



Saint Ignatius Loyola Church Weekly Update October 17, 2021

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses will continue the week of October 18, 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

As the Delta Variant continues its surge across our nation, our Bishop has sent the following update to all of us:

The Diocese of Scranton strongly recommends that all members of the Catholic Community who are eligible become fully vaccinated for COVID-19. Becoming fully vaccinated should be seen as an act of charity which not only protects oneself but helps to safeguard our neighbors and the well-being our entire community.

The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith at the Vatican has made it clear that it is morally acceptable to receive any of the current COVID-19 vaccines that have been determined to be clinically safe and effective. Individuals remain free to exercise discretions regarding vaccination based upon their own reasons of conscience. It should be remembered that these decisions are rooted in personal belief and cannot be validated by the Diocese of Scranton or any clergy. The Diocese of Scranton will not provide support, written or otherwise, for individuals seeking exemption from the vaccine based upon theological or religious ground.

FACE MASKS: We have also been encouraged to wear masks when gathering inside for Mass. We are grateful to the many parishioners who are wearing their masks so as to protect and care for their neighbor. We all have an obligation to protect our neighbor as well as ourselves.

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 eighteen 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!

THIS WEEKEND IS IN-PEW COMMITMENT WEEKEND

Thank you for placing your mailed pledge envelope in the offertory collection. Your generosity will reach thousands of our friends and neighbors in need who depend on your support.

"At one point in time, I was living in my car for about three months. I ended up going to Saint Anthony's Haven and they asked me if I was a veteran. From that point on, I was taken care of...I'm very optimistic now. I've got a lot of things going for me."

James Judge
Catholic Social Services Permanent
Supportive Housing Client



Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton has been a lifeline to many during the pandemic. With numerous food pantries, shelters, kitchens and assistance programs, the agency has met the needs of tens-of-thousands of families, children and seniors during the pandemic. James Judge, a U.S. Navy veteran, is currently receiving help through Catholic Social Services' permanent supportive housing program.

Donate now at: annualappeal.org

GIFTS OF ANY AMOUNT ARE APPRECIATED

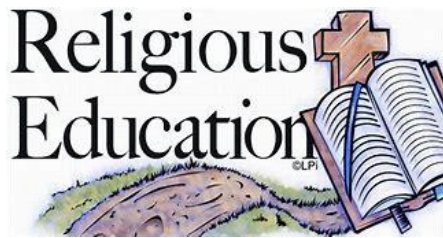


Diocese of Scranton
2021 **DIOCESAN**
ANNUAL APPEAL



**RISING TOGETHER
IN CHRIST**

The Annual Appeal kicked off a few weeks ago. Your continued support of our Diocesan Ministries will be greatly appreciated. Last year, due to your generosity, we went over our parish goal of \$77,000.00. Your support will be deeply appreciated. All parishioners should have received a mailing from the Diocese. Your pledges or donations can be returned to the Diocese or St. Ignatius Parish and the office will forward them to the Diocese. Thank you in advance for your support! The Appeal Video can be viewed on our Face Book page or Web page. Our goal of \$77,000.00 remains unchanged. Thank you for your kind attention to this matter. Hopefully very shortly we will receive our first parish report.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Sunday, October 17th - Grade 2 First Penance Parent meeting, 9:15 a.m., Conlan Hall.

Sunday, October 24th - Grade 6 Family Morning/Class Mass - 9:15 a.m. in Conlan Hall. All grade 6 students, both public and private schools, and their families are strongly encouraged to attend this event. The Family Morning will be followed by the class Mass at 10:30 a.m.

ROSARY RALLY

The yearly Public Rosary Rally will be held once again to honor Our Lady of Fatima. It will take place at the corner of Pierce St. and Wyoming Ave. at 12 Noon on Saturday, October 16th. All are invited. The Rosary Rally takes less than one hour, and you are welcome to bring a chair for your own comfort. Please consider joining us.

CLOTHING DRIVE

Mary's Ministry and our Religious Education Program will once again be hosting a new or slightly used coat, winter hat, and glove drive. Please drop your items off at Bergan Hall the weekend of October 16th and October 17th. Drop off times are Saturday, October 16th from 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 17th from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Thank you for your support of this much needed project.

NOVENA BOOKLETS FOR THE DECEASED

Novena Books have been donated by a parishioner and are located at the entrance of the Church. The books should be helpful as we enter November when we remember our deceased relatives and friends. Please feel free to take one.

JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY



SIL Community Fall Sundaes Social

Waffle Food Truck Compliments of St. Ignatius Parish



Rain or Shine



Saturday, October 23, 2021 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Sunday, October 24, 2021 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

St. Ignatius Church Parking Lot - N. Maple Avenue

Enter and Exit from Pringle Street Only!



This food truck will bring a sweet taste of Belgium to Kingston. All Belgium specializes in thick, sugary Liege waffles with tons of toppings to choose from.

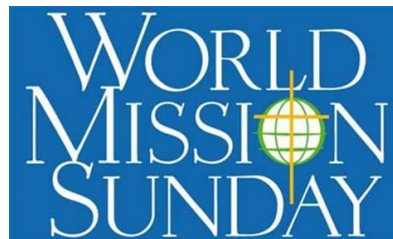


Coffee, Tea and Water will be available

Please follow social distancing etiquette and all other CDC guidelines in affect.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next weekend, October 23rd and October 24th we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers. The Mission Sunday envelopes can be found in your packets mailed to you. Thank you for your generosity.



ALL SOULS ENVELOPES

In your envelope packet for November, you will find an envelope for All Souls Day, November 2nd. This is a day set aside by the Church to especially remember our deceased loved ones. You are invited to write the names of your loved ones on the envelope and place an offering inside. These envelopes are kept on the altar during the month of November and are remembered in a special way by the celebrants of the Masses that month.

GUIDELINES FOR THE MASS INTENTION BOOK – 2022

The book of Mass Intentions for St. Ignatius Loyola Parish will open for 2022 on **Monday, November 8th**. We respectfully ask that your requests be for death anniversary Masses (4 Masses per year per family.) We are required by Canon Law #953 that the parish may accept only the number of Masses that can be fulfilled within a year. We will accept requests for (7:30 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. – Monday – Friday and one weekend liturgy.) We will also be eliminating the 7 day and Month's Mind Masses to enable us to fulfill the requests made when the book is opened. The 8:30 a.m. weekend Mass is reserved for the people of the parish.

Also, please know that due to the number of Masses presently on record the parish will no longer be able to accept Mass intentions from an individual's estate (you may wish to consider a trust fund which can be established to distribute a certain amount each year to fulfill your requests. This would be handled by your estate planner, no more than 4 Masses per year can be accepted.)

We would ask that you contact the rectory regarding a Mass intention directly and not make the request at the funeral home. Again, we are required to only accept the Mass intentions that can be fulfilled within a year. Your understanding as well as your cooperation is appreciated. Please call Jen at 570-288-6446 (between the hours of 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Monday – Friday) to schedule the Masses.

“BE A CATHOLIC MAN” EVENT

A Catholic Men’s Conference is planned for Saturday, October 30, 2021, at The Woodlands, Plains. **(Please note change of venue.)** The theme is “Called to Fatherhood” under the patronage of Saint Joseph and is sponsored by ‘Be a Catholic Man.’ This event (from 8 am to 3 pm) will be blessed with nationally known Catholic Speakers: Father Glenn Sudano (Franciscan Friars of the Renewal), Jim O’Day (active in Men’s Ministries, Lacrosse Coach, and Self-Defense Instructor), and Karl Keating (Author and Catholic Apologist). All men - single, married, and clergy, challenged to live virtuous lives in this very secular world are encouraged to attend. Mass will be offered by the Most Reverend Bishop Joseph Bambera. Register Online: (\$30 until Oct. 21st) www.BeaCatholicMan.com or pay that day (\$40). Questions, please contact Michael Kilmer 570-746-0100 or michaelkilmer71@gmail.com.

SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS

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

Ruth Holt
Clare Kopicki
Kathryn Walton

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

PIEROGIE BOARD NEWS

Our Pierogi Board has a desire to gather once again. However, the assistance of many people is needed. In order to gather to assist in pierogi making, one must be masked and gloved the entire time. If you desire to assist with this project you are asked to call Mike Stretanski at 570-817-3430 (cell) or 570-287-6554 (home) by **Monday, October 18th by 1:00 p.m.** We are looking at carrying out the pierogi board project production sometime in November, a Monday and Tuesday if we have enough help to perform the needed tasks. Please call Mike as soon as possible. Thank you for your kind attention to this announcement.

Mass Intentions Week of October 18th – 24th

Monday
7:30 AM – Anthony Blaso, Jr. <i>Family</i>
12:10 PM – John P. Mras <i>Family</i>
Tuesday
7:30 AM – Mary Jo Vancavage <i>Family</i>
12:10 PM – Dorothy Mitchell <i>Linda Mitchell</i>
Wednesday
7:30 AM – Marilyn Coury <i>Mike & Sue Gusher</i>
12:10 PM – Bernadine Barney <i>Sister, Rosalie Hoffman</i>
Thursday
7:30 AM – James Flaherty <i>Friends</i>
12:10 PM – O’Toole Family <i>Family</i>
Friday
7:30 AM – Thomas Tobin <i>Frank Ankenbrand</i>
12:10 PM – Michael P. Demko, Jr. <i>Virginia Emershaw</i>
Saturday
4:00 PM – Michael Herbacsek <i>Steven Jones</i>
5:30 PM – Charles Anistranski <i>M/M Rob Stefanides & Family</i>
Sunday
7:00 AM – Donna Mikulski <i>Deb & Jack</i>
8:30 AM – For the People of the Parish
10:30 AM – Raymond Kostick <i>Helen Kostick</i>
12:00 PM – Dolores Swaintek <i>Kolp Family</i>

Church Candle for the Week of October 18th

In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Alan Viti – Requested by M/M Donald Hudak

Bread & Wine for the Week of October 18th

In Memory of Kathleen Mras – Requested by Children

FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2021

Sunday Tithe
\$12,139.33

E-Offerings
\$1,355.00

Total
\$13,494.33

**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
During the COVID-19 Pandemic
REVISED SEPTEMBER 27, 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 Tuesday, September 27, 2021, which continues to strongly recommend 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, Deacon Pernot, and Ms. Deirdre Drinkall, Pastoral Associate Intern are excited to be welcoming our parishioners and friends back when you feel comfortable!





“Synod on Synodality”

Last week 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.

