



Saint Ignatius Loyola Church Weekly Update January 23, 2022

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses will continue the week of January 24, 2022

Monday 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. to 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.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES

If you are between the ages of 18 and 35 and looking to grow in your faith, contact our ND Intern Deirdre Drinkall! (ddrinkal@nd.edu)

If you are a busy parent and looking to grow in your faith, contact our ND Intern Deirdre Drinkall! (ddrinkal@nd.edu)

FAMILIES OF ST. IGNATIUS!

Did you make a resolution to fit more prayer into your family's busy life this New Year? Join us on our Face Book page on Thursday, January 27th at 6:45 AM (or any time after) for a quick morning prayer especially for parents, children, and the littlest ones! Freshen up your morning routine. All are welcome!

PRO-LIFE BABY SHOWER

Mary's Ministry annual Pro-Life Baby Shower will be held January 22-23 to February 5-6, 2022. Boxes will be located in the back of the Church for donations of new and nearly new baby clothing, sleepers, blankets, baby wipes, wash cloths and bath items. There is an ongoing need especially for diapers. Items need not be wrapped. Baby seats and furniture meeting safety standards may also be accepted. For questions or concerns, please contact Mary Hosey at 287-7073. All donations will be distributed through the local Pro-Life office and will be given to needy babies in our area. Please help with this important project!

RESPECT LIFE MASS – JANUARY 23 – 10:30 A.M.

Area Knights of Columbus and Pro-Life Center volunteers are promoting this year's Respect Life Mass at St. Ignatius Church. The Mass will be Sunday, January 23, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend and pray for the protection of unborn children.

THEOLOGICAL TIDBITS

LEARNING TO JOURNEY TOGETHER AS CATHOLICS



How do we begin the Mass? During normal (pre-covid) times and for many years we have sung a hymn as we begin most Masses on Sunday. The purpose of this music is to open the celebration; to foster unity among those who have gathered; to introduce the assembly to the liturgical season we now embrace; or to use the actual words of the hymn as a message to welcome those present. It is also used to accompany the procession of the priest and ministers. This Gathering Song is the first liturgical action of a people among whom Christ is active and present. Each verse is part of a prayer.

After we closed the wonderful Christmas season on the Feast of the Epiphany, we began a short season of Ordinary Time for a while. But is Ordinary Time really Ordinary? That will be addressed in the immediate future.

COAL SWEEPSTAKES – 16 GREAT PRIZES!

Tickets will be sold after Masses this weekend, January 22nd and 23rd. This fundraiser benefits State Council and Knights of Columbus Council #3987. Cost - \$5.00 per ticket.

Mass Intentions Week of January 24th – 30th

Monday
7:30 AM – Frances Chmielewski <i>Daughters</i>
12:10 PM – Tyler Cowman <i>Doreen Rakowski</i>
Tuesday
7:30 AM – Walter & Stella Konopke <i>Florence & Marcella</i>
12:10 PM – Peggy Yanklunas <i>Jane Girvan</i>
Wednesday
7:30 AM – Elmer Berganya <i>Brian & Sandy Hammond</i>
12:10 PM – Anna & Andrew Kosteva <i>Family</i>
Thursday
7:30 AM – Eleanor Natishan <i>Cichon & Powell Families</i>
12:10 PM – William Petroski <i>Alice Naylis</i>
Friday
7:30 AM – Anthony Maloney <i>Tim & Marie Maloney</i>
12:10 PM – Mary Sisky <i>Cwalina Family</i>
Saturday
4:00 PM – Leonard A. Dicton <i>Wilkes Family</i>
5:30 PM – William Tosline <i>Molly & Tim Holden</i>
Sunday
7:00 AM – Michael Gaydos <i>Marie & Jack</i>
8:30 AM – For the People of the Parish
10:30 AM – Richard Rodzinski <i>Marlene Kotarski</i>
12:00 PM – Mary Dohanick <i>Adonizio Family</i>

Church Candle for the Week of January 24th

In Memory of Elana Hall – Requested by Jean Petroski

Bread & Wine for the Week of January 24th

In Memory of Anthony Maloney – Requested by Family

FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR JANUARY 16, 2022

Sunday Tithe
\$10,656.00

E-Offerings
\$2,240.00

Total
\$12,896.00

**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
Revised December 10, 2021

On **Friday, December 10, 2021**, Bishop Bambera sent a letter to all parishes of the Diocese of Scranton, reiterating our protocols during this time of COVID. The protocols are listed below. These protocols are in place to protect safety, well-being, and health of all parishioners. We appreciate your cooperation with these guidelines as we continue to welcome people back.

FACE MASKS

The Diocesan guidelines continue to strongly recommend vaccinated and non-vaccinated individuals to wear masks inside for Mass and other indoor gatherings in order to protect the health and safety of all in attendance. We have also been asked to make sure that we have appropriate signage on our entrances. We are most grateful for the cooperation regarding the mask request with our goal of protecting our neighbors. You are reminded to continue to maximize the use of space as much as possible.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All Priests, Deacons and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are required to wear a face mask while distributing communion. The minister must stop and sanitize his/her hands if direct contact is made with a person's tongue before continuing. We respectfully request anyone who wishes to receive communion on their tongue to go to the end of the line. The distribution of the Precious Blood remains suspended at this time.

HAND HYGIENE

Hand washing and sanitizing are essential in preventing the spread of the virus. It is highly recommended that everyone takes advantage of the sanitizers located at the entrances of the church. The Sign of Peace will be extended without physical contact.

LIVE STREAMING MASS

We will continue to livestream the 8:30 a.m. Mass for those who must stay home. The 8:30 a.m. Mass is now available for in-person attendance as well.

CONFESSIONS

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on Saturdays from 12:00 noon – 12:30 p.m. Please be aware that face masks are required for the Sacrament.

Vaccinations are Encouraged

The Diocese of Scranton strongly recommends that all members of the Catholic Community who are eligible become fully vaccinated for COVID-19. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith at the Vatican has stated that it is morally acceptable to receive the current COVID-19 vaccines. Individuals remain free to exercise discretions regarding vaccination based upon their own reasons of conscience. The Diocese of Scranton will not provide support, written or otherwise, for individuals seeking exemption from the vaccine based on theological or religious grounds.

There is no requirement for face coverings or masks in the parishes of the Diocese of Scranton. There are no requests by the parish regarding information about vaccination status to be admitted to the church.

Face Masks or Face Coverings for Catholic Schools and Parish Religious Education Program

Face coverings are required in all Catholic Schools and Parish Religious Education Programs within the Diocese of Scranton. Parents/Guardians attending programs in either Catholic School or Religious Instruction Classes are required to adhere to the masking policy.

Once again, we are most grateful for your cooperation and understanding as we continue to do our best to end this pandemic. The decisions are based on the most up to date public health information. We are most grateful for your patience throughout these days. God Bless.



“Synod on Synodality”

In October, we received a letter announcing that Pope Francis will be opening a worldwide synod.

The theme for the “Synod on Synodality” is Communion, Participation and Mission.

a. **Communion** – Bringing people together as communities in the local Church begins this prayerful insight into the ways of the Holy Spirit. When the Church gathers for the Eucharist, and what flows from it, is when the necessary self-understanding of the mission of the Church is best understood. Thus, the dialogue at this level is rooted in the life of the ecclesial communities and parishes.

b. **Participation** – The reflections that the local Churches and communities are undertaking regarding the pandemic form the context of how the Church looks forward, not backwards, to revitalizing its mission of bringing the Good News to all. The gentle call of invitation to the full practice of Catholic life, with the Eucharist at the center of all the Church does, is an integral part of the “walking together.”

c. **Mission** – Understanding the local situation will feed necessarily into an overview of the mission in the whole diocese. Like a mosaic, the vision is formed of the needs for renewal so that mission to all people is firmly rooted in the life of the local community who gather, by gentle invitation by the Lord, to worship him, to be sanctified by him and to exercise both an individual and collective prophetic voice.

Synod” is an ancient word in the history of the Church. In Greek, it means “walking together.” A Church that journeys together describes the entire history of the Catholic Church. Jesus Christ walked with his apostles and disciples from town to town. The early Christian community gathered together for prayer, worship, and consultation.

The synodal process was reinvigorated by the Church in light of the Second Vatican Council. While the “Synod on Synodality” will be a convening of bishops from across the Catholic Church in October 2023, bishops are encouraged to seek input from their local church leading up to the gathering.

Each Diocese throughout the world will be asked to pray for the success of the synod and will be asked at various times for input. We will keep you abreast as more information is shared with local Dioceses and Parishes.

TIME FOR US TO RESPOND-----ALL ARE INVITED.

Online Survey Opportunity along with Phone Line Opportunity

An online Synod Survey is now available on the Diocese of Scranton website. Everyone is invited to participate in the survey, even if they take part in an in-person parish listening session. The survey questions will also be available in *The Catholic Light* newspaper. Any parishioner without internet access can participate by calling and leaving their comments on our Synod Voicemail at (570) 591-5024.

