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.
WORD—LEARNING ABOUT OUR FAITH

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday, January 7th - Grade 8 Family Morning/Class Mass. All students, both public and private schools, and their families are strongly encouraged to attend. The morning will begin at 9:15 am with a light continental breakfast and family activity followed by the class Mass at 10:30 am.

CHILDREN’S BULLETINS

Families are reminded that Children’s Bulletins are available in the foyer of the Church (on the brown food box.) These are an age appropriate activity sheet on the Sunday Gospel.

ALPHA

Alpha is an outreach to help you know Jesus Christ and the meaning of life. It will begin on Tuesday, January 9th at 6:30 PM in Conlan Hall. If interested in participating or volunteering to help, please call the Rectory or Father McKernan. Please consider helping!!!!

RCIA - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

There will be a meeting on Saturday, January 13th at the Rectory at 9:30 AM for those interested to help as greeters, evangelists, teachers and mentors, etc.

Think gospel! Please make room for your neighbor in Church and slide to the center of the pew.
WORSHIP—LITURGY AND PRAYER

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2018 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 10th. The event includes a 2:30 PM mass at St. Peter’s Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address, should be made by calling the Rectory by March 1st.

RCIA (THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)
The RCIA will continue at 11:30 AM on Sunday at the Rectory. All are welcome. This is for those who wish to explore the Catholic Faith more deeply. It is open to all - Non-Catholic and Catholic alike. It will look at basic Christianity and the person of Jesus Christ. The RCIA will explore basic and central Christian teaching. If you are interested in coming to understand Catholic Christianity and the beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church, please join us. If you are interested in perhaps becoming a Catholic just come or call ahead 570-288-6446 or email the office at siloffice@aol.com. Interested in helping with the RCIA, please call Father Joe Mosley.

2017 CONTRIBUTIONS
If you wish to add to your 2017 contributions, please do so on or before January 10th. Statements will be emailed to all parishioners who have provided us with their email address. All other statements will be mailed before the end of January, 2018.

WEEKLY MEDITATION
three kings...special gifts...homage to an infant!

We are celebrating the Feast of Epiphany, the revelation that all people are God's people.

Perhaps our response at this time can be more than the ‘sign of peace’ during Mass. How about this? Set a goal of greeting and befriending one person whom you see frequently but don’t really know - for instance a fellow parishioner, a co-worker, someone in the neighborhood. Maybe their day will be brightened, and so will yours - by extending the love and peace of Jesus.
COMMUNITY—GROWING TOGETHER

MARY’S MINISTRY BUSINESS/PLANNING MEETING - TUESDAY JANUARY 9TH
Mary’s Ministry leadership team will meet on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 in Bergan Hall at 6:30 PM to review our current budget and to finalize plans for our Pro-Life Baby Shower, and February Luncheon. All parishioners are reminded that an annual donation envelope for Mary’s Ministry is included in your parish packet this month. All contributions to support our efforts to seek the living Christ in shared spiritual and corporal works of mercy as modeled by our Blessed Mother are gratefully appreciated.

TASTE OF THE PARISH - APRIL 29, 2018 - CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS
The Service Coordinating Team will be assisting with this year’s Taste of the Parish Springtime Social, where together we extend Christ’s hospitality to others. The goal of the event is to help support the work of our parish ministries and those they serve. The success of this event hinges on the generous participation of volunteers. We are seeking volunteers to assist with the planning, the preparation and the day of activities. If you would like to help with this exciting and entertaining social gathering, please contact Tom Scappaticci at 570-697-4096 or tascappaticci@netscape.net. We especially welcome our junior and senior high parish youth to join in this opportunity for servant leadership.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION
If you are interested in helping with couples preparing for marriage, please call Father McKernan in the parish office.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL
The council will meet on Monday, January 8th at 6:30 PM in the Rectory.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
The council will meet on Monday, January 15th at 6:30 PM in the Rectory.

LENTEN PIEROGI
Pierogi orders will be taken by the Women’s Society of Sacred Heart Church, 215 Lackawanna Ave., Dupont, on the weekend on January 13-14 after Masses. Cost is $8.00 per dozen with your choice of potato or cabbage. You may also call the parish office at 570-654-3713 to place your order by Friday, January 19th.

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

January 8th - 14th

**MONDAY**

7:30—James Ferris  Mary Alice Murphy

12:10—George Soltis-ALM  Family

**TUESDAY**

7:30—Walter Dukus  Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Stull

12:10—John Hopkins-ALM  Family

**WEDNESDAY**

7:30—Sylvia Hughes  Berbano Family

12:10—Francis & Dr. Robert Crossin-ALM  Family

**THURSDAY**

7:30—Thelma Januskiewicz  Food Pantry Friends

12:10—Thomas J. MacFarland-ALM  Family

**FRIDAY**

7:30—Beverly Longo-ALM  Bob & Sheila Gabriheski

12:10—Adrian Guns-ALM  Family

**SATURDAY**

7:30—John & Connie Manganiello-ALM  Family

4:00 PM—Paul Kopicki  Barbara Bray & Family

5:30 PM—John Schwartz  Mondy Family

**SUNDAY**

7:00 AM—Jerry Schutz  Jake Wynn

8:30 AM—Frank Girvan  Peggy Yanklunas

10:30 AM—Norma Agati  Kate & Michael Corgan

12:00 PM—For the People of the Parish

**MARCH FOR LIFE BUS**

Those wishing more information concerning a local Bus going to the March For Life in Washington, **Friday, January 19th**, may contact Christopher Calore, Pennsylvania for Human Life Representative, at 570-824-5621. Thank You.

**NEW PERMANENT DIACONATE CLASS**

The class will begin in **August, 2018**. If you feel a “call from God,” please contact Father McKernan. Any applicant must first be nominated by his pastor. Nominees must be at least 31 years of age and no older than 60. An undergraduate degree while preferred is not absolutely necessary - as long as he has a high school diploma (or GED) and is capable of college-level studies. If interested, please call 570-288-6446 soon.

**SERVICE—HELPING OTHERS**

**PRO-LIFE BABY SHOWER JANUARY 20-21 TO FEBRUARY 3-4, 2018**

Mary’s Ministry annual Pro-Life Baby Shower will be held **January 20-21 to February 3-4, 2018**. Boxes will be located in the back of the Church and Chapel for donations of new and nearly new baby clothing, sleepers, blankets, baby wipes, washcloths and bath items. There is an ongoing need especially for diapers. Items need not be wrapped. Baby seats and furniture meeting safety standards may also be accepted. For questions or concerns please contact Kate Cor- gan at 287-1060. All donations will be distributed through the local Pro-Life office and will be given to needy babies in our area. Please help with this important project!
RESPECT LIFE MASS TO BE HELD AT
SAINT FAUSTINA PARISH
NANTICOKE

The Annual Respect Life Mass, sponsored by the Wyoming Valley Councils, Knights of Columbus, will be held at Saint Faustina Parish, Hanover Street, Nanticoke, Sunday, January 14th, at the 11:00 am Mass. The Knights of Columbus, along with Pro-Life Representatives, will offer prayer intentions during the Mass for a greater respect of all Human Life and to end abortion. January is Respect Life month as abortion was legalized, January 22, 1973. Since then, upwards of 60 million innocent unborn children have been aborted. Father Nash, Pastor, warmly invites all to attend and to pray for the most vulnerable of Human Lives, those with disabilities, the ill, and the unborn. Thank You!

JMJ CATHOLIC RADIO

Listen at 98.9 FM or 750AM. The 98.9 FM is 24/7 and is a stronger signal. Learn more about your faith! Fr. McKernan has a regular program on this station. Please keep this work in your prayers.

Times: Tuesdays at 3:30 PM; Thursdays at 6:00 PM and Saturdays at 9:00 PM.

HEALING PRAYER AND ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday, January 12th from 7:00-9:30 PM in the Church. Father Michael Kmotek, CFR - a Franciscan Friar of the Renewal will join us. Come for a short time or for the whole evening.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
January 13th & 14th

Saturday 4:00 PM
Lectors
G. Dicton & G. Galante

Communion Ministers
M. Graham, N. Krasniak, J. Lenahan, N. Bellas, H. O’Brien A. Petros, M.A. Yendrezewski

Altar Servers
R. Faichek & A. Klopp

Saturday 5:30 PM
Lectors
M. McGinley & T. Masalonis

Communion Ministers
M. Heffers, A. Naylis K. Smedley

Altar Servers
A. Roper

Sunday 7:00 AM
Lector
L. Palmeri

Communion Ministers
P. Podesta & M. Fiske

Sunday 8:30 AM
Lectors
J. Girvan

Communion Ministers
J. Lyons, J. Lyons A. Maurer

Altar Servers
N. Vender

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Sunday Stewards
There will be no envelope count for this weekend due to an early bulletin deadline!

**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.

Food
Thank you for bringing food for the needy to Mass. Each week we will bring a basket up in the Offertory Procession to remind us we are in solidarity with the poor.

**VISITATION OF THE SICK**
If you or someone you know is going to be admitted to a hospital or nursing home, please call the parish office and let us know. Due to privacy rules, the hospitals do not notify us unless specifically requested by the patient. Also, if you know of a parishioner that is sick or homebound, please let us know. Thank you!

**SAVE THE DATE:**
**CATHOLIC MEN’S CONFERENCE**
The conference for the Diocese of Scranton will take place at King’s College on Saturday, May 5th, 2018.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE Continued**

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Mary Ann Diaz
Elena Horrigan
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. Please contact the rectory or stop at Bergan Hall on Saturday afternoons if you wish to have one for yourself or someone else. Additional volunteers are always welcome to help make these gifts. If you do not already know how to knit or crochet, teachers are available to assist you and all supplies are furnished. Anyone wishing to participate in this endeavor may stop at Bergan Hall on Saturdays between 12:00 & 3:00 PM or leave your contact information at the rectory.

SOUP SALE
Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church, 420 Main Road, Buttonwood, Hanover Township, Soup for the Souls soup sale is scheduled for Thursday, January 11th. Soup of the month is Clam Chowder. Pick up time is from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Cost is $8.00. Pre orders are appreciated. For more information, please call 570-825-6370. Thank you!

IS YOUR CHILD STRUGGLING WITH HANDWRITING?
Misericordia University Occupational Therapy program is offering an occupational therapy group designed to help preschool aged and school aged children (4-8 years of age) improve their handwriting for school. During this weekly group, children will be engaged in carefully designed play based activities to improve their fine motor and handwriting skills. Dr. Orley Templeton, OTR/L along with 4 Masters degree students from the Occupational Therapy Program will be running the group. This program will run Thursdays from January 25th to April 26th. We will offer two group times: 2:30-3:30 PM or 3:30-4:30 PM. Please contact Dr. Orley Templeton for more information at otemplet@misericordia.edu or call 570-674-8154. All groups will be held at 50 Lake St., at Misericordia University, Dallas.

YOUTH & FAMILY OUTREACH
There will be a meeting to explore new ways to include and integrate young families and youth into our life as a parish - Saturday, January 20th at 10:00 AM in the Rectory.

ANNUAL WINTER BAZAAR
The St. Nicholas-St. Mary’s School Parent-Teacher Guild will host its Annual Winter Bazaar on Friday, January 26th from 3:00 to 9:00 PM within the school’s gymnasium at 242 South Washington St., Wilkes-Barre. There will be food, games, bounce house, basket raffle, 50/50 raffle and pie the principal. All proceeds directly benefit events funded by the St. Nicholas-St. Mary School PTG.
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)

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.

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

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Pastoral Council – Father McKernan, Deacon O’Connor, George Andresky, Nancy Bellas, Michelle Butcher, Pat Cole, Robert Dupre, Maria Edmunds, Maura Fennell, Gloria Galante, Molly Kachmar
Cynthia Liskow, Kimberly McNulty, Jeremiah Taylor
Finance Council — Father McKernan, Bob Gabriesheski, Ellen Kornfeld, Mary Lewis, Lou Mondy, Art Piccone, Lisa Rinker, Kay Smedley
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Community Coordinating Team — Mary Bednarek, Kate Corgan, Nancy Flannery, Betty Habler, Molly Kachmar, Nancy Larralde, Sally McGinley, Helen O’Brien, Mike Stretanski
Service Coordinating Team — Deacon O’Connor, Steve Durk, Tom Hamill, Pat Kupetz, Kim McNulty, Tom Scappaticci, Mike Stretanski, Bob Tuttle

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