

January 8, 2023

THE PARISHES OF

St. Ignatius of Loyola

339 NORTH MAPLE AVENUE
KINGSTON, PENNSYLVANIA 18704



Holy Family

574 REAR BENNETT STREET
LUZERNE, PENNSYLVANIA 18709-1332



Mass Schedule

ST. IGNATIUS

SATURDAY 4:00 PM

SUNDAY 7:00 & 10:30 AM

DAILY

Monday - Friday 7:30 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 12:00 NOON & by appointment

HOLY FAMILY

SATURDAY 5:15 PM

SUNDAY 9:00 AM

DAILY

Monday - Friday 12:10 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 PM & by appointment

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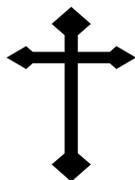
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Deacon

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Reverend Daniel Issing, C.S.C.

Reverend Robert Sickler

Reverend Andrew Sinnott

We, the blended Catholic community of St. Ignatius, 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.



The mission of Holy Family Parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Scranton, situated in Luzerne, PA, is to proclaim and live the Good News of Jesus Christ. We, the Catholic faithful of Holy Family Parish, in union with the universal Church, are called by our baptism to continue the mission given by Jesus Christ to the apostles. Empowered by the Word of God, formed and nourished by the Eucharist, and made bold by the Holy Spirit, we go forth and carry His message to the world, seeking to manifest God's transforming love through prayer, education, and service to others.



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Baptisms: Parents are expected to be registered parishioners who attend weekly Mass. Please call the Office to arrange for the Baptism & pre-Baptismal Instructions. Classes are scheduled as needed.

Marriage: Diocesan Policy states that those considering reception of the Sacrament of Matrimony must meet with the Pastor at least 6 months before a desired wedding date. *No date should be set before meeting with the Pastor.* Pre-Cana Instructions are required. Please call the Office for more information.

RCIA: Please call the Office to arrange Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults instruction for adults/older children wishing to become members of the Catholic Church.

Anointing of the Sick/Hospital Calls: Please notify the Office of those sick or hospitalized. Due to the pandemic, we are not making regular hospital visits, but a priest will administer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick when needed.

Religious Education: Grades 1-6 Classes meet in Good Shepherd Academy, 316 N. Maple Avenue, Kingston, each Sunday, September-May, 9:15-10:20 AM. Classes for Grades 7 & 8 meet in Bergan Hall, 335 N. Maple Ave., Kingston, on alternating Sundays from 6:30 to 7:30 PM.

THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Jerusalem is extolled as a place of glory and splendor because the Lord has come to His own city.

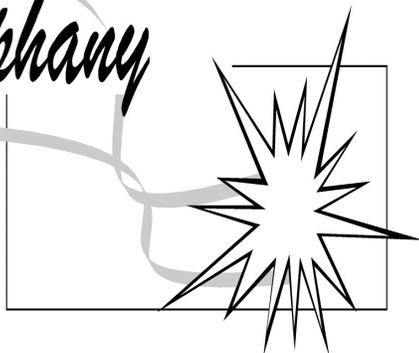
Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Paul tells the Ephesians that his special mission is to make the Gentiles co-heirs with the Jews in Christ — “members of the same body and sharers of the promise.”

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Herod learns that Wise Men from the East are searching for the newly born Christ Child. He instructs them to find the Child and to report His whereabouts to him. The Wise Men follow a star to the place where Mary and Jesus are and offer the Child gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They do not return to Herod but follow another route to their own country.

Epiphany



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

January 9-16, 2023

Monday—Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday—Weekday

Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday—Weekday

Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday—Weekday

Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45

Friday—Hillary, bishop, doctor

Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday—Weekday

Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17

THIS WEEK...



- St. Ignatius Church (SIL) is open for private prayer Monday-Friday from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM.
- Holy Family Church (HF) is open for private prayer on Friday following 12:10 PM Mass until 6 PM.

Sunday, January 8

7:00 AM Mass (SIL)

9:00 AM Mass (HF)

9:15 AM CCD Class, Grades 1-6

10:30 AM Mass (SIL) (live-stream)

6:30 PM CCD Class, Grade 8

Monday, January 9

7:30 AM Mass (SIL)

12:10 Mass (HF)

Tuesday, January 10

7:30 AM Mass (SIL)

12:10 Mass (HF)

Wednesday, January 11

7:30 AM Mass (SIL)

12:10 PM Mass (HF)

1:00 PM Bible Study (SIL)

Thursday, January 12

7:30 AM Mass (SIL)

12:10 PM Mass (HF)

Friday, January 13

7:30 AM Mass (SIL)

12:10 PM Mass (HF)

6:00 PM Faith Sharing (SIL)

Saturday, January 14

12:00 PM Confessions (SIL)

4:00 PM Mass (SIL)

4:00 PM Confessions (HF)

5:15 PM Mass (HF)

Sunday, January 15

7:00 AM Mass (SIL)

9:00 AM Mass (HF)

9:15 AM CCD Class, Grades 1-6

10:30 AM Mass (SIL) (live-stream)

6:30 PM CCD Class, Grade 7

STEWARDSHIP

Today we celebrate The Epiphany of the Lord, which was traditionally celebrated on January 6 (the 12th Day of Christmas), but in the United States is celebrated on the Sunday between January 2 and 8.

For many years the feast of Epiphany has been overshadowed by Christmas but unless we realize the significance of this great day, we see only one side of the mystery of the Incarnation. Now after contemplating the staggering fact that God has become a human child, we realize that this seemingly helpless Child is, in fact, the omnipotent God, the King and Ruler of the universe. The feast of Christ's divinity completes the feast of His humanity. It fulfills all our Advent longing for the King "who is come with great power and majesty."

Our readings reflect the wonder of this Epiphany. Isaiah illustrates the special nature of this day: "Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come; the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance."

Christ is the Light of the World, and today is a day that emphasizes this. We are called to share that light, to reveal it to others, just as the Magi did.

The Magi from the East were most definitely Gentiles—

a term that means "non-Jews." Yet, they, representing all of us to a certain extent, recognized, accepted, and acknowledged Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. The Epiphany brings us all into the fold in terms of Jesus' divinity and saving grace. St. Paul says in today's reading that "Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise of Christ through the gospel."

Our Gospel Reading is the story of the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus as reported in Matthew. Much is made of the gifts that were presented to the Christ child, but those may be secondary to other aspects of the story. They initially went to the palace of Herod because that is where they expected to find the newborn King. However, it becomes clear to them that the Lord is not there, nor is it likely He would be there, so they continue their trek.

Yes, when they arrive at the place of Jesus, they present gifts, but more important they humbly worship Him. As pointed out by many this story really does manifest the arrival of Christ the Savior. He appears first to the Jewish people as represented by the shepherds, then to the Gentile. He appears first to the humble and unlearned, and then to the royal and educated. He appears first to the West, and then to the East. We need to share in the wonder of the Magi, and we need to join them in honoring and worshipping the Lord.

THE LORD'S PORTION

Thank you, and may God bless you for your continued generosity! Envelopes may be mailed in or dropped in the mailbox at the rectory porch of either parish. You may also place your envelopes for your parish in the collection at any Mass in either church, and it will be delivered to the appropriate parish.

Collection totals: January 1, 2023

St. Ignatius Loyola

Holy Family

Sunday Offering\$18,005.00
E-Offerings..... 979.00
Total.....\$18,984.00

Sunday Offering\$7,628.00
E-Offerings362.00
Total.....\$7,990.00

Amount needed each week to meet expenses: \$13,519

Amount needed each week to meet expenses: \$5,770

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE (Jan. 2)

OUR PARISH GOAL: \$77,000.
PLEDGES TO DATE: \$61,884.68 (80.37% of goal)
PARTICIPATION: 318 of 1704 families (18.66%)

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE (Jan. 2)

OUR PARISH GOAL: \$40,000.
OUR PLEDGES TO DATE: \$40,619.24 (101% of our goal)
PARTICIPATION: 185 of 946 parish families (19.56%)

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION TO DATE: \$51,648

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION TO DATE: \$10,616

We are most grateful to all who have prayerfully considered your contributions to the parishes and to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. God Bless You!

Epiphany of Our Lord

"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." - Matthew 2:11

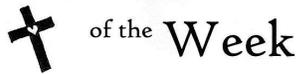
The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to embrace. Each of us is called to open our gifts before Jesus, offering Him what He needs. We can remember that we are called to share our gifts by keeping one of the Magi from our Nativity set on our desk or dresser as a year-round a reminder to bring our gifts to Jesus.

ONLINE GIVING is now available, and signing up is easy! Visit our parish website, www.stignatiuspa.com, and click on the green computer mouse icon. That will take you to the myEoffering page for St. Ignatius Loyola parish. There, you can sign up for one-time or ongoing contributions. Check it out and simplify your giving today!

ONLINE GIVING is now available, and signing up is easy! Visit our parish website, www.holyfamilyluzerne.org Click on Online Giving and then on the link in that announcement. That will take you to the OSV online giving page for Holy Family Parish, where you can sign up for one-time or ongoing contributions. Check it out and simplify your giving today!

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Mass Intentions



January 2-8, 2023

St. Ignatius Loyola

Holy Family

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

7:30 AM Walter & Florence Mickno by Klecha Family 12:10 PM Parishioners' Intentions

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

7:30 AM Deceased Members Podesta Family by Patricia Podesta 12:10 PM Francis & Dr. Robert Crossin by Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

7:30 AM Jean Yablonski by Florence & Marcella Konopke 12:10 PM Susan Witkoski by Carol Bennetto

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

7:30 AM Margaret Maher by Family 12:10 PM Robert Tobias by M/M Jerome Novak & Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

7:30 AM John & Isabelle Mesaros by Family 12:10 PM John J. Handley by M/M Michael Podskoch & Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

4:00 PM Frances Chmielewski by Daughters 5:15 PM Dorothy Ferretti by Daughter, Doreen, &

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

7:00 AM For the People of the Parish 9:00 AM Pope (Emeritus) Benedict XVI
10:30 AM Anthony Maloney by Family

Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM on Monday, January 16 at St. Ignatius Church. **Please note that there will be no 7:30 AM or 12:10 PM Mass on Jan 16. The offices will be closed due to the MLK holiday.**

Memorial Masses for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Sunday, Jan 15 - 9 am at Holy Family

Monday, Jan 16 - 9 am at St. Ignatius

THIS WEEK IN MEMORIAM

St. Ignatius Loyola:

Church Candle: In memory of Kathleen Mras by Family.

Bread & Wine: In memory of Stephen Davis by Family.

Holy Family:

Sanctuary Candle, Bread & Wine, & Altar Flowers may be memorialized each week. Please call the Office to schedule.

IN OUR PARISHES

Wing into the New Year with a 6 week **Bible Study on the Angels** beginning

January 11, 2023 at 1 pm. All are welcome. Books are \$13.95 cash or check made payable to "St. Ignatius Parish." Please call 570-288-6446 to register. Late sign-ups are welcome, but not book-guaranteed.



Jan 11 *Bible Study on Angels (SIL)*

Jan 13 *Faith-Sharing (SIL)*

Jan 22 *Parish Breakfast (HF)*

Feb 18 *Mardi Gras (HF)*

Feb 22 *Ash Wednesday*

Apr 2 *Palm Sunday*

Apr 9 *Easter*

May 20 *Confirmation*

May 21 *First Holy Communion*

May 28 *Pentecost Sunday*

Happy New Year & Happy Faith Sharing!



The first meeting for 2023 will be on Friday, January 13 at 6 p.m. in Conlan Hall.

Consider starting the New Year by spending time in prayer & reflection with the Holy Spirit.

All are welcome!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW for our first 2023 Holy Family Parish Breakfast on Sunday, January 22 from 8 AM to 12 Noon, featuring all-you-can-eat eggs, ham, sausage, pancakes, potatoes, fruit, pastries, coffee, tea, and juices for \$12 per adult (\$6/under 10).

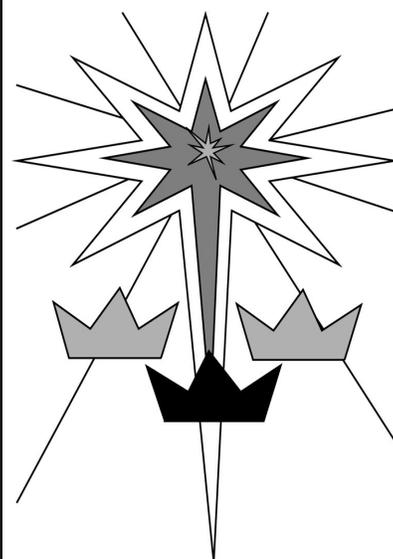


If you would like to make a monetary donation of any amount to defray the cost of the breakfast, please place your donation

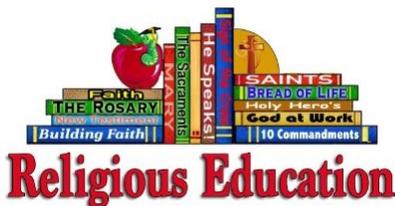
in an envelope marked "Breakfast sponsor" and place in the collection basket. We are also soliciting sponsors for various food items for the breakfast. To donate toward a specific item, please indicate:

- \$25 donations help sponsor pastries, pancakes, or milk;
- \$50 donations help with juice, fruit, coffee, or potatoes;
- \$75 or more help with cost of eggs, ham, or sausage.

A list of donors will be published and posted at the breakfast. *Plan to join us for food and fellowship at this delicious parish fundraiser!*



FAITH FORMATION



2022-23 CCD CALENDAR

Sunday, Jan 8	CCD Class 1-6, 8
Sunday, Jan 15	CCD Class 1-6, 7
Sunday, Jan 22	CCD Class 1-6, 8, Family Mass 10:30 am
Sunday, Jan 29	CCD Class 1-6, 7
Sunday, Feb 5	CCD Class 1-6, 8
Sunday, Feb 12	CCD Class 1-6, 7, Family Mass 10:30 am
Sunday, Feb 19	NO CCD Class
Sunday, Feb 26	CCD Class 1-6, 8
Sunday, Mar 5	CCD Class 1-6, 7
Sunday, Mar 12	CCD Class 1-6, 8 Family Mass 10:30 AM
Sunday, Mar 19	CCD Class 1-6, 7
Sunday, Mar 26	CCD Class 1-6, 8
Sunday, Apr 2	CCD Class 1-6, 7
Sunday, Apr 9	NO CCD Class
Sunday, Apr 16	CCD Class 1-6, 8
Sunday, Apr 23	CCD Class 1-6, 7 Family Mass 10:30 AM
Sunday, Apr 30	CCD Class 1-6, 8
Sunday, May 7	CCD Class 1-6, 7
Saturday, May 20	Confirmation
Sunday, May 21	First Communion

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NOTES

UPCOMING DATES:

- Sunday, Jan 22 - Grade 7 family morning/Class Mass. All grade 7 students and families, public & private, are strongly encouraged to attend this family event, starting with a light continental breakfast and family activity at 9:15 am in Conlan Hall followed by the class Mass at 10:30 am.
- Sunday, Jan 29 - Grade 8 Confirmation class meeting, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Conlan Hall. The last of three required meetings. Students only.
- **Children's Bulletins** are available every Sunday in the foyer of St. Ignatius Church. Each age-appropriate activity sheet is based on the Gospel of the Sunday.
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word** is available at the 10:30 am Mass at St. Ignatius Church.



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(See Luke 2:1-16)

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HERE'S A GIFT RECEIPT FOR THE MYRRH IN CASE YOU HAD WANTED OTHER PERFUME

SOCKS & PERSONAL CARE ITEMS FOR VETERANS AT CHRISTMAS



St. Ignatius Parish sock drive to benefit local veterans welcomes donations of new men's and women's socks and men's and women's personal care items (e.g., soaps, shampoos, deodorants, toothpaste, toothbrushes, feminine care products). We also welcome donations of masks.

Boxes for donations of items will be located in the back of both churches through this weekend (January 7/8).

CHRISTMAS SEASON



WE THREE KINGS...

The Bible does not describe the 3 Kings or reveal their names. In fact, it does not call them "kings" at all; they are called Magi, or wise men. It also does not specify that there were three; that tradition is based on the gifts named. According to medieval tradition, their names were Balthasar, Caspar, and Melchior, representing the three races. In Armenian legend, Balthasar was king of Arabia, Caspar king of India, and Melchior king of Persia. The gifts are symbolic as well; gold represents kingship, frankincense honors divinity, and myrrh foreshadows the death of the Son of Man.

Tradition also holds that in later years the Magi were baptized by St. Thomas the Apostle. All three became bishops and spent the rest of their lives spreading Christianity; they lived to be over 100 years old and died within a few days of each other in Armenia, where they were buried. Their remains were brought to Constantinople in the 4th or 5th century and later moved to Milan. In the 12th century the Archbishop of Cologne, Germany built a cathedral for the relics, where they remain to this day.

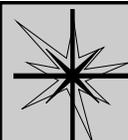
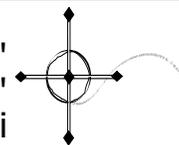
Blessing of a Home at Epiphany

The Epiphany is traditionally celebrated on the 12th day after Christmas. We invite you to continue the tradition of blessing the door to your home on Epiphany. In years gone by, the priest or deacons would try to visit the homes of all parishioners during the season; although this tradition is no longer common, many families continue to mark the lintels of the door and hold a simple prayer service to ask God's blessing on their home and on those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, to bless our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, and our joys and sorrows. Chalk and a card with an Epiphany blessing will be available in the back of the Church after all Masses this weekend.



LITURGICAL BITS

The word "Epiphany" means "revelation." The visit of the Magi symbolizes recognition from non-Jewish figures of prominence who recognize the kingship of Jesus. There is no mention in today's Gospel of details about the wise men, such as their number, their names (traditionally Balthasar, Caspar, and Melchior), or their royal status. The Wise Men or Magi who brought gifts to the infant Jesus were the first Gentiles to acknowledge Jesus as "King" and so were the first to "show" or "reveal" Jesus to a wider world as the incarnate Christ.



CHRISTMAS COLLECTION – Each year, the Christmas collection is a tremendous support for the parish budgets. We celebrate the great gift of God to us; Christ is born and has given us the fullness of life. As you pray about your gift to the church during this holy season, remember God's generosity to you! You may still contribute to the Christmas collection through January 8, 2023, the end of Christmas season. Thank you to all who have made a special Christmas donation to your parish! As of December 31, 2022, our totals are \$51,648 (SIL) and \$10,616 (HF).

MINISTRIES

MINISTRY AVAILABILITY *If any Lector or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion is willing to serve at either Holy Family Parish or St. Ignatius Parish, please notify the rectory of Mass preferences. All are welcome to serve at either Parish.*



THANK YOU to all who supported the Holy Family Giving Tree project! 155 gifts were collected and delivered to Catholic Social Services to brighten up a needy child's Christmas! Thank you for your generosity in this annual project!

All visitations to homes and hospitals remain limited based upon restrictions of individual health care facilities' protocols. CDC guidelines must be followed.



Delivering Wednesday Meals for Mother Teresa's Haven—January through March 2023

Since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, the St. Ignatius Service Commission, with the generous support of our entire parish community, has worked to stay in touch with and provide meals for the men of Mother Teresa's Haven. These ministry efforts now include weekly meal preparation and delivery each Wednesday to the shelter's current location – St. Mary's/Our Lady of Fatima in

Wilkes-Barre. Thank you to all who responded to our call for volunteers to help provide these meals over the past year. We plan to continue this ministry through at least March 2023 and are looking for volunteers to provide Wednesday meals from January through March. The commitment involves preparing a meal for approximately 25 men that will be dropped off to the shelter between 5:00 PM and 6:00 PM on the Wednesday for which you are scheduled. Meals can be dropped off hot or warm; the men also have access to two ovens in the shelter, so chilled meals are an option too. If you are able to prepare a meal, members of the Service Commission are happy to help by picking the meal up from you at your home and delivering it for you. If you prefer to provide a catered meal and arrange for delivery that way, that option is also available. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, or if you have any questions about getting involved, please contact Tom Hamill at 570-852-1183. Thank you so much for supporting Mother Teresa's Haven!



Food Pantry Ministry

HOLY FAMILY PARISH FOOD PANTRY distributes non-perishable food to needy families each month. The next distribution will be on the last Saturday of January.

HOLY FAMILY MINISTRY SCHEDULES	
Jan 14/15	
LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Jan 14 5:15 PM K. Williams	Jan 14 5:15 PM D. Baker
Jan 15 9 AM G. Gayeski	Jan 15 9 AM J. Semcheski

...*MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS*...

PARISH 5-YEAR TREND FINANCIAL REPORT

Accompanying today's bulletin, you will find a "5-year Trend" financial report that presents our parish financial report for the past five years. The Diocesan Finance office has prepared these statements for every parish in the diocese so that parishioners can see how each parish is handling its financial responsibilities.

Of course, during the past 5 years, the Covid pandemic has changed many things in our world, and one thing that has changed significantly is Mass attendance. While attendance had been declining before the pandemic, it has really accelerated since the closures in 2020, a trend that is evident in every parish. Following the reopening of our churches, many people have not yet returned to church. Some simply got used to not attending Mass, while some are leery of being in large crowds due to the persistence of the virus. Our weekly average Mass attendance in 2022 was approximately 50% of the average attendance in 2018.

And so it is important to understand this trend report in context. The reduction in the number of people attending Mass obviously resulted in a reduction in offertory contributions. This can be seen on the 5-year report, with a drastic change evident beginning with the 2020 and 2021 revenue numbers, which cover the months of the COVID lockdown and the time that followed it with greatly decreased Mass attendance. Those two years show a significant drop in our offertory collections.

Please also note that in your parish's report, the line items indicating "unpaid diocesan obligations" in the lower section of the report reflect a delay by the diocesan finance office in crediting of parish assessment payments prior to June 30 of each year, not a failure of the parish to send the payments on time.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support of our parish in so many ways! Due to your ongoing financial support we have maintained financial stability, and because of your spiritual commitment to our parish we remain a strong community of faith.

God bless!

Monsignor Tressler



ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA PARISH CHRISTMAS TREE

Ornaments can be picked up January 9, 10 and 11 from the tree. After that date, ornaments will be in a box on the front porch until Tuesday, January 17th. Thank you!

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS must be received in the office no later than 14 days before the bulletin date. Email announcements to officemanager@stignatiuspa.com and/or hfamparish@comcast.net. Announcements sent after the deadline will not be printed until the next bulletin. Thank you for your cooperation!



2022 DONATIONS: Statements of 2022 total contributions will be sent by mail in the next two weeks to all parishioners who contributed to the parish during 2022.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Young Women's Retreat

Chosen
Finding our Identity in Christ

January 27th-29th
Holy Family Retreat Center
ages 21-40
\$60



Visit Dioceseofscranton.org or scan QR code to register

Weekend with Sarah Hart

The Parishes of St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph Mareello Parishes are delighted to welcome renowned Catholic composer Sarah Hart to Pittston this February!

Sarah will present a "Beatitude Walk" retreat on Saturday, February 4 in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, St. Joseph Mareello Parish, 237 William Street in Pittston. Tickets are \$10 per person.

An evening concert will be presented on Sunday, February 5, in St. Joseph Mareello Parish. Tickets for this concert are also \$10 each. Tickets for both the retreat and the concert are available from the St. John's/St. Joseph's Parish Office by calling the Parish Office at 570-654-6902, visiting in person, or by emailing brandon@sjmparish.org. Tickets will also be available at the door during each event. All are invited to attend!

Prayer for the repose of the soul of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI



A prayer for the soul of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI:

Father, eternal shepherd, hear the prayers of your people for your servant Benedict, who governed your Church with love.

In your mercy, bring him with the flock once entrusted to his care to the reward you have promised your faithful servants.

May he who faithfully administered the mysteries of your forgiveness and love on earth, rejoice with you for ever in heaven.

In your wise and loving care, you made your servant teacher of all your Church. He did the work of Christ on earth.

May your Son welcome him into eternal glory.

May your servant whom you appointed high priest of your flock be counted now among the priests in the life of your kingdom.

Give your servant the reward of eternal happiness and let your mercy win for us the gift of your life and love.

We entrust your servant to your mercy with faith and confidence. In the human family he was an instrument of your peace and love.

May he rejoice in those gifts for ever with your saints. Amen

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