

**THE CHURCH OF
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LOYOLA**



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**Our Parish
COMMUNITY**

September 9, 2018

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 35:4-7a

Jas 2:1-5

Mk 7:31-37

Piece: Sarcophagus (detail of Jesus healing the blind man), fourth century
Artist: Unknown
Location: Pius-Christian Museum, Vatican



A Church of and for the Poor

The book of James is one of the hardest hitting in the New Testament. He is a tell-it-like-it-is apostle, warning the early Church not to show partiality to the rich and powerful. This is always a danger, especially in a Church that relies on donations. While gratitude to donors is understandable and proper, it's easy for gratitude to become preference, partiality, and a different moral standard. James warns the Church against this.

Jesus warns us, too. He talks about inviting the poor to a party rather than those who can repay us. He tells us that when we give, that the left hand not know what the right is doing. He warns the rich that the path to heaven is narrow.

Jesus' call to salvation was for all, but his pastoral focus was certainly with the poor. So he dedicated much of his time reaching out to those who could give nothing in return: the blind, deaf, lame, and lepers. And his attention didn't stop at the materially poor but extended to sinners and those thought to be impure.

This love for the weak was a sign of the Messiah as proclaimed by many prophets, including Isaiah. The Anointed of God would come to vindicate the poor, orphaned, widowed, sick, and oppressed.

Jesus did exactly that, and it was this solicitude and miraculous power that began convincing Galileans, and eventually those in Jerusalem, that he was the long-awaited One. Pope Francis said he longed for a Church of the poor, for the poor. It seems Jesus did, too.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

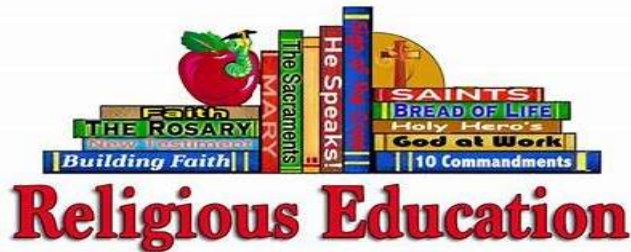
*For
Reflection*
*Do I have a heart for the
poor as Jesus did?
How can I express that
real preference in
practical ways?*

*My brothers and sisters, show no partiality as you adhere to the faith
in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ.*

James 2:1

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“Knowing God is more important than knowing about God.” - Karl Rahner, S.J.

WORD—LEARNING ABOUT OUR FAITH**Religious Education**

Sunday, September 9th -9:15 AM, opening family assembly for religious education grades 1 - 6, Good Shepherd gym.

Sunday, September 9th -10:30 AM, opening Religious Education Liturgy, Church.

Wednesday, September 12th- release time for grades 7 & 8. NO student will be released from the Middle School without a previously signed permission form.

CLOW (CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD)

If anyone would like to help our young children celebrate the Liturgy of the Word, please contact Carmella Faust at 570-287-3682 or religioueducation1@yahoo.com. Guidance and materials will be supplied. CLOW is held during the 10:30 am Mass.

SPECIAL NEEDS HELP!

We are in need of 1 or 2 persons to help with our special needs program. If you know of a college student who would like some experience or you may enjoy working with these special children, this is the program for you. The group meets twice monthly on Sunday mornings from 9:30 AM-10:15 AM. The actual teaching time is 15-20 minutes. The main qualification - Patience. For further information, please contact Carmella Faust at 570- 287-3682 or e-mail: religioueducation1@yahoo.com.

WEEKLY MEDITATION

In today's first reading we hear the Lord tell us to fear not! The Lord says that He will come to save us! These are very reassuring thoughts in our troubled times. In the Gospel Jesus says "Ephphatha!" (that is "Be Opened"). We have been told to be strong, fear not and be opened. Since we trust God will always be faithful we have the strength to live out our vocations. What is the Lord's calling us to be opened to this week?

The Altar Breads and Wine for this week are offered

In Memory of
Genevieve Cawley
By Family



Sanctuary Candles Burn this week

In Memory of
Marlene McCarthy
By Jean Petroski

In Memory of
Michael Herbacsek
By Family



We encourage you to spend quiet time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament throughout the week with a special prayer intention in mind. Just pick up a card after your visit to Church and send it off to the one in your prayer. The cards may be used on First Fridays by those attending Eucharistic Adoration.

Think gospel! Please make room for your neighbor in Church and slide to the center of the pew.



In recognition of our need to give, and the many needs of our church and parish, and in gratitude for God's gifts to us, we declare our willingness to return a portion of our Treasure to our parish, as part of our total Christian stewardship.

**NO AMOUNT
BECAUSE OF
EARLY
HOLIDAY
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.

WORSHIP—LITURGY AND PRAYER

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR FRANCISCAN WORKS- LIBERIA MISSION

Franciscan Works currently operates Liberia Mission in West Africa. Founded in 2003, just as the Liberian civil war was ending, Liberia Mission began with six orphaned children. Today it is a vibrant, life-saving community of love, learning, work and prayer, with about 35 residents. Nearly 500 youths from surrounding villages attend St. Anthony of Padua Mission School or are funded to attend local High Schools. These are young people who would not otherwise have access to education, medical care, adequate food and shelter, and faith-formation. St. Michael the Archangel Church, located on the Mission, serves the school and community. A student-run farm and piggery are part of the vocational education the students receive. These children are learning to become future leaders in their families, communities and country. **Much prayer, joy and hope** is evident at Liberia Mission, even with the sorrow and hardships associated with the 2014-15 Ebola outbreak and the political and economic strife there. Many challenges remain. Your help is needed for this important ministry. Please be generous. Thank you! Father P. Sumo-Varfee Molubah will be our guest speaker. *To learn more about Franciscan Works and Liberia Mission, please visit our website at www.franciscanworks.org* **The collection will be taken up next weekend.**

FIRST FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 7TH

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

ALPHA

Got questions about life? Explore Alpha. Enjoy a meal and video, and share your thoughts in an open, friendly, and informal group discussion of the video about the meaning of life, Jesus Christ, and the path to happiness. Free of Charge. Tuesdays, Sept. 11-Nov. 20, 2018, Registration: 6:15 p.m. Dinner: 6:30 p.m. Video: 7:00 p.m. Discussion: 7:30 p.m.

ATTENTION: EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS, LECTORS & SERVERS

If you need any days off for the October schedule, please call the Rectory by **Monday, September 17th**. Thank you for your cooperation.

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

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!

COMMUNITY—GROWING TOGETHER

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

On **Sunday, September 16th** at 6:00 P.M. in Conlan Hall, please join Father McKernan, Father Mosley, parents and other parishioners interested in continuing our discussion on building an active youth and family ministry. Shannon Kowalski, coordinator for youth programs in the Diocese, will once again be available to offer suggestions and guidance as we continue our plans. We are hoping that from this session, we will identify the next step toward our ultimate goal.

MARY'S MINISTRY BUS TRIP - SEPTEMBER 25TH

Everyone who has made reservations for our bus trip to "Jesus" at Sight & Sound Theatres, Lancaster for **Tuesday, September 25th** with lunch at Shady Maple Smorgasbord is reminded that the bus will leave St. Ann's Chapel at 8:30 AM and stop for lunch and shopping about 11:00 AM. We will be attending the 3:00 PM performance and leave from the show about 5:45 PM with a comfort stop enroute home. Contact Elaine Whipple at 570-288-3564 if you have further questions or concerns or still wish to be notified if any seats become available.

SAVE THE DATE!

World Artist Experiences is bringing the world-famous *Egyptian Folkloric Dance Group* to St. Ignatius! The St. Ignatius Community Commission will be hosting the group on **Thursday, October 18th**. We will be serving them a meal before they perform. More details about the place and time of this exciting entertainment will appear in future bulletins. For more information, please contact Mike Stretanski at 570-817-3430.



THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday

Finance Council - 6:30 PM

Rectory

Scouts - 6:30 PM

Bergan Parish Center (2nd)

Worship Team - 7:00 PM

Bergan Parish Center (1st)

Tuesday

ALPHA - 6:30 PM

Conlan Hall

Wednesday

Release Time - 8:30 AM

Conlan Hall

Bible Study - 1:00 PM

Bergan Parish Center (1st)

Cantors - 6:00 PM

Church

Choir - 7:00 PM

Church

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)



REMEMBERING
September 10th-16th

Monday
7:30—Paulette Pecukonis <i>Gardzalla Family</i>
12:10—Theresa M. Judge <i>Joe & Mary Ann Yenason</i>
Tuesday
7:30—Elaine Cznarecki <i>Edward & Marlene Kotarski</i>
12:10—Helen Sufleta <i>Rita Miller</i>
Wednesday
7:30—Walter Falchek-ALM <i>Family</i>
12:10—Joseph Lapinski, Jr.-ALM <i>Nanny</i>
Thursday
7:30—Helen Kasczak <i>Irene & Jack Williams</i>
12:10—George R. Zola-ALM <i>Daughter, Judith Youngblood</i>
Friday
7:30—Charles J. Brady-ALM <i>Family</i>
12:10—Linda Harvey-ALM <i>Family</i>
Saturday
7:30—Donald & Mary Wolfe-ALM <i>Sons</i>
4:00 PM—Joseph Ruddy <i>George Kupstas</i>
5:30 PM—Mary Jordan <i>Kopicki Family</i>
Sunday
7:00 AM—Phillip P. Munning <i>Earl & Helen Harrison</i>
8:30 AM—For the People of the Parish
10:30 AM—Barbara Barsh <i>Kopicki Family</i>
12:00 PM—Patricia Frey <i>Friends</i>

SERVICE—HELPING OTHERS
MOTHER TERESA’S HAVEN

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME FOR SEPTEMBER VISIT

St. Ignatius Parish will once again be hosting Mother Teresa’s Haven in Conlan Hall for one week in mid September (September 17th-September 23rd). **We are currently looking for different sponsor groups to plan, supply, and cook meals for each of the 7 nights.** 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 each night, and clean up is usually completed by around 8:00. 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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

September 15th & 16th

Saturday 4:00 PM
Lectors
C. Urban & G. Galante
Communion Ministers
M. Graham, N. Krasniak T. Crawford, A. Petros D. Duesler, H. O'Brien
Altar Servers
J. Galante & A. Klopp
Saturday 5:30 PM
Lectors
P. & M. Pisaneschi
Communion Ministers
T. Smith, E. Rishcoff M. B. Zelinsky
Altar Servers
M. Preiman & A.Roper
Sunday 7:00 AM
Lector
S. Barnes
Communion Ministers
P. Podesta & T. Verbyla
Sunday 8:30 AM
Lectors
S. Touey & R. Garman
Communion Ministers
K. Corgan, J. Lyons J. Loyons
Altar Servers
M. Tietje
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Food Donations
 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.

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 administrator Patti Kupetz ASAP at 570-288-6856 and give her your Gold Card number with the 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.



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Current food needs include canned fruit, applesauce, canned pasta, mac & cheese, cereal, peanut butter & jelly. As always, personal items such as toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, toilet paper, razors, etc. are always needed as are monetary donations. All items can be placed in the food collection bins in the Church and Chapel.

Thank you and God bless you.

ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINES FOR UPCOMING BULLETINS:

<u>BULLETIN</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>
SEPT. 23RD	SEPT. 12TH
SEPT. 30TH	SEPT. 19TH
OCT. 7TH	SEPT. 26TH
OCT. 14TH	OCT. 3RD

ANNOUNCEMENTS RECEIVED AFTER NOON ON THE DEADLINE DATE WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEXT BULLETIN.



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Sunday Stewards

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

BUS PILGRIMAGE TO THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE DIVINE MERCY, STOCKBRIDGE, MA

Date: **Friday, October 5th.** The bus will leave at 7:00 AM from the back section of the St. Maria Goretti Parish parking lot. (42 Redwood Drive, Laflin.) Cost-\$67.00 per person. Please contact Trip Coordinator, Cathy Mack at 570-6063. Anticipated time of return to St. Maria Goretti is 11:00 PM.

QUILT BINGO


The Church of Saints Peter & Paul, Plains, will hold its Annual Choose Your Own Handmade Quilt Bingo on **Sunday, October 7th** in Bernadine Hall. With admission you will receive a 6 card game for each regular game. Specials and 50/50 will be sold separately. The doors will open at 11:30 AM and games start at 1:00 PM. Admission is \$20.00 in advance and \$25.00 at the door. For information, contact the office secretary at 570-825-6663, Ext. 1. Come and join us for a day of great food, beautiful prizes and lots of fun.

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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
Continued

Sunday 10:30 AM
Lectors
S. Verdone & S. Arbogast
Communion Ministers
M. Butcher, E. Featherman P. Kupetz
Altar Servers
A. Evan & R. Kupstas
Sunday 12 Noon
Lectors
P. Boyle & B. Habler
Communion Ministers
T. Gazowski, C. Gazowski C. Mensah
Altar Servers
C. Dec & R. Frey



in
loving
memory

John J. Sims, Jr.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY! Starting at 1:00 P.M. on **Wednesday, September 12th** in Bergan Hall and continuing each week until October 31st, members of the Adult Faith Formation Team will facilitate an eight week session, *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*. With the history of salvation as its theme, this study tells how God has never abandoned us despite our many failings. Beginning with creation and man's first sin, we read about Abraham, David, and so many other familiar stories—all culminating in Christ's death, resurrection and new life through the Church. Each week, participants will view a 30 minute video narrated by Jeff Cavins, a frequent guest on the Catholic Network. Though participants will use their own Bibles for discussions, we are suggesting that they purchase *The Bible Timeline* (\$5.00) which complements the program and will be a helpful guide for future Bible reading and study. Please call the rectory at 570-288-6446 to reserve your spot and indicate if you would like to purchase the *Timeline*.

A WALK THROUGH THE SACRAMENTS

Each Wednesday starting on **September 26th thru October 24th** at 6:30 in Conlan Hall, Father Mosley will give us an overview on each of the sacraments. There is no sign up or commitment, come to one or come to all.

THANK YOU!

A special thanks to all who participated in our Mary's Ministry fall covered dish social and to Alice Naylis for coordinating this event. Everyone enjoyed the variety of food donations and the opportunity to get to know Father Mosley.

LECTOR WORKBOOKS

The Lector Workbooks for next year have arrived. Please pick up your copy at the Rectory during regular business hours.

THE LEGACY OF HUMANAЕ VITAE:

DOCTRINAL DEVELOPMENT AND HISTORICAL CONTEXT

This event will be held on **Wednesday, September 12th** at 6:30 PM at Misericordia University. Place: Insalaco Hall, Rooms 218 & 219.

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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