



## **Saint Ignatius Loyola Church Weekly Update January 9, 2022**

### **LITURGY SCHEDULE**

Weekday Masses will continue the week of January 10, 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.-3:00 p.m.

### **CONFESSIONS**

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

**There will be NO CONFESSIONS this Saturday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.**

### **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.

## **CHRISTMAS COLLECTION THANK YOU**

Saint Ignatius Loyola Parish celebrated Christmas again differently this year due to the pandemic. However, the generosity of our wonderful parishioners remained constant. As of December 31, 2021, our Christmas collection totaled \$47,711.48. May the Christ Child continue to hold you close to his heart throughout the New Year 2022. Thank you for your consistent generosity to our Parish.

## **MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY – MONDAY, JANUARY 17<sup>th</sup>**

Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM on Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. **Please note, there will be no 7:30 AM or 12:10 PM Mass on that day and also the office will be closed due to the holiday.**

The Church will be closed after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup> for carpet cleaning. The Church will not be open for private prayer. Thank you for your attention to this announcement.

## **SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS**

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

Michael Holland  
Robert Phillips  
Donna Petroski

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

## **CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR WITH PARISH FAITH SHARING!**

Faith Sharing resumes on Friday, Jan. 14, 2022, in Conlan Hall at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome. We will continue wearing masks and practice distancing. Why not try something new for the New Year?



### **BIBLE STUDY: “WOMEN OF THE NEW TESTAMENT”**

It's not too late to join our study on “Women of the New Testament.” We are meeting on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. over Zoom and had our introductory meeting last week to prepare for the next 8 weeks. Please bring a check for \$16.95 to the rectory and pick up your book set to be ready for the next session. If you haven't already registered and would like to be included, email Cindy Liskov at [cliskov297@gmail.com](mailto:cliskov297@gmail.com). See you soon!

### **PARISH CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS**

Ornaments can be picked up from the box on the rectory front porch until Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you again for your participation.

### **MARY'S MINISTRY BUSINESS/PLANNING MEETING - TUESDAY JANUARY 11TH**

Mary's Ministry leadership team will meet on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, by Zoom at 6:45 p.m. to review our current budget and to finalize plans for our Pro-Life Baby Shower, January-February gatherings, and Winter Bake Sale. Anyone interested in helping with these events are welcome to attend. Send an email to Mary Hosey to receive Zoom link. All parishioners especially our women are reminded that an annual donation envelope for Mary's Ministry is included in your parish packet this month. All contributions to support our efforts to seek the living Christ in shared spiritual and corporal works of mercy as modeled by our Blessed Mother are gratefully appreciated.

# **THEOLOGICAL TIDBITS**

## *LEARNING TO JOURNEY TOGETHER AS CATHOLICS*



The Mass is often referred to as the Liturgy. Some might ask: What is Liturgy? The Greek meaning of the word “LITURGY” means “The work of the people.” Hmm...a bit daunting, the word “work” but if we refer back to the last “Liturgical Journey” we see it’s what most of us are already doing. However, the Liturgy of the Mass is far more than external motions. When we attend Mass, we pray. We give thanks for the memorial of Christ’s sacrifice on the cross. We join with each other in sharing at the table of God’s Word and Eucharist. We praise God the Father in a great proclamation. We are united as a visible sign of the Body of Christ.....as a member of this Christian Community. The Mass we celebrate is all these things and more. For no one concept can ever adequately explain all that we celebrate when we come together to celebrate the Mass. But for most simply the Mass is prayer. It is a special time to spend with the Lord.

### **ATTENTION ALL GERRITY’S AND 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 administer, Patti Kupetz ASAP at 570-288-6856 and give her your Gold Card number and 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 projects.



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**St. Ignatius is excited to announce that we have purchased a parish subscription to FORMED, now available to all parishioners!** As we begin a new year, this online resource can help all parishioners to deepen their knowledge and enthusiasm about the faith. Formed is an on-demand digital resource with movies, videos, Bible studies, audiobooks, talks, and more! There are resources for adults, children, teens, and young adults covering just about any Catholic topic. **I like to call it, "Catholic Netflix."**

Why not try it out? There's so much to enjoy! Registering is very easy. Just go to [signup.formed.org](http://signup.formed.org) and type in our 18704 Zip-Code or search "St. Ignatius Loyola" and click on the Kingston, PA location. Give a name and an email and you're registered!

Our ECHO apprentice, Deirdre, will be happy to answer any questions you have about how to sign-up for FORMED and the many treasures you can find on there.

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**Mass Intentions Week of January 10<sup>th</sup> – January 16<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Monday</b>
<b>7:30 AM – John &amp; Connie Manganiello</b> <i>Family</i>
<b>12:10 PM – Francis &amp; Dr. Robert Crossin</b> <i>Family</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>
<b>7:30 AM – Deceased Members Podesta Family</b> <i>Patricia E. Podesta</i>
<b>12:10 PM – Jean Yablonski</b> <i>Florence &amp; Marcella</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>
<b>7:30 AM – Elliot Daniel Bartusek Chaney</b> <i>Family</i>
<b>12:10 PM – Thomas J. MacFarland</b> <i>Family</i>
<b>Thursday</b>
<b>7:30 AM – Margaret Maher</b> <i>Carl &amp; Molly Kachmar</i>
<b>12:10 PM – Michael Finnerty</b> <i>Family</i>
<b>Friday</b>
<b>7:30 AM – John Masalonis</b> <i>St. Ignatius Prayer Shawl Ministry</i>
<b>12:10 PM – John &amp; Isabelle Mesaros</b> <i>Family</i>
<b>Saturday</b>
<b>4:00 PM – Rita Kupstas</b> <i>Deb &amp; Jay</i>
<b>5:30 PM – Ellen Jenkins</b> <i>Family</i>
<b>Sunday</b>
<b>7:00 AM – John Rukstalis</b> <i>Wife &amp; Family</i>
<b>8:30 AM – For the People of the Parish</b>
<b>10:30 AM – Anthony &amp; Anna Butcavage</b> <i>Harry Teaford</i>
<b>12:00 PM – Anna Mae Yarashas</b> <i>Sister, Margaret &amp; Joe Steinberg</i>

**Church Candle for the Week of January 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**In Memory of John Masalonis - Requested by Friend**

**Bread & Wine for the Week of January 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**In Memory of Genevieve Cawley – Requested by Family**



**FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR DEC. 31, 2021 & JAN. 2, 2022**

Sunday Tithe  
**\$15,756.00**

E-Offerings  
**\$970.00**

Total  
**\$16,726.00**

**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 welcome our family and friends to celebrate the Christmas season.

### **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.