria Galante, Erin Keating, Ruth McEvoy,
Arthur Piccone, Danielle Taylor
Worship Coordinating Team – George Andresky, Elaine Blessing,
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Denise Mosca, Stephanie Olimstead, Peggy Yankulas
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Helen O’Brien, Shelly Smith, Mike Stretanski
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Children’s Choir Director
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Rev. Andrew Sinnott
Rev. Anthony Urban
Rev. Richard Zavacki