



Saint Ignatius Loyola Church Weekly Update January 2, 2022

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses will continue the week of January 3, 2022

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.

Please Note: There will be NO Confessions on New Year's Day.

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

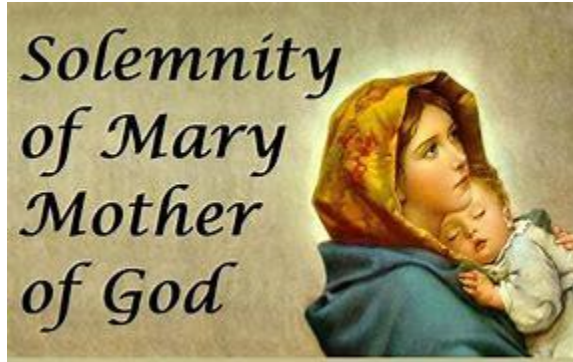
Mr. William Gross

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.



**NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE
SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2021

4:00 p.m. in St. Ignatius Church

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2022

10:30 a.m. in St. Ignatius Church (Mass will be Live Streamed)

*Please note: January 1, 2022, because it falls on a Saturday is not a Holyday of Obligation this year. The Solemnity remains but the obligation to attend Mass is suspended. Please note there will be **NO** afternoon Liturgies on New Year's Day.*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022

7:00 a.m. in St. Ignatius Church

8:30 a.m. in St. Ignatius Church (Live Streamed as well)

10:30 a.m. in St. Ignatius Church

12:00 p.m. in St. Ignatius Church

BLESS YOUR DOOR ON THE EPIPHANY

The Epiphany is traditionally celebrated on the 12th day after Christmas. This year it will be celebrated on January 2nd. We invite you to continue the tradition of blessing the door to your home on Epiphany. The family gathers to ask God's blessing on their home and on those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, to bless our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, and our joys and sorrows. Chalk and a card with an Epiphany blessing will be available in the back of the Church after all Masses this weekend

NEW YEAR'S EVE MORNING MASSES

Please note: the 7:30 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. Masses will not be celebrated on Friday, December 31st.

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The parish office will be closed on Friday, December 31st and Monday, January 3rd. The office will reopen on Tuesday, January 4th.

SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS

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

Carl McMichael, Jr.
Nicholas Volpetti

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

CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR WITH PARISH FAITH SHARING!

Faith Sharing resumes on Friday, Jan. 14, 2022, in Conlan Hall at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome. We will continue wearing masks and practice distancing. Why not try something new for the New Year?



SOCKS, PERSONAL CARE ITEMS, AND MASKS FOR VETERANS AT CHRISTMAS

St. Ignatius will once again be organizing a sock drive to benefit local veterans this Christmas season through the services of the Commission on Economic Opportunity. Donations of new men's and women's socks to support our local veterans and others in need are most welcome. In addition to new men's and women's socks, we will once again be collecting men's and women's personal care items (e.g., soaps, shampoos, deodorants, toothpaste, toothbrushes, feminine care products). We are also seeking donations of masks this year to address that new and ongoing need. Collection of socks, personal care items, and masks will begin at the back of the church on the weekend of December 18 and will continue through the Feast of the Epiphany on January 2. We thank you for considering this worthy cause!

2021 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Due to a change in the Internal Revenue regulations, all donations for the calendar year 2021 must be made by **December 31, 2021**. Tax letters will be sent to all parishioners who donated by January 15, 2022.

BIBLE STUDY: "WOMEN OF THE NEW TESTAMENT"

The book sets have arrived and it's almost time to "Zoom" together to study "Women of the New Testament". Please bring a check for \$16.95 to the rectory and pick up your book set to be ready for the first Zoom session on Wednesday, January 5, 2022. The first session will be an introduction and overview of the following 8 weeks. If you haven't already registered and would like to be included, email Cindy Liskov at cliskov297@gmail.com. See you soon!

NEW YEAR WISHES

Father Simchock, Father Alco, Father Issing, Father Sinnott, Father Sickler, Deacon Pernot, Dierdre Drinkall and Monsignor Tressler wish to extend their sincerest best wishes for a Blessed and Healthy New Year's 2022. They are most grateful for your daily witness to our faith and for all that you do for our parish community



CHRISTMAS APPRECIATION

Fr. Simchock, Deacon Pernot, Deirdre Drinkall, and I wish to extend our sincerest appreciation to the many parishioners who assisted with the variety of details to enhance our liturgical experience this Christmas whether as decorator, musical talent, lectors, greeters, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. A note of appreciation is also extended to those who sent Christmas greetings of cards, fruit, cookies, and other comfort foods. The hard work and extra efforts of so many people did not go unnoticed. Thank you for your great service to our parish community. May 2022 be filled with many rich blessings and joys for you personally and for our parish community.

God Bless!
Sincerely,
Msgr. Tressler

PARISH CHRISTMAS TREE PARTICIPATION APPRECIATION

We wish to express our sincerest appreciation to all the families who participated in placing an ornament on our parish Christmas Tree which is a visible sign of our unity and commitment to our parish family as we stand "TOGETHER IN FAITH." Ornaments can be picked up January 4, 5 and 6 from the tree. After that date, ornaments will be in a box on the front porch until Monday, January 10, 2022. Thank you again for your participation.

MARY'S MINISTRY BUSINESS/PLANNING MEETING - TUESDAY JANUARY 11TH

Mary's Ministry leadership team will meet on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, by Zoom at 6:45 p.m. to review our current budget and to finalize plans for our Pro-Life Baby Shower, January-February gatherings, and Winter Bake Sale. Anyone interested in helping with these events are welcome to attend. Send an email to Mary Hosey to receive Zoom link. All parishioners especially our women are reminded that an annual donation envelope for Mary's Ministry is included in your parish packet this month. All contributions to support our efforts to seek the living Christ in shared spiritual and corporal works of mercy as modeled by our Blessed Mother are gratefully appreciated.

ATTENTION ALL GERRITY'S AND SHUR-SAVE MARKET SHOPPERS

If you shop at Gerrity's or other Shur-Save Markets and have not designated your community rewards in support of St. Ignatius Parish, please call our project administer, Patti Kupetz ASAP at 570-288-6856 and give her your Gold Card number and name on the card and she will be able to register you for our Parish. The income we receive helps support some of our outreach service projects.



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St. Ignatius is excited to announce that we have purchased a parish subscription to FORMED, now available to all parishioners! As we begin a new liturgical year, this online resource can help all parishioners to deepen their knowledge and enthusiasm about the faith. Formed is an on-demand digital resource with movies, videos, Bible studies, audiobooks, talks, and more! There are resources for adults, children, teens, and young adults covering just about any Catholic topic. **I like to call it, “Catholic Netflix.”**

Why not try it out? There’s so much to enjoy! Registering is very easy. Just go to signup.formed.org and type in our 18704 Zip-Code or search “St. Ignatius Loyola” and click on the Kingston, PA location. Give a name and an email and you’re registered!

Our ECHO apprentice, Deirdre, will be happy to answer any questions you have about how to sign-up for FORMED and the many treasures you can find on there.

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Mass Intentions Week of January 3rd – January 9th

Monday
7:30 AM – Margaret Balberchak <i>Richard & Diane Melvin</i>
12:10 PM – Curt Whipple <i>Family</i>
Tuesday
7:30 AM – Helen O’Brien <i>Family</i>
12:10 PM – John Sabol <i>Nancy Sharites</i>
Wednesday
7:30 AM – Martin Edward Schilling <i>Family</i>
12:10 PM – Diana Lupinski <i>Mary Bogle</i>
Thursday
7:30 AM – Florence Howanitz <i>Hannigan Family</i>
12:10 PM – Christina Caprio <i>Bob & Ellen Adams</i>
Friday
7:30 AM – Winifred Walsh Zola <i>Family</i>
12:10 PM – Marie Shevock <i>Peterman Family</i>
Saturday
4:00 PM – Father Leonard Butcavage <i>Harry Teaford</i>
5:30 PM – Carolyn Germak <i>Thomas & Sharon Monie</i>
Sunday
7:00 AM – Florence Mickno <i>Klecha Family</i>
8:30 AM – For the People of the Parish
10:30 AM – John Hopkins <i>Fran Hopkins</i>
12:00 PM – Michael Herbascek <i>Family</i>

Church Candle for the Week of January 3rd
In Memory of Kathleen Mras– Requested by Children

Bread & Wine for the Week of January 3rd
In Memory of Michael Herbascek – Requested by Family

FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021

Sunday Tithe
\$10,663.00

E-Offerings
\$1,100.00

Total
\$11,763.00

**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.





Diocese of Scranton
Guidelines for Public Masses
Revised December 10, 2021

On **Friday, December 10, 2021**, Bishop Bambera sent a letter to all parishes of the Diocese of Scranton, reiterating our protocols during this time of COVID. The protocols are listed below. These protocols are in place to protect safety, well-being, and health of all parishioners. We appreciate your cooperation with these guidelines as we welcome our family and friends to celebrate the Christmas season.

FACE MASKS

The Diocesan guidelines continue to strongly recommend vaccinated and non-vaccinated individuals to wear masks inside for Mass and other indoor gatherings in order to protect the health and safety of all in attendance. We have also been asked to make sure that we have appropriate signage on our entrances. We are most grateful for the cooperation regarding the mask request with our goal of protecting our neighbors. You are reminded to continue to maximize the use of space as much as possible.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All Priests, Deacons and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are required to wear a face mask while distributing communion. The minister must stop and sanitize his/her hands if direct contact is made with a person's tongue before continuing. We respectfully request anyone who wishes to receive communion on their tongue to go to the end of the line. The distribution of the Precious Blood remains suspended at this time.

HAND HYGIENE

Hand washing and sanitizing is essential in preventing the spread of the virus. It is highly recommended that everyone takes advantage of the sanitizers located at the entrances of the church. The Sign of Peace will be extended without physical contact.

LIVE STREAMING MASS

We will continue to livestream the 8:30 a.m. Mass for those who must stay home. The 8:30 a.m. Mass is now available for in-person attendance as well.

CONFESSIONS

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on Saturdays from 12:00 noon – 12:30 p.m. Please be aware that face masks are required for the Sacrament.

Vaccinations are Encouraged

The Diocese of Scranton strongly recommends that all members of the Catholic Community who are eligible become fully vaccinated for COVID-19. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith at the Vatican has stated that it is morally acceptable to receive the current COVID-19 vaccines. Individuals remain free to exercise discretions regarding vaccination based upon their own reasons of conscience. The Diocese of Scranton will not provide support, written or otherwise, for individuals seeking exemption from the vaccine based on theological or religious grounds.

There is no requirement for face coverings or masks in the parishes of the Diocese of Scranton. There are no requests by the parish regarding information about vaccination status to be admitted to the church.

Face Masks or Face Coverings for Catholic Schools and Parish Religious Education Program

Face coverings are required in all Catholic Schools and Parish Religious Education Programs within the Diocese of Scranton. Parents/Guardians attending programs in either Catholic School or Religious Instruction Classes are required to adhere to the masking policy.

Once again, we are most grateful for your cooperation and understanding as we continue to do our best to end this pandemic. The decisions are based on the most up to date public health information. We are most grateful for your patience throughout these days. God Bless.