### THE CHURCH OF SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA









# Sonship Restored

Strangely enough and discouragingly often, we find the attitude of the older son from the Prodigal Son parable in the Church. The righteous believers who have always belonged can be jealous and look down upon the poor sinner who comes later and gets the same reward.

Yet, the attitude of all of us toward those who are spiritually, morally, or materially needy should be that of the loving father so wonderfully shown in the statue by Francesco Messina.

The sinner comes back in shame, weakness, and obvious failure. His very act of returning is a cry for help, support, and understanding. The father offers his mercy and compassion without questions, without an interrogation. His shoulder is never too proud, too hard, or righteous to be refused as a pillow for the humiliated soul who returns broken, pillaged, and ruined by sin.

Messina chose to show the father and son naked because it symbolizes mankind stripped to its essence. And in this you reveal greatness. Humanity is noblest when admitting its weakness. Humanity is greatest in its ability to show mercy and lift the downtrodden. The father-son relationship is most beautiful when it is being reconciled and restored.

We should always rejoice at the return of a prodigal child, and we should always honor a forgiving parental heart. "We must celebrate and rejoice," said the father. If we are convinced of this, we now have a charge: Go out and find the lost coin and welcome back the lost sheep with humility and joy!

-Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

#### For Reflection

Do I have a welcoming spirit about me, always looking to build up and be positive?

Do I live gospel charity and love with all its consequences?

September 15, 2019 Twenty-fourth Standay in Ordinary Time(C) Ex 32:7-11, 13-14 1 Tm 1:12-17 Lk 15:1-32



Piece: Prodigal Son, 1956 Artist: Francesco Messina Location: Vatican Museums



[Jesus said,] "I tellyou, injust the same way therewill be morejoy in heaven over one sinner who repents.."

Luke 15:7

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A ROMAN CATHOLIC Community inspired by the tradition of St. Ignatius, St. Hedwig and St. Mary's Annunciation parishes.

e, 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.

## WEEKLY MEDITATION

Jesus had no problem associating with tax collectors and sinners, but others had a problem with him doing so. To help them understand, he told them stories about a shepherd taking the time to look for a lost sheep and a woman who searched diligently for a lost coin. God never gives up on us should we be lost, and rejoices greatly when we are found and return to Him!

# **RCIA - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

Are you, a family member or someone you know interested in joining the Catholic Church? Are you married or a parent/grandparent and desire to know more about the Catholic faith to share and live with them? Are you a Catholic with a desire to complete the Sacraments of Initiation namely, Holy Communion or Confirmation? Do you desire to be baptized or been baptized in another Christian tradition and desire to be Catholic? Then RCIA is for you. Come learn about the RCIA and continue your journey of faith. Call or contact Deacon John or Mary O'Connor at the Rectory - 570-288-6446 or directly at 570-287-8536.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Through the **Sacrament of Baptism** we joyfully welcome into our Christian community the following babies: Brooke Marie Bradley, Liam Michael Ciupinski, and Kendall Lynn Marie Kane. Many prayers to them as they begin their new life in Christ Jesus.

# THANK YOU AND BEST WISHES TO ROB YANIK

Our Youth Minister Rob Yanik has notified us that he will be resigning his position at the end of September. He has accepted a position with the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program in Rockville, MD. We thank Rob for his service since last January.

We are pleased to announce that Ms. Shannon Kowalski, Youth and Young Adult Coordinator for the Diocese of Scranton has accepted our invitation to serve on a parttime basis as Youth Minister.

Rob and Shannon have worked together very closely, thus the change should be seamless and our youth will continue to be served well.

Best Wishes to Rob and Welcome to Shannon.

The Altar Breads and Wine for this week are offered In Memory of **Ned Boyle** By Family

Sanctuary Candles Church In Memory Karolina Hahn By Family

Chapel In Memory of Rose Budanovitz By Family

Stained Glass Window Highlight for the Month of September is St. Agnes





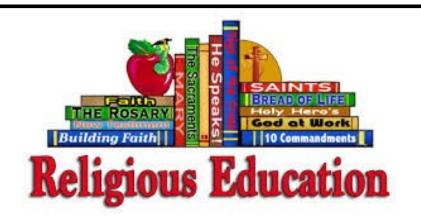


In recognition of our need to give, and the many needs of our church and parish, and in gratitude for God's gifts to us, we declare our willingness to return a portion of our Treasure to our parish, as part of our total Christian stewardship.

NO AMOUNT BECAUSE OF EARLIER 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.



### Important upcoming dates:

Sunday, September 22nd - Grade 8 Confirmation parent meeting in Conlan Hall following the 10:30 AM Mass. Service hours from last year are due at this meeting.
Sunday, September 29th - First Penance Parent Meeting - 9:15 AM - Conlan Hall Sunday, September 29th - First Communion Enrollment - 10:30 AM Mass

# **SPONSOR A STUDENT - THANK YOU!**

A very grateful thank you to all our parish family members who contributed to the Religious Education "Sponsor A Student" drive. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by all our Religious Education families. May God bless you and your families for your kindness.

# **ATTENTION ALL GERRITY'S AND**

### 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 leader, 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.

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

### **ST. AGNES - SEPTEMBER SAINT OF THE MONTH**

Although Saint Agnes was born at the end of the third century, her story is relevant in these times when predatory sexual behavior is in the headlines and women are fighting to be treated with dignity and respect. Agnes was born into a wealthy and prominent Roman family and she was a beautiful young girl. Many men wanted to marry her. But Agnes chose to devote herself to Christ and be chaste, flying in the face of the patriarchal customs of the time. After a significant struggle, Agnes was given the choice to marry or be sent as a slave to a house of prostitution. In the ensuing struggle Agnes was stabbed and died at the age of twelve. This brave young woman was regarded as saintly soon after her death. She symbolizes the ongoing struggle of people to have the right to say no and make their own life decisions. Her feast day is January 21st and she is the patroness of youth, chastity and rape victims. To find her window, stand at the back of the church facing the altar and look left. Perhaps we should be cognizant of the fact that traditionally the followers of Jesus valued the right to say no and to choose ones calling and beliefs. We could pray to Saint Agnes to awaken powerful people to this truth.

### **COFFEE & DONUTS**

Coffee and Donuts will be held following the 10:30 AM and Noon Masses today, **Sunday, September 15th** in Conlan Hall.

IMPORTANT

INFORMATION

## **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 If you do not have email, please call the rectory at 570-288-6446 and leave a message for Mary. Thank you! Please submit any changes for the October schedule by Monday, September 16th.



THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday Pastoral Council - 6:30 PM Rectory

Tuesday Rosary Makers 10:30 AM Bergan Parish Center (1st)

#### <u>Wednesday</u>

Community Commission 4:00 PM Bergan Parish Center (1st) Knights of Columbus 7:30 PM Bergan Parish Center (1st)

#### <u>Thursday</u>

Bible Study - 1:00 PM Bergan Parish Center (1st) Children's Choir - 6:45 PM Bergan Parish Center (1st) Contemporary Ensemble 7:30 PM Bergan Parish Center (1st)

#### <u>Saturday</u>

Prayer Shawl Ministry Noon-3:00 PM Bergan Parish Center (1st Floor)

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# REMEMBERING Sept. 16th–22nd

#### Monday

7:30—Shirley & Charles Parsons-ALM Sister, Alice Naylis

12:10—Kay Gebhardt-ALM Sister, Peggy

#### Tuesday

7:30-Clarie Moran Sally Payne

12:10–Joanna Szeluga-ALM Sister, Renata Evan

#### Wednesday

7:30-Helen Igoe-ALM Family

12:10–Anna & Ludwig Stepanski-ALM Daughter, Sophie

#### Thursday

7:30—Arthur Piccone Susan Leonard

12:10-Michael Mras-ALM Family

#### Friday

7:30—James O'Brien-ALM Daughter

12:10—Karolina Hahn-ALM Family

#### Saturday

7:30—Thomas Tobin Amos Family

4:00 PM—Craig Killough Marilyn Feldman

5:30 PM-Frank Hullihen Larisa & Cris

#### Sunday

7:00 AM-For the People of the Parish

8:30 AM-Esther Zelinski Tietje & Troiani Families

10:30 AM—Kristine LaGuardia Stelma Family

12:00 PM—Helen Hein Jayne & Tom Brogna

#### MOTHER TERESA'S HAVEN—VOLUNTEERS WELCOME FOR SEPTEMBER VISIT

St. Ignatius Parish will once again be hosting Mother Teresa's Haven in Conlan Hall from September 16th-22nd. We are currently looking for sponsor groups to plan, supply, and cook meals for two of those nights: Thursday, September 19th & Friday, September 20th. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINES FOR		
UPCOMING BULLETINS:		
<b>BULLETIN</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	
<b>SEPT. 29TH</b>	SEPT. 17TH	
ОСТ. 6ТН	SEPT. 24TH	
ОСТ. 13ТН	OCT. 1ST	
ANNOUNCEMENTS RECEIVED AFTER		
NOON ON THE DEADLINE DATE WILL BE		
PUBLISHED IN THE NEXT BULLETIN.		
PLEASE SUBMIT ANNOUNCEMENTS TO		

#### MINISTRY SCHEDULE September 21st & 22nd

#### Saturday 4:00 PM

Lectors

C. Urban & L. Goff

#### **Communion Ministers**

M. Graham, N. Krasniaak

C. Liskov, T. Crawford, A. Petros K. Hungaarter

**Altar Servers** 

I. & E. Cronin

Saturday 5:30 PM

Lectors

J. Gallagher & T. Masalonis

**Communion Ministers** 

M. Girton, A. Naylis

J. Stretanski

**Altar Servers** 

L. Flannery & M. Vodzak

Sunday 7:00 AM

Lector

S. Barnes

**Communion Ministers** 

P. Podesta, H. O'Brien, T.Verbyla

#### Sunday 8:30 AM

Lectors

R. Garman & J. Deemer

**Communion Ministers** 

K. Corgan, J. Lyons

J. Lyons

Altar Servers

J. Galante

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### **Adult Faith Formation**

BIBLE STUDIES - Starting at 1:00 P.M. on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> in Bergan Hall and continuing each week until November 6th, members of the Adult Faith Formation Team will facilitate an eight week study entitled **Psalms** for All Seasons, Part I from Little Rock Publishing Company. Each week participants will view a twenty-minute video followed with discussion. In this part of the study, we will focus on Psalms of praise, Psalms of trust and Psalms of wisdom. The cost is \$16 which includes a commentary and study guide. Please call the rectory at 570-288-6446 to reserve your spot and indicate if you wish to purchase the books.

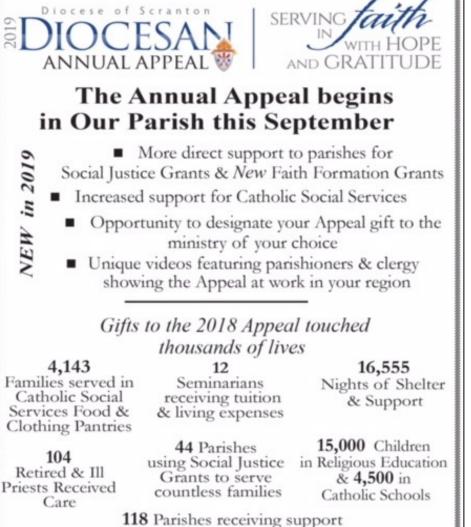
# **BISHOP BARRON'S SERIES ON THE MASS**

Starting September 24<sup>th</sup> and continuing till October 29<sup>th</sup>, you are invited to join us for a video presentation each Tuesday evening at 6:30 in Conlan Hall as Bishop Barron leads us through our most privileged encounter with Christ, the Mass. Following the 25 minute video either Monsignor Tressler or Father Mosley will expand on ideas presented, answer questions and share responses. Each session will run about an hour. There is no sign up and no commitment on your part. Just come and bring a friend.

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WHITE MASS**

Knights of Columbus/Our Lady of Czestochowa, Assembly 1928 will be sponsoring the White Mass to honor all those within the medical field. This Mass will be held on **Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>** at the **12:00 Noon Mass** at St Ignatius Church. We are asking all who are involved in the medical field to attend this Mass and be honored for all the hard work that is done 24-7 by the great persons within this profession. Anybody who is willing to help by doing readings and special intentions are ask to contact Michael J Berish at 570-760-1175 for more information.





in all aspects of Parish Life

### Share your blessings. Give to the Appeal.

GIFTS to the APPEAL support Diocesan ministries & will not be used to defray legal fees or fund the Survivors Compensation Program.

**Sunday Stewards** 

There will be no envelope count for this weekend due to an earlier

#### MINISTRY SCHEDULE Continued

Sunday 10:30 AM

Lectors

T. & R. O'Connor

#### **Communion Ministers**

M. Butcher, A. Calderone

M. Hosey, G. Bokrosh

E. Featherman, P. Kupetz

E. Whipple

#### Altar Servers

A, Evan, C, Griffin, C. Griffin, B. Griffin

Sunday 12:00 PM

Lectors

G. Gayeski & M. Bednarek

**Communion Ministers** 

T. Gazowski, C. Gazowski

M. B. Zelinsky

Altar Servers

C. Dec & K. Gring, Jr.



Josephine Wilkes Elaine Evansky Katherine Maheady

# **MARY'S MINISTRY NEWS**

### **HELP WANTED FOR AUTUMN FLING BINGO - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD**

Mary's Ministry is hosting a theme bingo fundraiser **Sunday, November 3rd** to help support their work in the parish and community. Please "Save the Date" and plan to participate. Currently, we are seeking 20 prize items or gift packs for children, teens, and adults with a retail value of \$100 or more and 5 special higher priced prizes for this event. If you are able to donate a prize, have a contact to help provide one or wish to make a monetary contribution to be a prize sponsor, please contact Michelle Butcher at (cell) 570-592-2465 or by email mjb2605@aol.com before September 16th with your suggestion and to see what is needed. Anyone interested in helping work on this event please contact Maura Fennell at (cell) 570-244-7846 or by email maurafennell@aol.com.

### **FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS**

Current Food Pantry needs include: Canned Pasta, spaghetti sauce, pasta, peanut butter, jelly, tuna, canned fruit, applesauce, boxed potatoes, cereal bars and sandwich crackers. Any and all non-perishables are welcome and appreciated as are personal care items and monetary donations. <u>Checks are made payable to The Al Beech Food Pantry</u>. If you or someone you know are in need of food, please call the Pantry on any Monday or Thursday between 1:00 & 2:30 PM at 570-288-0934 to place an order for pick-up the following day. You will be asked a few simple questions and told what you need to do to pick up your order. For information only, please call Monday through Friday after 9:00 Am at 570-288-8434. If you would like to help pack orders at the pantry, please call the rectory at 570-288-6446 and leave your name and phone number. You will be contacted by one of our current volunteers. Thank you for your kind and generous support of our Al Beech Food Pantry. God Bless you!

## FLU CLINIC - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

St. Ignatius Parish will host a flu vaccination clinic on Sunday, October 13th from 1:00 to 5:00 PM in Conlan Hall. Medicare recipients are covered at no cost and most other insurances cover the flu vaccine 100%. Anyone age 9 through adult is welcome. For those age 9 through 18, a consent form (available on site) is required and a parent/guardian needs to be present. Please bring all insurance card (Medicare/Medical/Prescription) with you. No appointment is necessary, however, you may register in advance by calling CVS Pharmacy at 570-542-4250. Any questions can be directed to Jen at 570-288-6446.

## **SLOVENIAN CHOIR "MEGARON" TO PERFORM**

Our Service and Community Commissions working with The Slovak Heritage Society, Good Shepherd Academy, and World Artist Experience will sponsor a concert at St. John the Evangelist Church, William St., Pittston. The free concert is **Sunday, September 29th** at 7:30 PM. Megaron is a premiere forty voice a copella choir from the Diocesan Classical Gymnasium at St. Stanislav's Institute in Ljubilijana, Republic of Slovenia. They have performed throughout Europe, Canada and the United States. We will assist in feeding and housing the group. On **Monday, September 30th**, the Choir will perform at Good Shepherd Academy followed by a brunch in Conlan Hall. Anyone interested in hosting or helping in other ways are asked to contact Mike Stretanski aat 570-287-6554 or Raphael Mica at 570-301-9253.

#### 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, Deacon O'Connor, George Andresky, Nancy Bellas, Michelle Butcher, Pat Cole, Robert Dupre Maria Edmunds, Maura Fennell, Gloria Galante, Molly Kachmar Cynthia Liskov, Kimberly McNulty

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