DECEMBER 11, 2022

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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	Co-Director of Religious Education
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	Live Stream Coordinator
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Reverend James Alco ***Reverend Daniel Issing, C.S.C.***

Reverend Robert Sickler ***Reverend Andrew Sinnott***

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.

THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
Isaiah tells us that when Christ comes, the weak will be made strong, the deaf will hear, the blind will see, and, above all, "sorrow and mourning will flee."

Second Reading: James 5:7-10
As the farmer waits patiently through winter and spring for the "yield of the soil" so, too, must we wait patiently for the coming of the Messiah.

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11 From prison, John sends a messenger to Jesus to ask, "Are you He who is to come or do we look for another?" Jesus replies by citing the miracles he has performed for the blind, the deaf, and the crippled. He concludes by naming John as the messenger He has sent to prepare the way.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

December 12-17, 2022

Monday—Our Lady of Guadalupe
Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Tuesday—Lucy, virgin, martyr
Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday—John of the Cross, priest, doctor
Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday—Advent Weekday
Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30

Friday—Advent Weekday
Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Jn 5:33-36

Saturday—Late Advent Weekday
Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

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, December 11
7:00 AM Mass (SIL)
9:00 AM Mass (HF)
9:15 AM CCD Classes, 1-6
10:30 AM Mass (SIL) also live-streamed
6:30 PM CCD Class, grade 8

Monday, December 12
7:30 AM Mass (SIL)
12:10 PM Mass (HF)

Tuesday, December 13
7:30 AM Mass (SIL)
12:10 Mass (HF)

Wednesday, December 14
7:30 AM Mass (SIL)
12:10 PM Mass (HF)
7:00 PM Choir Practice (SIL)

Thursday, December 15
7:30 AM Holyday Mass (SIL)
12:10 PM Holyday Mass (HF)
6:30 PM Choir Practice (HF)

Friday, December 16
7:30 AM Mass (SIL)
12:10 PM Mass (Holy Family)
1:00-5:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration (SIL)
6:00-8:00 PM Faith Sharing (SIL)

Saturday, December 17
11:00 AM Holiday Roll Pickup (HF)
12 Noon Confessions (SIL)
4:00 PM Mass (SIL)
4:00 PM Confessions (HF)
5:15 PM Mass (HF)

Sunday, December 18
7:00 AM Mass (SIL)
9:00 AM Mass (HF)
9:15 AM CCD Classes 1-6
10:30 AM Mass (SIL) also live-streamed
6:30 PM CCD Class, grade 7

STEWARDSHIP

On this Gaudete Sunday, all of our readings deal with rejoicing and with joy, which is appropriate for the theme of today: Rejoice in the Lord always.

Isaiah begins, "The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom. They will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with joyful song." We are on a journey of faith that we might also call our stewardship journey. It is a life-long journey.

If we have not committed to the journey, if we have not made the conversion necessary to be a part of it, and if we have not made an effort to pursue our lives as Disciples of Christ, now is the time.

The Second Reading notes, "See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and late rains." Farmers plant a crop and believe that it will bear fruit and produce what is wanted and needed.

That faith is followed by patience and endurance as the farmer keeps caring for and preparing for the crop, although it cannot be seen. That is the same patience and endurance that lives of stewardship exemplify. It is based upon trust in God and knowing that God will both provide and reward us. That is why we are joyful today, and every day.

St. John the Baptist, like many, may have expected the Lord to arrive with great fanfare and instant political acts and impact. However, Jesus' approach was always simple acts, one at a time, not huge dramatic works. That is an important stewardship message for us as well. Stewardship, and the example of Jesus, is based upon humility, the acceptance that all are more important than we are. As the Lord says in today's Gospel about John,"…yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

St. Teresa of Calcutta, an example of humility and stewardship, said this: "The humility of Jesus can be seen in the crib, in the exile to Egypt, in the hidden life, in the ability to make people understand Him, in the desertion of His apostles, in the hatred of His persecutors, in all the terrible suffering and death of His Passion, and now in His permanent state of humility in the tabernacle, where He has reduced Himself to such a small particle of bread that a priest can hold Him with two fingers. The more we empty ourselves, the more room we give God to fill us."

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: November 27 & December 4, 2022

St. Ignatius Loyola

November 27, 2022
Sunday Offering.....$11,916.00
E-Offerings.....1,152.00
Total.....$13,068.00

December 4, 2022
Sunday Offering.....$12,964.00
E-Offerings.....882.00
Total.....$13,846.00

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

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE (Dec. 6)
OUR PARISH GOAL: $77,000.
PLEDGES TO DATE: $50,199.68 (65.19% of goal)
PARTICIPATION:267 of 1463 families (18.25%)

Holy Family

November 27, 2022
Sunday Offering.....$5,794.00
E-Offerings.....47.00
Total.....$5,841.00

December 4, 2022
Sunday Offering.....$5,759.00
E-Offerings.....102.00
Total.....$5,861.00

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

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE (Dec. 6)
OUR PARISH GOAL: $40,000.
OUR PLEDGES TO DATE: $39,249.24 (98.12% of our goal)
PARTICIPATION: 165 of 940 parish families (17.55%)

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

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!

3rd Sunday of Advent

"Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, and the dead are raised." -Matthew 11:4-5

When Jesus cured the sick we called it a miracle. Yet God has blessed us with many good things–our eyesight, our hearing, our talents, our health and so much more–and we often take it all for granted. The good steward recognizes every blessing in life as a miracle from God and strives to use those gifts for God's honor and glory.

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!

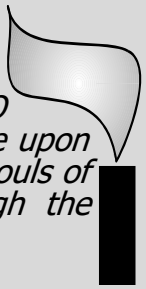
PRAYER& WORSHIP

Mass Intentions of the Week

December 12-18, 2022

St. Ignatius Loyola		Holy Family	
MONDAY, DECEMBER 12			
7:30 AM	Gerald Maier by Wife & Family	12:10 PM	John J. Handley by Dale & Joyce Evans
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13			
7:30 AM	Bridget O'Brien by Family	12:10 PM	Susan Witkoski by Dave & Marie Pudlosky
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14			
7:30 AM	Margaret Chopick by Family	12:10 PM	Theodore Harowicz by Mary Ann Bellanca
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15			
7:30 AM	Helen Kopicki by Daughter	12:10 PM	Parishioners' Intentions
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16			
7:30 AM	Stepanski & Kapral Families by Sophie Kapral	12:10 PM	Joseph Kuranovich & Joseph Kuranovich, Jr. by Family
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17			
4:00 PM	Girvan Family by Family	5:15 PM	Thomas & Geraldine Gulla & Amelia Yudichak by Gregg, Debbie, & Marc Kolendowicz
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18			
7:00 AM	For the People of the Parish	9:00 AM	Jill Adams Wujcik by the Keiper Family
10:30 AM	Lucille Sauchak by Family		

Our sympathy is extended to the families of those in our parishes who have recently died, especially Edward Boyle.



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:

Church Candle: *In memory of Maier & Preston Families by Family.*

Bread & Wine: *In memory of Nick Volpetti by Family.*

Holy Family:

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

FAITH MATTERS

GUIDELINES FOR THE MASS INTENTION BOOK – 2023

The 2023 book of Mass Intentions for **St. Ignatius Loyola Parish** is now open.

Canon Law #953 requires that the parish may accept only the number of Masses that can be fulfilled within a year. Due to the number of Masses that we currently have on record, we respectfully ask that your requests be for death anniversary Masses, and we will accept requests for **3 Masses per year per family**, one of which may be for a weekend Mass. Canon Law also requires that one Mass each week be reserved for the people of the parish, and so our 7 am Sunday Mass is reserved for that intention. Therefore, we will only accept requests for Masses scheduled at 7:30 am Monday – Friday and at weekend Masses scheduled for 4 pm on Saturday OR 10:30 am on Sunday. **The Mass stipend must be received in the parish office before the Mass is placed on the schedule.**

Also due to the number of Masses on record, we will eliminate the 7 day and Month's Mind Masses to enable us to fulfill the requests made when the book is opened. In addition, please know that the parish will no longer be able to accept Mass intentions from an individual's estate. (You may wish to consider establishing a trust fund to distribute a certain amount each year to fulfill your requests. This would be handled by your estate planner; again, no more than 3 Masses per year can be accepted.)

Because of the requirement that we only accept the number of Mass intentions that can be fulfilled within a year, we also ask that you contact the rectory directly when requesting a Mass intention at the time of a person's death, and not make the request at the funeral home. Your understanding as well as your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Please call Jen at 570-288-6446 (between the hours of 9 am and 11:30 am Monday – Friday) to schedule 2023 Masses at St. Ignatius Church.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

ST. IGNATIUS CHRISTMAS MASS INTENTIONS: 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 placed on the altar during all of the Christmas Masses at St. Ignatius to remember your intentions.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: The Holy Family envelope packet contains an envelope to contribute for Christmas Flowers. To memorialize your donation, please write the intentions in the space provided on the envelope. We will publish a list of the donors and memorializations after Christmas.

ADVENT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION will be sponsored by Mary's Ministry on Friday, December 16 from 1 to 5 pm in St. Ignatius Church. Please plan to spend a few minutes in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament as we prepare to celebrate our Savior's birth on Christmas Day!

ADVENT CONFESSIONS will be available at our usual times on Saturdays (12 noon at St. Ignatius and 4 pm at Holy Family) and ALSO on

- **Monday, December 19, 5 pm (HF)**
- **Wednesday, December 21, 5 pm (SIL).**

Confessions will NOT be heard after December 21 before Christmas.

IN OUR PARISHES

MARY'S MINISTRY (SIL)

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ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY (HF)

A SPECIAL MEETING of the Altar & Rosary Society will be held on Wednesday, January 4 at 7 PM in the church hall. All members are asked to attend.

HOLIDAY ROLL Pickup is on Saturday, December 17 at 11 AM in the church hall.

Wing into the New Year with a 6 week Bible Study on the Angels beginning January 11, 2023 at 1 pm. All are welcome. Books are $13.95 cash or check made payable to "St. Ignatius Parish." Please call 570-288-6446 by December 18th to reserve your book. (Late sign-ups are welcome, but not book-guaranteed.)

THANK YOU—COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

We wish to express our sincere thanks to Mr. Thomas Hamill and members of the St. Ignatius Service Commission for preparing, serving and delivering over 250 Thanksgiving Dinners on Saturday, November 19. A special note of thanks is extended to the many volunteers who assisted with the dinner. May God bless everyone who assisted with this meal in any way!

Dec 16	*Eucharistic Adoration (SIL)*
Dec 17	*Holiday Roll Pickup (HF)*
Jan 4	*Altar & Rosary Society Meeting(HF)*
Feb 18	*Mardi Gras (HF)*
Feb 22	*Ash Wednesday 2023*
Apr 9	*Easter 2023*
May 20	*Confirmation*
May 21	*First Holy Communion*
May 28	*Pentecost Sunday 2023*

We Long for You, O Lord, an Advent service of Word and Song, will be presented again at 6:30 PM on **Sunday, December 11**, at St. Anthony's Church in Dunmore. The service is open to the public at no charge.

This annual service features the combined choir of voices from both of our parishes as well as SS. Anthony & Rocco and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes in Dunmore, along with several soloists and an instrumental ensemble, under the direction of Linda Houck, Joseph Moffitt, and Geri Seitzinger.

If you missed this in Holy Family Parish on December 8, there is one more chance to make this service part of your preparation for Christmas!

FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education

2022-23 CCD CALENDAR

Sunday, Dec 11	*CCD Class 1-6, 8, Family Mass 10:30 am*
Sunday, Dec 18	*CCD Class 1-6, 7*
Sunday, Dec 25	*NO CCD Class*
Sunday, Jan 1	*NO CCD Class*
Sunday, Jan 8	*CCD Class 1-6, 8*
Sunday, Jan 15	*CCD Class 1-6, 7*
Sunday, Jan 22	*CCD Class 1-6, 8, Family Mass 10:30 am*
Sunday, Jan 29	*CCD Class 1-6, 7*
Sunday, Feb 5	*CCD Class 1-6, 8*
Sunday, Feb 12	*CCD Class 1-6, 7, Family Mass 10:30 am*
Sunday, Feb 19	*NO CCD Class*
Sunday, Feb 26	*CCD Class1-6, 8*
Sunday, Mar 5	*CCD Class 1-6, 7*
Sunday, Mar 12	*CCD Class 1-6, 8 Family Mass 10:30 AM*
Sunday, Mar 19	*CCD Class 1-6, 7*
Sunday, Mar 26	*CCD Class 1-6, 8*
Sunday, Apr 2	*CCD Class 1-6, 7*
Sunday, Apr 9	*NO CCD Class*
Sunday, Apr 16	*CCD Class 1-6, 8*
Sunday, Apr 23	*CCD Class 1-6, 7 Family Mass 10:30 AM*
Sunday, Apr 30	*CCD Class 1-6, 8*
Sunday, May 7	*CCD Class 1-6, 7*
Saturday, May 20	*Confirmation*
Sunday, May 21	*First Communion*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NOTES

- **Sunday, Dec. 11:** Grade 4 Family Morning/Class Mass. All Grade 4 families, both public and private schools, are strongly encouraged to attend this family event beginning at 9:15 am in Conlan Hall with a light continental breakfast and family activity, followed by the class Mass at 10:30 am in St. Ignatius Church. This morning will take the place of class for the religious education students.
- **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.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Holy Name Society of St. Ignatius Parish will hold the annual Children's Christmas Party on Sunday, December 18 at 1:00 p.m. in Conlan Hall. Food and beverages will be served along with a movie, crafts and more. All children of Holy Family Parish and St. Ignatius Parish are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Tom Havrilak at 570-287-7768.

FAITH SHARING (SMALL GROUPS) for Advent is on Friday, Dec. 16, 2022, 6 – 8 p.m. in Conlan Hall. Why not take some time for yourself, away from the busyness of Christmas preparations, to focus on preparing your own heart and soul, while Advent still allows us to do so? Newcomers 18 years and older are welcome. If you have questions or concerns, call 570-690-7732.

TIS THE SEASON…

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Dec 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE

4 PM – Masses at both churches
(closed circuit in church halls, livestream from St. Ignatius)

6 PM—Mass at St. Ignatius

9 PM—Mass at St. Ignatius

10 PM– Mass at Holy Family

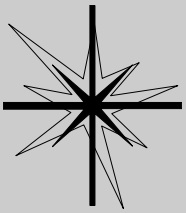
Dec 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY

9 AM—Mass at Holy Family

10:30 AM - Mass at St. Ignatius
(livestream, closed circuit in hall)

CHRISTMAS WAFERS are available in the rear of both churches. Donation is $5 for a package of 4 wafers.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION – Each year, the Christmas collection is a tremendous support for the parish budget. We celebrate the great gift of God to us; Christ is born and has given us the fullness of life. Our generosity should mirror God's generous love. As you pray about your gift to the church during this holy season, remember God's generosity to you!



2023 calendars are available at the church entrances—one per parish family, please!

ST. IGNATIUS PARISH ADVENT GIVING WREATH

THANK YOU to all who generously offered gift cards for needy families during this Giving Wreath project! May God bless you for your generosity!

HOLY FAMILY PARISH GIVING TREE PROJECT

runs through the weekend of December 10-11. Please take a paper ornament from one of the trees in our church, purchase and wrap a new gift, and return it with the ornament attached by Sunday, December 11. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

ADVENT CALENDAR

SUNDAY	***MONDAY***	***TUESDAY***	***WEDNESDAY***	***THURSDAY***	***FRIDAY***	***SATURDAY***
Come to our Advent Service of Word & Song tonight at 6:30 PM in St. Anthony's Church.	*Our Lady of Guadalupe Say a decade of the rosary today for your mother's intention.*	*St. Lucy's Day Wrap your present for one of the children whose names are found on the Giving Tree.*	*Think of someone with whom you need to make peace—then pick up the phone.*	*Pray today especially for all priests, deacons, and religious.*	*Rejoice in the merciful kindness of God.*	***O Come, Wisdom…*** *Share your wisdom: tell a child in your life about the best Christmas ever.*

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.

MUSIC MINISTRIES

HOLY FAMILY PARISH CHOIR: Christmas rehearsals are at 6:30 PM on Thursday, December 15 and 22. The choir will sing for the 10 PM Mass on Christmas Eve, with a program of Christmas music beginning at 9:30 PM.

SIL CHOIR REHEARSALS FOR CHRISTMAS are on Wednesday, at 7:00 p.m. in St. Ignatius Church. We will be preparing for Christmas. All are welcome. We hope you will consider joining! Please contact Rob Yenkowski at: robertyenkowski@kings.edu or by calling/texting at (570)-479-1886 if you are interested in joining choir.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH FOOD PANTRY distributes non-perishable food to needy families each month. The next distribution is on Saturday, December 17.

Thank you to all who are supporting the Food Pantry! ***Please drop off your box of contributions from the Mini-Advent Calendar project box off on Sunday, Dec. 11 at Conlan Hall between 8:30 am and noon or at the Holy Family rectory garage between 9:45 am and noon. ALL DONATIONS WILL BENEFIT THE HOLY FAMILY PARISH FOOD PANTRY.***

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

…MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS….

ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA PARISH CHRISTMAS TREE

We invite everyone to stop by the St. Ignatius Rectory prior to December 24 and securely attach an ornament with your name on it to the Christmas tree in the front yard of the rectory (if necessary, you may leave your ornament in the container on the rectory porch for us to attach your ornament). On Christmas Eve, we will light the tree as a visible sign of our unity and commitment to our parish family as we prepare to experience the hope, peace, joy, and love of Jesus as we celebrate His birth.

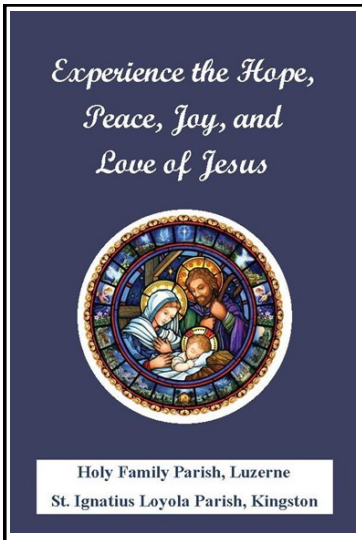
Q: Where do snowmen keep their money?
A: In a snowbank!

Q: What do snowmen do on the weekend?
A: Chill out!

The parish office will close at Noon on Friday, December 23, 2022. ***The office will be closed on Monday, December 26, 2022. Please note: the office will reopen on Tuesday, December 27th.***

The parish office will close at Noon on Friday, December 30, 2022. The parish office will be closed on Monday January 2, 2023. The office will reopen on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

Did sisters, brothers, or priests make a difference in your life? You can make a difference in their lives now. Give generously on December 10/11 to support our retired religious priests, sisters, and brothers. Our religious women and men have committed their lives to the Church, and need our continued support.



Parish Christmas Yard Signs

Bring a sign of hope to your neighborhood and share the joy of the season with a decorative yard sign! These "signs of the season" will be available on a first come, first serve basis—one per residence, due to limited supply. No charge - donation optional. Some yard signs are still available at both churches.

*At **St. Ignatius Loyola Parish**, signs will be available at the Parish Office from 9 AM to 3 PM M-F.*

*At **Holy Family Parish**, the signs will be available at the Parish Office porch.*

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS must be received in the office no later than 14 days before the bulletin date. Email announcements to officemanager@stignatiuspa.com and/or hfamparish@comcast.net. Announcements sent after the deadline will not be printed until the next bulletin. Thank you for your cooperation!

2022 DONATIONS: All donations to be credited for the calendar year 2022 must be received in the parish by **December 31, 2022**. Statements of 2022 total contributions will be sent by January 15, 2023 to all parishioners who contributed to the parish during 2022.

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