WORD—LEARNING ABOUT OUR FAITH

WEEKLY MEDITATION

Human beings, particularly Americans have historically been the people to get things done. The Yanks are comin’ was the battle cry in two world wars and a source of pride to the “Greatest Generation.” As a result, it is especially difficult for us to surrender our will to God’s. Yet God promises us today - in each of the passages that His Word shall not return void but shall achieve the end for which it was sent. As “Trekkies” know, “Resistance is futile.” Begin now to yield all your troubles to God and listen to the urgings which come in response. Ask Jesus to help you find the right path to freedom. Be worthy of all your gifts by responding in service to the Gospel message.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Seeds of faith
Reading I Isaiah 55:10-11 (triumph of God’s word)
Reading II Romans 8:18-23 (destiny of glory)
Gospel Matthew 13:1-23 (parable of the seed)
Key Passage Jesus said, “Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundred fold, some sixty, some thirty.” (Matthew 13:7-8)
Adult How do you provide “good soil” for the faith of others to grow?
Youth What are you doing to help the seeds of your faith grow each day?

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

When: Monday, July 31st - Friday, August 4th
Time: 9:30 AM - Noon
Ages: Those who have completed 1 year of pre-school - those who have completed Grade 5
Registration Fee: $10.00 per student
Registration Dates: Sunday, July 16th & Sunday, July 23rd
Staff Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 19th at 7:00 PM in Bergan Hall

“Knowing God is more important than knowing about God.” — Karl Rahner, S.J.
M A S S  S C H E D U L E
Due to the fact that we will have only one priest beginning in August, the Mass schedule will be modified. The schedule will be published in a later bulletin. Thank you for your understanding.

S T .  A N N ’ S  N O V E N A
The annual Novena honoring Saint Ann will begin on Monday, July 17th. Novena prayers and relic blessing will be offered during the daily 7:30 AM and 12:10 PM Mass. Novena prayers will be prayed after the 8:30 AM Mass on Sunday, July 23rd. The nine day Novena will conclude on the Feast of St. Ann - Wednesday, July 26th.

On Monday, July 31st at 7:00 PM, we will celebrate Evening Prayer of the Church in honor of St. Ignatius Loyola, one of our patrons. Please join us as we pray this brief prayer of the Church.

There are Masses when the scheduled servers and or minister do not show up. If you are in the body of the Church or Chapel, please make yourself available and offer to serve or minister. This will be a great help to the celebrant.

The conference will be held Friday, August 4th - Sunday, August 6th at the University of Scranton. Flyers and forms can be downloaded/printed from www.ccrscranton.org.

F I R S T  C O M M U N I O N  P I C T U R E S
First Communion pictures have arrived and may be picked up at the Rectory during regular office hours: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM - Monday-Friday and 9:00 AM - Noon on Sunday.
**Do You Want to Know More About the Annulment Process?**

In the Diocese of Scranton, the annulment process is now more “user friendly” than you might expect, and there is no longer a processing fee. Please contact the Rectory office or the Diocesan Tribunal Office at 570-207-2246 to begin a conversation. It is possible to get clear answers to these questions and to renew your connection with the Church.

**COMMUNITY—Growing Together**

**July 27th - 28th - 29th**

Grandma’s Attic is quickly approaching. Don’t forget to drop off your donations at Conlan Hall on Monday, July 24th from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM and 5:30 to 7:30 PM and Tuesday, July 25th from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Please do not include any clothing, bedding, computer monitors, televisions or furniture in your donations. Household items of all kinds including dishes, books, CD’s, toys, games, small appliances, jewelry, purses, shoes, and more will be gratefully accepted. Our sale begins in Conlan Hall on Thursday, July 27th from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM and 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Friday, July 28th from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM and Saturday, July 29th (Bag Day) from 8:00 AM to Noon. Bake sale and food items available for lunch. Anyone who can donate baked goods is asked to drop them off on Thursday and Friday during Grandma’s Attic sale hours. We look forward to seeing you and thank you for your support.

**SAVE THE DATE!!!!!! Aug. 27th**

Our parish will hold a Summer Social on Sunday, August 27th. The event will be held under the pavilion at Keeley’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.

**Think gospel! Please make room for your neighbor in church and slide to the center of the pew.**
## Catholic Relief Services Collection - July 30th
Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ’s love and respect to all people here at home and abroad. Please give generously to the CRSC and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief. Envelopes for this collection will be available next weekend. Please make checks payable to St. Ignatius Loyola Church as we will forward one check to the Diocese.

## West Side Food Pantry
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Thank you for your faithful generosity to our West Side Food Pantry. Our need always increases in the Summer because of the children who miss breakfast and lunch at school due to Summer vacations. However, your continued support given in the spirit of mercy reminds me of St. Vincent de Paul’s words, “Extend your mercy towards others, so that there can be no one in need whom you meet without helping.”

God’s peace

## Your Support Needed Now for Autumn Fling Bingo
Sunday, November 5, 2017
Mary’s Ministry is hosting a theme bingo fundraiser Sunday, November 5th to help support their work in the parish and community. Please “Save the Date” and plan to participate. Currently, we are seeking at least 20 prize items or gift packs for children, teens, and adults with a retail value of $100 or more and 5 special higher priced prizes for this event. Additional donations for expenses related to this event would also be welcomed. Your support is very important to us. We need to confirm by September 1st our list of prizes to start advertising and selling tickets. Please contact Michele Butcher at 570-288-4366, (cell) 570-592-2465 or mjbl2605@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.

## Bazaars
July 28th-29th-30th
St. Maria Goretti, Laflin
August 3rd-4th-5th
St. Robert Bellarmine, Wilkes-Barre
Sacred Heart Church, Dupont
August 10th-11th-12th
St. John the Evangelist, Pittston

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**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)

**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.

**New Parishioners**
Please register by calling the rectory. Those moving should inform the office as soon as possible.

**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.

**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)

**Youth Ministry**
Our parish offers a comprehensive Youth Ministry including community building, service, religious education and socialization.

**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

**Ministry Councils**
Pastoral Council — Father McKernan, 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 McKernan, Bob Gabriesheski, Mary Lewis, Lou Mondy, Art Piccone, Lisa Rinker, Kay Smalley  
Buildings & Grounds Committee — Father McKernan, Pat Clemente, Matt Fiske, Ron Gaylord, Carl Kachmar, John Schwartz, Jared Urbanski  
Worship Coordinating Team — 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 Larrakle, Sally McGinley, Helen O’Brien, Shelley Smith, Mike Stretanski  
Service Coordinating Team — Deacon O’Connor, Steve Durk, Tom Hamill, Pat Kupetz, Tom Scappaticci, Bob Tuttle

**Parish Staff**
Pastor  
Rev. Leo J. McKernan  
Senior Priest  
Rev. Andrew Kurovsky  
Pastoral Outreach  
Deacon John E. O’Connor  
Main/Business Office  
Ms. Mary Lewis  
Receptionist  
Mrs. Jen Carey  
Cemetery Clerks  
Mrs. Mary Lewis, St. Ignatius  
Mrs. Jen Carey, St. Mary & St. Hedwig  
Religious Formation  
Mrs. Carmella Faust  
Mrs. Patty Kopec  
Youth Ministry  
Jennifer Bale  
Worship  
Mrs. Carmella Faust, Director of Liturgy  
Kim Gnall, Mixed Choir Ensemble  
Mrs. Elaine Blessing, Contemporary Ensemble & 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  
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Rev. Joseph Adonizio  
Rev. Andrew Sinnott  
Rev. Anthony Urban  
Rev. Richard Zavacki