



Saint Ignatius Loyola Church Weekly Update October 31, 2021

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses will continue the week of November 1, 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!

SUPPORT CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION EFFORTS

“Televised Masses from the Cathedral allowed people to feel connected in a way that was new to many of them. They never considered it, never knew about it, never maybe even watched Mass from home but now it was necessary for them to participate in this way.”

— Monsignor Dale R. Rupert
Pastor, Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton



The 2021 Diocesan Annual Appeal supports the Diocesan Office for Communications. Catholic Television staff broadcast and livestream Daily Masses from the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton to spread the Good News of the Gospel and keep people connected to their faith.

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 Facebook page or Web page. We have received our first report:

202 families have pledged \$39,125.00 which is 51% of our goal.

We are most grateful to all who have prayerfully considered a pledge to this year's Appeal. God bless

ALL SAINTS DAY

Monday, November 1, 2021 is the Feast of All Saints. The Feast this year is on Monday, thus the obligation to attend Mass is removed. However the Solemnity of All Saints will be celebrated at the 7:30 a.m. and 12:10 Masses on Monday, November 1, 2021.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

St. Ignatius Loyola Parish will be celebrating a Mass of Remembrance on All Souls Day, Tuesday, November 2 at 7:00 p.m. All those who have died from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 will be remembered in a special way at this Mass. All parishioners are invited to attend this special liturgy to remember all of our faithful departed. This Mass will be live streamed on our Facebook page.

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.

HOLY REDEEMER OPEN HOUSE

The Royal Family is opening its doors! Visit OPEN HOUSE Sunday, November 7th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Discover an enriching, supportive, faith-filled environment where academic excellence and servant leadership are pursued daily. Talk to parents, students, faculty, and coaches to learn why you belong in the Holy Redeemer family. Holy Redeemer High School, 15 South Pennsylvania Blvd., Wilkes-Barre. 570-829-2424 –

Principal,
Mrs. Doreen Dougherty.

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.

SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS

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

Romaine Appel

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

MARY'S MINISTRY LADIES' NIGHT GATHERING NOVEMBER 7th

Not interested in Sunday Night football? Mary's Ministry invites the busy women of the parish to join us for a fun Zoom gathering fundraiser on Sunday, November 7th 7:00-8:00 PM. You will have the opportunity to get acquainted with your fellow parishioners and do a little Christmas shopping. Anne Marie Urbanski, a Mia Bella's Candle representative, will share information on clean burning natural wax candles which will be available for purchase. Proceeds donated from these sales will be used to support Mary's Ministry Christmas gift donations to the women at Catherine McAuley House and Ruth's Place. Order forms will be available on our Parish website, Facebook Page, this week's bulletin, or at the rectory for anyone who wishes to place an order. If you do not wish to purchase any candles but wish to contribute to this Christmas project, you may send in a monetary gift. All donations and orders with payment to St. Ignatius Church memo Mary's Ministry Candle Order or Fundraiser Donation must be returned to the rectory by mail or collection basket by Friday, November 12th. The Zoom invitation for the gathering will be sent by email to our current Mary's Ministry contacts to be shared with family and friends on November 1st. (Note: This link **may not** be posted online.) If you wish to participate and have not received the link, please contact Anne Marie Urbanski at thetwistedwicks@gmail.com or (570) 855-5251.

LEAVE A MARK 2021

Young adults (age 18-40) are invited to join Bishop Joseph C. Bambera on **Sunday, November 7th** at 5:00 p.m. in the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton for this annual gathering to kickoff National Vocation Awareness Week in the Diocese of Scranton. A social will immediately follow in the Diocesan Pastoral Center. For more information, visit vocations.dioceseofscranton.org or call 570-207-1452.



Our faithful departed. We remember the following loved ones from the Church of Saint Ignatius Loyola this past year. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them.

Janette Bolinsky
Mary Patalonis
Mary Louise English
Theresa Scavone
Martha Price
Janina Polkowski
Cora Long
James Dougherty
Helen Rutkowski
Edward Whalen
William Jones
Daniel Jones, Jr.
James Speicher
Vincenzina Magistro
Edward Chesnovitch
Leo Martin
Jason McEvoy
Marion Yablonski
Louise Egleberger
Margaret Rovine
Nancy Roberts
Florence Soroka
Ann Klecha
Teresa Clemente
Teresa Kochis
Mary Ann Wright
Teresa Evans
Wanda Wojciechowska
Margaret Sabatini
Paul O'Malia
Kathleen Adams
Helen Maopulski
Carl Storz
Irene Pinkey
Daniel Mizenko
Rita Courtney
Gail Korus
Virginia Conlon

Ann Bretz
Agnes Urbanas
Judith Napierkowski
Marguerite Hudock
Anna Lukas
Jean Zekas
Rita Harper
Karen Kelly
Gary Masaitis
Glenn Jones
Kathleen Karnoski
Deborah Gordon
Diane Miraglia
Tyler Cowman
Alice Hines
Josephine Chervenak
Laura Zekas
Edward Dougherty
Eleanor Androsky
William Petroski
Albert Azarewicz
Nicole Jones
Theresa Kauffman
Peggy Yanklunas
Maureen Padavan
Jean Cawley
Mary Finley
Michael Demko
Colleen Koons
Dorothy Kosmala
Dr. Paul Griesmer
Antoinette Wilcox
Theresa Washington
William Ritsick, Sr.
Brian McHugh
Christopher Nilson
Marilyn Coury
John Payer, Sr.

Violet Loyack
Diana Lupinski
Stanley Klecha
Marcella Servello
Florence Howanitz

Knights of Columbus

Carl Oboda
Joseph Steve, Sr.
Joseph Sincavage
Joseph Kotch
John Scott
Nicholas Alapack
Gary Quinn, Sr.
John Tocheny
Dominic Ortolani
Andrew Cebrick
Francis Baldrice
Michael Duda
Dr. James McKeown
Jerome Stone
John Macon, Sr.
Michael Paraschak
Richard Tyski
Mario Zucca
Edward Sholtis
Peter Orlando
Henry D'Amato, Sr.
Robert Robine
Edwin Matthews
James Cravatta
Joseph Lewendoski
John Cacoza

Mass Intentions Week of November 1st – 7th

Monday
7:30 AM – Florence Mickno <i>Friends</i>
12:10 PM – Dec. Mbrs. Mary’s Ministry <i>Members</i>
Tuesday
7:30 AM – All Souls Intentions
12:10 PM – All Souls Intentions
7:00 PM – Mass of Remembrance
Wednesday
7:30 AM – Joanie & Helen Scruitsky <i>Family</i>
12:10 PM – Richard Suda <i>Barbara Hurst</i>
Thursday
7:30 AM – Therese Barber <i>Joan Lameroux</i>
12:10 PM – Elizabeth Martin <i>Margaret Gallagher</i>
Friday
7:30 AM – Mark Kornfeld <i>Carl Mazaleski</i>
12:10 PM – Geraldine Hourigan <i>Friends</i>
Saturday
4:00 PM – All Souls Intentions
5:30 PM – All Souls Intentions
Sunday
7:00 AM – All Souls Intentions
8:30 AM – All Souls Intentions
10:30 AM – All Souls Intentions
12:00 PM – All Souls Intentions

Church Candle for the Week of November 1st
For a Special Intention – Requested by A Parishioner

Bread & Wine for the Week of November 1st
In Memory of Margaret Boyle – Requested by Family

FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2021

Sunday Tithe
\$13,673.00

E-Offerings
\$655.00

Total
\$14,328.00

**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.



*THANK YOU
THE ESTATE OF GERALDINE RUDDY HOURIGAN*



We wish to announce with heartfelt gratitude the gift of 1.6 million dollars to St. Ignatius Loyola Parish from the estate of Geraldine Ruddy Hourigan. In addition to the money donated to our parish, Geraldine also gifted the St. Vincent de Paul Fund at our parish with an additional \$800,000.00 to continue her commitment to serving the less fortunate within our community.

Geraldine Hourigan entered eternal life on November 7, 2019, surrounded by her beloved friends in the comfort of her home. She was a lifelong parishioner who served the parish throughout the years as a lector, extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, member of the Parish Council as well as the bereavement committee and volunteered in many different ways throughout the years.

Geraldine was a daily communicant until her health declined and she was no longer able to be physically present at the parish. Her support of the parish was not limited to volunteering but also, she generously supported our parish during her life.

This is the largest gift ever received by our parish and with proper management of the money we will ensure our financial stability for the future.

This generous bequest will serve as another important factor in the Diocesan Vision 20/20 planning process. We wish to express our sincere appreciation once again to Geraldine Ruddy Hourigan for her thoughtful and generous bequest along with her executors who ensured her wishes were fulfilled!

Here is a simple biography of Geraldine Ruddy Hourigan who was born June 9, 1931, the only daughter of Gerald J. Ruddy, proprietor of Ruddy's Drug Store, Wilkes Barre and Mary Murphy Ruddy.

Geraldine was a graduate of Wyoming Seminary and then furthered her education at Mount St. Vincent College, New York City, and Marywood College, Scranton, where she attained her bachelor's degree in education. She later earned two master's degrees from Penn State University, Main Campus, and Bloomsburg University.

Her professional career began in Wilmington, Delaware as an elementary school teacher and eventually she would return to the area to begin her long career as an educator in the Wilkes Barre Area School District. Geraldine completed a distinguished career with the Wilkes Barre Area School District as a special education supervisor.

Geraldine remained committed to service using her education and experience to volunteer her time supporting numerous community programs. She served on the boards of Catholic Social Services, the Foster Grandparent Program, Area Agency on Aging, Wyoming Valley Children's Association, and the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees. Wyoming Seminary held a special place in her heart, and she was proud to have served on its President's Council, its selectors committee and on its alumni council.

One of Geraldine's favorite experiences was to be present at the inauguration of President John F. Kennedy and to have personally met him on that pivotal day. She also traveled during her retirement years, mostly in Europe but also in Canada and the United States and enjoyed staying at over 30 Elderhostel's!

Geraldine lived a full life and will be remembered for her strong faith and devotion to her church, her warm, welcoming, and humble nature, her commitment to education and her dedication along with her generosity toward the betterment of her local community.

In remembrance of Geraldine and her kindness two new statues hand sculpted in Italy have been donated and will be dedicated at her anniversary Mass of death on Friday, November 5, 2021, at 12:10. The two new statutes are St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church/Foster Father of Jesus and St. Ann, Mother of Mary, and Grandmother of Jesus. St. Joseph will be placed in the sanctuary of Church. The Sacred Heart statue along with the statute of St. Ann will be placed on the right and left at the main entrance of the church.

With eternal gratitude and our prayers - may her soul rest in peace!



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!



STATEMENT ON ARREST OF DIOCESAN PRIEST

On October 22, 2021, the Diocese of Scranton learned that Father Gregory F. Loughney, pastor, Most Holy Trinity Parish, Cresco, was arrested by members of the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Department. Four criminal charges – all connected to alleged inappropriate contact with a minor – were filed against Father Loughney on Saturday, October 23, 2021.

Under its longstanding zero-tolerance policy, the Diocese of Scranton immediately removed Father Loughney from active ministry pending the outcome of the investigation. The Diocese of Scranton will cooperate fully with law enforcement officials in their investigation. Father Loughney will need to retain his own legal counsel, at his own expense.

Anyone who might have relevant information is urged to call the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Department at (570) 895-2400, the Monroe County District Attorney's Office at (570) 517-3052, or any local law enforcement agency. Information regarding any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor can also be reported to the Diocese of Scranton's Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska, at (570) 862-7551.