



**Saint Ignatius Loyola Church Weekly Update  
April 24, 2022**

**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**Weekday Masses for the week of April 25<sup>h</sup> are:**

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

**There will be no 12:10 p.m. Mass on Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> due to Bishop Dougherty's funeral.**

**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. to 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.



*Parish Phone Number 570-288-6446*

## **St. Ignatius Pastoral Staff**

*Monsignor David L. Tressler  
Reverend Shawn M. Simchock  
Deacon Gerard P. Pernot  
Mr. Harrison Rapp  
Ms. Deirdre Drinkall  
Mrs. Carmella Faust*

*Pastor  
Assistant Pastor  
Deacon  
Seminarian  
Notre Dame Intern/Pastoral Associate  
Director of Liturgical Music  
Director of Religious Education  
Youth Minister and Live Stream Coordinator*

*Ms. Shannon Kowalski*

## **Main Office Staff**

*Ms. Mary Lewis  
Mrs. Jennifer Carey*

*Office Manager  
Receptionist*

## **Maintenance**

*Mr. William Gross*

*Sacristan*

*Mr. Matt Fiske*

*Visiting Clergy*

*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.

## **NO 12:10 PM MASS ON TUESDAY, APRIL 26<sup>th</sup>**

Please note: There will be **NO** 12:10 PM Mass on Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Our priests will be attending the funeral of **Most Reverend John M. Dougherty**, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Scranton.

## **SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS**

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

Louise Bagonis  
Jane Nicholson

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

## **THURSDAY MORNING COMMUNITY PRAYER**

Check the St. Ignatius Facebook page at 6:45AM (or any time after) on Thursday mornings and join the St. Ignatius community for a 10-minute livestream prayer while getting ready for school, driving to work, or brewing the coffee!

## **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – APRIL 24<sup>th</sup>**

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter, which concludes the Octave of Easter. The feast day is observed by Catholics as well as some Anglo-Catholics of the Church of England. It is originally based on the Catholic devotion to the Divine Mercy that St. Faustina Kowalska reported as part of her encounter with Jesus and is associated with special promises from Jesus and indulgences issued by the Catholic Church. **Please pick up a Novena-Chaplet pamphlet in the back of the Church which have been donated by parishioners.**

## **PARISH FAITH SHARING GROUPS**

St. Ignatius' monthly Faith Sharing groups will meet once again on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in Conlan Hall. Adults 18 and older are welcome to attend and masks will be made available as needed. If you have not yet tried this Scripture-based, spiritual, and social activity, we urge you to come and see for yourself what it's all about. There is no cost or obligation, and newcomers are always welcome. Questions? Call Mary at 570-690-7732.

## **CHILDREN'S BULLETINS HAVE RETURNED!**

Beginning this weekend, Children's Bulletins will be available once again. The bulletins are age appropriate, child-friendly activity sheets based on the gospel of the Sunday. The bulletins can be found on the top of the food box in the back of the Church.

## **HOLY REDEEMER HIGH SCHOOL NEWS!**

Holy Redeemer High School announces its Art Show, Spring Concert and Senior Waltz – Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> in McCarthy Auditorium. Art Show begins at 6:00 p.m. and Concert/Waltz at 7:00 p.m. Ticket donation - \$5.00 – Senior Citizens/Students - \$3.00

## **DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – 2022**

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2022 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 26. The event includes a 2:30 p.m. Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. The registration deadline for this event is May 29<sup>th</sup>.

To register, please go to [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org) or contact Jen Housel (570-207-2213 x 1104 or [jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org)). Those celebrating couples who speak Spanish may contact Jose Flores (570-207-2213 x 1130 or [jflores@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:jflores@dioceseofscranton.org)).



## SIL Parish Community Shred Day

Compliments of SIL Community Commission - Holy Name - Mary's Ministry

**Saturday, April 30, 2022 9:00 am - Noon**

**SIL Parishioners Only Rain or Shine**

**St. Ignatius Church Parking Lot - Enter from N. Maple Avenue Only!**

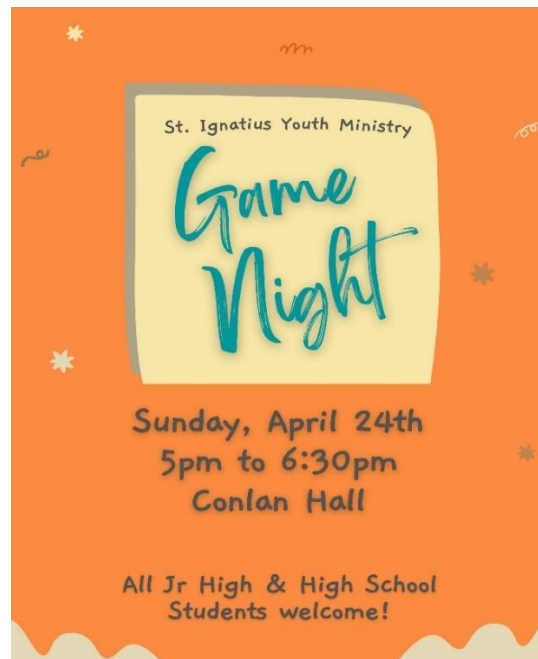
**Safe, Secure, Shredded on Site**

**Keep Your Identity Protected**

*Bring any documents you no longer need that contain personal information, including social security numbers, credit card information and bank account numbers, etc.*

**Please Keep in Mind:**

- Suggested arrival: Last Name A thru M - 9-10 am & N thru Z - 10:30-11:30 am
- Masks required. Please remain in vehicle and follow directions on site
- Maximum 5 boxes per vehicle
- Shredding is limited to confidential and sensitive materials only (No Magazines, Newspapers, 3 Ring Binders, Plastics, Heavy Metals, Trash, Batteries, Cell Phones, CD's or Cardboard)





**SPRING HAS SPRUNG!  
MARY'S MINISTRY LADIES NIGHT OUT – GAME NIGHT**

*Remember Scrabble, Pictionary, Trivial Pursuit, and Clue???*  
*Join us for some "In Person Fun" this Spring!!!*

**5:00-8:00 PM on Wednesday, May 4, 2022**

**CrisNics Irish Pub 189 Barney Street, Wilkes-Barre**

*Level parking, Good Lighting, and Covered Outdoor Patio -- Rain or Shine!*

**Dinner buffet will include Pizza, Wing Bites, Salad, Cake, and Soft Drinks. (Cash Bar Available)**

**Cost: \$15 - Paid in Advance**

*Deadline for Reservations with payment is Wednesday, April 27th by 2:00 pm*

*Checks payable to St. Ignatius Church memo: MM Game Night*

*Call Cindy Liskov (570) 472-8118 or Mary Stchur (570) 288-7320*

*to make your reservations and for directions on submitting payment.*

**Join us for a Night of Fun!!!**

**MAY CROWNING MAY 1ST**

On Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup> Mary's Ministry will join with the religious education youth for our parish annual May Crowning Devotion to Our Blessed Mother at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Everyone is invited to participate in praying the Rosary with Mary's Ministry at 10:00 a.m.

**MOTHER'S DAY MARY'S MINISTRY PRO-LIFE COLLECTION**

This year the Pro-Life Center will not be able to sell their Carnations for Mother's Day, but the need is still there. Therefore, Mary's Ministry will be accepting monetary donations for our local Pro-Life Center. Please drop your donation into the designated collection boxes at the rear of the Church on Mother's Day Weekend.

## Mass Intentions Week of April 25<sup>th</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup>

<b>Monday</b>
7:30 AM – Joseph Fiotti <i>Family</i>
12:10 PM – Mary Mancia <i>Eagen Family</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>
7:30 AM – Nellie Holland <i>Pierce &amp; Judy Hooper</i>
<b>There will be no 12:10 PM Mass today</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>
7:30 AM – Gertrude Lang <i>Family</i>
12:10 PM – Charles & Agnes Hosey <i>Family</i>
<b>Thursday</b>
7:30 AM – Sharon Millard <i>Judy Rome</i>
12:10 PM – Andrew Balberchak <i>Family</i>
<b>Friday</b>
7:30 AM – John Ritchie <i>Judy Jones</i>
12:10 PM – Helen A. O'Connor <i>Thomas &amp; Roseann O'Connor</i>
<b>Saturday</b>
4:00 PM – Albert McCormick <i>Tom Daley</i>
5:30 PM – David L. Tressler <i>Family</i>
<b>Sunday</b>
7:00 AM – Kathryn Clarke <i>Family</i>
8:30 AM – For the People of the Parish
10:30 AM – John Pencavage <i>Voitek Family</i>
12:00 PM – Frank Powell <i>Ed &amp; Ann</i>

**Church Candle for the Week of April 25<sup>th</sup>**  
In Memory of Tyler Cowman – Requested by Family

**Bread & Wine for the Week of April 25<sup>th</sup>**  
In Memory of Tyler Cowman – Requested by Family

**FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR APRIL 17, 2022**

Sunday Tithe  
**\$11,015.00**

E-Offerings  
**\$1,843.00**

Total  
**\$12,858.00**

**Amount Needed  
Each Week to  
Meet Expenses  
\$12,700.00**

Father Simchock, Deacon Pernot, Deirdre Drinkall, and Harrison Rapp 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 the 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 March 11, 2022**

On **Friday, March 11, 2022**, 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 continue to welcome people back.

### **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 are most grateful for the cooperation regarding the mask request with our goal of protecting our neighbors. At this time and as long as case counts remain low, masks are optional. 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 to wear a face mask while distributing communion until Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Mask wearing for distribution of Holy Communion will then be optional; at the discretion of the minister of Holy 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 are 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 continues to be available for in-person attendance as well.

## **REINSTITUTING LITURGICAL PRACTICES.**

*As the virus numbers subside and hopefully will continue to be low, we are planning on reinstating the following liturgical practices effective Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022.*

- 1. Resuming the accustomed practice of taking up the offertory collection.*
- 2. Resuming the use of altar servers for Liturgies.*
- 3. Resuming the Presentation of the Gifts (Offertory Procession.)*
- 4. Holy Water will be returned to the fonts at the Easter Vigil.*
- 5. Liturgical Music will encourage full and active participation.*
- 6. Liturgical Processions will be reinstated.*

## **FACE MASKS OR FACE COVERINGS FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS AND PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM**

*Face coverings are optional effective Thursday, March 3, 2022, 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 same 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.



## **Seeking Nominations for Parish Pastoral Council April 2nd – May 1st**

Please consider nominating yourself or someone you think would be a viable candidate for membership on the Parish Pastoral Council. We are currently seeking five new members who will serve for a term of two years with the option of continuing for two additional terms. The Council, which includes 12 parishioners, meets monthly and works closely with the pastoral leadership in guiding the direction our parish will take. All candidates must be an active member of St. Ignatius and at least 18 years of age. In the back of the church, you will find a table which contains detailed information on the nomination and selection process as well as the purpose and work of the Parish Council. On May 5<sup>th</sup>, all candidates will be invited to an information session. This is an excellent opportunity for anyone genuinely interested in the future of St. Ignatius Parish to get involved and to work with others in making a difference.

### ***Nomination Process for the Parish Pastoral Council***

Starting April 2nd and continuing till May 1<sup>st</sup>, the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will seek nominations to fill five positions for the fall. We invite and encourage you to become involved in the process, either by nominating yourself or someone you know who may help with the work of the PPC.

### ***What is the PPC?***

The PPC serves as a visioning and consultative body to the pastor and, in addition to the parish leadership, includes 12 selected parishioners. The PPC is responsible for planning and articulating the course our parish will follow. In addition to planning, the PPC works closely with the four Commissions, the Finance Council, and others to assist the parish in accomplishing the goals for Word, Worship, Community and Service.

***How Much Time will I Give as a Member of the PPC?***

The PPC meets monthly on the third Monday at 6:30 p.m. with the exceptions of July and December. Members are selected for a two-year term and may choose to serve for two additional terms; however, membership is limited to six years. Terms are staggered so that every two years some members will transition off and new members will begin. We are currently seeking five new members who will assume their seats in September.

***How Do I Know if I Should Consider Membership on the PPC?***

We are looking for people who are genuinely interested in the future of St. Ignatius Parish. We are looking for people who can work collaboratively with other parishioners in planning and identifying goals to meet the needs of our parish. All candidates must be 18 years old and active members of St. Ignatius.

***How Does the Nomination Process Work?***

You may submit your name or the name of someone you think would make a good candidate in a few ways. First, you can complete and submit one of the nomination forms found in the vestibule of the church. Second, you can contact a current member of the PPC with a name. Third, you can send an email [officemanager@stignatiuspa.com](mailto:officemanager@stignatiuspa.com). In the subject line note "PPC Candidate" and your name or person you are nominating in the body of the email. As indicated above, nominations begin April 1<sup>st</sup> and end May 1<sup>st</sup>.

***How Does the Selection Process Work?***

All persons nominated will be contacted to confirm their interest and invited to an information session on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. At the close of the session, nominees will be asked to take home reflection questions on parish life and return their responses to the Rectory by Noon on May 12<sup>th</sup>. The PPC will discern and identify new members at their May meeting, and members selected will be announced by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

If you have any questions or wish more information about the PPC or the nomination/selection process, you may contact Gloria Galante at 570-704-8496. Thank you and please pray for the success of our mission.