



Saint Ignatius Loyola Church Weekly Update March 21, 2021

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass will continue the Week of March 22, 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. 6:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses 7:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.

Live Streaming of Sunday Mass will be at 8:30 a.m. (This is not a public Mass.)

All Masses will be celebrated at St. Ignatius Church due to capacity allowed under CDC guidelines.

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.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Lenten Daily Masses

7:30 a.m. Monday thru Friday
12:10 p.m. Monday thru Friday

Light is on for You (Sacrament of Reconciliation)

Monday, March 22, 2021 5:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
Monday, March 29, 2021 5:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

*Confessions are also held at our regular time on Saturdays from 12-12:30 p.m.

Lenten Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - St. Ignatius Church

Friday, March 26, 2021 3:00 p.m.-5:45 p.m.

Stations of the Cross - St. Ignatius Church and Virtual-Face Book

Friday, March 26, 2021 6:00 p.m.

LENTEN JOURNEY

Lent – a time of prayer, sacrifice, and almsgiving. Are you doing your part on this Lenten Journey? Our Advent food drive was very successful! Our hope is that the Lenten food drive will be the same. Non-perishable food items can be dropped off on **Saturday, March 27th between the hours of 9 a.m. and Noon in Conlan Hall.** Your support and cooperation are always very much appreciated.



LENTEN PRAYER

Lord Jesus, help us throughout this season of Lent to open our hearts and minds to follow you more faithfully. We know that you died for us when we were still sinners, and we know we are sinners still. But you have given us a longing to be the people you want us to be: faithful, hope-filled, and loving. Help us to make the most of these 40 days marked by fasting, prayer, and almsgiving so that we might draw near to you and give you greater glory.
Amen.

Reflection on the Fifth Sunday of Lent

"This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people."

Jeremiah 31:33

Perhaps the biggest trope of the Hebrew Scriptures is that the story is always the same:

People make a covenant with God.

People break the covenant.

God makes a new covenant.

Rinse and repeat.

Have you heard this joke made before? Joke or not, there is an invaluable nugget of truth hidden within it that merits reminding: God continues (and will continue) to make new covenants with us — every time we break them. Every time.

Make no mistake, we will break the covenant: with God, with a spouse or family member, with a friend, with a coworker, doctor, or teammate, and even with our children. It may be just a small little break. It may be a very large one. It is our human condition: we are imperfect, and we will sin, and we will choose other-than-God in our lives. Even still, God will always love us. God will send Jeremiah as in the Hebrew Scriptures or find some other way to remind us that there is always room for a new covenant, to start fresh.

The vision of Jeremiah is one of hope, blessing and the faithfulness of God even in the face of despair and destruction. Jeremiah reminds us that God's love for us is utterly relentless. God's fidelity is so deep and desirous, it is written on our very hearts. Jesus tells us that at the end He will draw everyone to him. While we will break, we will fall, we will struggle, still, God will want us back. God will want to draw us close, to hold us in our human frailty and imperfection. Our humanity, our imperfection and our sins do not keep us from being worthy of love. We are always wanted.

That kind of love can be hard for us as human beings. We suffer and are hurt often by broken promises with the very people we care for most. Indeed, as broken people who exist with other broken people, sometimes boundaries need to be set. We have limits. People suffer at the hands of others. We are rude, unkind and at times, knowingly or

not, instruments of evil. Nevertheless, the kind of love that renews and always brings new life, while sometimes unimaginable, persists. With forgiveness, compassion, and empathy, we build resilience, even if the path toward it is rocky, difficult, or awkward terrain.

Surely, we will break the covenant, but the beauty of our story as God's people is that there are also always places where we can begin to bind it back together. Where we can edge out our own blindness, our expectations of one another, and offer the compassion and forgiveness that God always, always offers us. If we stay open to what God asks of us, to what God wants us to see, we can begin again; we can find a new start, to try once more to love each other a little better than before.

Lent: A time for renewing Faith, Hope and Love. Consider the suggestions on our Lenten calendar this week as a way to renew your spirit.

A Prayer for Cleansing during Lent

“Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me” (Psalm 51:10).

Heavenly Father,

Silence the noise in my soul. Empty me of cravings for things of this world that do not truly satisfy. Fill me with the bread of your presence and the living water of your mercy.

I have honored the temporal delights of so many unfulfilling habits, and I'm ready for freedom. Wash me of all my addictions, failings, and temptations, even if only minute by minute. Pick me up and hold me, this day, and every day as I praise you for who you are.

Remind me that it is your power in me, not my own, that offers life to others.

Wash this vessel, Lord. Prepare me for renewal. In Jesus' name, Amen.

A Lenten Gratitude Prayer for the Ultimate Sacrifice

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful” (Col. 4:2).

Oh God,

Whatever I can give up for Lent will never match what you gave. I'm not able to do what you have done, and my small actions serve only as desperate wildflowers waving in an open field of your mercy, in surrender to your majesty.

As I clear away distractions you invite me to let go of, hear my prayer of gratitude. That you are real. That you are truth. That you prepare a place for me whether I am in want or in plenty.

Thank you for the ultimate sacrifice of your only Son, Jesus, so that I can know that no matter what the world tempts me with...there is power to overcome. In Jesus' name, Amen.



Solemnity of the Annunciation

We are truly blessed to celebrate one of our three patronal feasts. Our parish will join together to commemorate the Solemnity of the Annunciation, March 25th. St. Mary – Annunciation (established 1902) was one of three parishes consolidated (2007 – 2009) into St. Ignatius Loyola Parish. As the parishes joined together building on each of their rich traditions we have maintained and expanded a strong Catholic presence as was the hope of our predecessors.

Reflection

“The mystery of the Annunciation to Mary is not only a mystery of silence; it is also, and even more, a mystery of grace. We must ask ourselves: What, is the real reason why Christ decided to be born of a Virgin?... Salvation comes not from human beings and their own powers but solely from God and his gracious actions. God intervenes where there is a human vacuum; he starts at the point at which, from the human point of view, nothing can be done. He gives life to the bearer of the promise in the dead womb of Sarah, and follows the same pattern through history down to the Lord’s birth from a Virgin... The salvation of the world is exclusively God’s doing and therefore occurs in the midst of human weakness and powerlessness. From the viewpoint of the Bible the Virgin birth is in that last analysis a sign of what occurs is a pure act of grace on God’s part.” (Benedict XVI, Pope emeritus)

Prayer

Today we celebrate the beginning of our salvation when the coming of the Lord was announced by an angel. Let us pray in our hearts, saying: May God’s holy Mother help all in distress, encourage the fainthearted, console the sorrowful, assist your holy people especially those who have gone before us seeking your love and compassion. Amen.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS OF 2021

The final group of our Grade 2 students received First Penance this past Monday. Congratulations to the following: Jackson Edwards, Alexis LaBar, Christopher Preiman, Alyssa Williams and Loveah Williams. God Bless!

JEANNE R. BUTCHER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The Jeanne R. Butcher Memorial Scholarship Award was established by the family through an endowment with the Luzerne Foundation. Applicant is a graduating senior and must be a registered parishioner of St. Ignatius Loyola Parish and planning to enroll as an undergraduate in an accredited two- or four-year college/university as a full-time student with demonstrated financial need. The student selected will receive the scholarship contingent upon the documented satisfactory academic and other related criteria used in the selection for the scholarship. Applications can be obtained from the Luzerne Foundation, 34 South River Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702 or by going to the website luzfdz.org or by calling 570-822-2065. Deadline for applications is April 16, 2021.

SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS

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

Patricia Kerpovich

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

CEMETERIES CLEAN UP

Monday, March 22nd is the final day to retrieve any decorations from the graves of your loved ones in St. Ignatius, St. Hedwig, and St. Mary's cemeteries.

Mass Intentions Week of March 22nd – 28th

Monday
7:30 AM – Joseph Warzecha <i>Tietje Family</i>
12:10 PM – Sophie & John Skvarla <i>Daughter, Lucyann</i>
Tuesday
7:30 AM – Joanne Golden <i>Friends</i>
12:10 PM – Thomas F. Hanlon <i>Family</i>
Wednesday
7:30 AM – Joseph Lucidi <i>Mirigliani Family</i>
12:10 PM – Joseph & Helen Ruseskas <i>Daughter, Rosalie</i>
Thursday
7:30 AM – Dr. & Mrs. Philip J. Ferry <i>Daughter, Anne</i>
12:10 PM – Gail Korus <i>Elizabeth Disler</i>
Friday
7:30 AM – Jaime Bartolata <i>Berbano Family</i>
12:10 PM – Stitzer, Meier & O'Donnell Families <i>O'Donnell Fam.</i>
Saturday
4:00 PM – William J. Fahey <i>Lynn Marko & Billy</i>
6:00 PM – Annie Ambrosio <i>Jayne Brogan</i>
Sunday
7:00 AM – Ronald Russo <i>George Fetko</i>
10:30 AM – Rosalie Materna <i>Tom McDonnell</i>
12:30 PM – Raymond Novitski <i>Mike & Pat Feddock</i>

Church Candle for the Week of March 22nd

In Memory of Agnes Urbanas – Requested by Filipczyk Family

Bread & Wine for the Week of March 22nd

In Memory of Teresa Cawley – Requested by Family

FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2021

Sunday Tithe
\$10,932.00

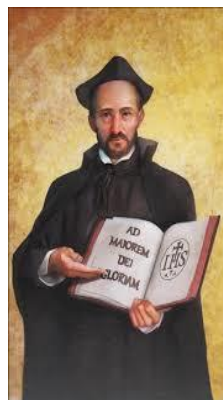
E-Offerings
\$1,451.00

Total
\$12,383.00

**Amount Needed
Each Week to
Meet Expenses
\$12,950.00**

Father Mosley, 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 front of rectory porch.

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



HOLY WEEK 2021 RESERVATION PROCESS

Please note that **reservations are required** for all Triduum services and Easter Sunday Liturgies. Parishioners are invited to make a reservation for **one** Triduum Service (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, or Holy Saturday) and **one** Mass on Easter Sunday. Parishioners desiring to attend an additional service during the Triduum can go on a waiting list for other services. If there are openings you will be notified by rectory staff of the opportunity to attend an additional Triduum Liturgy.

Reservations will be accepted beginning:

Monday, March 29, 2021 from 9:00 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Tuesday, March 30, 2021 from 9:00 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Wednesday, March 31, 2021 from 9:00 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Please note that reservations close on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at 3 p.m.

Capacity will be 80 people in Church and 50 people in Conlan Hall. It is important to note that parishioners may be required to participate in a Triduum or Easter Service by viewing the service live in Conlan Hall on our new large screen television. An Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion will distribute the Eucharist at the appropriate time in Conlan Hall.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding with our reservation system. First, and foremost in our minds is to keep everyone safe and healthy; as well as having an opportunity to participate in our Easter Triduum and Easter Sunday Liturgical Celebrations.

PROTOCOLS FOR DAILY AND WEEKEND LITURGIES

We wish to express our heartfelt gratitude for your continued cooperation and support of the health and safety protocols which remain in effect as we gather and pray as a faith community.

Please continue to follow the guidelines listed below for the wellbeing of our entire community.

- Face masks must be worn at all times except for the reception of Holy Communion.
- Face masks must cover the **nose and mouth** at all times while in the church and during the celebration of Mass.
- Church doors will open **20 minutes before** Mass begins. Doors will close when Mass begins. Please be punctual. Thank you.
- Entrance to Church will be through the center doors of the Church.
- Those needing assistance will enter and exit Conlan Hall entranceway so as to use the elevator.
- **Upon entering the Church, all are asked to sanitize their hands with the touchless hand sanitizers.**
- Please follow the directions of the greeters for seating. All are asked when taking their seats to begin with either the middle seat of the pew or the seat closest to the stained-glass windows. The seat closest to the middle aisle should be the last seat taken in a pew. This process is necessary since some masses are nearly at capacity, namely the 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and the 10:30 a.m. on Sunday. This process enables us to allow as many people as possible to attend mass.
- The weekly collection will not be taken up; locked boxes are located by the elevator entrance and the main aisle for your donations.
- Holy communion will be distributed at the end of Mass and **all must exit the Church after receiving via the side doors on the porch.**
- **Individuals who wish to receive holy communion on their tongue are asked to come at the end of the line in order for the priest to follow the appropriate protocols for sanitizing his hands.**
- **The Church is sanitized after each liturgy including the restroom and elevator.**
- Confessions will be held on Saturdays at 12:00 noon and will end at 12:30 p.m.

These guidelines are in compliance with the Centers for Disease Control and are in place to provide a safe and healthy environment for us to worship together. Our primary concern is the health and safety of all of us. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues to be suspended.

Thank you again and God Bless You