

January 29, 2023

THE PARISHES OF

St. Ignatius of Loyola

339 NORTH MAPLE AVENUE
KINGSTON, PENNSYLVANIA 18704



Holy Family

574 REAR BENNETT STREET
LUZERNE, PENNSYLVANIA 18709-1332



Mass Schedule

ST. IGNATIUS

SATURDAY 4:00 PM

SUNDAY 7:00 & 10:30 AM

DAILY

Monday - Friday 7:30 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 12:00 NOON & by appointment

HOLY FAMILY

SATURDAY 5:15 PM

SUNDAY 9:00 AM

DAILY

Monday - Friday 12:10 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 PM & by appointment

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THE WORD

First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13
 Zephaniah prophesies that the Lord will punish wicked nations along with Jerusalem, but he will shelter from his anger those who practice justice and humility and do no wrong.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31
 Paul tells the Corinthians that God prefers the humble, the weak, the lowly of station — people like themselves. In Christ Jesus they will find wisdom, honor and justice.

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a
 Jesus teaches the Beatitudes in his Sermon on the Mount. He extols those who are merciful, peaceful, lowly, poor in spirit and promises them that "the reign of God is theirs."



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

January 30-February 4, 2023

- Monday—Weekday**
 Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday—John Bosco, priest**
 Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday—Weekday**
 Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday—Presentation of the Lord**
 Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18;
 Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
- First Friday—Blase, bishop, martyr; Ansgar, bishop**
 Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29
- First Saturday—Weekday**
 Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34

THIS WEEK...



- St. Ignatius Church (SIL) is open for private prayer Monday-Friday from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM.
- Holy Family Church (HF) is open for private prayer on Friday following 12:10 PM Mass until 6 PM.

Sunday, January 29

- 7:00 AM Mass (SIL)
- 9:00 AM Mass (HF)
- 9:15 AM CCD Class, Grades 1-6
- 10:30 AM Mass (SIL) (live-stream)
- 6:30 PM CCD Class, Grade 7

Monday, January 30

- 7:30 AM Mass (SIL)
- 12:10 Mass (HF)
- 6:30 PM Pastoral Council (HF)

Tuesday, January 31

- 7:30 AM Mass (SIL)
- 12:10 Mass (HF)

Wednesday, February 1

- 7:30 AM Mass (SIL)
- 12:10 PM Mass (HF)
- 1:00 PM Bible Study (SIL)
- 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus (SIL)

Thursday, February 2

- 7:30 AM Mass (SIL)
- 12:10 PM Mass (HF)

Friday, February 3

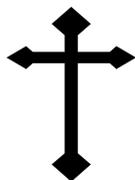
- 7:30 AM Mass (SIL)
- 12:10 PM Mass (HF)

Saturday, February 4

- 12:00 PM Confessions (SIL)
- 4:00 PM Mass (SIL)
- 4:00 PM Confessions (HF)
- 5:15 PM Mass (HF)

Sunday, February 5

- 7:00 AM Mass (SIL)
- 9:00 AM Mass (HF)
- 9:15 AM CCD Class, Grades 1-6
- 10:30 AM Mass (SIL) (live-stream)
- 6:30 PM CCD Class, Grade 8



PASTORAL STAFF



Monsignor David L. Tressler

Pastor

Reverend Shawn M. Simchock

Assistant Pastor

Deacon Gerard P. Pernot

Deacon

Ms. Deirdre Drinkall

Notre Dame Intern/Pastoral Associate

St. Ignatius Loyola Staff

Holy Family Parish Staff

Mrs. Carmella Faust Director of Liturgical Music
 Co-Director of Religious Education

Ms. Shannon Kowalski Youth Minister
 Live Stream Coordinator

Ms. Mary Lewis Office Manager

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Mr. William Gross Maintenance/Cemetery

Mr. Matt Fiske Sacristan

Mrs. Linda Houck Director of Worship
 Office Manager

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Mr. Ronald Mackiewicz Church Maintenance

Mr. Marc Kolendowicz Sacristan

Mr. & Mrs. Louis Cardoni Food Pantry Coordinators

Mrs. Sue Monico Community Hall Manager

Mrs. Joan Rupp Cemetery Caretaker

Visiting Clergy

Reverend James Alco

Reverend Daniel Issing, C.S.C.

Reverend Robert Sickler

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.



The mission of Holy Family Parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Scranton, situated in Luzerne, PA, is to proclaim and live the Good News of Jesus Christ. We, the Catholic faithful of Holy Family Parish, in union with the universal Church, are called by our baptism to continue the mission given by Jesus Christ to the apostles. Empowered by the Word of God, formed and nourished by the Eucharist, and made bold by the Holy Spirit, we go forth and carry His message to the world, seeking to manifest God's transforming love through prayer, education, and service to others.



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Baptisms: Parents are expected to be registered parishioners who attend weekly Mass. Please call the Office to arrange for the Baptism & pre-Baptismal Instructions. Classes are scheduled as needed.

Marriage: Diocesan Policy states that those considering reception of the Sacrament of Matrimony must meet with the Pastor at least 6 months before a desired wedding date. *No date should be set before meeting with the Pastor.* Pre-Cana Instructions are required. Please call the Office for more information.

RCIA: Please call the Office to arrange Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults instruction for adults/older children wishing to become members of the Catholic Church.

Anointing of the Sick/Hospital Calls: Please notify the Office of those sick or hospitalized. Due to the pandemic, we are not making regular hospital visits, but a priest will administer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick when needed.

Religious Education: Grades 1-6 Classes meet in Good Shepherd Academy, 316 N. Maple Avenue, Kingston, each Sunday, September-May, 9:15-10:20 AM. Classes for Grades 7 & 8 meet in Bergan Hall, 335 N. Maple Ave., Kingston, on alternating Sundays from 6:30 to 7:30 PM.

STEWARDSHIP

Today's Gospel Reading recounts Christ's Sermon on the Mount. In the entire New Testament this is the longest continuous section of Jesus speaking, and it contains the central rules of discipleship.

The First Reading, from the Book of Zephaniah, emphasizes the importance of humility, justice, and being lowly. These are exactly the kinds of attributes that follow lives of stewardship. In the Second Reading, Paul also describes what it means to be a Christian and a steward. He reminds the Corinthians that they, too, need to be humble. Paul tells the Corinthians that they are not chosen because they are great, but because God is great.

Paul was an educated man, but he also understood that the Lord selected fishermen and farmers first, and people like him second; the shepherds came first, then the wise men. Paul uses three words to emphasize his meaning: righteousness, sanctification, and redemption. Righteousness on our part is trying to live as Jesus told us; sanctification implies how we live, how we recognize that it is only through Christ that we are sanctified; and redemption reminds us of the sacrifice

the Lord made on our behalf so we could be free and God would forgive our sins.

Today's Gospel provides us with instructions from Jesus as to what kind of people His disciples should be. There are more than enough key words on which to reflect and pray: poor, mourn, meek, hunger, mercy, peacemakers, clean, and persecuted to name a few. When Jesus says that to be blessed we need to "hunger and thirst for righteousness," He is reminding us what our focus in life should be. In our world people hunger for many things that may not be that important: power and success and wealth and possessions and comfort. The idea of being righteous in His eyes is more important than any of those. When He calls us to be peacemakers, He probably does not mean that we do not just live in peace, but that we need to bring peace to others.

Finally, He reminds us that the reward for living in these ways may well be persecution. Why? Quite simply because the world has a differing view of these character traits and values. The question we are called to answer through our lives is, "Are these Beatitudes reflective of our lives?" They need to be.

THE LORD'S PORTION

Thank you, and may God bless you for your continued generosity! Envelopes may be mailed in or dropped in the mailbox at the rectory porch of either parish. You may also place your envelopes for your parish in the collection at any Mass in either church, and it will be delivered to the appropriate parish.

Collection totals: January 15, 2023 (January 22 totals will be published next week due to early printing.)

St. Ignatius Loyola

Holy Family

Sunday Offering\$10,656.00
 E-Offerings.....1,289.00
Total.....\$11,945.00

Sunday Offering.....\$4,713.00
 E-Offerings157.00
Total.....\$4,870.00

Amount needed each week to meet expenses: \$13,519

Amount needed each week to meet expenses: \$5,770

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE (Jan. 2)

OUR PARISH GOAL: \$77,000.
PLEDGES TO DATE: \$69,809.68 (90.66% of goal)
PARTICIPATION: 335 of 1704 families (19.66%)

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE (Jan. 2)

OUR PARISH GOAL: \$40,000.
OUR PLEDGES TO DATE: \$41,104.24 (102.76% of our goal)
PARTICIPATION: 191 of 943 parish families (20.25%)

We are most grateful to all who have prayerfully considered your contributions to the parishes and to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. God Bless You!

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Consider your own calling, brothers and sisters." - 1 Corinthians 1:26

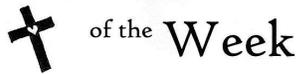
In his letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul reminds us that all of us are called to participate in the work of the Church. There can be no excuses. We cannot say that we are not wise enough, powerful enough or smart enough. We cannot say that we do not have the time, the talents or the skills. God can use each of us. All we have to do is offer our humble lives to Him and then be willing to follow where He leads.

ONLINE GIVING is now available, and signing up is easy! Visit our parish website, www.stignatiuspa.com, and click on the green computer mouse icon. That will take you to the myEoffering page for St. Ignatius Loyola parish. There, you can sign up for one-time or ongoing contributions. Check it out and simplify your giving today!

ONLINE GIVING is now available, and signing up is easy! Visit our parish website, www.holyfamilyluzerne.org Click on Online Giving and then on the link in that announcement. That will take you to the OSV online giving page for Holy Family Parish, where you can sign up for one-time or ongoing contributions. Check it out and simplify your giving today!

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Mass Intentions



January 30-February 5, 2023

St. Ignatius Loyola

Holy Family

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

7:30 AM Mary Ann Adams
by M/M Tim McElroy

12:10 PM Parishioners' Intentions

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

7:30 AM Agnes Urbanas by Marks Family

12:10 PM John J. Handley by Denny & Chris Perugino

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

7:30 AM Florence Fisher by Family

12:10 PM George Vitanovec by Jean Silvetti

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

7:30 AM Katherine Brady by Family

12:10 PM Grace Imbriale by Leslie & Frank Simko

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

7:30 AM Felix Desciak by Daughter

12:10 PM Lillian Farris by M/M Charles Mingoic

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

4:00 PM Jack Wenger by Wife & Family

5:15 PM Ronald Snyder by George Fetchko

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

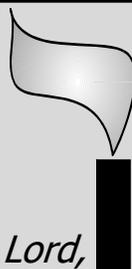
7:00 AM For the People of the Parish

9:00 AM Joseph & Gloria Lyons by Laverne Pieszala

10:30 AM Len Hosey by Family

We extend sympathy to the families of those in our parishes who have recently died, especially Joseph Welkey.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



THIS WEEK IN MEMORIAM

St. Ignatius Loyola: Holy Family:

Church Candle: In memory of Eugene & Dorothy Miller by Children.

Bread & Wine: In memory of Eugene & Dorothy Miller by Children

Sanctuary Candle, Altar Flowers, and Bread & Wine may be memorialized each week. Please call the office to schedule.

IN OUR PARISHES

Meeting

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

next Council

Meeting is on Wednesday, February 1 at 7:00 p.m. in Conlan Hall. Please plan to attend.

Meeting regarding St. Ann's Chapel is on Wednesday, February 8 a 6:30 PM in Conlan Hall.

The next meeting of the **Holy Family Parish Altar & Rosary Society** is on **Wednesday, March 22** at 7 PM in the church hall. Agenda topics for this meeting include election of new officers and activities for 2023.

MARY'S MINISTRY ANNUAL PRO-LIFE BABY SHOWER, JAN 21- FEB 5

Boxes are located in the back of the Church for donations of new/nearly new baby clothing, sleepers, blankets, baby wipes, washcloths and bath items. There is an ongoing need especially for diapers (sizes 1-6). Items need not be wrapped. Baby seats, cribs, and swings meeting safety standards are accepted. Pack & Plays are also in demand. To make a monetary donation, please place it in the donation basket during the weekend Masses, checks made out to Mary's Ministry with Pro-Life Baby Shower in the memo. For info, please contact Mary Stchur (570-288-7320) or Kate Corgan (570-287-1060). All donations will be distributed through the local Pro-Life office and will be given to needy babies in our area. May God bless you for helping with this important project!



Thank you to those who supported the Holy Family Parish Breakfast! Special thanks to these donors who helped to defray the cost of the breakfast!

EGGS, HAM & SAUSAGE: Carol Hannon, Eugene & Pa Klimash, Lamoreau Family; **PASTRIES & PANCAKES:** Catherine Caffrey, O'Gorman Family; **GENERAL DONORS:** R. Natishan Family

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 30** Pastoral Council Meeting (HF)
- Feb 1** Knights of Columbus Meeting (SIL)
- Feb 8** St. Ann's Chapel Meeting (SIL)
- Feb 10** Faith-Sharing (SIL)
- Feb 18** Mardi Gras (HF)
- Feb 22** Ash Wednesday
- Mar 10** Penguins Game
- Mar 11-14** Lenten Mission with "Q"
- Mar 19** Spaghetti Supper (HF)
- Mar 22** Altar & Rosary Society Meeting (HF)
- Apr 2** Palm Sunday
- Apr 9** Easter
- May 20** Confirmation
- May 21** First Holy Communion
- May 28** Pentecost Sunday
- Jun 4** Trinity Sunday Concert (HF)
- Jun 22** Railriders Game



HOLY FAMILY PARISH MARDI GRAS celebration is on Saturday, Feb 18 in the Church Hall from 7-11 PM. The evening includes a dinner provided by Ellis Catering, with beer and soda provided, BYOB, and music by DJ Dakota. Donations of baked good for dessert are most welcome!

Tickets (nonrefundable) are \$25 and will be available beginning January 22 after weekend Masses at Holy Family or by calling the Office. Must be 21 or older to enter. **Tickets must be purchased by February 7, and seating is limited. NO tickets will be sold at the door.**

FAITH FORMATION



Religious Education

2022-23 CCD CALENDAR

<i>Sunday, Jan 29</i>	<i>CCD Class 1-6, 7</i>
<i>Sunday, Feb 5</i>	<i>CCD Class 1-6, 8</i>
<i>Sunday, Feb 12</i>	<i>CCD Class 1-6, 7, Family Mass 10:30 am</i>
<i>Sunday, Feb 19</i>	<i>NO CCD Class</i>
<i>Sunday, Feb 26</i>	<i>CCD Class 1-6, 8</i>
<i>Sunday, Mar 5</i>	<i>CCD Class 1-6, 7</i>
<i>Sunday, Mar 12</i>	<i>CCD Class 1-6, 8 Family Mass 10:30 AM</i>
<i>Sunday, Mar 19</i>	<i>CCD Class 1-6, 7</i>
<i>Sunday, Mar 26</i>	<i>CCD Class 1-6, 8</i>
<i>Sunday, Apr 2</i>	<i>CCD Class 1-6, 7</i>
<i>Sunday, Apr 9</i>	<i>NO CCD Class</i>
<i>Sunday, Apr 16</i>	<i>CCD Class 1-6, 8</i>
<i>Sunday, Apr 23</i>	<i>CCD Class 1-6, 7 Family Mass 10:30 AM</i>
<i>Sunday, Apr 30</i>	<i>CCD Class 1-6, 8</i>
<i>Sunday, May 7</i>	<i>CCD Class 1-6, 7</i>
<i>Saturday, May 20</i>	<i>Confirmation</i>
<i>Sunday, May 21</i>	<i>First Communion</i>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NOTES

UPCOMING DATES:

- Sunday, Jan 29 - Grade 8 Confirmation class meeting, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Conlan Hall. Students only.
- **Children's Bulletins** are available every Sunday in the foyer of St. Ignatius Church. Each age-appropriate activity sheet is based on the Gospel of the Sunday.
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word** is available at the 10:30 am Mass at St. Ignatius Church.



**January 29-February 4
is National Catholic Schools
Week! Your support of our
Catholic Schools throughout the
year is deeply appreciated.**

LOCAL CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

GOOD SHEPHERD ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE

316 North Maple Avenue, Kingston, PA 18704
 Sunday, January 29 from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM
 Bring a friend and meet our teachers and staff. You will have an opportunity to speak with fellow parents and get a tour from one of our student leaders. Our Guardian Parent Teacher Organization, Athletic Association, Gift Certificate Program and Brighter Horizon's Before/After Care will all be on hand. Come and experience the GSA difference! Please call (570) 718-4724 for more information.

WYOMING AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

1690 Wyoming Avenue, Exeter, PA 18643 (570) 654-7982
 Wyoming Area Catholic School, 1690 Wyoming Ave., Exeter, is hosting an Open House on Sunday, January 29, 2023, 12-2 PM, for new students entering PK – Grade 8 who are interested in registering for the 2023-2024 school year. Call for more information. 570-654-7982. Wyoming Area Catholic School, "Where We Live, Love and Learn by Faith".

HOLY REDEEMER HIGH SCHOOL

159 S. Pennsylvania Avenue, Wilkes Barre, PA 18701
 Please call (570) 829-2442 for a Private Tour of our Regional Catholic High School at any time.

Students will be speaking at Masses on the weekend of January 21 and 22 and January 28 and 29. Registration is underway for the 2023-2024 academic year! Go to www.HolyRedeemerHS.org and click on the *New Family Registration* link. For questions or to set up a Shadow Day, call 570-829-2424.

Looking for a way to share your Catholic faith and accompany others on their own faith journey?



Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults

If you are interested in

learning more about assisting with the RCIA or RCIC programs (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults/Children) please call Deirdre at 570-288-6446.

FAITH MATTERS

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



Thursday, February 2, the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas Day.

This day used to be called the "Purification of Mary," and it marked the end of the Christmas season. It was observed in the Eastern Church as "The Encounter." In obedience to the Old Law, Jesus was presented in the Temple, and this encounter provided another 'epiphany' celebration; He was revealed as Messiah through the words of Simeon and the testimony of Anna the prophetess. Because He is revealed as the light of the nations, the blessing and procession of candles on this day became a popular tradition, especially in the Middle Ages.

February 2 is the 40th day after Christmas, and because of the number "40" we can expect that what is commemorated on this day has a special significance. The Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple creates a sort of "hinge" which separates and joins the initial phase of his life on earth, his birth, and its fulfillment, which is his death and resurrection. With the Presentation, Christmas season is left behind as we move towards the season of Lent. The words spoken by Simeon shed light on the mission of the Child brought to the temple by his parents: "Behold, this child is set for the rise and fall of many in Israel,... that thoughts of many hearts may be revealed" (Lk 2:34-35).

Simeon's words to Mary ["And a sword will pierce through your own heart also" (Lk 2:35)] are the first prediction of the Cross. As Pope John Paul said: "The hymns of Bethlehem have faded and the cross of Golgotha can already be glimpsed." It is fitting that this happens in the temple, the place where sacrifices are offered.

This encounter between Simeon and Mary is a significant event that links the Old and New Testaments. And we should also note that the prayer of Simeon is the canticle which concludes the Prayer of the Church every single evening: *'Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel'* (Lk 2:29-32).

GROUNDHOG DAY

The film *Groundhog Day* (1993) has been acclaimed by theologians in many faiths as more than a simple comedy. If you haven't seen it, try to catch it on television this week.

The movie stars Bill Murray as Phil, a smug, self-centered weatherman who finds himself re-living a single day: Groundhog Day. Caught in a blizzard in Punxsutawney, PA, Phil wakes up each morning to find the calendar stopped, and he relives February 2 many times over.



This leads him through several phases of growth. Once Phil realizes that there are no consequences to his actions, he feels liberated from any sense of justice. "I am not going to play by their rules any longer," he says, and steals money from a bank, punches an insurance agent, and seduces an attractive woman.

But, to Phil's surprise, this instant gratification is unfulfilling, and he sets his sights on his co-worker Rita, whose name comes from the Latin for "pearl." To Phil, Rita is the pearl of great price. And the question of the story becomes clear: What will it take to gain the pearl?

Phil initially tries to win Rita by trying to appear virtuous rather than actually becoming virtuous. Yet each night ends with Phil getting his face slapped. The pearl can't be bought with counterfeit money.

Phil's failures lead to despair, and he commits suicide—over and over. Yet no matter how often he jumps off buildings or electrocutes himself, he wakes up to another Groundhog Day.

So Phil, with nowhere else to go, begins pursuing excellence. He cultivates moral virtues (saving a choking victim), intellectual virtues (reading Chekhov), and a proficiency in the arts (playing the piano). And Phil starts to become happy through knowing, doing, and loving that which is good.

Part of Phil's conversion involves recognizing that there is a God and he is not it. Phil thinks of himself as a god, but the inevitable death of an old man whom he repeatedly tries to save forces him to admit that God alone is the Lord of life and death. After countless repetitions of unrewarding behavior, Phil finally transforms himself, wins over Rita, and wakes up to a new day: February 3. The message is clear; God gives us each day with new opportunities for change, and doing the right things for the right reasons allows us to move on to another level of existence in our journey through life.

MINISTRIES

MINISTRY AVAILABILITY *If any Lector or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion is willing to serve at either Holy Family Parish or St. Ignatius Parish, please notify the rectory of Mass preferences. All are welcome to serve at either Parish.*

Delivering Wednesday Meals for Mother Teresa's Haven through March 2023



St. Ignatius Service

Commission is looking for volunteers to provide a meal each Wednesday to the Mother Teresa's Haven shelter. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, or if you have any questions about getting involved, please contact Tom Hamill at 570-852-1183. Thank you so much for supporting Mother Teresa's Haven!

MUSIC

- **St. Ignatius Choir** will begin rehearsals for the Triduum on Wednesday, February 15 at 7:30 pm in the church. This is a limited commitment, so if you have thought about joining before but never did, please consider giving it a try for the next several weeks! The second rehearsal will be on Wed. March 1 at 7:30pm. For more information please contact Rob at robertyenkowski@kings.edu or 570-479-1886.
- **Holy Family Parish Choir** spring rehearsals will begin on Thursday, March 2 at 6:30 PM. The choir will prepare for Holy Week and Easter as well as our annual spring concert, this year on Trinity Sunday, June 4.

LOOK WHO'S IN THE KITCHEN!

GIVE MSGR. TRESSLER'S ALL-STAR COOKING TEAM YOUR VOTE!

50% OF DONATIONS WILL RETURN TO OUR TWO PARISHES!



Food Pantry Ministry

HOLY FAMILY PARISH FOOD PANTRY distributes non-perishable food to needy families each month. The next distribution will be on the last Saturday of January.

HOLY FAMILY MINISTRY SCHEDULES

LECTORS

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Feb 4
5:15 PM C. Williams

Feb 4
5:15 PM D. & G. Stilp

Feb 5
9 AM M. Zamerowski

Feb 5
9 AM L. & C. Cardoni

St. Ann Chapel Information

"To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often."

St. John Henry Cardinal Newman

St. Ann Chapel was established in 1940 by Father McGuckin, Pastor of St. Ignatius Loyola Parish (1938-1943) in the Westmoor section of Kingston. The parish of St. Ignatius Loyola, established in 1885, had continued to grow, with over 700 students in the catechetical program, and the need for additional Masses to accommodate the faithful in a location on the east side of Wyoming Avenue was deemed necessary. At that time, St. Ignatius was served by a pastor and 3 assistant pastors.

By contrast, today our parish religious education program includes approximately 120 students, we are able to accommodate the present attendance at our Masses held at St. Ignatius of Loyola Church, and our pastoral team includes a pastor, an assistant, and a permanent deacon.

Over the past fifty years, several major events in the Wyoming Valley, the diocese, and the world have occurred, all of which directly impact our present situation.

- In the late 1960's the Wyoming Valley West School District was created. The school district serves students from nine boroughs: Courtdale, Edwardsville, Forty Fort, Kingston, Larksville, Luzerne, Plymouth, Pringle, and Swoyersville. Wyoming Valley West School District encompasses approximately 14 square miles, with St. Ignatius of Loyola Church in the center of that area. *Crossing the old town boundaries suddenly became easier, and many of the families of these students who now attended school together also began to cross parish boundaries.*
- The devastating Agnes Flood in 1972 impacted our beloved Kingston parishes – St. Mary Annunciation, St. Hedwig, and St. Ignatius of Loyola - and inflicted unimaginable destruction to all the buildings (churches, rectories, schools, convents) as well as our entire local community. This drastically changed the footprint of the Catholic parishes in the Wyoming Valley. *However, with the rebuilding from that disaster came improved roads and transportation, making it easy to travel throughout the community. Parishes throughout the Valley began to see more movement of faithful attending other Masses at other parishes.*
- Called to Holiness and Mission (2007-2009), the reorganization of the parishes within the Diocese of Scranton, began with the intent of pastoral planning for the future given the changing demographics of our diocese. During this time period our parish underwent two consolidations due to demographics; the first was with St. Hedwig parish in 2007 and the second was with St. Mary Annunciation parish in 2008. Both of those churches were closed and removed from sacred use. *During this time it was determined that St. Ann Chapel would remain open as a worship site for two Sunday Masses (7:00 a.m. & 8:30 a.m.). Daily Mass in the Chapel was eliminated, and funeral Masses and wedding ceremonies were no longer celebrated in that location.*
- The COVID-19 pandemic lockdown of our church buildings began in March 2020. When we were finally able to reopen for public Masses, we had detailed health and safety protocols to follow in order to ensure the wellbeing of all in attendance. The need for social distancing and frequent sanitization ruled out the use of a small worship site. *At that time, it was determined that the 7:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Masses would be celebrated at St. Ignatius of Loyola Church, allowing us to have adequate distancing and sanitization as required after each Mass, with new filters installed for the air conditioning system for proper ventilation and adherence to other protocols. The Chapel has not been in use since March 2020.*
- In response to the VISION 2030 Blueprint, a proactive initiative based on detailed demographic/statistical information, the Diocese of Scranton created a linkage between Holy Family Parish, Luzerne and St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, Kingston as of July 1, 2022. *The transition team developed a new Mass schedule to serve both parish communities using the St. Ignatius and Holy Family church buildings. The new Mass schedule has been working well, and since both of those churches comfortably seat 350-400 adults, there is sufficient available seating at each Mass to accommodate worshippers, with adequate parking as well.*

We believe that the impact of the COVID pandemic, along with the new linkage, requires us to be faithful stewards. After consultation with the Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Finance Council, Transition Team, and an Advisory Committee on St. Ann Chapel, we prayerfully recognize the need to formally close St. Ann Chapel. While it met the needs of a growing parish in the early 20th century, over time both the needs and the face of the faith community have changed. Following the formal closure, the future of the property will be determined, while ensuring that the integrity of the neighborhood is maintained along with the Kingston Borough guidelines.

On Wednesday evening, February 8, 2023 a meeting will be held to answer any questions and/or concerns in Conlan Hall at 6:30 p.m. Thank you for your prayers, support, and understanding regarding this matter. ~ *The Pastoral Team, Pastoral Council, and Chapel Committee of St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish*

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PENGUINS vs. PHANTOMS

Friday, March 10, 2023 - 7:05 PM

The Community Commission of St. Ignatius Loyola Parish invite parishioners and friends of Holy Family and St. Ignatius parishes to their group night out this season as the Penguins take on their bitter rivals in the Lehigh Valley Phantoms! Enjoy \$2 drafts from 6-7:30pm.

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Ticket includes Food Voucher: (slice of pizza, chips, soft drink)

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Contact Austin Zawicki at (570) 970-3626 with any questions about the game.

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