



Saint Ignatius Loyola Church Weekly Update January 30, 2022

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses will continue the week of January 31, 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. to 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.

BLESSING OF THROATS

The Blessing of Throats will take place during all liturgies on the weekend of January 29th and 30th. Due to the pandemic, individual blessings will not take place this year. A general blessing will be given to all in attendance or watching on our live stream Mass. A general blessing will also be given on Thursday, February 3rd during the liturgies on the Feast of St. Blaise.



PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - FEBRUARY 2nd

On this feast, candles are blessed. The beeswax candles typify the humanity which God the Son assumed, and signify that Jesus Christ is the True Light of the World by His doctrine, grace, and example. Candles will be blessed on Candlemas Day and will be made available to you. Donation - \$3.00 per box.

SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS

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

Reverend Leo J. McKernan
Jane Kneidinger
Joyce Benton
Matthew Harm

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

WHY ARE CATHOLIC BIBLES BIGGER THAN PROTESTANT ONES?

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC) teaches that the canon of Scripture "includes 46 books for the Old Testament" and "27 for the New" (CCC, 120), for a total of 73 books. Although Protestants agree with Catholics on the books that make up the New Testament, there are seven books in the Catholic Old Testament canon that they reject: (1) Tobit, (2) Judith, (3) Wisdom, (4) Sirach, (5) Baruch, (6) 1 Maccabees, and (7) 2 Maccabees. In addition, Protestants do not include portions of the Books of Daniel and Esther.

What accounts for these differences? The origins of these differences began sometime in the second or third century B. C., when Jewish scholars translated the Scripture from Hebrew and Aramaic into Greek. This translation was called the *Septuagint*, and was used by most early Christians since Greek was their spoken language. As a result, the Septuagint was adopted by the church as its Old Testament Bible. However, after the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple by the Romans in 70 A.D., rabbis reorganized the OT Bible to include only 39 books, rejecting the seven books listed above, as well as rejecting the additions to the Books of Esther and Daniel.

Many centuries later, reformer Martin Luther accepted this shorter Jewish canon of the OT in his Bible translation. He placed the additional books in a separate section, calling them, "Apocrypha," meaning "hidden." The Catholic and Orthodox churches continue to use the fuller Greek canon, adopting the term, "deuterocanonical," meaning "second canon."

NEW OPPORTUNITIES

If you are between the ages of 18 and 35 and looking to grow in your faith, contact our ND Intern Deirdre Drinkall! (ddrinkal@nd.edu)

If you are a busy parent and looking to grow in your faith, contact our ND Intern Deirdre Drinkall! (ddrinkal@nd.edu)

May He Rest in Peace!



Reverend Leo J. McKernan of West Wyoming, died on Jan. 23, 2022, at Sacred Heart Hospice, Dunmore, having faithfully served as priest and spiritual director in the Diocese of Scranton for many years.

Father McKernan, son of the late John McKernan and Marjorie Franchi McKernan, was born in Wilkes Barre on September 17, 1953. He was a graduate of St. Leo School and Hanover Memorial High School and attended King's College earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1975. Father attended Villanova University earning a Master's degree in 1977. He received his seminary education at St. Pius X Seminary, Dalton; Pontifical North American College, Rome, Italy; and Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, Rome, Italy (Angelicum) earning both a Bachelor and Licentiate in Sacred Theology in 1983. Father McKernan was ordained to the priesthood in St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, on November 5, 1983 by the Most Reverend John O'Connor, late Bishop of Scranton.

Father McKernan was appointed Assistant Pastor at St. Mary's, Wilkes-Barre, in 1983 and Director of Religious Formation at Bishop O'Reilly High School, Kingston, in September 1985. In June 1986, he was appointed Assistant Pastor at St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, and in September 1987 was appointed to serve on the faculty at St. Pius X Seminary in Dalton.

Father attended Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska earning a Master's in Christian Spirituality in 1990.

Father McKernan received his first pastorate in June 1992 at Holy Name of Mary, Montrose. In April 1996, Father was appointed Administrator pro tem at Ascension, Williamsport, and in July 1996, was appointed Pastor at St. Mary, Avoca. Father was appointed Assistant Pastor at Our Lady of the Snows, Clarks Summit, in July 1998, and Assistant Pastor at Holy Name and St. Mary's, Swoyersville in August 1998.

Father accepted an appointment as Chaplain at Gonzaga University and Bishop White Seminary, Spokane, Washington, in July 2000. Upon his return to the Diocese of Scranton in July 2001, Father was appointed Pastor at Christ the King, Dunmore. While remaining Pastor at Christ the King, he was also appointed Pastor at Immaculate Conception, Scranton in July 2002. Father was next appointed Administrator at Our Lady of Lourdes, Montoursville, in August 2002 and was appointed Pastor in July 2006.

He served as Pastor at St. Elizabeth, Bear Creek, from 2007 to 2008 and Diocesan Preacher for called to Holiness and Mission from 2008 to 2009. He was assigned to a six-month ministry at St. Joseph Hermitage, Laceyville, from December 2009 to July 2010 when he was appointed Pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows, West Wyoming and St. Joseph, Wyoming, which became St. Monica's, West Wyoming.

In January 2017, Father McKernan was appointed Senior Priest at St. John the Evangelist, Pittston. In June, he was appointed Pastor at St. Ignatius Loyola, Kingston.

Father retired for reasons of health in November 2018.

Father McKernan also served the Diocese teaching at various Catholic High Schools and Colleges, Religious Education Institute and Veteran Teachers Program. He served as Director of the Diocesan Commission on Ecumenism and Inter-Faith Affairs; Spiritual Director at St. Pius X Seminary and Bishop White Seminary; Chaplain for the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, and for the People of God Community and the Neo Catechumenal Way. He served as Chaplain and Program Director for JMJ Catholic Radio Station and Chaplain for Catholic Men's Conference.

Viewing will take place at St. Leo Church, Ashley on Friday, January 28, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on Saturday, January 29, 2022, 9:30 a.m. A Vesper Service will be celebrated at 6:00 p.m. at St. Leo Church, Ashley.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by the Reverend Gerald W. Shantillo, V.G., S.T.L., Vicar General of the Diocese of Scranton, on Saturday, January 29, 2022, at St. Leo Church, Ashley at 10:30 a.m. Interment will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Wilkes-Barre.



SERVICE COMMISSION PRESENTATION TO CEO

Recently our Service Commission, coordinated with our parish community, a donation of personal items for Veterans. Please see picture above with Tom Hamil and Bob Tuttle, Service Commission Members and Charles Blewitt, Pastoral Council Member making the presentation of items to a representative of CEO. Thank you for your support.

COAL SWEEPSTAKES – 16 GREAT PRIZES!

Tickets will be sold after Masses this weekend, January 29th and 30th. This fundraiser benefits State Council and Knights of Columbus Council #3987. Cost - \$5.00 per ticket.



**January 30-February 4
Is National Catholic School Week
Your support of our Catholic Schools throughout the year is
deeply appreciated.**

LOCAL CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

GOOD SHEPHERD ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE

316 North Maple Avenue, Kingston, PA 18704

To be held Sunday, January 30th from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM Bring a friend and meet our teachers and staff. You will have an opportunity to speak with fellow parents and get a tour from one of our student leaders. Our Guardian Parent Teacher Organization, Athletic Association, Gift Certificate Program and Brighter Horizon's Before/After Care will all be on hand. Come and experience the GSA difference! Please call (570) 718-4724 for more information.

WYOMING AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

1690 Wyoming Avenue, Exeter, PA 18643 (570) 654-7982

Open House for current and new students in Pre-K through Grade 8 on Sunday, January 30th 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM. Can't make it on Sunday? Call for a private tour or shadow day.

HOLY REDEEMER HIGH SCHOOL

159 S. Pennsylvania Avenue, Wilkes Barre, PA 18701

Please call for (570) 829-2442 a Private Tour our Regional Catholic High School at any time.

Mass Intentions Week of Jan. 31st – Feb. 6th

Monday
7:30 AM – Agnes Urbanas <i>Sandy & Ian Millen</i>
12:10 PM – Marie Cerra <i>Family</i>
Tuesday
7:30 AM – Florence Fisher <i>Family</i>
12:10 PM – Dominick Mancia <i>Abrantes Family</i>
Wednesday
7:30 AM – Katherine Brady <i>Family</i>
12:10 PM – Len Hosey <i>Wife, Mary</i>
Thursday
7:30 AM – Joseph McFadden <i>Family</i>
12:10 PM – Dec. Mbrs. Grous Family <i>Joseph & Marilyn Grous</i>
Friday
7:30 AM – Felix Desciak <i>Daughter</i>
12:10 PM – Jack Wenger <i>Wife & Family</i>
Saturday
4:00 PM – Father John Gallagher <i>Family</i>
5:30 PM – Mildred Melton <i>Family</i>
Sunday
7:00 AM – Josephine Wolinsky <i>Marko Family</i>
8:30 AM – For the People of the Parish
10:30 AM – Andrew Vassello <i>MacDonald Family</i>
12:00 PM – John Kotch <i>Family</i>

Church Candle for the Week of January 31st

In Memory of Father Leo McKernan – Requested by Parishioners

Bread & Wine for the Week of January 31st

In Memory of Len Hosey – Requested by Family

FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR JANUARY 23, 2022

Sunday Tithe
\$9,815.00

E-Offerings
\$265.00

Total
\$10,080.00

**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.



“Synod on Synodality”

In October, we received a letter announcing that Pope Francis will be opening a worldwide synod.

The theme for the “Synod on Synodality” is Communion, Participation and Mission.

a. **Communion** – Bringing people together as communities in the local Church begins this prayerful insight into the ways of the Holy Spirit. When the Church gathers for the Eucharist, and what flows from it, is when the necessary self-understanding of the mission of the Church is best understood. Thus, the dialogue at this level is rooted in the life of the ecclesial communities and parishes.

b. **Participation** – The reflections that the local Churches and communities are undertaking regarding the pandemic form the context of how the Church looks forward, not backwards, to revitalizing its mission of bringing the Good News to all. The gentle call of invitation to the full practice of Catholic life, with the Eucharist at the center of all the Church does, is an integral part of the “walking together.”

c. **Mission** – Understanding the local situation will feed necessarily into an overview of the mission in the whole diocese. Like a mosaic, the vision is formed of the needs for renewal so that mission to all people is firmly rooted in the life of the local community who gather, by gentle invitation by the Lord, to worship him, to be sanctified by him and to exercise both an individual and collective prophetic voice.

Synod” is an ancient word in the history of the Church. In Greek, it means “walking together.” A Church that journeys together describes the entire history of the Catholic Church. Jesus Christ walked with his apostles and disciples from town to town. The early Christian community gathered together for prayer, worship, and consultation.

The synodal process was reinvigorated by the Church in light of the Second Vatican Council. While the “Synod on Synodality” will be a convening of bishops from across the Catholic Church in October 2023, bishops are encouraged to seek input from their local church leading up to the gathering.

Each Diocese throughout the world will be asked to pray for the success of the synod and will be asked at various times for input. We will keep you abreast as more information is shared with local Dioceses and Parishes.

TIME FOR US TO RESPOND-----ALL ARE INVITED.

Online Survey Opportunity along with Phone Line Opportunity

An online Synod Survey is now available on the Diocese of Scranton website. Everyone is invited to participate in the survey, even if they take part in an in-person parish listening session. The survey questions will also be available in *The Catholic Light* newspaper. Any parishioner without internet access can participate by calling and leaving their comments on our Synod Voicemail at (570) 591-5024.

