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.

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.

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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.

WORD-LEARNING ABOUT OUR FAITH

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday, December 9th - Grade 7 family morning. All grade 7 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.

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 <u>placed on the altar during all of the Christmas Masses</u> to remember your intentions. Please place the envelopes in the collection basket. Thank you.

WEEKLY MEDITATION

As we approach mid-December, it's not hard to get lost in the expectations and demands of the season. Today's readings, which are filled with wondrous anticipation, however, may help us refocus our attention. Something is coming! Luke using Isaiah's words tells us of a "voice of one crying in the desert...Prepare the way..." What can we do to "prepare" for the coming of the Christ Child? Let us quiet our hearts and ready them to receive the Greatest Gift.

The Altar Breads and Wine for this week are offered

In Memory of **Anthony Maloney**By Family



Sanctuary Candles Burn this week

In Memory of

Anna & Leo Servello

By Servello Family

In Memory of

Agatha Viti

By M/M Donald Hudak



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.



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 \$11,660.00 (497 Envelopes)

Flowers

\$1,098.00

Loose

\$672.15

This Week's Expenses **\$9,600.17**

Priests' Collection \$1,865.00

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

10:00 AM at St. Ignatius Loyola Church





CHRISTMAS WAFERS - OPLATEK

Packets of Christmas Wafers (Oplatek) are now available in the back of the Church and Chapel. 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

The Church of St. Ignatius, will host a Penance Service on **Sunday, December 16** at **5:00 PM** at St. Ignatius Church. Consider taking this opportunity to prepare for Christmas and to receive God's grace and forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

ADVENT EVENING PRAYER

Advent Evening Prayer will be celebrated the four Sundays of Advent at <u>5:00 PM</u> (Please note time change) in the Church. Please join us in prayer as we anticipate the birthday of our Lord.

Sunday, December 9, 2018 Sunday, December 16, 2018 Penance Service Sunday, December 23, 2018

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 24^{th.} 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 11 – 7:00 PM at Pastoral Center (315 Wyoming Ave. Scranton)

"Service to the Community" – presented by Fr. Jim Price, CP

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

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Monday
Bell Choir - 6:30 PM
Church
Worship Team - 6:30 PM
Bergan Parish Center (2nd)

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)
Contemporary Ensemble
7:30 PM
Bergan Parish Center (1st)

<u>Saturday</u> Prayer Shawl Ministry 12:00 PM Bergan Parish Center (1st)



REMEMBERING December 10th-16th

Monday

7:30—Eugene W. Mulligan-ALM Family

12:10—Matilda Naparlo-ALM Family

Tuesday

7:30—Jetta O'Donnell-ALM Kathy & Jane Rogan

12:10—Catherine Zardeski-ALM Rosemary Krispin & Fam.

Wednesday

7:30—Gerald Maier-ALM Ella & Joe

12:10—John E. Devitt-ALM Peggy Yanklunas

Thursday

7:30—Beth Miner *Mr. & Mrs. Steven Bennett*

12:10—Barbara Urbanski-ALM Jared & Anne Marie

Friday

7:30—Margaret Chopick-ALM Family

12:10—Andrew & Kathleen Rogan-ALM Daughter, Jane

Saturday

7:30—Irving Verdone-ALM Family

4:00 PM—Joseph Pringle Dale & Joyce Evans

5:30 PM-Richard Miler Kopicki Family

Sunday

7:00 AM—For the People of the Parish

8:30 AM-Ann M. Brennan Marie Ferris

10:30 AM—Ellen Kosmala Kay & Joe Wilson & Sons

12:00 PM—Dr. William P. Smedley Michalek Family

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.**

SEVENTH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK

The Walk will be held on **Saturday, December 15th** from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The event is sponsored by the Youth Ministry of Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish, 420 Main Road, Buttonwood, Hanover Township. Cookie containers may be purchased for \$9.00 and filled with the Christmas cookies of one's choice. Orders for platters must be placed by December 8th. Cookie platters will be available for \$35.00. For tickets, orders, or for more information, call 570-814-6444.

ATTENTION FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Please note: There will be **NO** meeting in December. Thank you!

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 the weekend of **December 15th** and will continue through the Feast of the Epiphany on the weekend of January 5th. We thank you for considering this worthy cause!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE December 15th & 16th

Saturday 4:00 PM

Lectors

G. Galante & B. Matus

Communion Ministers

M. Graham, N. Krasniak

J. Lenahan, N. Bellas, T. Crawford

D. Duesler, H. O'Brien

Altar Servers

J. Galante & M. Vodzak

Saturday 5:30 PM

Lectors

J. Gallagher & J. Girvan

Communion Ministers

E. Rishcoff, C. Mensah

A. Naylis

Altar Servers

M. Preiman & A. Roper

Sunday 7:00 AM

Lector

L. Palmeri

Communion Ministers

P. Podesta & T. Verbyla

Sunday 8:30 AM

Lectors

R. Garman & J. Deemer

Communion Ministers

K. Corgan, J. Lyons

J. Lyons

Altar Servers

M. Tietje

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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 thev 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	<u>DEADLINE</u>
DEC. 23RD	DEC. 12TH
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 1st

286 attended the 4:00 PM Mass

147 Families used their envelopes and offered \$2,887.00

72 attended the 5:30 PM Mass

39 Families used their envelopes and offered **\$877.00**

December 2nd

183 attended the 7:00 AM Mass

74 Families used their envelopes and offered **\$1,817.00**

130 attended the 8:30 AM Mass

61 Families used their envelopes and offered \$1,111.00

252 attended the 10:30 AM Mass

80 Families used their envelopes and offered **\$1,864.00**

92 attended the Noon Mass

62 Families used their envelopes and offered **\$1.338.00**

Received in Mail:

34 families mailed their envelopes and offered **\$1,766.00**

Total Envelopes Used: 497

Thanks to all who are supporting the parish!

ATTENTION: GERRITY'S & SHUR-SAVE MARKET SHOPPERS

If you shop at Gerrity's other Shur-Save Markets and have not designated vour 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

G. Gayeski & L. Glenn

Communion Ministers

E. Featherman, A. Calderone

P. Kupetz, D. Mosca

Altar Servers

I. Calo & R. Kupstas

Sunday 12 Noon

Lectors

B. Habler & A. Piccone

Communion Ministers

T. Gazowski, C. Gazowski

Altar Servers

C. Dec & K. Gring, jr.



Suzanne Rhoads
Thomas Tobin

COMMUNITY—GROWING TOGETHER



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Holy Name Society will sponsor its Annual Children's Christmas Party on **Sunday, December 16th** 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 on **Friday, December 14**th after 1:00 PM at the rectory or after weekend Masses December 15-16th in the sacristy.

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank all those who helped with the New Parishioner Brunch, which was held on Sunday, November 25th. In addition to our new parishioners and newly baptized, from April through October 11th, we also included our newlyweds for this brunch. We had a delicious meal that was prepared by our head chef, Mike Sretanski, and his kitchen helpers, Steve Durk, Tom Hamill, Cindy Liskov, Michele Martin, and Tom Tomsak! Karen Tomchak made the beautiful Thanksgiving decorations, which were also used for Alpha and the Thanksgiving dinner! Thanks also go to Mary Bednarek, for calling all the new parishioners, as well as to Andrew Petonak, Samuel Petonak Field, and Mary Hosey, for setting-up the tables. We also wish to acknowledge all our kitchen help above and Mary Bednarek for cleaning up afterwards. Finally, thanks go to Helen O'Brien for taking pictures of the event, and to Jen Carey and Mary Lewis for obtaining the list of all new parishioners and mailing the invitations. We couldn't have had this event without you all!

Sincerely, Betty Habler, Event Coordinator, and the Community Commission

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.

Tour OF Poland and Czech Republic

Date: May13th - 25th, 2019. For more information, contact Reverend Lucian Urbaniak, The Resurrection of the Lord Church, 35 Zerby Ave., Edwardsville. Phone: 570-283-2686.

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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Worship Coordinating Team—George Andresky, Elaine Blessing,
Debbie Lyons, Kathleen McCarthy, Denise Mosca, Peggy Yanklunas
Community Coordinating Team—Renee Anderson, Kristen Billek Boyle,
Terri Bunton, Michael Demko, Betty Habler, Mary Hosey, Molly Kachmar,
Michele Martin, Sally McGinley, Father Mosley, Helen O'Brien
Mike Stretanski

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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Mrs. Flaine Blessing

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 Matt Fiske

Visiting Clergy Rev. Joseph Adonizio

Rev. Andrew Sinnott