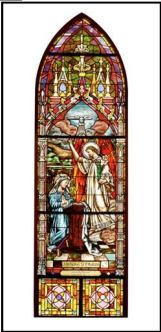


**THE CHURCH OF
SAINT IGNATIUS
LOYOLA**



**A ROMAN CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY INSPIRED BY THE
TRADITION OF ST. IGNATIUS,
ST. HEDWIG AND
ST. MARY'S ANNUNCIATION
PARISHES.**

**Our Parish
COMMUNITY**

February 2, 2020
Presentation of the Lord (A)
Mal 3:1-4
Heb 2:14-18
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32



[Simeon said,] "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation."
LUKE 2:29-30

We Belong to God

Everyone wants to belong to someone or something. In fact, we do not merely want to belong; we need to belong. However, sometimes we forget to whom we really belong. This feast reminds us to whom Jesus belonged. The reading from Hebrews underscores the fact that Jesus was one of us. He also was a descendant of Abraham, thus we are his brothers and sisters. But he really belonged to God.

The ritual of presentation, a ritual that was and continues to be common in religious Israel, was meant to remind everyone to whom we belong. True, only male infants were so presented. This reflects the custom of tracing lineage in the family, tribe, or clan through the male line, with women participating through the agency of men. This cultural gender bias need not prevent us from understanding the profound

meaning of the presentation. Though one of us, Jesus belonged to God.

The Gospel story tells of a man and a woman who recognized that this child would be the one through whom God saves all people. It describes two important religious insights: First, it acknowledges that the child we cherish as one of us really belongs to God. Second, it illustrates how each child has a mission to the world to somehow make it a better place. So even with its gender and cultural bias, this feast is about us as well as Jesus. We all belong to God; and we all have a mission to the world.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ Do we really cherish every child as belonging to God?
- ★ How have you made your world better?

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We, 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.



Please join us for our new Bible Studies session.

Starting on **Wednesday, February 12th** at 1:00 PM in Bergan Hall and continuing each week until April 1st, the Adult Faith Formation Team will facilitate an eight week study entitled ***Psalms for All Seasons, Part II***. Each week participants will read specific psalms, view a video which provides insight into the text and discuss their reactions. There is a \$16.00 fee to participate, which includes a commentary and study guide. Anyone, who participated in the ***Psalms, Part I*** during the fall and wishes to continue will need to purchase only the Study Guide at \$8.00. It is not a problem if you did not participate in the first part of the study since the psalms are independent of any story line. Please call the rectory at 570-288-6446 to reserve your spot and indicate if you need the Set \$16.00 (both commentary and study guide) or the study guide at \$8.00.



PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

On **Wednesday, February 26th**, Ash Wednesday, each of us will be visibly Catholic and marked by an ashen cross on the forehead. This symbol is not only a sign of public penance, but also our link to Palm Sunday of last year. The ashes should be of the burnt palm we have had in our homes since last year. It will be burned and the resulting ash used to sign the faithful at the beginning of Lent. Baskets for palm branches will be available in the Church and Chapel beginning this weekend. We encourage your participation in this aspect of our Lenten liturgy.

SAINT IGNATIUS NIGHT AT THE PENGUINS

If you purchased tickets for our St. Ignatius Night at the Penguins hockey game (February 7, 2020), they can be picked up at the rectory.



WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS

Next **Sunday, February 9th**, we will celebrate the World Day of the Sick. At the end of the **Noon liturgy**, we will pray for physical, emotional, and spiritual healing. Immediately following the liturgy we will offer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick for all parishioners and friends wishing to receive God's healing grace and strength.

The Altar Breads and Wine for this week are offered

In Memory of
Genevieve Cawley
By Family

Sanctuary Candles

Church
In Memory
Michael Herbacsek
By Family

Chapel
In Memory of
John Stevenson
By Family



Victoria Kazimi
Richard Appel



Religious Education

Wednesday, February 5th - Grade 7 & 8 Release Time.

Sunday, February 16th - No Class for Grades 1-6

Sunday Tithe
\$12,106.20

E-Offerings
\$40.00

Total
\$12,146.20

Amount Needed
Each Week to
Meet Expenses
\$12,060.00

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE - BLESSING OF THROATS

The annual blessing of throats on the Feast of St. Blaise, Monday, February 3rd, is a very venerable and ancient tradition of the Church. Throats will be blessed at all Masses this weekend.

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

On this feast, candles are blessed. The beeswax candles typify the humanity which God the Son assumed, and signify that Jesus Christ is the True Light of the World by His doctrine, grace and example. Candles will be blessed this weekend and will be made available to you. Donation - \$3.00 per box.

FIRST FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 7TH

Eucharistic Adoration will be held beginning at 12:45 PM concluding with Benediction at 4:00 PM.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesdays & Thursdays after 12:10 PM Mass until 2:00 PM.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Please leave Box Tops for Education with UPC bar code and soda tabs to benefit Good Shepherd Academy. Boxes are located in the Church and Chapel foyers.

WEEKLY MEDITATION

Jesus exhibits His share in humanity as He is presented to the Lord in the temple...a memorable scene. Picture Mary and Joseph, obedient to the custom of the law, traveling to Jerusalem to present Jesus for purification. And Simeon, righteous and devout, filled with the Holy Spirit, feeling profound peace as he embraces this long-awaited Child. And finally, Anna, the aging widow, forever prayerful and fasting, encouraging others with hope and longing for the Messiah. Let this hope and joyous anticipation exhibited by those present in the temple arouse our faith in Jesus and rejoice!



ATTENTION! THE IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS OF NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR SERVICE EXPERIENCES IN THE WYOMING VALLEY!

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps (“IVC”) provides men and women, most age 50 or above, opportunities to serve others and to transform lives. IVC matches the talents of experienced Volunteers with the greatest social needs of our time.

IVC works in partnership with hundreds of community partner organizations. These non-profit organizations provide Ignatian Volunteers with meaningful work to serve individuals who slipped through this country’s safety net. And hundreds of community organizations currently await the placement of an Ignatian Volunteer.

IVC’s unique spiritual formation program, rooted in the gospel tradition of service and reflection, strengthens and deepens Volunteers’ Christian faith. By contributing their leadership skills and life experience into service, IVC Volunteers improve their communities and create a more just society.

To learn more about the Ignatian Volunteer Corps of Northeastern Pennsylvania, we invite you to visit our website at www.ivcusa.org/nepa. You may also email or call IVC Northeastern Pennsylvania Director, Teddy Michel at jmichel@ivcusa.org or (570) 941-4264.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY NIGHT AT THE RACES - SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH

The Holy Name Society will sponsor its Annual Night at the Races on **Saturday, March 28th** in Conlan Hall. Doors open at 6:00 PM. Admission is free and seating is first come-first serve basis - no reserved seating. Food and refreshments are ALL included. Horses will be able to be purchased before and during the event. This is an adult only event. Please come out and support our society and the Church and have fun with your neighbors and parishioners. If anyone wishes to sponsor a race (\$25.00) or donate prizes or bake treats, please call Tom Havrilak at 570-287-7768.



Monday
Scout Meeting - 6:00 PM
Bergan Parish Center
(1st, 2nd & 3rd)

Wednesday
Rel. Ed. Release Time
8:30 AM
Conlan Haall
Knights of Columbus
7:30 PM
Conlan Hall

Thursday
Children’s Choir
6:45 PM
Bergan Parish Center (1st)
Contemporary
Ensemble 7:30 PM
Bergan Parish Center (1st)

Saturday
Prayer Shawl Ministry
12:00 PM
Bergan Parish Center (1st)

Saint Ignatius Holy Name Society Presents
“Night at the Races” - Saturday, March 28th
\$10.00 entry fee
Name of Horse _____
Sponsor _____
Telephone _____
Name of Seller _____



February 3rd - 9th

Monday
7:30—Katherine & Charles J. Brady-ALM <i>Betsy Brady</i>
12:10—Joseph Eagen, Jr. <i>Lindsey Rowan</i>
Tuesday
7:30—Felix Desciak-ALM <i>Daughter</i>
12:10—John Wenger-ALM <i>Donna Fisher</i>
Wednesday
7:30—John E. O'Connor <i>CCHS Class of 1958</i>
12:10—Mary Sisky <i>Kotarski Family</i>
Thursday
7:30—Florence Mickno <i>Wilkes Girls</i>
12:10—Grous Family-ALM <i>Joseph & Marilyn Grous</i>
Friday
7:30—Chester & Helen Kwasnik & Chester, Jr.-ALM <i>Elaine</i>
12:10—John Sabol <i>The O'Boyle Family</i>
Saturday
7:30—Connie & John Manganiello-ALM <i>Family</i>
4:00 PM—Annette Symosh <i>Family</i>
5:30 PM—Catherine McCue <i>Paul & Grace McCue</i>
Sunday
7:00 AM—Marguerite Lipski <i>Kopicki Family</i>
8:30 AM—For the People of the Parish
10:30 AM—Judy Touey <i>Terry & Lynda Hyzenski</i>
12:00 PM—Thomas O' Leary <i>Georgiana Lau</i>

PIEROGI BOARD NEWS

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who supported our recent Advent Pierogi Sale. We raised over \$5,000 which will be used for various parish projects as needs arise. We appreciate all of our parishioners who generously volunteer their time and effort to sustain our pierogi projects. We also thank members of St. John's parish in Larksville, Exaltation of the Holy Cross parish in Hanover Twp., and Dr. Edwards Memorial Church in Edwardsville who willingly come to help us make pierogi at St. Ignatius. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication!

Lenten Pierogi Sale

Our Lenten Pierogi Sale will be held on the following dates:

Monday, February 17th - Preparation

Tuesday, February 18th - Production (Potato)

Monday, March 16th - Preparation

Tuesday, March 17th - Production (Sweet Cabbage and Farmer Cheese)

Monday, March 23rd - Preparation

Tuesday, March 24th - Production (All varieties)

Pierogi will be available for purchase on Production Days (Feb. 18th, March 17th, and March 24th). However, in an attempt to eliminate some difficulties we have had in the past, the following changes will be in effect:

- **ABSOLUTELY NO** pierogi will be able to be purchased **before 12 PM.**
- We will not be able to take any pre-orders.
- Cabbage pierogi will be limited to 2 dozen per person.
- Other varieties of pierogi may be limited.

We are always looking for more volunteers to help with our pierogi projects. You are most welcome to come, learn, and continue this wonderful tradition. A good time is had by all. A hot lunch is always provided for workers on Production Days. For more information please call Mike: (570) 287-6554 or (570) 817-3430.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
February 8th & 9th

Saturday 4:00 PM
Lectors
J. Blewitt & G. Galante
Communion Ministers
M. Graham N. Krasniak H. O'Brien
Altar Servers
M. Vodzak
Saturday 5:30 PM
Lectors
K. Smedley & R. Garman
Communion Ministers
E. Rishcoff, A. Naylis M. B. Zelinsky
Altar Servers
A. Ambrose & A. Roper
Sunday 7:00 AM
Lector
S. Barnes
Communion Ministers
P. Podesta & T. Verbyla
Sunday 8:30 AM
Lectors
L. Skvarla & P. Endler
Communion Ministers
M. Ferris, J. Lyons J. Lyons
Altar Servers
J. Galante
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ST. IGNATIUS YOUTH MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

Penguins Hockey Game

Friday, 2/7/20
7:05pm
\$15 per ticket
Mohegan Sun Arena

ISLI Retreat

A Leadership Retreat for High School Students

Feb 14-16, 2020

Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center Dalton, Pa

Visit Dioceseofscranton.org for more info, or contact Shannon!

FEBRUARY Game Night

2/9/2020
5-7pm
Bergan Hall

Bring your favorite game to share!

DON'T MISS OUT:

Parents and Teens, join our text list and stay in the know!

Simply text @stiytm to 81010

Get reminders on events and updates right to your phone. You can opt out at any time

"Act as if everything depended on you; trust as if everything depended on God."

-St. Ignatius Loyola

SAVE THE DATE!

Up&Over Jr High Retreat June 5-7, 2020

Quo Vadis Days June 21-24, 2020

Light the Fire Youth Rally June 24, 2020

ISLI LEADERSHIP RETREAT – FEBRUARY 14-16, 2020

The International Student Leadership Institute (ISLI) is a peer-facilitated faith-based leadership retreat developed at the University of Notre Dame. The ISLI retreat is designed to provide the knowledge and skills necessary to excel in both the leadership and membership roles of task oriented groups. During the retreat, participants take part in small group tasks that allow the student to make good decisions, examine leadership styles, practice leadership behavior, learn about positive communication, and develop self-motivational skills and learn problem solving and action planning techniques. The entirety of the retreat helps students to explore and express faith values in the Catholic Tradition. Complete applications are required by Sunday, February 2, 2020 and can be found at dioceseofscranton.org. Apply early as there are a limited number of spaces available for ISLI. For further information, please call Shannon Kowalski at 570-207-2213, ext. 1155.



The need for personal care items like toothpaste, soap, deodorant, shampoo, razors, toilet paper etc. continues. Any non-perishables including snack items like sandwich crackers, cereal bars, and small bags of nuts are always appreciated. Monetary donations are welcome with checks payable to the “Al Beech Food Pantry.” If you are in need of food and reside in any town on the west side from Exeter to Plymouth, you are eligible to receive it. Show up at the Food Pantry on Market St., Kingston on Tuesday or Friday between 9:00 and 11:00 AM. Please bring an ID showing your current address each time you come. You will be signed in when you arrive. Pre-registration is no longer required. Thank you and God Bless you! **February Food Pantry Wish List: Tuna Fish, Spaghetti Sauce & Jelly!**

2019 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

All parishioners should have received a financial statement in the mail. If anyone has questions regarding their statement please contact the office. Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

ATTENTION MINISTERS, LECTORS & SERVERS

Please use the following email to request days off, change of Mass times, address, phone number or email changes: officemanager@stignatiuspa.com. Please submit any changes for the March schedule by Friday, February 14th. Thanks you!

ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINES FOR

UPCOMING BULLETINS:

<u>BULLETIN</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>
FEB. 16TH	FEB. 5TH
FEB. 23RD	FEB. 12TH
MARCH 1ST	FEB. 19TH

ANNOUNCEMENTS RECEIVED AFTER NOON ON THE DEADLINE DATE WILL BE

PUBLISHED IN THE NEXT BULLETIN. PLEASE SUBMIT ANNOUNCEMENTS TO officemanager@stignatiuspa.com

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Continued

Sunday 10:30 AM

Lectors

R. Dupre & M. Girton

Communion Ministers

M. Butcher
P. Kupetz
M. O'Connor

Altar Servers

B. DeSarro, B. Matthey
D. Matthey, C. Smith

Sunday 12:00 PM

Lectors

P. Boyle & C. Liskov

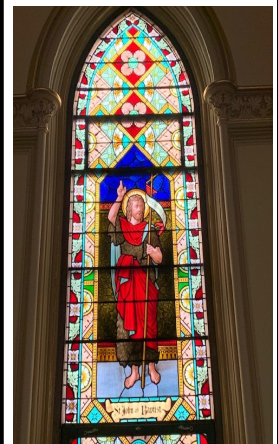
Communion Ministers

B. Anzalone, N. Bellas
M. Heffers

Altar Servers

L. Flannery & K. Gring, Jr.

**Stained Glass Window Highlight
for the Month of
February
Saint John the Baptist**



MARY'S MINISTRY VALENTINE'S LUNCHEON - FEBRUARY 11TH

Plan to spend some quality time to dine with your fellow parishioners and friends and enjoy each other's company. On **Tuesday, February 11th**, Mary's Ministry will host a Valentine Luncheon in Conlan Hall at 1:00 PM following daily Mass weather permitting. All men and women members of our parish community and friends are welcome to participate. Menu will include assorted sandwiches, salads, relish tray, dessert and beverage. For further information contact Pat Kupetz at 570-288-6856. Advanced reservations should be made with Pat by Sunday, February 9th, to reserve your seat. Cost of the luncheon is \$8.00 payable at the door. Following the luncheon, our Mary's Ministry leadership team will be available to take suggestions for future events and activities

MOTHER TERESA'S HAVEN

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME FOR FEBRUARY/MARCH AND SEPTEMBER VISITS

St. Ignatius Parish will once again be hosting Mother Teresa's Haven in Conlan Hall for two weeks in late February/early March (February 24 – March 8), and then again for one week in mid September (September 14 through September 20). We are currently looking for different sponsor groups to plan, supply, and cook meals for most of the nights across these two sessions. In addition, 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 PM each night, and clean up is usually completed by around 8:00 PM. 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. Breads and homemade desserts are especially welcome. 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) or Mike Stretanski (570-817-3430). We look forward to hearing from you - and to working with you. God bless.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

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 2020 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 14th**. The event includes a 2:30 PM Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with an April mailing address, should be made through the parish office before **March 16th**.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHANCES

The Knights of Columbus will be selling COAL Chances at Masses next weekend. This raffle benefits the Knights of Columbus Scholarship program. Thank you!

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.

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, Mrs. Doreen Dougherty

Phone: 570-829-2424

MINISTRY COUNCILS

Pastoral Council— Monsignor Tressler, Father Mosley, George Andresky, Nancy Bellas, Charles Blewitt, Gerry Diction, Maria Edmunds, Maura Fennell, Gloria Galante, Cindy Liskov, Kimberly McNulty, Roseann O'Connor, Brian Thomas, Joan Turel

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Rob Yenkowski, 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

Bill Gross

Sacristan

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Rev. Daniel Issing, CSC

Rev. Robert Sickler

Rev. Andrew Sinnott