



Saint Ignatius Loyola Church Weekly Update September 19, 2021

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses will continue the week of September 20, 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

Throughout the past several weeks, there have been ongoing discussions regarding whether or not there is any scientific evidence that face masks work. We should continue to dialogue how we may best assist in combating the Coronavirus. Therefore, I researched multiple – in fact more than 40-scientific studies which characterize face masks as providing a strong value against the spread of the coronavirus.

- Do face masks kill the virus? NO
- Are face masks 100% effective in preventing infection? NO
- Do some face masks provide greater protection? YES

All of the studies, depending on their purpose, do recognize a continuum of efficiency in protecting against infection on a scale of 30% to 95%. All of these more than 40 scientific studies say masks help to prevent the spread of infection to a greater or lesser extent. Should we have some protection rather than none? There are those who will say yes, but there are some professionals who will continue to say no.

All of this evidence informs the CDC and its recommendations, which continue to be monitored as the virus mutates, to provide us with the best approach to slow the spread of COVID-19 along with the variants. This information/evidence informs the Bishop and his strong recommendation to us. Please review Bishop Bambera's latest update for our worshipping together:

MASKS: It is strongly recommended that you consider choosing to wear a face mask to aid in a greater mutual protection for one another. Face masks are not mandated for church attendance. **We are grateful to the number of parishioners who are masking, which clearly is a sign of our respect and care for one another.**

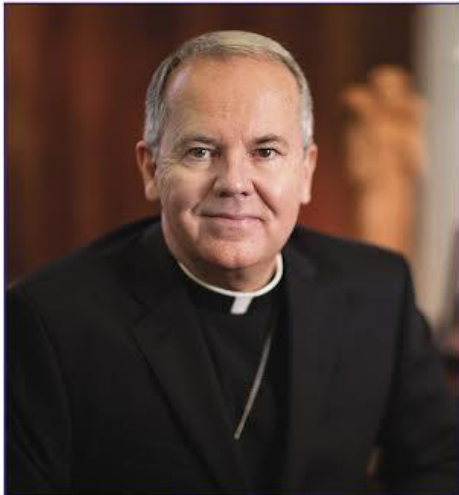
DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION: All Priests, Deacons, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are to wear a face mask while distributing communion. If direct contact is made with a person's tongue during distribution, the minister must stop and sanitize his/her hands before continuing.

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 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!

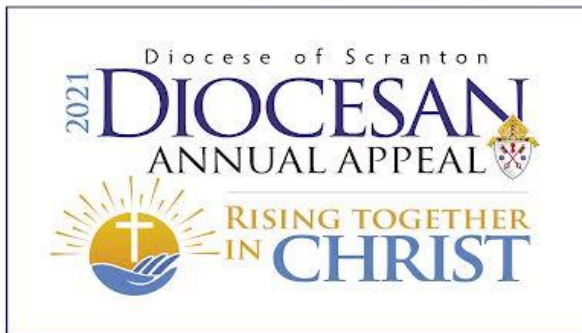
SUPPORT THE MINISTRIES OF OUR DIOCESE THROUGH THE ANNUAL APPEAL



“Thank you for sharing the Blessings that God has given you by praying for and providing a financial commitment to this year’s Diocesan Annual Appeal. There are hundreds of stories of how your gifts impact the lives of parishioners throughout our Diocese. Join with me and our parish communities Rising Together in Christ.”

— Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera,
D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton

Donate Now: AnnualAppeal.org



***Gifts of Any
Amount Are
Appreciated***

The Annual Appeal kicks off this 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 will receive 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.



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.

SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS

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

Marcella Servello

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

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.

COLLECTION FOR HAITI, HURRICANE IDA &

TROPICAL STORM GRACE

Most Reverend José H. Gomez, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, has invited the bishops of the United States to take up an emergency special collection on behalf of those devastated in Haiti by an earthquake, Tropical Storm Grace, and Hurricane Ida. Archbishop Gomez stated that the emergency collection is greatly needed to help victims of the earthquake, Tropical Storm Grace, and Hurricane Ida rebuild their lives and also help support reconstruction needs of parishes, rectories, schools, and other Church properties.

This collection will occur in the Diocese of Scranton during the weekend of **September 25th and 26th**. This emergency collection will be used both to support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Relief Services and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses through the USCCB's Emergency Disaster Fund.

All parishioners are invited if they so choose to place an envelope marked Collection for Haiti-Tropical Storm Grace-Hurricane Ida with your donation in the offertory boxes at the entrance of the Church by Sunday, September 26th. Thank you in advance for your support of this special collection.

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 Friday, September 24th.**

Mass Intentions Week of September 20th – 26th

Monday
7:30 AM – James O’Brien <i>Family</i>
12:10 PM – Karolina Hahn <i>Family</i>
Tuesday
7:30 AM – Anna Gallagher & Regina Smith <i>Peggy Kostick & Fam.</i>
12:10 PM – Michael Mras <i>Family</i>
Wednesday
7:30 AM – Joanie & Joe Scruitsky <i>Family</i>
12:10 PM – Anne Matcho <i>Patricia & Mario Pisaneschi</i>
Thursday
7:30 AM – Eleanor Natishan <i>Mary, Brian & Justin</i>
12:10 PM – William & Julia O’Toole Umphred <i>Family</i>
Friday
7:30 AM – Deacon John O’Connor <i>Diane, Colin & Robyn Snyder</i>
12:10 PM – Francis Wright <i>Sisters, Patricia, Mary Lou & Ann Marie</i>
Saturday
4:00 PM – Leonard A. Dicton, Sr. <i>Joe & Camella Faust</i>
5:30 PM – Nancy Klein <i>Mr. & Mrs. Tom Finnegan</i>
Sunday
7:00 AM – Lenny Wallace <i>Kostick Family</i>
8:30 AM – For the People of the Parish
10:30 AM – Thomas Brock Killeen <i>Eagen Family</i>
12:00 PM – Anthony Neville <i>Garavito Family</i>

Church Candle for the Week of September 20th
In Memory of Karolina Hahn – Requested by Family

Bread & Wine for the Week of September 20th
In Memory of Ned Boyle – Requested by Family

FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

Sunday Tithe
\$13,019.10

E-Offerings
\$500.00

Total
\$13,519.10

**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, and Deacon Pernot are excited to be welcoming our parishioners and friends back when you feel comfortable!

