



Saint Ignatius Loyola Church Weekly Update April 4, 2021

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass will continue the Week of April 5, 2021

Monday – 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. 6:00 p.m.

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

Live Streaming of Sunday Mass will be at 8:30 a.m. (This is not a public Mass.)

All Masses will be celebrated at St. Ignatius Church due to capacity allowed under CDC guidelines.

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.

Easter Prayer

*Christ is Risen: The world below lies desolate
Christ is Risen: The spirits of evil are fallen
Christ is Risen: The angels of God are rejoicing
Christ is Risen: The tombs of the dead are empty*

*Christ is Risen indeed from the dead,
the first of the sleepers,
Glory and power are his forever and ever.
- St. Hippolytus of Rome*

Reflection for Easter Sunday

*Speak, Mary, declaring What you saw, wayfaring. "The tomb of Christ, who is living, The glory of Jesus' resurrection; bright angels attesting, The shroud and napkin resting."
Easter Sunday Sequence*

Joy and relief and tears. All at once. In so many moments of life, relief opens floodgates to feelings we were holding just under the surface. Hugging your family for the first time after quarantine. Finding out that test was negative. Ringing the bell after a last round of chemo. Conceiving after infertility. When long waits and hard journeys are over, so many feelings come in one moment. Imagine the wild intertwined emotions of the disciples seeing the empty tomb and resurrected Jesus.

Early in the morning, Mary and Mary returned to the tomb despite their own fears and trepidations. Their love and loyalty are rewarded as their grief turns to joy and they experience the risen Christ. Flooded with conflicting emotions, Mary Magdalene runs, heart pounding, to tell the others. Her message sparks John and Peter to run to the empty tomb to see for themselves. Previously broken and grieving, Mary, John and Peter allow joy to inspire, animate and quite literally move them.

Even now we see light through the darkness of the pandemic. We have vaccines. Spring returns and the Earth comes alive before our eyes. Even now God is turning our sorrow to joy, our desolation to a garden. Our hope for new life swells again, even if the threat is not fully diminished.

Many dangers were still ahead for Mary, John and Peter. In the light of Easter morning, they faced the world with a new confidence, assured by the joy of the Resurrection. They witnessed the fulfillment of God's Covenant. Even more: they witnessed the promise of the New Covenant; the new and eternal Covenant that would sustain them throughout their ministries.

The seasons of Lent and Easter are the tales of two covenants. Both are important relationships and experiences of God. The first is one of longing and waiting, sorrow and repentance. We learn how to reach out to God in the darkness. We come to trust in God, ever-present and deeply compassionate, even when we feel distant. The second speaks of relief, grace and joy. The New Covenant of Resurrection is one of unbridled joy, one given by a God who shares our experiences as humans; a physically present God who knows and has overcome the darkness. At a time where we may have questioned God's presence, they both remind us of a God who perpetually whispers, "I am with you."

Easter Sunday

Our Easter Gospel is John's startlingly concise account of the Resurrection.

The Easter declaration, properly understood, has always been and still is an explosion, an earthquake, a revolution. For the Easter faith—on clear display from the earliest days of the Christian movement—is that Jesus of Nazareth, a first-century Jew from the northern reaches of the Promised Land, who had been brutally put to death by the Roman authorities, is alive again through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Once we've come to some clarity about the Resurrection claim itself, we can begin to see why it still matters so massively. If the Resurrection is only a bland symbol or a projection of our desires, then tyrants have nothing to fear from it. But if it is a fact of history, an act of the living God in space and time, then sinners have real cause to repent.

A second great implication of the Resurrection is that heaven and earth are coming together. The hope of ancient Israel was not a jail break, not an escape from this world, but precisely the unification of heaven and earth in a great marriage. Recall a central line from the prayer that Jesus bequeathed to his Church: "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done *on earth as it is in heaven.*" The bodily Resurrection of Jesus—"the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep"—is the powerful sign that the two orders are in fact coming together.

Reflect: Why is the Resurrection really the startling "Good News" of the Gospel? How does it give you hope to celebrate it today?

Quotes for Easter Sunday

"We proclaim the resurrection of Christ when his light illuminates the dark moments of our existence." — Pope Francis

"To be sure, it was not Easter Sunday but Holy Saturday, but, the more I reflect on it, the more this seems to be fitting for the nature of our human life: we are still awaiting Easter; we are not yet standing in the full light but walking toward it full of trust."

— **Pope Benedict XVI**



EASTER GREETINGS

Father Mosley, Deacon Pernot, Father Sinnott, Father Adonizio, Father Issing, Father Sickler, and Msgr. Tressler wish to extend their sincerest best wishes to everyone for a Blessed and enjoyable Easter 2021. May our Risen Lord touch your hearts and minds to share the message of Redemption.

HOLY WEEK APPRECIATION

Many thanks to the numerous people who worked so hard to prepare for our various Holy Week services: the ministers of the liturgies, our music ministers and greeters. Also, many thanks to the Liturgy and Art & Environment Committee, and all those who assisted them in decorating St. Ignatius Loyola Church. The dedication of so many to our parish community means a great deal. Thank you again for all that you have done and continue to do for our parish.

PASCHAL CANDLE DONATION

On behalf of Father Mosley, Deacon Pernot, Msgr. Tressler, and the entire parish, we would like to thank Mr. & Mrs. Scott Edmunds for donating this year's Paschal Candle at St. Ignatius Church in memory of Guy and Norma Agati at the request of the Agati and Edmunds family. Your kindness and generosity is deeply appreciated.

DAILY MASS ON MONDAY, APRIL 5th

Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM on Monday, April 5th. **Please note, there will be no 7:30 AM or 12:10 PM Masses on that day and also the office will be closed due to the Easter Holiday.**



SIL Parish Community Shred Day

Compliments of SIL Community Commission - Holy Name - Mary's Ministry

Saturday, April 24, 2021 9:00 am - Noon
SIL Parishioners Only

St. Ignatius Church Parking Lot - Enter from N. Maple Avenue Only!

Safe, Secure, Shredded on Site

Keep Your Identity Protected

Bring any documents you no longer need that contain personal information, including social security numbers, credit card information and bank account numbers, etc.

Please Keep in Mind:

- Suggested arrival: Last Name A thru M - 9-10 am & N thru Z - 10:30-11:30 am
- Masks required. Please remain in vehicle and follow directions on site
- Maximum 5 boxes per vehicle
- Shredding is limited to confidential and sensitive materials only (No Magazines, Newspapers, 3 Ring Binders, Plastics, Heavy Metals, Trash, Batteries, Cell Phones, CD's or Cardboard)

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE – THANK YOU!

Thank you to all our St. Ignatius Parish family members who donated to the Lenten food drive. We were able to pack 72 bags of food! Your generosity is most appreciated! Thank you also to Fr. Joe, Shannon (Our Youth Minister), Deacon Gerry and his wife Patty, Carmella Faut, Renata Evan and our young people who either packed food bags or wrote Easter greetings to our home bound parishioners. God Bless!

JEANNE R. BUTCHER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The Jeanne R. Butcher Memorial Scholarship Award was established by the family through an endowment with the Luzerne Foundation. Applicant is a graduating senior and must be a registered parishioner of St. Ignatius Loyola Parish and planning to enroll as an undergraduate in an accredited two- or four-year college/university as a full-time student with demonstrated financial need. The student selected will receive the scholarship contingent upon the documented satisfactory academic and other related criteria used in the selection for the scholarship. Applications can be obtained from the Luzerne Foundation, 34 South River Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702 or by going to the website luzfdn.org or by calling 570-822-2065. Deadline for applications is April 16, 2021.

Mass Intentions Week of April 5th – 11th

Monday
9:00 AM – Guy Agati <i>Agati Edmunds Family</i>
Please note: There will be no 7:30 AM or 12:10 PM Mass today.
Tuesday
7:30 AM – Mary & Arthur Podesta <i>Patricia Podesta</i>
12:10 PM – Margaret Balberchak <i>Family</i>
Wednesday
7:30 AM – Joseph E. Faust <i>Family</i>
12:10 PM – Catherine Wallace <i>Gary & Patricia</i>
Thursday
7:30 AM – Mary Therese Crossin <i>Children</i>
12:10 PM – Paul Fisher <i>Amanda Lane</i>
Friday
7:30 AM – Gary McGuire <i>Joan McAndrew</i>
12:10 PM – Eric Hoffman <i>Mother & Family</i>
Saturday
4:00 PM – John Dashanko, Jr. <i>Raskiewicz Family</i>
6:00 PM – Catherine McCue <i>Joan Churnetski</i>
Sunday
7:00 AM – Mary B. Fischer <i>Family</i>
10:30 AM – Elmo Clemente <i>James & Valerie Gialanella, Jr.</i>
12:30 PM – Henry Rogers <i>Jerry & Judy Rogers</i>

Church Candle for the Week of April 5th

In Memory of Guy Agati – Requested by Agati Edmunds Family

Bread & Wine for the Week of April 5th

In Memory of Guy Agati – Requested by Agati Edmunds Family

FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021

Sunday Tithe
\$10,688.00

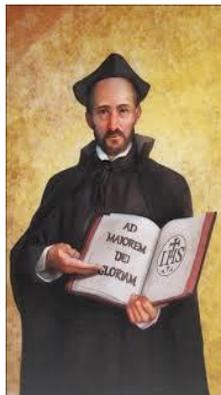
E-Offerings
\$446.00

Total
\$11,134.00

**Amount Needed
Each Week to
Meet Expenses
\$12,950.00**

Father Mosley, 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 mailbox on front of rectory porch.

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



PROTOCOLS FOR DAILY AND WEEKEND LITURGIES

We wish to express our heartfelt gratitude for your continued cooperation and support of the health and safety protocols which remain in effect as we gather and pray as a faith community.

Please continue to follow the guidelines listed below for the wellbeing of our entire community.

- Face masks must be worn at all times except for the reception of Holy Communion.
- Face masks must cover the **nose and mouth** at all times while in the church and during the celebration of Mass.
- Church doors will open **20 minutes before** Mass begins. Doors will close when Mass begins. Please be punctual. Thank you.
- Entrance to Church will be through the center doors of the Church.
- Those needing assistance will enter and exit Conlan Hall entranceway so as to use the elevator.
- **Upon entering the Church, all are asked to sanitize their hands with the touchless hand sanitizers.**
- Please follow the directions of the greeters for seating. All are asked when taking their seats to begin with either the middle seat of the pew or the seat closest to the stained-glass windows. The seat closest to the middle aisle should be the last seat taken in a pew. This process is necessary since some masses are nearly at capacity, namely the 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and the 10:30 a.m. on Sunday. This process enables us to allow as many people as possible to attend mass.
- The weekly collection will not be taken up; locked boxes are located by the elevator entrance and the main aisle for your donations.
- Holy communion will be distributed at the end of Mass and **all must exit the Church after receiving via the side doors on the porch.**
- **Individuals who wish to receive holy communion on their tongue are asked to come at the end of the line in order for the priest to follow the appropriate protocols for sanitizing his hands.**
- **The Church is sanitized after each liturgy including the restroom and elevator.**
- Confessions will be held on Saturdays at 12:00 noon and will end at 12:30 p.m.

These guidelines are in compliance with the Centers for Disease Control and are in place to provide a safe and healthy environment for us to worship together. Our primary concern is the health and safety of all of us. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues to be suspended.

Thank you again and God Bless You.