



Saint Ignatius Loyola Church Weekly Update January 16, 2022

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses will continue the week of January 17, 2022

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. 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. except this Monday, January 17th.

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

Mr. William Gross

Sacristan

Mr. Matt Fiske

Visiting Clergy

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.

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY – MONDAY, JANUARY 17th

Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM on Monday, January 17th. **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.**

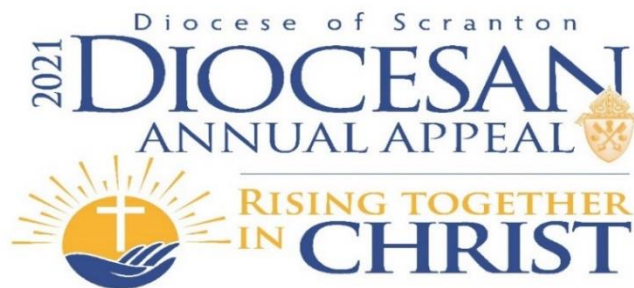
The Church will be closed after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Monday, January 17th for carpet cleaning. The Church will not be open for private prayer. Thank you for your attention to this announcement.

SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS

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

Simon Borys
Patricia Saracino

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



ONE LAST PUSH!!!

Our goal as a parish is \$77,000.00 and for every dollar that is collected over that amount, .75 cents is returned to our parish. Presently, we are at 355 donors and 98% of our goal, with pledges totaling \$75,711.50. Let us work together to meet this challenge and assist our Diocese in serving the many people in need. Thank you!



VIGIL MASS FOR LIFE – THURSDAY, JANUARY 20th

Join us in prayer on the eve of the 48th annual March for Life for a greater respect of all human life, from conception to natural death, and every moment in between. The Mass will be celebrated in St. Maria Goretti Church, Laflin at 6:00 p.m. by Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton. We invite you to bring a new pack of diapers to be donated to Shepherd's Maternity House and St. Joseph's Center Baby and Children's Pantry.

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



So how do we pray during the Mass?

Basically, the Mass is divided into two main sections: Word and Eucharist and two smaller sections.....one which introduces the Liturgy and one that closes the Liturgy. During these "sections" the prayers are different as they are crafted with a special purpose in mind. So, we pray in the spoken word and with music (and sometimes in silence). Perhaps this week we can pay special attention to the words of each prayer as the priest or all of the gathered community recites or sings the prayers together. If you were to hear one of these prayers outside of Mass, would you be able to guess in which part it belongs?

COAL SWEEPSTAKES – 16 GREAT PRIZES!

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



At the beginning of a new year, it is natural to look towards the future. For the last several years, the Diocese of Scranton and its churches have been focused on the future with a pastoral planning initiative called the *Vision 2030 Blueprint Process*.

Vision 2030 will help our diocese meet the many opportunities and challenges of the coming decade. The main goal of *Vision 2030* is to create vibrant parishes rooted in the life of Jesus Christ.

This weekend, we invite everyone to learn more about the current realities we face together, by picking up a copy of the *Vision 2030* booklet here in the church. All of this information is also available in this week's Catholic Light newspaper and is on the Diocese of Scranton's website.

Because of our Baptism, each one of us has an important role to play in the Church. The participation of each one of us is critical to proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel and sharing the love of Jesus Christ. Please take some time to read through the *Vision 2030* document and pray for this process as we work to keep our Church a strong and vibrant beacon of hope for all.

Mass Intentions Week of January 17th – January 23rd

Monday
9:00 AM – James Noone <i>Claire & John</i>
There will be no 7:30 AM or 12:10 PM Mass today.
Tuesday
7:30 AM – James Speicher <i>Mr. & Mrs. Robert Morris</i>
12:10 PM – Maureen Smith <i>Kopicki Family</i>
Wednesday
7:30 AM – Steve Merillat <i>Lisa Harding</i>
12:10 PM – Eugene W. & Marion Mulligan <i>Family</i>
Thursday
7:30 AM – Edward J. Collum <i>G. Kochis & M. Bonoski</i>
12:10 PM – Jack Keating <i>Wife & Children</i>
Friday
7:30 AM – Stephen Davis <i>Family</i>
12:10 PM – John P. Walsh <i>Walter & Patricia Cole</i>
Saturday
4:00 PM – Elizabeth Tamalis <i>Family</i>
5:30 PM – Gerald Doyle <i>Wife, Kathy & Daughters</i>
Sunday
7:00 AM – William E. Lewis <i>Daughters, Cheryl & Mary</i>
8:30 AM – For the People of the Parish
10:30 AM – Respect Life Mass <i>PA. for Human Life & K. of C.</i>
12:00 PM – Robert Winters <i>Marlene Kotarski</i>

Church Candle for the Week of January 17th

In Memory of William E. Lewis – Req. by Daughters, Cheryl & Mary

Bread & Wine for the Week of January 17th

In Memory of John Rukstalis – Req. by Wife & Family

FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR JANUARY 9, 2022

Sunday Tithe
\$9,870.00

E-Offerings
\$957.00

Total
\$10,827.00

**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.