



Saint Ignatius Loyola Church Weekly Update September 26, 2021

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses will continue the week of September 27, 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 our 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!


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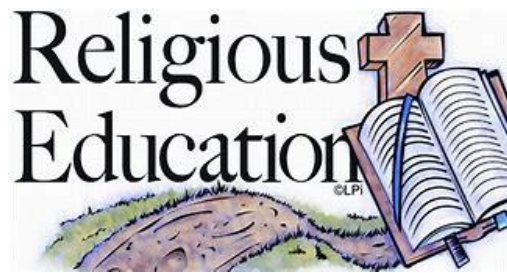
"We were just thrilled with the fact that they didn't miss a beat during the pandemic...The commitment that the faculty and staff have to the Catholic School System permeates throughout the building. It's not just the principal and the teachers, it is the lunch lady or the lunch man, the music teacher, the art teacher, the computer teacher"

- Desiree Galdieri
Mother of Gianna, 7, student at Wyoming Area
Catholic School, Exeter

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<p>Diocese of Scranton</p> <p>2021 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL</p> <p> RISING TOGETHER IN CHRIST</p>	<p><i>Gifts of Any Amount Are Appreciated</i></p>
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The Annual Appeal kicked off last weekend. 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.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Sunday, September 26th - Grade 8 Confirmation parent meeting following 10:30 a.m. Mass in Conlan Hall.

Sunday, September 26th - Grade 7 Confirmation parent meeting, 7 p.m. in Conlan Hall.

Saturday, October 9th - Grade 7 Mini-Confirmation retreat – 9:30 a.m. – Noon, Conlan Hall.

Sunday, October 10th - Confirmation Class meeting – 6:30-7:30 p.m., Conlan Hall.

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



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.

SPECIAL MASS SCHEDULE

All parishioners are asked to note that the week of October 4th – 8th, we will have only one daily Mass at 12:10 p.m. as the parish priests will be attending the Clergy of the Diocese of Scranton convocation. Thank you for your kind attention to this announcement.

MARY'S MINISTRY DUTCH TREAT LADIES' DAY GATHERING AND OCTOBER ROSARY DEVOTION

On Thursday, October 7th, we invite any parishioners, comfortable gathering following CDC guidelines, to join participants of Mary's Ministry for an informal Dutch-Treat lunch at Pierce Street Deli, Kingston. Suggested dining time is 12:30-1:30 p.m. Weather permitting, we will gather at 2:00 p.m. at the Fatima Grotto on North Street in Wilkes-Barre to participate in the rosary to our Lady of Fatima. It is recommended that participants carpool and bring a folding chair if desired as seating is limited. No reservations needed. Please join us at either or both times. Questions, contact Mary Hosey at (570) 287-7973.

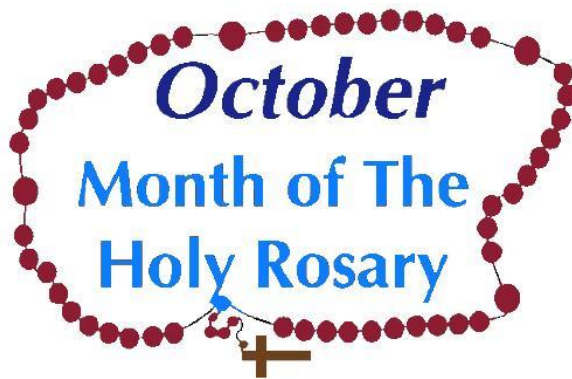


BLESSING OF ANIMALS

As is our tradition at St. Ignatius, we will bless all animals on **Sunday, October 3rd in the parking lot of St. Ignatius Church at 1:30 p.m.** to honor St. Francis of Assisi whose feast day is October 4th. All pets will be blessed and receive a small gift in honor of St. Francis of Assisi.

FALL FLU SHOT CLINIC

As done historically, St. Ignatius Parish is willing to host a Fall flu shot clinic. However, in light of the pandemic and before we finalize a date, we need to know if parishioners are interested in this service this year. In order to schedule the clinic with our provider, we will need a minimum of 30 people. If we have the minimum number, we will then schedule the clinic. Tentatively, we have it scheduled for Sunday, October 10th. **Anyone interested in participating is asked to call the rectory during regular office hours (9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.) by Monday, October 4th at Noon.**



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! As you know, the Rosary is one of the best weapons we have to offset the evils of this modern-day, post-Christian era. The Rosary Rally takes less than one hour, and you are welcome to bring a chair for your own comfort. Please consider joining us.

SCHOLARSHIP



AWARDS

HOLY NAME SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

2020 Winners

Congratulations to:

Isabella Scappaticci
William (Mick)Tietje

2021 Winners

Congratulations to:

Rebecca Frey
Nicholas Mirigliani

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to these scholarship recipients!

SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS

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

Florence Howanitz

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

Mass Intentions Week of September 27th – October 3rd

Monday
7:30 AM – Ned Whalen <i>Finnerty Family</i>
12:10 PM – John P. Walsh <i>John & Amy Blaski</i>
Tuesday
7:30 AM – Ann Klecha <i>Theodore & Theresa Kross</i>
12:10 PM – Frank Koslosky <i>Margie Onukiewech</i>
Wednesday
7:30 AM – Kathleen Adams <i>Maria Maritea</i>
12:10 PM – Maureen Smith <i>Patricia & Mario Pisaneschi</i>
Thursday
7:30 AM – Gail Korus <i>Mike & Cathy Disler</i>
12:10 PM – Martha Sibert <i>Marilyn & Joseph Grous</i>
Friday
7:30 AM – Jacqueline & Leonard Skibicki <i>Daughter, Judy Kell</i>
12:10 PM – Peggy Hudock <i>Jeffrey & Beth Hagen</i>
Saturday
4:00 PM – Donald Rodgers <i>Doris & Don</i>
5:30 PM – Marcia Uzzo <i>Tom & Mark McDonnell</i>
Sunday
7:00 AM – James Sullivan <i>Pat & Michelle Hogan</i>
8:30 AM – For the People of the Parish
10:30 AM – Sally Kelly <i>Friends</i>
12:00 PM – James Tonrey <i>Abrantes Family</i>

Church Candle for the Week of September 27th
In Memory of Kathleen Mras – Requested by Children

Bread & Wine for the Week of September 27th
In Memory of James J. Boyle – Requested by Children

FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

Sunday Tithe
\$8,841.00

E-Offerings
\$1,896.00

Total
\$10,737.00

**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 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, Deacon Pernot, and Ms. Deirdre Drinkall, Pastoral Associate Intern are excited to be welcoming our parishioners and friends back when you feel comfortable!

