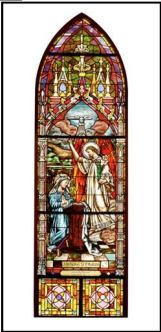


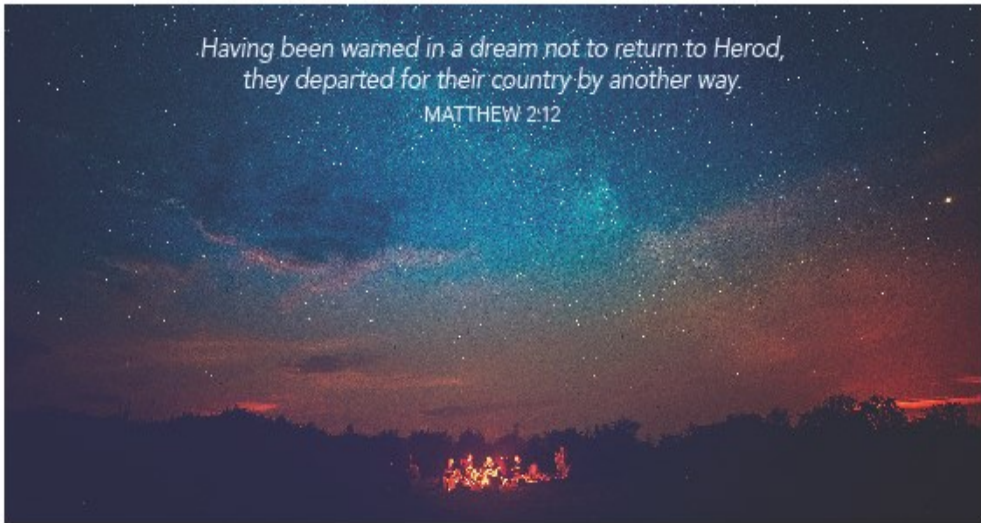
**THE CHURCH OF
SAINT IGNATIUS
LOYOLA**



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

**Our Parish
COMMUNITY**

January 5, 2020
Epiphany of the Lord (A)
Is 60:1-6
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12



*Having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod,
they departed for their country by another way.*
MATTHEW 2:12

**A Christ for
Every Nation**

"Go back where you came from!" What if the Magi heard this when they came to the house where the Child was, and they heeded that deriding message? The "signs of the times" that they read told them a king had been born. They might not have known exactly where to look, but they knew what they were looking for, and they recognized that king when they found him. These righteous men were not Israelites, yet God revealed this great mystery to them. Furthermore, there is no indication that they eventually became Israelites. Rather, "they departed for their country" (Matthew 2:12). God really does not play favorites.

Then how are we to understand the claim of being God's Chosen People, whether ancient Israelites or the Christian community? What's the point of being chosen if you are not the favorite? While acknowledging God's special love for his Chosen People, both Isaiah and Paul answer this question.

The prophet claims that "nations will walk by your light, kings by the radiance of your dawning" (Isaiah 60:3), and Paul says "the stewardship of God's grace... was given to me for your benefit" (Ephesians 3:2). In other words, some have been chosen by God to bring the light of God's love to others.

The feast of the Epiphany celebrates two important realities—the revelation of God to all people and the responsibility to reveal that astounding mystery to others. The Magi personify both realities. They were men of another faith tradition to whom God revealed the mystery of the Incarnation, and they returned home and probably proclaimed to others the wonder of that mystery.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ *How respectful are you of the religious quests of others?*
- ★ *In what ways might your life shine the light of God's love on others?*

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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.



BLESS YOUR DOOR ON THE EPIPHANY

The Epiphany is traditionally celebrated on the 12th day after Christmas, January 6th. We invite you to continue the tradition of blessing the door to your home on Epiphany. The family gathers to ask God's blessing on their home and on those who live or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, and our joys and sorrows. Chalk and a card with an Epiphany blessing are available in the back of the Church and Chapel.

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 your parish office before March 16th.

FAITH SHARING GROUPS

Parish Faith Sharing Groups will celebrate its first anniversary at its next meeting to be held **Friday, January 10th** from 6-8 PM in Conlan Hall. Newcomers, 18 years of age and older, are welcome. If you are interested in sharing light refreshments, new friends, and growing in faith by the grace of the Holy Spirit while reflecting on sacred Scripture, this New Year might be the perfect time for you to try this new activity. Come and see!

The Altar Breads and Wine for this week are offered

In Memory of
Genevieve Cawley
By Family

Sanctuary Candles

Church

In Memory

Dec. Mbrs. Of
Anthony Austin, Sr.
Family

By Annette Melovitz

Chapel

In Memory of

James Fennell

By Pat & Maura



Deacon

John E. O'Connor

Joseph Litchman

Gail Hollock

Noreen Gallagher



Religious Education

Important upcoming dates:

Wednesday, January 8th - Grade 7 & 8 Release Time.

Sunday, January 26th - Grade 3 Family Morning/Class Mass. All Grade 3 students, both public and private schools and their families, are strongly encouraged to attend this Morning. It will begin at 9:15 AM in Conlan Hall with a light continental breakfast and family activity followed by the class Mass at 10:30 AM.

Sunday, January 26th - Confirmation class meeting (students only) 6:30 - 7:30 PM in Conlan Hall. This is one of the requirements for the Confirmation class.

**NO AMOUNT
THIS WEEK
DUE TO AN
EARLY
BULLETIN
DEADLINE**

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

In today's culture there is an emphasis on *inclusivity*. People in the 21st century choose to interpret this trend in many different ways - some reasonable, some extreme. But the original inclusivity, championed by Jesus, simply stated that *all people* have the potential of eternal salvation. The Wise Men represent 'all people'; and so we celebrate Epiphany, the feast of the Three Kings, when the Christ Child was revealed to the *whole world*.

Don't forget! Food Collection each and every weekend at the vestibules of the Church and Chapel.

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 February schedule by Tuesday, January 14th. Thank you!

QUALIFICATIONS FOR GODPARENTS FOR BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION SPONSORS

In order for a person to be a Godparent for Baptism or a Sponsor for Confirmation, Canon Law (Church Law) identifies several qualifications for that person:

1. Must be registered in a Catholic parish, attend Mass weekly, and receive the sacraments. **Please note, the pastor is not allowed to give a sponsor card for people who are not registered at the parish;**
2. Must have completed their sixteenth (16th) year and cannot be the father or mother of the one being baptized or confirmed;
3. Must have received the three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist;
4. If married, the marriage must be recognized as valid by the Catholic Church; couples who are not married may not be living together;
5. Those Catholics who have joined another religion may not act as a Godparent or Christian witness;
6. For Baptism, two sponsors are suggested, one of each gender; however, only one sponsor is required. For Confirmation, only one sponsor is needed.



Monday

Scouts - 6:00 PM
Bergan Parish Center
(1st, 2nd, & 3rd Floor)

Wednesday

Rel. Ed. Release Time
8:30 AM
Conlan Hall
Knights of Columbus
Home Assn.
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)

Friday

Faith Sharing Group
6:00 PM
Conlan Hall

Saturday

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



Thank you for your ongoing support of our Food Pantry. God Bless you. If you are in need of food you no longer have to call the day before to register. Instead just show up at the Food Pantry any Tuesday or Friday between 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM. There will be 8 to 10 staple items to choose from each time plus some additional items. You will get to choose the items you want and pack your own bags. The only requirement is that you reside on the West Side from Exeter to Plymouth, including any of the towns in between. Each time you come for food, you must bring some form of ID such as a license or utility bill with your current address. One of our volunteers will sign you in and guide you through the new process. Remember, you do not have to call ahead but just show up during those two hours on any Tuesday or Friday. Thank you!



January 6th - 12th

Monday

7:30—Martin E. Schilling-ALM *Prociak Family*

12:10—Anna Mae Yarashas *Bob Verosky*

Tuesday

7:30—Dec. Mbrs. Podesta Family-ALM *Patricia Podesta*

12:10—Elmo Clemente *Mark & Debbie Sobick*

Wednesday

7:30—Dec. Mbrs. Murach Family-ALM *Family*

12:10—Leonard A. Diction, Sr. *Jodell Salata*

Thursday

7:30—Florence C. Mickno-ALM *Klecha Family*

12:10—Robert Ardoline-ALM *Family*

Friday

7:30—Thomas J. MacFarland-ALM *Family*

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

Saturday

7:30—John & Connie Manganiello-ALM *Family*

4:00 PM—John Schwartz *D. Chesarick & G. McKeown*

5:30 PM—Marie Hritzak *Barbara Watlock*

Sunday

7:00 AM—For the People of the Parish

8:30 AM—John Trudnak *Kopicki Family*

10:30 AM—Father Richard Zavacki *Parishioners*

12:00 PM—Mary & Frank Fischer *Family*

RESPECT LIFE MASS

The Annual Respect Life Mass, sponsored by the Wyoming Valley Councils, Knights of Columbus, will be held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 116 Hughes Street, Swoyersville, on Sunday, January 12th at the 11:00 AM Mass. The Knights, 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 on January 22, 1973. Since then, upwards of 60 million innocent unborn children have been aborted. Fr. Joseph Pisaneschi, Pastor, warmly invites all to attend and to pray for the most vulnerable of Human Lives, those with disabilities, the ill, and the unborn.

MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP

The Annual March for Life in Washington, D.C., will be held on Friday, January 24th, 2020. Cost is \$65.00 which includes bus and buffet dinner. (For sponsoring a student, the cost is \$35.) Please make checks out to “PHL” (by January 12th), and mail to: Chris Calore, 37 Elder St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702. Bus departs from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 116 Hughes St., Swoyersville, at 6:15 AM, after 5:50 AM Mass. We will return home approximately around 10:30 PM. For further details, please call Chris Calore at 570-824-5621.

ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINES FOR

UPCOMING BULLETINS:

<u>BULLETIN</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>
JAN. 19TH	JAN. 8TH
JAN. 26TH	JAN. 15TH
FEB. 2ND	JAN. 22ND

ANNOUNCEMENTS RECEIVED AFTER NOON ON THE DEADLINE DATE WILL BE

PUBLISHED IN THE NEXT BULLETIN.

PLEASE SUBMIT ANNOUNCEMENTS TO officemanager@stignatiuspa.com

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January 11th & 12th

Saturday 4:00 PM

Lectors

G. Diction & J. Cudo

Communion Ministers

K. Hungarter

J. Lenahan

A. Petros

Altar Servers

M. Preiman & M. Vodzak

Saturday 5:30 PM

Lectors

T. Masalonis & R. Garman

Communion Ministers

M. Heffers, J. Stretanski

M.B. Zelinsky

Altar Servers

A. Ambrose & A. Roper

Sunday 7:00 AM

Lector

L. Skvarla

Communion Ministers

J. Donlan & M. Fiske

Sunday 8:30 AM

Lectors

P. Endler & W. Poplawski

Communion Ministers

H. O'Brien, P. Poplawski

J. Semcheski

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

JANUARY

Movie Night
1/5/2020
5-7pm
Bergan Hall

Come Watch
'Wonder' with us!

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

**Planning
Meeting**
1/19/2020
6-7pm
Bergan Hall

Come tell us
what you'd like
to see happen
this spring!

**SAVE THE
DATE!**

ISLI Retreat
for High School
Feb 14-16, 2020

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

Quo Vadis Days
June 21-24,
2020

Light the Fire
Youth Rally
June 24, 2020

"Act as if
everything
depended on you;
trust as if
everything
depended on
God."
-St. Ignatius Loyola

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.

**NOTICE REGARDING REPORTING
SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR**

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551).

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
Continued

Sunday 10:30 AM
Lectors
R. Dupre & M. Girton
Communion Ministers
G. Bokrosh E. Whipple A. Calderone
Altar Servers
B. Davis, A. Davis, A. Davis C. Smith
Sunday 12:00 PM
Lectors
P. Boyle & M. McGinley
Communion Ministers
B. Anzlaone, N. Frusciante S. Smith
Altar Servers
R. Frey & K. Nilson



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**12 DAY CRUISE OF THE BRITISH ISLES ON THE NORWEGIAN STAR
WITH OUR PASTOR MONSIGNOR DAVID L. TRESSLER**

The trip will depart on **Friday, September 4, 2020** and return on **September 16th**. We will fly from Philadelphia International Airport, upon arrival be transported to board the NCL Star to set sail that afternoon. We will have port calls in Edinburgh, Inverness, Kirkwall, Glasgow all in Scotland; then onto Belfast, Northern Ireland, Holyhead, Wales, overnight in Dublin, Ireland, Cork, Ireland, and Portland, England then return to Southampton for our return flight. An ocean view cabin is \$3,599.00 based on double occupancy which includes four amenities (i.e. beverage package, 5 specialty dining venues, \$50.00 per cabin credit for shore excursions, 250 minutes of WI-FI). An interior cabin is \$3099.00 which includes one of the amenities. Please contact John Madden 570-342-5790 or Debbie Freas 570-288-9311 at Travel World for a brochure or to make a reservation.



Group night with the Pens!

The Church of Saint Ignatius Loyola

PENGUINS vs. BEARS

Friday, February 7, 2020 - 7:05 PM

Join the Church of Saint Ignatius Loyola for a fun night out on our \$15 Fan Friday offer as the Penguins battle the Hershey Bears! Tickets include lower bowl seating and there will be a \$2 beer special from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM.

Pricing: Red Zone (Section 114): \$15.00

**Includes food voucher (hot dog, chips, drink)
Compliments of Holy Name / Mary's Ministry**

Please return ticket order form with payment (*checks payable to WBS Penguins*) to the rectory (via collection basket, mail or in person) no later than January 17, 2020
Tickets will be distributed from the rectory or at weekend masses January 25 - February 4, 2020

Name (s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Tickets @ \$15 _____ Total \$ _____

Cash ___ or Ck# _____

SAVE THE DATE

The Community Commission has organized a **St. Ignatius Night at the Penguins Game** on **Friday, February 7, 2020**. Please come and enjoy a night out with our parish community. It will be fun for the whole family. Details can be found in the flyer to the left.



SOCKS & PERSONAL CARE ITEMS FOR VETERANS AT CHRISTMAS

St. Ignatius will once again be organizing a sock drive to benefit local veterans this Christmas season through services of the Commission on Economic Opportunity. Donations of new men's and women's socks to support our local veterans and others in need are most welcome. In addition to new men's and women's socks, we will also once again be collecting men's and women's personal care items this year. Collection of socks and personal care items will continue through the Feast of the Epiphany this weekend. We thank you for considering this worthy cause!

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

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