



## **Saint Ignatius Loyola Church Weekly Update October 10, 2021**

### **LITURGY SCHEDULE**

Weekday Masses will continue the week of October 11, 2021

**Monday, October 11, 2021, Columbus Day one Mass at 9:00 a.m.**

Tuesday thru Friday – 7:30 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.

### **WEEKEND MASSES**

**Please note weekend Mass schedule:**

Saturday Vigil Masses 4:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.

Sunday Masses 7:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.

Live Streaming of Sunday Mass will continue at 8:30 a.m.

**All Masses will be celebrated at St. Ignatius Church.**

The church is now open for private prayer Monday-Friday from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

### **CONFESSIONS**

**Confessions are held Saturdays from 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

### **HOSPITALS, LONG TERM FACILITIES, AND HOME VISITATION**

All visitations to homes and hospitals remain limited based upon restrictions of individual health care facilities' protocols. CDC guidelines must be followed.



## **St. Ignatius Pastoral Staff**

*Monsignor David L. Tressler*  
*Reverend Shawn M. Simchock*  
*Deacon Gerard P. Pernot*  
*Ms. Deirdre Drinkall*  
*Mrs. Carmella Faust*

*Ms. Shannon Kowalski*

*Pastor*  
*Assistant Pastor*  
*Deacon*  
*Notre Dame Intern/Pastoral Associate*  
*Director of Liturgical Music*  
*Director of Religious Education*  
*Youth Minister and Live Stream Coordinator*

## **Main Office Staff**

*Ms. Mary Lewis*  
*Mrs. Jennifer Carey*

*Office Manager*  
*Receptionist*

## **Maintenance**

*Sacristan*

*Visiting Clergy*

*Mr. William Gross*

*Mr. Matt Fiske*

*Reverend James Alco*  
*Reverend Daniel Issing, CSC*  
*Reverend Robert Sickler*  
*Reverend Andrew Sinnott*

## **Mission Statement**

We, the blended Catholic community of St. Ignatius, 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.

## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

As the Delta Variant continues its surge across our nation, our Bishop has sent the following update to all of us:

The Diocese of Scranton strongly recommends that all members of the Catholic Community who are eligible become fully vaccinated for COVID-19. Becoming fully vaccinated should be seen as an act of charity which not only protects oneself but helps to safeguard our neighbors and the well-being our entire community.

The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith at the Vatican has made it clear that it is morally acceptable to receive any of the current COVID-19 vaccines that have been determined to be clinically safe and effective. Individuals remain free to exercise discretions regarding vaccination based upon their own reasons of conscience. It should be remembered that these decisions are rooted in personal belief and cannot be validated by the Diocese of Scranton or any clergy. The Diocese of Scranton will not provide support, written or otherwise, for individuals seeking exemption from the vaccine based upon theological or religious ground.

**FACE MASKS:** We have also been encouraged to wear masks when gathering inside for Mass. We are grateful to the many parishioners who are wearing their masks so as to protect and care for their neighbor. We all have an obligation to protect our neighbor as well as ourselves.

**DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION:** All Priests, Deacons, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are to wear a face mask while distributing communion. If direct contact is made with a person's tongue during distribution, the minister must stop and sanitize his/her hands before continuing.

**HAND HYGIENE:** Hand washing and sanitizing is an essential help in preventing the spread of the virus. It is essential especially for ministers. It is highly recommended that everyone takes advantage of the sanitizers located at the entrances of the church.

**LIVE STREAMING MASS:** We will continue to livestream the 8:30 a.m. Mass for those who must stay at home. The 8:30 a.m. Mass is open for in person attendance as well.

Please remember that all of our efforts throughout the past eighteen months were executed with the health and safety of everyone as our priority. The decisions are based on the most up to date public health information. We must continue to make every effort to remain vigilant in our efforts to control this pandemic so we can move forward. Thank you for your continued support, patience, and cooperation. God Bless!

# NEXT WEEKEND IS IN-PEW COMMITMENT WEEKEND

Please bring your mailed pledge envelope to Mass the weekend of Oct. 16 & 17 and drop it in the offertory collection.


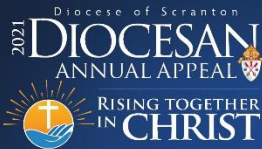
Prayer intentions submitted by parishioners will be remembered at the 10:00 a.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop Bambera at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton on Sunday, Nov. 21, 2021.

## Gifts to the 2021 Diocesan Annual Appeal Support:

- Parish Social Justice Grants and Faith Formation Grants
- Catholic Social Services
- Catholic Schools
- Care and Support for Retired and Ill Priests
- Clergy Formation for Seminarians and Deacons
- Parish Life and Ministry Formation
- Catholic Media and Communication

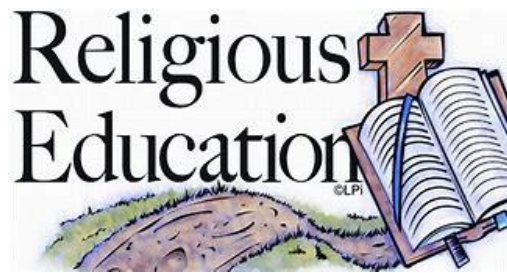


**Donate Anytime Online: [annualappeal.org](https://annualappeal.org)**



A gift of  
*any*  
*amount*  
is welcomed  
and  
appreciated.

The Annual Appeal kicked off two weeks ago. Your continued support of our Diocesan Ministries will be greatly appreciated. Last year, due to your generosity, we went over our parish goal of \$77,000.00. Your support will be deeply appreciated. All parishioners should have received a mailing from the Diocese. Your pledges or donations can be returned to the Diocese or St. Ignatius Parish and the office will forward them to the Diocese. Thank you in advance for your support! The Appeal Video can be viewed on our Face Book page or Web page. Our goal of \$77,000.00 remains unchanged. Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.



## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

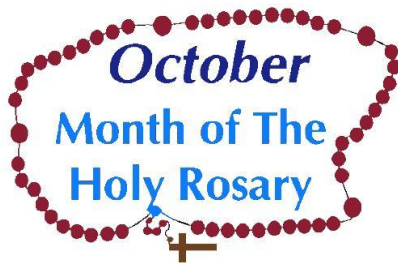
Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> - Grade 7 Mini-Confirmation retreat – 9:30 a.m. – Noon, Conlan Hall.

Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> - Confirmation Class meeting – 6:30-7:30 p.m., Conlan Hall.

Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup> - Grade 2 First Penance Parent meeting, 9:15 a.m., Conlan Hall.

## **COLUMBUS DAY MASS – MONDAY, OCTOBER 11<sup>th</sup>**

Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. **Please note, there will be no 7:30 a.m. or 12:10 p.m. Mass. The office will be closed.**



## **ROSARY RALLY**

The yearly Public Rosary Rally will be held once again to honor Our Lady of Fatima. It will take place at the corner of Pierce St. and Wyoming Ave. at 12 Noon on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. All are invited! As you know, the Rosary is one of the best weapons we have to offset the evils of this modern-day, post-Christian era. The Rosary Rally takes less than one hour, and you are welcome to bring a chair for your own comfort. Please consider joining us.



## SIL Community Fall Sundae Social

Waffle Food Truck Compliments of St. Ignatius Parish



Rain or Shine



Saturday, October 23, 2021 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Sunday, October 24, 2021 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

St. Ignatius Church Parking Lot - N. Maple Avenue

Enter and Exit from Pringle Street Only!



This food truck will bring a sweet taste of Belgium to Kingston. All Belgium specializes in thick, sugary Liege waffles with tons of toppings to choose from.



Coffee, Tea and Water will be available

Please follow social distancing etiquette and all other CDC guidelines in affect.

### **CLOTHING DRIVE**

Mary's Ministry and our Religious Education Program will once again be hosting a new or slightly used coat, winter hat, and glove drive. Please drop your items off at Bergan Hall the weekend of October 16<sup>th</sup> and October 17<sup>th</sup>. Drop off times are Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Thank you for your support of this much needed project.

### **OCTOBER IS RESPECT FOR LIFE MONTH**

During the Month of October, all Catholics are encouraged to pray that all people will have a deeper respect for life from the womb to the tomb. Life is a precious gift given to us by God and should be respected at all times. May we all be united in our faith and pray for all life to be respected.



### **Feast of Saint Hedwig**

We are truly blessed to celebrate one of our three patronal feasts. Our parish will join together to commemorate the Feast of St. Hedwig on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Saint Hedwig (established 1901) was one of three parishes consolidated (2007 – 2009) into St. Ignatius Loyola Parish. As the parishes joined together building on each of their rich traditions we have maintained and expanded a strong Catholic presence as was the hope of our predecessors.

#### **Reflection**

We should spend some time to reflect on the life of a saint whose life can be inspiration for us on how we should carry on living our lives from now on with genuine faith, love, and devotion towards God. She is St. Hedwig of Silesia who was the Duchess of Silesia and later of Poland. She was known for her great piety and devotion to God, her charitable acts and faithful life.

St. Hedwig was a pious and dedicated wife. She endured many struggles in the noble courts and numerous plots against her family, both from external and internal sources. She was remembered for her many charitable actions and generosity to the poor and those who were suffering throughout the realm of her husband. Her personal piety and great humility in life were well known. She remained faithful and true to her faith, and after she was widowed, she entered into a monastery and devoted the rest of her life as a religious dedicated entirely to God.

We have here the example of a pious and holy woman of God who devoted her life to the Lord and has become an inspiration for many others to follow. Are we then able to follow her example as well and dedicate ourselves to God from now on with renewed zeal, faith, and love? Let us all turn away from our sinful ways in our past and embrace from now on a renewed holiness in God, living our lives filled with love for God and for our fellow brothers and sisters in the Lord.

#### **Prayer**

Let us pray: All powerful God, may the prayers of St. Hedwig bring us your help and may her life of remarkable humility be an example to us all. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Saint Ignatius Loyola Parish  
Kingston, Pennsylvania**

## **“BE A CATHOLIC MAN” EVENT**

A Catholic Men’s Conference is planned for Saturday, October 30, 2021, at The Woodlands, Plains. **(Please note change of venue.)** This will be the sixth such Event. The theme is “Called to Fatherhood” under the patronage of Saint Joseph and is sponsored by ‘Be a Catholic Man.’ This event (from 8 am to 3 pm) will be blessed with nationally known Catholic Speakers: Father Glenn Sudano (Franciscan Friars of the Renewal), Jim O’Day (active in Men’s Ministries, Lacrosse Coach, and Self-Defense Instructor), and Karl Keating (Author and Catholic Apologist). All men --- single, married, and clergy, challenged to live virtuous lives in this very secular world are encouraged to attend. There will be Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, and Sacramental Confession. Includes a lunch break. Mass will be offered by the Most Reverend Bishop Joseph Bambera. Register Online: (\$30 till Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>) [www.BeaCatholicMan.com](http://www.BeaCatholicMan.com) or pay that day (\$40). Questions, please contact Michael Kilmer 570-746-0100 or [michaelkilmer71@gmail.com](mailto:michaelkilmer71@gmail.com).

## **SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS**

Sympathy and prayers are extended to the following family members of recently deceased parishioners of St. Ignatius Loyola Parish:

Margaret Williams  
Gerhard F. Baut

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

## **PIEROGIE BOARD NEWS**

Our Pierogi Board has a desire to gather once again. However, the assistance of many people is needed. In order to gather to assist in pierogi making, one must be masked and gloved the entire time. If you desire to assist with this project you are asked to call Mike Stretanski at 570-817-3430 (cell) or 570-287-6554 (home) by Friday, October 15, 2021. We are looking at carrying out the pierogi board project production sometime in November, a Monday and Tuesday if we have enough help to perform the needed tasks. Please call Mike as soon as possible. Thank you for your kind attention to this announcement.



## Mass Intentions Week of October 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>

<b>Monday</b>
9:00 AM – Joseph Ruddy <i>Phillips Family</i>
<b>Please note: There will be no 7:30 AM or 12:10 PM Mass today.</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>
7:30 AM – Arthur & Mary Podesta <i>Patricia Podesta</i>
12:10 PM – Neil & Gert Dwyer <i>Family</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>
7:30 AM – Robert Golightly <i>Angeli Family</i>
12:10 PM – Barbara & John Urbanski <i>Jared &amp; Ann Marie</i>
<b>Thursday</b>
7:30 AM – Kathryn Miller <i>Family</i>
12:10 PM – Michael Pietrus <i>Family</i>
<b>Friday</b>
7:30 AM – Verna Good <i>Larry Kimball</i>
12:10 PM – Betty Jenkins <i>Family</i>
<b>Saturday</b>
4:00 PM – Carl Charnetski <i>Marko Family</i>
5:30 PM – Albert & Christine Gregor <i>Bob &amp; June Butkiewicz</i>
<b>Sunday</b>
7:00 AM – Geraldine Bidding <i>Cardisco Family</i>
8:30 AM – For the People of the Parish
10:30 AM – Louise Kovalchik <i>Davis Family</i>
12:00 PM – Helen Oliveri <i>Romanowski Family</i>

**Church Candle for the Week of October 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**In Memory of a Friend – Requested by A Friend**

**Bread & Wine for the Week of October 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. James O'Brien – Requested by Family**

**FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2021**

Sunday Tithe  
**\$10,932.62**

E-Offerings  
**\$1,946.00**

Total  
**\$12,878.62**

**Amount Needed  
Each Week to  
Meet Expenses  
\$12,700.00**

Father Simchock, Deacon Pernot, and I continue to be most grateful for your generosity and support during these challenging days. Envelopes can be mailed in or dropped in the mailbox on rectory front porch.

May God Bless you abundantly for your continued support. Be assured of our prayers for health and safety for all.





**Diocese of Scranton**  
**Guidelines for Public Masses**  
**During the COVID-19 Pandemic**  
**REVISED SEPTEMBER 27, 2021**

*We, the Parish of St. Ignatius Loyola, join with all the parishes of the Diocese of Scranton to joyfully welcome the faithful of the Diocese to return to our parish. Despite the challenges of the last year, we invite those who have not yet returned to Mass to rejoin us in-person to celebrate the Holy Eucharist, the source and summit of the Christian life.*

**MASK GUIDANCE FOR MASSES**

- The Pennsylvania Department of Health ended its mask mandate as of Monday, June 28, 2021
- This means that in the parishes and institutions of the Diocese of Scranton, there is no requirement for face coverings or masks.
- **However, Bishop Bambera, issued new guidelines on Tuesday, September 27, 2021, which continues to strongly recommend vaccinated and non- vaccinated individuals to return to wearing masks inside for Mass and other indoor gatherings in order to protect the safety and health of all parishioners.**
- There will be no request by the parish regarding information about vaccination status to be admitted to the church.

## **OTHER IMPORTANT PROTOCOLS & SAFETY PRECAUTIONS**

- We remind the faithful to continue to maximize the use of space as much as possible.
- Hand sanitizer will continue to be available in the church.
- The Sign of Peace will be celebrated without physical contact.
- The distribution of the Precious Blood remains suspended at this time.
- Confessions are celebrated Saturdays from 12:00 noon until 12:30 p.m. **Please note, masks are required for the Celebration of Reconciliation.**
- The Diocesan guidelines allow decisions to be made at the discretion of the individual parish regarding the following:
  - Altar servers may assist at Mass once again. Servers under the age of 18 will need parental permission.
  - Liturgical singing will be allowed – specifics to be determined.
  - Holy Water fonts will be refilled and utilized.

We will be implementing the return of these items in the coming weeks as the Pastoral Staff cautiously determine a timeline.

**While ongoing progress is being made to address the spread of COVID-19 with vaccinations, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Masses on Holy Days was reinstated on August 15<sup>th</sup>. St. Ignatius Loyola Parish is excited to welcome everyone to join us in-person for the celebration of Mass. We will proceed with caution to ensure our faithful will return with full confidence in their health and safety while at church.**

**Monsignor Tressler, Father Simchock, Deacon Pernot, and Ms. Deirdre Drinkall, Pastoral Associate Intern are excited to be welcoming our parishioners and friends back when you feel comfortable!**

