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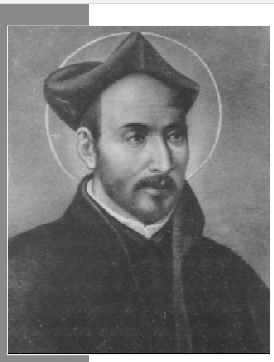
SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA



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

O ANTIPHONS

The "O Antiphons" are a wonderful collection of brief but poignant prayers expressing the intense longing of God's people for His coming. They are the verses used before the Gospel at Mass on weekdays from December 17th to the 23rd as Advent draws to its climactic fulfillment. In inverse order, the initials of the different titles in Latin spell out the acrostic **Ero cras**, or "Tomorrow I will be there." This is interpreted as Christ's response to each cry of the faithful to "Come!"

During the next week, take some time to meditate on these images which are the basis for the familiar Advent hymn O Come, O Come Emmanuel.

O Sapientia – (Dec 17th) *O Wisdom*, O holy Word of God, you govern all creation with your strong yet tender care; Come and show your people the way to salvation

O Adonai – (Dec 18th) *O Sacred Lord of ancient Israel*, who showed yourself to Moses in the burning bush, who gave him the holy law on Mt. Sinai; Come, stretch out your mighty hand to set us free.

O Radix Jesse – (Dec 19th) *O Flower of Jesse's Stem*, you have been raised up as a sign for all peoples; kings stand silent in your presence; the nations bow down in worship before you. Come, let nothing keep you from coming to our aid.

O Clavis David – (Dec 20th) *O Key of David*, O royal Power of Israel controlling at your will the gate of heaven; Come, break down the prison walls of death for those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and lead your captive people into freedom.

O Oriens – (Dec 21st) – *O Radiant Dawn*, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice; Come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

O Rex Gentium – (Dec 22nd) *O King of All the Nations*, the only joy of every human heart; Keystone of the mighty arch of man, Come and save the creature you fashioned from the dust.

O Emmanuel – (Dec 23rd) *O Emmanuel*, king and lawgiver, desire of the nations, Savior of all people, Come and set us free, Lord our God.

By Ann Brown
St. Martin de Porres Lay Dominican Community
New Hope, Kentucky
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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.

WORD—LEARNING ABOUT OUR FAITH

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sundays December 23rd and 30th - NO class for grades 1 - 6

Wednesday, January 2nd - Grade 7 and 8 release time

Sunday, January 6th - Grade 8 Family Morning/Class Mass. All grade 8 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 6th - classes resume for grades 1 - 6.

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

We cordially invite all our college age young adults, who are " **Home for the Holidays**", and their families to join us at the special Liturgy on **Sunday, December 30th, at 10:30 AM.** A light reception will follow the Mass. We would like our former altar servers, lectors, choir members, etc. to be a part of the celebration. If interested, please contact the religious education office at 570-287-3682 or religiouseducation1@yahoo.com. Come renew "old" acquaintances!! So that we may better prepare for the reception, please RSVP by December 21st, with a number of attendees to Carmella Faust 570-287-3682 or religiouseducation1@yahoo.com.

CHRISTMAS MASS INTENTION ENVELOPES

Special Christmas Mass Intention envelopes can be found in your monthly packets to remember both living and deceased family members and friends. Please write the names of your loved ones on the back of the envelope. The envelopes will be placed on the altar during all of the Christmas Masses to remember your intentions. Please place the envelopes in the collection basket. Thank you.

WEEKLY MEDITATION

Rejoice Sunday

Real joy is missing from our modern lives. In such a 'desert' we must look to Christ, the only light to the darkness of our minds. Take courage. During these days before Christmas have no anxiety about selecting gifts, but prepare for the feast with thanksgiving, and turn your minds to Jesus, the true source of our joy.

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

Maier & Preston Family

By Family

In Memory of

Monahan, Murphy & Fisher Families

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.

Sunday Tithe
$13,242.61
(468 Envelopes)
Flowers
$592.00
Loose
$701.06
Holy Day
$2,324.50
This Week's Expenses
$18,804.82
Retirement Collection
$1,931.00

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

Christmas Season & New Year's Mass Schedule

Monday December 24, Christmas Eve
4:00 PM at St. Ignatius Loyola Church
4:00 PM at the Chapel of St. Ann
4:00 PM at Good Shepherd Academy (gym)
6:00 PM at St. Ignatius Loyola Church
10:00 PM at St. Ignatius Loyola Church

Tuesday, December 25, Christmas Day
7:00 AM at the Chapel of St. Ann
10:30 AM at St. Ignatius Loyola Church

Monday, December 31st – New Year's Eve
4:00 PM at St. Ignatius Loyola Church

Tuesday, January 1, New Year's Day
10:30 AM at St. Ignatius Loyola Church

COME ENJOY THE SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS BEFORE THE 4 PM MASS CHRISTMAS EVE AT THE CHURCH. THE CONTEMPORARY ENSEMBLE AND YOUTH CHOIRS WILL BEGIN TO SING AT 3 PM UNTIL THE START OF MASS. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

CHRISTMAS GIVING WREATH PROJECT

On behalf of the many needy families in our community, thank you for your very generous response to this year's Christmas Wreath Toy Program. A very special note of thanks is extended to Father Mosley and his youth, young adult, and adult volunteers who assisted with the sorting of the gifts. Thank you once again to all who participated.

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

Christmas Wafers - Oplatek

Packets of Christmas Wafers (Oplatek) are now available in the back of each church. The donation for each packet is $5.00. The tradition of the Oplatek is that on Christmas Eve, as a family gathers to share their meal, they first break bread and share the Christmas wafer uniting family members and reminding us of the unity we share in the celebration of the Eucharist.

Advent Penance Service

This **Sunday, December 16th** at 5:00 p.m. our parish will have our annual Advent Penance Service. There will be nine priests available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All parishioners are encouraged to take the opportunity to receive God's grace of forgiveness in preparation for the celebration of Christmas.

Advent Evening Prayer

Advent Evening Prayer will be celebrated next Sunday at **5:00 PM (Please note time change)** in the Church. Please join us in prayer as we anticipate the birthday of our Lord.

Sunday, December 23, 2018

Parish Office Holiday Hours

The Parish Office **will be closed** on **Monday, December 24th**, **Tuesday, December 25th** and **Wednesday, December 26th.** The office will reopen on Thursday, December 27th at 9:00 AM.

NO 7:30 AM or 12:10 PM on DECEMBER 24th , Special Schedule for Wednesday, December 26th

Please note, there will be **NO** daily morning Masses celebrated on Monday, December 24th. Please see the Christmas Eve Mass schedule for the times of the Vigil Masses on December 24, 2018. Please note there will **not** be a 7:30 AM Mass on Wednesday, December 26th, however there will be a 12:10 PM Mass.

Attention All Young Adults Ages 21-35

Theology On Tap Continues Exploring the Question: Whom Do We Serve?

December 18 – 7:00 PM at Nonno's Pizza (6 Radcliffe Drive, Moosic)

"Service to Yourself" – presented by Fr. Dan Issing, CSC

Sponsored by the Diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Monday
Bell Choir - 6:30 PM
Church
Scouts - 6:30 PM
Bergan Parish Center (1st)

Tuesday
Rosary Makers - 11:30 AM
Conlan Hall
Senior Citizens - 1:30 PM
Conlan Hall

Wednesday
Cantor Rehearsal - 6:00 PM
Church
Choir Rehearsal - 7:00 PM
Church
Knights of Columbus
7:30 PM
Conlan Hall

Thursday
Children's Choir - 6:45 PM
Bergan Parish Center (1st)
Holy Name Society - 7 PM
Conlan Hall
Contemporary Ensemble
7:45 PM
Church

"Teach us to give and not to count the cost." — Ignatius of Loyola

REMEMBERING
December 17th—23rd

Monday

7:30—Rosalind Kolendowicz *Barbara & Leonard Wisnewski*

12:10—Helen Kopicki-ALM *Daughter*

Tuesday

7:30—Ellen White *Mike & Kate Corgan*

12:10—Samantha Howell-ALM *O'Donnell Family*

Wednesday

7:30—Jennifer Dorosky-ALM *Mom & Dad*

12:10—Anna & John Turel-ALM *Daughter, Joan*

Thursday

7:30—Theresa Sheridan *Chester Nocek*

12:10—Francis, Mary & Robert Girvan-ALM *Jane Girvan*

Friday

7:30—Scott Chopick-ALM *Family*

12:10—William Yarshas-ALM *Yarashas Family*

Saturday

7:30—Adele Polachek *Gary & Patricia Reese*

4:00 PM—Dolores Swaintek *Marks Family*

5:30 PM—Jean Michalek *Dolores Floryshak*

Sunday

7:00 AM—Walter Dukus *Bill & Pam Jacobs*

8:30 AM—Leonard Mack *Patrice Kane & Family*

10:30 AM—Jeanne R. Butcher *Donlin Family*

12:00 PM—For the People of the Parish

Attention: Extraoridinary Ministers, Lectors & Servers

If you wish to be scheduled for a particular Mass for Christmas or New Years, please call the Rectory by **Monday, December 17th.** Thank you!

2018 Financial Statements

Financial Statements for the 2018 calendar year will be mailed in January 2019 to all parishioners. All credited donations for tax purposes for the year 2018 should be made by **January 9, 2019.**

SERVICE—Helping Others

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 service of the Commission on Economic Opportunity. Donations of new men's and women's socks to support our local veterans in need are most welcome. In addition to new men's and women's socks, we will also be collecting men's and women's personal care items this year. Collection of socks and personal care items will begin at the back of the Church and Chapel on this weekend and will continue through the Feast of the Epiphany on the weekend of January 5th. We thank you for considering this worthy cause!

March for Life

The Annual March for Life will be held on **Friday, January 18th, 2019.** Cost-$50.00 - which includes bus and buffet dinner, Please make checks payable to PHL (by January 11th) and mail to Chris Calore, 37 Elder St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702. Departure time is 6:15 AM from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 116 Hughes St. Swoyersville, (5:50 AM Mass). Return home approximately - 10:30 PM.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
December 22nd & 23rd

Saturday 4:00 PM
Lectors
P. Ochman & L. Goff
Communion Ministers
M. O'Connor, A. Petros N. Bellas, T. Crawford, D. Duesler, J. Lenahan
Altar Servers
J. & I. Shoemaker
Saturday 5:30 PM
Lectors
P. & M. Pisaneschi
Communion Ministers
M. B. Zelinsky, M. Heffers K. Smedley
Altar Servers
A. Ambrose & K. Andes
Sunday 7:00 AM
Lector
G. Thackara
Communion Ministers
T. Thackara & M. Fiske
Sunday 8:30 AM
Lectors
P. Endler
Communion Ministers
J. Semcheski, K. Corgan J. Donlan
Altar Servers
E. Cronin

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PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Please note, the Federal privacy laws make it difficult for the parish to obtain information regarding a parishioner's status in one of the local hospitals or his/her placement in one of the area's long-term facilities. We request that you contact the Parish if a family member or friend is hospitalized **(especially if they are admitted through the Emergency Room)** or placed in a long-term facility so that Msgr. Tressler, Fr.Mosley, or one of the members of our Pastoral Care Team can visit with them. We apologize to any parishioner that may have been hospitalized recently and did not receive a visit. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

The need for all non-perishables continues but our immediate needs are raisins, canned fruit, applesauce and rice. The need for personal items such as toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, toilet paper, razors, etc. also continues as does the need for monetary donations. Cash or checks are accepted with checks payable to the Al Beech Food Pantry. 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:

BULLETIN	DEADLINE
DEC. 30TH	DEC. 19TH
JAN. 6TH	DEC. 26TH
JAN. 13TH	JAN. 2ND.

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

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Sunday Stewards

1,398 Families receive envelopes

December 8th

312 attended the **4:00 PM Mass**

123 Families used their envelopes and offered **$2,602.00**

125 attended the **5:30 PM Mass**

48 Families used their envelopes and offered **$1,270.00**

December 9th

149 attended the **7:00 AM Mass**

54 Families used their envelopes and offered **$998.00**

111 attended the **8:30 AM Mass**

60 Families used their envelopes and offered **$1,450.00**

336 attended the **10:30 AM Mass**

91 Families used their envelopes and offered **$2,049.00**

107 attended the **Noon Mass**

53 Families used their envelopes and offered **$925.00**

Received in Mail:

39 families mailed their envelopes and offered **$3,948.61**

Total Envelopes Used: 468

Thanks to all who are supporting the parish!

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 project

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
Continued

Sunday 10:30 AM
Lectors
R. Dupre & B. Hazlak
Communion Ministers
M. Ferris, M. Hosey D. Mosca, E. Whipple
Altar Servers
M. Hazlak & C. Smith
Sunday 12 Noon
Lectors
M. McGinley & P. Boyle
Communion Ministers
C. Liskov, C. Gazowski T. Gazowski
Altar Servers
C. Dec & K. Nilson

Joan Zekus

Delia Fisher

COMMUNITY—GROWING TOGETHER

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Holy Name Society will sponsor its Annual Children's Christmas Party today **(Sunday)** after the Noon Mass in Conlan Hall. Refreshments will be served and each child will receive a toy along with a visit from Santa.

ATTENTION HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS, CARE GIVERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Mary's Ministry will be distributing Christmas flowers the third week in December to our parishioners currently in nursing homes or homebound. We ask all family members, friends, or care givers to please contact the Rectory 288-6446 with names of homebound and nursing home parishioners who should be added to our list to be remembered. Eucharistic Ministers serving the homebound and nursing homes are asked to pick up their flowers for Christmas distribution after weekend Masses December 15-16th in the sacristy.

HOLIDAY SOCIAL THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who attended our Mary's Ministry Holiday Social and donated gifts for the women at Ruth's Place and Catherine McAuley House. A special thanks to Elaine Whipple, Maribeth Girton and Janet Scouton for coordinating this event and to John Barancho of Floral Designs for sharing his time and talent to bring joy to all.

CONGRATULATIONS

Through the **Sacrament of Baptism** we joyfully welcome into our Christian community the following babies: Emelia Paige Kuscavage, Maxwell Charles Langdon and Marina Rose. Many prayers to them as they begin their new life in Christ Jesus.

2019 CALENDARS

We wish to thank Maher-Collins Funeral Home for their generous donation of our parish calendars. Calendars are available in the back of the Church and Chapel - one per household. Thank you!

HOLY REDEEMER HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS "SOUNDS OF THE SEASON"

On Sunday, December 16th at 2:00 PM, Holy Redeemer High School students under the direction of Miss Ann Manganiello, will present a Choral Concert entitled, "Sounds of the Season." The Royal Singers, Handbell Choir, Soloists and Instrumentalists will be featured along with an audience Sing-A-Long. Sacred, secular, traditional and popular works will be performed. Elementary instrumentalists under the direction of Mr. Mark Stransky and assistants will also be featured during the concert. The concert takes place in the Holy Redeemer High School McCarthy Auditorium. Ticket donation is $4.00 for adults and $3.00 for students and senior citizens and may be purchased at the door.

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

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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Service Commission - Steve Durk, Jane Girvan, Tom Hamill, Pat Kupetz, Mary McGinley, Kim McNulty, Deacon O'Connor, Tom Scappaticci, Mike Stretanski, Bob Tuttle

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Maintenance	**Bill Gross**
Sacristan	**Matt Fiske**
Visiting Clergy	*Rev. Joseph Adonizio* *Rev. Andrew Sinnott*