

COMMUNITY

Promotes social activities and events which build community and foster fellowship and hospitality for all

Goal 1. Find Approaches to Generate Excitement and Communicate Our Activities to All Parishioners and to the Community.

- Explore social networking opportunities for the parish.
- Develop and maintain a parish calendar in various formats.
- Enhance the functionality of the Parish website.
- Charge the Commissions to develop communication plans.

Goal 2. Create a Warm and Fostering Environment for All Who Wish to be Part of Our Parish Family.

- Develop and expand hospitality ministries.
- Evaluate, model and teach hospitality in the Parish.
- Form community from first contact with newly registered Parishioners and with those receiving the sacraments of Baptism and Marriage.
- Study the physical space of the church to provide better interaction during gatherings and celebrations.

Goal 3. Discover Ways to Engage All Parishioners to Become More Involved In Parish Life.

- Evaluate ministry fairs and follow up with participants to gauge interest in service.
- Maintain the parish ministry guide and share it with new members and those receiving the sacraments.
- Establish multi-generational faith-sharing events, retreats and socials.
- Strengthen our Youth and family group.
- Become familiar with the role of other parish organizations and how they can better serve the parish.

Examples

- Holy Name Society and Mary's Ministry
- Communications such as the Bulletin, Calendar of Events, Online Postings
- Halloween and Christmas Parties and Easter Egg Hunt
- Youth Ministry Activities
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Ministry Guide, Welcome Brochures and Newsletter
- New Parishioners Brunch
- Night at the Races

SERVICE

Supports ministries that address the needs of parishioners and the community and advocates for social justice

Goal 1. Support and Sustain Clear and Coordinated Communication of the Existing Needs and Opportunities for Service Within the Parish and Across the Community.

- Maintain stewardship of current service ministries throughout the parish while ensuring their future growth and continuity through sustainable volunteerism.
- Identify, evaluate and publish service activities currently underway in the Parish.
- Create more opportunities for all Parishioners, particularly the youth, to become engaged in meaningful service opportunities.
- Help the Parish become more proactive in partnering with other community organizations and religious groups to effect social change.

Goal 2. Develop Greater Awareness and Advocacy among Parishioners Regarding Pressing Social Needs Both Locally and Globally.

- Educate parishioners regarding social justice advocacy issues.
- Provide a range of educational forums on social justice.

Examples

- Mother Teresa's Haven: Provide Food and Shelter for the Homeless
- Partnerships with the Community Organizations
- Christmas Angel Wreath Project
- Parish Thanksgiving Dinner
- 'Socks for Veterans'
- Grocery Bag and Food Collections
- Kids Summer Lunch Program
- Finance Council and Parish Pastoral Council
- Presentations on Social Concerns

The Parish of St. Ignatius Loyola Parish Pastoral Plan

2019-2024



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.

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BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

Dear Parishioners,

The Parish Pastoral Council is happy to present the revised and updated **Parish Pastoral Plan**, a collaborative effort that includes the ideas and energy of many groups and committees and is designed to promote an active and vibrant parish.

In 2011 Bishop Bambera charged churches in the Scranton Diocese to develop Parish Pastoral Councils which would involve the laity as a visioning body to the pastor. After being organized our Council conducted a parish-wide survey, developed four commissions—Word, Worship, Community and Service—and, in 2014, drafted our first strategic plan. That plan has guided the parish’s work for the past five years; the plan, which you now hold, builds upon that original plan.

The logo on the front illustrates how a healthy parish works. At the heart is the term *Servant Leadership* which means that we, by freely offering our time and talents in service to our church, become active disciples modeling Jesus’ example. Embracing that term are four key areas—Word, Worship, Community and Service—which show us the different ways to foster such leadership. Notice how the areas overlap; they are not independent but rather connect with one another. So in whatever ministry we participate, we are directly contributing to the whole Church.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is an excellent example. Each week members meet and crochet or knit gifts to give to the newly baptized, those suffering the loss of a loved one among others. Obviously, the members of this ministry form a unique community and through their fellowship exemplify works of mercy, while they are also living the word and providing a service. The same is true for all ministries within our church. While each has a particular focus, it contributes to the overall well-being of our Parish. Unfortunately, space does not allow us to list all our ministries as examples.

As you read through this *Parish Plan*, it’s easy to see that the Parish Council does not own what is outlined here, but rather it is all of us. It is so important for the clergy, the Finance Council, the Parish Council, all Committees and Commissions to work together in accomplishing our goals—it is our parish plan. We sincerely appreciate the contributions so many have given and invite anyone interested in getting involved to contact a member listed below. And, finally, please pray for our success as we continue working together to build a vibrant and sustainable parish rooted in faith, hope and love.

Your Parish Pastoral Council,

Monsignor Tressler, Pastor	Michelle Butcher, Secretary	Maria Edmunds
Father Mosley, Parochial Vicar	Nancy Bellas	Gloria Galante
John O’Connor, Deacon	Robert Dupre	Molly Kachmar
Pat Cole, Chair	Maura Fennell	Cynthia Liskov
George Andresky, Vice-Chair	Kimberly McNulty	

WORD

Promotes evangelization through faith formation for all generations

Goal 1. Develop Faith Formation Opportunities in Our Parish for All Ages.

- Continue to support and enhance the current faith formation programs for all parishioners.
- Develop an ongoing educational program for current and potential catechists.
- Investigate strategies to involve young adults into the life of our parish.

Goal 2. Build a Vibrant Family and Youth Ministry Program.

- Organize and strengthen the youth program in our parish.
- Continue to support and enhance traditional activities for parish youth.
- Develop youth and family opportunities and integrate these groups into the life of the Parish.
- Coordinate activities for our youth with other parishes in the area.
- Foster and promote youth involvement in social outreach programs.

Goal 3. Examine and Develop Strategies to Re-unite Inactive Catholics within the Parish.

- Use opportunities to engage inactive Catholics during sacramental celebrations and other church rituals.
- Identify methods to reach out to inactive Catholics in the Parish.

Goal 4. Meet the Needs of New Immigrants and Minority Groups in Our Local Area.

- Identify the immigrant and minority groups in our area.
- Determine the needs and respond to these groups accordingly.

Examples

- All sacramental and religious education programs for our youth.
- The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Baptismal Preparation
- Bible Studies, Faith Sharing Groups, Retreats, Presentations
- The Little Black, White and Blue Books
- Prison Ministry
- Road to Resurrection Series

WORSHIP

Enriches parishioners’ faith experiences through the liturgy, the environment and devotionals

Goal 1. Enhance the Feeling of Welcome to All Who Enter Our Church.

- Charge liturgical ministries with enveloping the congregation in the spirit of the liturgies.
- Develop literature that creates a sense of welcome and participation.
- Create a sense of welcome and hospitality in all aspects of parish community.

Goal 2. Create a Liturgy that is a Community Experience: Well Prepared, and Inspiring with Enthusiastic Participation.

- Support and enhance the music program in our church.
- Educate the community about the liturgy.
- Provide for ongoing focus groups and other mechanisms to gather feedback on enhancing the liturgy and participation.
- Enhance the formation and ongoing training of liturgical ministers.
- Identify strategies for involving youth in all aspects of the mass.

Goal 3. Bridge the Message of the Liturgy to Our Everyday Lives.

- Tie the Gospel message to our everyday lives..
- Evaluate and enhance the parish bulletin, website and social media to increase communication.

Examples

- All music for Sundays and special feast days during the year
- Organization and preparation of choirs and cantors
- Prepare a prayerful and welcoming environment for all services
- Recruit and train altar services, lectors and ushers
- Altar Linens Ministry
- Convene Eucharistic Ministers for yearly formation
- Parish Writers