



Saint Ignatius Loyola Church Weekly Update September 12, 2021

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses will continue the week of September 13, 2021

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.

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.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Throughout the past several weeks, there has been ongoing discussions regarding whether or not there is any scientific evidence that face masks work. We should continue to dialogue how we may best assist in combating the Coronavirus. Therefore, I researched multiple – in fact more than 40-scientific studies which characterize face masks as providing a strong value against the spread of the coronavirus.

- Do face masks kill the virus? NO
- Are face masks 100% effective in preventing infection? NO
- Do some face masks provide greater protection? YES

All of the studies, depending on their purpose, do recognize a continuum of efficiency in protecting against infection on a scale of 30% to 95%. All of these more than 40 scientific studies say masks help to prevent the spread of infection to a greater or lesser extent. Should we have some protection rather than none? There are those who will say yes, but there are some professionals who will continue to say no.

All of this evidence informs the CDC and its recommendations, which continue to be monitored as the virus mutates, to provide us with the best approach to slow the spread of COVID-19 along with the variants. This information/evidence informs the Bishop and his strong recommendation to us. Please review Bishop Bambera's latest update for our worshipping together:

MASKS: It is strongly recommended that you consider choosing to wear a face mask to aid in a greater mutual protection for one another. Face masks are not mandated for church attendance. **We are grateful to the number of parishioners who are masking, which clearly is a sign of our respect and care for one another.**

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION: All Priests, Deacons, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are to wear a face mask while distributing communion. If direct contact is made with a person's tongue during distribution, the minister must stop and sanitize his/her hands before continuing.

HAND HYGIENE: Hand washing and sanitizing is an essential help in preventing the spread of the virus. It is essential especially for ministers. It is highly recommended that everyone takes advantage of the sanitizers located at the entrances of the church.

LIVE STREAMING MASS: We will continue to livestream the 8:30 a.m. Mass for those who must stay at home. The 8:30 a.m. Mass is open for in-person attendance as well.

Please remember that all of our efforts throughout the past seventeen months were executed with the health and safety of everyone as our priority. The decisions are based on the most up to date public health information. We must continue to make every effort to remain vigilant in our efforts to control this pandemic so we can move forward. Thank you for your continued support, patience, and cooperation. God Bless!



Dear Loving Father,

We pause to remember the great losses and courageous acts of September 11th. We lift up those who are still affected – Families of the victims, police officers, firemen, first responders and all who were involved. We pray for the light of Christ to flood the hearts of people everywhere. We believe you desire to redeem all your creation, and we trust that beauty will continue to come from the ashes of our darkest days. Surround us with your mighty angels of protection, give us compassion for one another in all life's circumstances, and the courage to answer your call. Amen

Holy God,
Creator of all people and all nations,
It is with sorrow and apprehension we remember the tragic events that occurred that day.

We lift to You in prayer all those who died in the Twin Towers, at the Pentagon, and on United Airlines Flight 93 in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

We entrust them to Your loving care. Console their families, friends and all who mourn this loss in the hope that all who trust in You will find peace and rest in Your Kingdom.

We pray for those who courageously responded to provide aid and comfort to the afflicted. May their painful memories of that day be healed and transformed into strength and positive resolution.

We also pray for ourselves as we seek Your strength and guidance. We live in the aftermath of this tragedy and under the shadow of future acts of aggression; we stand in need of Your assistance.

Enable us, Dear God, to put an end to fear: By resolving to live lives that are based on respect for another; by resolving to abide in a peaceful manner and never settle disagreements in our lives in a violent way; by resolving not to fall into the trap of blaming ethnic groups, races, or religions in response to acts of hostility; by resolving that justice, not revenge, prevail in our world.

Let us resolve that in the face of hatred, we will show love; that in times of despair, we will be voices of hope and creators of new dreams; that in times of darkness, we will be sources of light. Let us resolve that we never regard forgiveness as weakness, but rather as source of strength in our lives and in our world.

And let us honor the member of nearly 3,000 individuals who died on September 11, 2001, by resolving, with Your help Almighty God, to truly live this way so You may be glorified, and Your love made know to others through us. Amen



ST.IGNATIUS YOUTH GROUP

Students Grades 7-12

We're looking forward to kicking off another year, but we need your input! Students and parents, please consider taking our survey to help us plan what you would like to see happen!



Simply scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to complete the survey electronically.

SPONSOR A STUDENT – THANK YOU!

A very grateful “thank you” to all our parish family members who contributed to the Religious Education “Sponsor a Student” drive. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by all our religious education families. May God bless you and your families for your kindness.

SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS

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

Stanley Klecha

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

YEAR OF THE FAMILY OBSERVANCE

Family Fun Day at Knoebel's

As part of our Year of the Family observance, the Office for Parish Life is sponsoring a Family Fun Day at Knoebel's Amusement Resort on Saturday, September 18th. Groups or individuals are welcome to enjoy all that Knoebel's has to offer from 12pm to 8pm and take advantage of our discounted ticket offer! You can choose from a **Lunch and Ride package** (\$25 per person includes a bagged lunch and \$20 worth of ride tickets) or a **Discounted Tickets Only** option (\$20 worth of ride tickets for \$17). Regardless of the package you choose, you are welcome to take advantage of our reserved pavilion for lunch or to simply gather with your family and friends.

To purchase tickets by credit card, visit www.dioceseofscranton.org. To order and pay by check, call (570) 207-2213 ext. 1155. All orders must be paid in advance. The deadline to place orders is September 16.

COLLECTION FOR HAITI

Most Reverend José H. Gomez, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, has invited the bishops of the United States to take up an emergency special collection on behalf of those devastated in Haiti by an earthquake and Tropical Storm Grace. Archbishop Gomez stated that the emergency collection is greatly needed to help victims of the earthquake and Tropical Storm Grace to rebuild their lives and also help support reconstruction needs of parishes, rectories, schools, and other Church properties destroyed or severely damaged in Haiti.

This collection will occur in the Diocese of Scranton during the weekend of September 25th and 26th. This emergency collection will be used both to support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Relief Services and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses through the USCCB's Emergency Disaster Fund.

All parishioners are invited if they so choose to place an envelope marked Collection for Haiti with your donation in the offertory boxes at the entrance of the Church by Sunday, September 26th. Thank you in advance for your support of this special collection.

Mass Intentions Week of September 13th – 19th

Monday
7:30 AM – Walter Falchek <i>Family</i>
12:10 PM – Joseph Lapinski, Jr. <i>Parents & Family</i>
Tuesday
7:30 AM – Charles J. Brady <i>Family</i>
12:10 PM – Donald & Mary Wolfe <i>Sons</i>
Wednesday
7:30 AM – Shirley & Charles Parsons <i>Sister, Alice Naylis</i>
12:10 PM – Helen Igoe <i>Family</i>
Thursday
7:30 AM – James Speicher <i>Dwyer Family</i>
12:10 PM – Anna & Ludwig Stepanski <i>Daughter, Sophie Kapral</i>
Friday
7:30 AM – Mary Louise English <i>Patricia Weidner</i>
12:10 PM – Joanna Szeluga <i>Renata Evan</i>
Saturday
4:00 PM – Helen Wilshefski <i>Karash Family</i>
5:30 PM – John McCarthy <i>Ann Saxton</i>
Sunday
7:00 AM – John Wallace <i>Harry & Patricia Miller</i>
8:30 AM – For the People of the Parish
10:30 AM – Anna Moyer <i>Jabora Family</i>
12:00 PM – Al Grantuskas <i>Peterman Family</i>

Church Candle for the Week of September 13th
In Memory of Helen Igoe – Requested by Family

Bread & Wine for the Week of September 13th
In Memory of Rose Budanovitz – Requested by Family

FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

Sunday Tithe
\$10,579.40

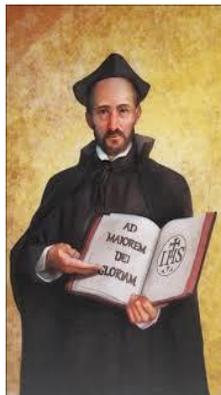
E-Offerings
\$596.00

Total
\$11,175.40

**Amount Needed
Each Week to
Meet Expenses
to be determined for
New Fiscal Year**

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 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
During the COVID-19 Pandemic
REVISED AUGUST 6, 2021

We, the Parish of St. Ignatius Loyola, join with all the parishes of the Diocese of Scranton to joyfully welcome the faithful of the Diocese to return to our parish. Despite the challenges of the last year, we invite those who have not yet returned to Mass to rejoin us in-person to celebrate the Holy Eucharist, the source and summit of the Christian life.

MASK GUIDANCE FOR MASSES

- The Pennsylvania Department of Health ended its mask mandate as of Monday, June 28, 2021
- This means that in the parishes and institutions of the Diocese of Scranton, there is no requirement for face coverings or masks.
- **However, Bishop Bambera, issued new guidelines on Friday August 6, 2021, which strongly encourage vaccinated and non-vaccinated individuals to return to wearing masks inside for Mass and other indoor gatherings in order to protect the safety and health of all parishioners.**
- There will be no request by the parish regarding information about vaccination status to be admitted to the church.

OTHER IMPORTANT PROTOCOLS & SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- We remind the faithful to continue to maximize the use of space as much as possible.
- Hand sanitizer will continue to be available in the church.
- The Sign of Peace will be celebrated without physical contact.
- The distribution of the Precious Blood remains suspended at this time.
- Confessions are celebrated Saturdays from 12:00 noon until 12:30 p.m. **Please note: masks are required for the Celebration of Reconciliation.**
- The Diocesan guidelines allow decisions to be made at the discretion of the individual parish regarding the following:
 - Altar servers may assist at Mass once again. Servers under the age of 18 will need parental permission.
 - Liturgical singing will be allowed – specifics to be determined.
 - Holy Water fonts will be refilled and utilized.

We will be implementing the return of these items in the coming weeks as the Pastoral Staff cautiously determine a timeline.

While ongoing progress is being made to address the spread of COVID-19 with vaccinations, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Masses on Holy Days was reinstated on August 15th. St. Ignatius Loyola Parish is excited to welcome everyone to join us in-person for the celebration of Mass. We will proceed with caution to ensure our faithful will return with full confidence in their health and safety while at church.

Monsignor Tressler, Father Simchock, and Deacon Pernot are excited to be welcoming our parishioners and friends back when you feel comfortable!

