

April 5, 2020
St. Ignatius Loyola Parish
Holy Week 2020 Updates

Saint Ignatius Loyola Parish asks that all of us continue to pray during this unprecedented time in our lives as we respond to the restrictions necessitated by COVID-19 pandemic in order to ensure the safety and well-being of God's people. **Our Holy Week will be celebrated privately including Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday with all public ceremonies cancelled.**

Our parish community continues to be concerned for each other and for all in our community which has been most inspiring to Father Mosley and I as we continue to pray and serve as best we can through phone calls, emails, our website and Facebook page. We ask God's assistance for strength and courage as we journey through these days!

"Allow me to extend to you the powerful words that Jesus spoke to his disciples when they were in the midst of a storm on the water, being tossed about in a boat by the wind and the waves: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid" (Matt 14:27)."

Easter Blessings and Prayers,
Msgr. Tressler

PARISH UPDATES:

All parishioners are to be informed that the celebration of funerals is suspended. The priests can do a grave side service as long as CDC guidelines are followed. Memorial Masses can be scheduled once this crisis has subsided.

All parishioners are to be made aware that baptisms cannot be celebrated at this time.

All visitations to homes and hospitals are suspended unless there is an imminent danger of death. CDC guidelines must be followed.

Office Hours for Holy Week and Easter

Holy Thursday, April 9, 2020	Office Closes at Noon
Good Friday, April 10, 2020	Office is Closed
Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020	Office is Closed
Easter Monday, April 13, 2020	Office is Closed

St. Ignatius Loyola Parish will provide through the use of electronic media the following:

PALM SUNDAY

A Palm Sunday reflection will be recorded at 1:00 p.m. from St. Ignatius Loyola Church and it will be available on our Facebook page and at www.stignatiuspa.com later in the day.

Please be aware that blessed palms **will not be available** at this time.

HOLY THURSDAY

On Holy Thursday we will provide a reflection at 7:00 p.m. from St. Ignatius Loyola Church and it will be available on our Facebook page and at www.stignatiuspa.com later in the evening.

Please note that the Church will not be open Holy Thursday evening for private prayer or the traditional Church visits.

GOOD FRIDAY

On Good Friday we will provide a reflection at Noon from St. Ignatius Loyola Church and it will be available on our Facebook page and at www.stignatiuspa.com later in the afternoon.

BLESSING OF BASKETS

On Holy Saturday we will provide a blessing from St. Ignatius Church for your family Easter baskets. The blessing will be available on our Facebook page and at www.stignatiuspa.com around 1:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY

Then on Easter Sunday we will provide a reflection from St. Ignatius Loyola Church at 10:30 a.m. and it will be available on our Facebook page and at www.stignatiuspa.com later in the day.

Diocese of Scranton will air all Masses on CTV from St. Peter's Cathedral for Holy Week

Palm Sunday, April 5, 2020 12:15 p.m.

Holy Thursday April 9, 2020 5:30 p.m.

Good Friday April 10, 2020 12:10 p.m.

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 11, 2020 8:00 p.m.

Also, they are available at the diocesan website www.dioceseofscranton.org and in addition to the following sites:

Online Mass

- Vatican News Live Stream of Pope Francis' Masses
 - EWTN Daily Mass. . .
- Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. . .

PRAYER OF POPE FRANCIS

Pope Francis recited this prayer during a special Mass on March 11, asking Mary to protect Italy and the world during the Coronavirus pandemic.

O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.
You, Salvation of the Roman People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

WEST SIDE FOOD PANTRY;

Only monetary donations are being accepted by the pantry. They are not accepting food at this time but will accept cleaning supplies. The Food Pantry is open only on Tuesday for drive thru only from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

E -OFFERING

Online giving is now available. Signing up is as simple as going to our Church website www.stignatiuspa.com and looking for the green computer mouse icon. That button will take you to the myEoffering page for our Church. Simply sign up and begin giving online today!

LITTLE WHITE BOOKS-EASTER MEDITATIONS

The Little White Books are available on the table at the entrance of the Church. Please feel free to take a copy. We would ask that you not return it to the table due to health precautions.

FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2020

March 29th

Sunday Tithe
\$4,769.00

E-Offerings
\$555.00

Total
\$5,324.00

Amount Needed
Each Week to
Meet Expenses
\$12,060.00

Father Mosley 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 front of rectory porch.

May God Bless you abundantly for your continued support. Be assured of our prayers for health and safety for all.

