

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saint Ignatius Loyola Church Weekly Update January 17, 2021

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass will continue the Week of January 17, 2021:

Tuesday 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.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR DAILY & WEEKEND LITURGIES

First, Fr. Mosley and I wish to express our gratitude for your cooperation with the safety and health protocols which are in place as we gather to pray as a faith community.

Secondly, we do wish to remind all parishioners of the following protocols that must be strictly maintained:

- Face Masks must be worn at all times except for the reception of Holy Communion.
- Face Masks must cover one's **nose and mouth** at all times during the celebration of Mass.
- All parishioners should sanitize their hands using our new touchless sanitizers upon entrance into the Church.
- All parishioners are reminded that the doors of the Church close when Mass begins. Please make every effort to be on time.
- All parishioners are reminded that they should leave the Church immediately after receiving Holy Communion, one's Act of Thanksgiving should be done in the car or at home.
- **Parishioners are reminded that when taking seats in church, they are requested 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. As certain Masses are nearing capacity, namely the 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and the 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, this process is necessary to ensure that as many people can be accommodated as possible.**

Thank you for your kind attention to these important matters as we continue to maintain a safe environment for our community of faith to gather in prayer.

LIVESTREAMED MASS FROM SAINT IGNATIUS

Once again, this Sunday, January 17, 2021 we will be livestreaming Mass at 8:30 a.m. We plan to continue live streaming **each weekend** from St. Ignatius Church. The livestream can be accessed through our parish Facebook page: www.facebook.com/stignatiuspa. After the Mass is recorded, it will also be available on our parish website. However, there may be times when the posting of this video is delayed on account of our webmaster's availability.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

The Church encourages frequent, even daily, Holy Communion, but if at any time we cannot go to Mass, in or out of this season of the coronavirus, we can still unite ourselves to the Eucharist through making a spiritual Communion.

By making an Act of Spiritual Communion, we express our faith in Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist and ask him to unite himself with us. Here is the Act of Spiritual Communion written by St. Alphonsus de Liguori:

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.





IMPORTANT
ANNOUNCEMENT !

JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2021 ENVELOPES

We were recently made aware that many parishioners have not received their January and February 2021 parish envelopes. A call was made to the company who informed us they were mailed on November 30, 2020. We apologize for the inconvenience; donations can be placed in an envelope with your name and credit will be given accordingly.

CONFESSION TIME

Confessions will be celebrated in the Church at our regular time on Saturdays from **12:00 p.m.-12:30 p.m.** or by appointment.

OFFICE HOURS

The office is open Monday thru Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please note the office is only open for phone calls.

SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS

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

Mary Ann Wright

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

DAILY MASS ON MONDAY, JANUARY 18th

Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM on Monday, January 18th. **Please note, there will be no 7:30 AM or 12:10 PM Masses on that day and also the office will be closed.**



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Office of the Bishop

January 8, 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect our nation and world, we have started to see medical professionals receiving their first doses of life-saving vaccines against the coronavirus. During the last year, their efforts to protect public health have been nothing less than extraordinary.

In response to some questions about the sources of the vaccines, I wish to provide some clarity regarding the ethical and moral status of the current COVID-19 vaccines. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) carefully evaluated the two current vaccines as they relate to Catholic Moral Teaching.

They have concluded:

“Neither the Pfizer nor the Moderna vaccine involved the use of cell lines that originated in fetal tissue taken from the body of an aborted baby at any level of design, development, or production. They are not completely free from any connection to abortion, however, as both Pfizer and Moderna made use of a tainted cell line for one of the confirmatory lab tests of their products. There is thus a connection, but it is relatively remote.”

Dating back to 2005, the Holy See has addressed such topics, indicating it is morally permissible to accept vaccinations when there are no alternatives and there are serious risk to health. In December 2020, the Vatican’s Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF) confirmed that due to the situation of the ongoing pandemic, it is morally acceptable to receive the current COVID-19 vaccines.

The CDF’s note stated:

“All vaccinations recognized as clinically safe and effective can be used in good conscience with the certain knowledge that the use of such vaccines does not constitute formal cooperation with the abortion from which the cells used in production of the vaccines derive.”

Based on this information, I want to emphasize that a Catholic can receive these COVID-19 vaccines in good conscience. **I strongly encourage the faithful to receive a vaccine against COVID-19, unless medically indicated otherwise.** Receiving a vaccine is not only an act of love, but also an act of charity, as it lessens one’s chances of infecting someone else.

At the same time, it is important to reiterate the call for pharmaceutical companies and government health agencies to produce, approve, distribute and offer ethically acceptable vaccines that do not create problems of conscience.

I am so grateful to the clergy, religious and lay faithful in our parishes, schools and social service programs who have generously imitated the servant leadership of Jesus through the care that they have provided to those most in need during this difficult time. I pray for all who have died from the coronavirus and for the health and well-being of you and your family.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

+Joseph C. Bambera

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

Mass Intentions Week of January 18th – 24th

Monday
9:00 AM – William E. Lewis <i>Daughters, Cheryl & Mary</i>
No 7:30 AM or 12:10 PM Mass today.
Tuesday
7:30 AM – Marie Kushner <i>A Friend</i>
12:10 PM – Marion Mulligan & Eugene W. Mulligan <i>Family</i>
Wednesday
7:30 AM – Leonard Floryan <i>Williams Family</i>
12:10 PM – Mary Lou MacFarland <i>Tom & Mark McDonnell</i>
Thursday
7:30 AM – John P. Walsh <i>John & Maureen Blaski</i>
12:10 PM – Jack Keating <i>Wife & Children</i>
Friday
7:30 AM – Josephine Wilkes <i>Alice Naylis</i>
12:10 PM – Gerald Doyle <i>Wife, Cathy & Daughters</i>
Saturday
4:00 PM – Dolores June <i>Rushinski Family</i>
6:00 PM – John Gabriesheski <i>Stuffick Family</i>
Sunday
7:00 AM – Michael A. Demko <i>Mr. & Mrs. John Demko</i>
10:30 AM – Mary O'Malley <i>Friends</i>
12:30 PM – Anna Mae Yarashas <i>Harold & Ann Williams</i>

Church Candle for the Week of January 18th

In Memory of William E. Lewis – Requested by Cheryl & Mary

Bread & Wine for the Week of January 18th

In Memory of Anthony Maloney – Requested by Family

FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021

Sunday Tithe
\$10,425.00

E-Offerings
\$2,056.00

Total
\$12,481.00

**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.



Important Points to Remember with our Church reopened

- Church Doors will open **20 minutes before** liturgy begins.
- Entrance to Church will be through main door on porch.
- 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 our new touchless hand sanitizers.**
- Seating will be assigned; please follow the directions of the greeters.
- Seating capacity is 80 individuals. **The front doors will be closed once capacity has been achieved or when Mass begins. Attendance is on a first come basis.**
- Livestreaming of our Sunday liturgy will continue at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. **(This Mass is not open to the public.)**
- All in attendance are required to wear face masks for the duration of the liturgy.
- All in attendance are asked to bring a sanitizing wipe to clean their seat to ensure safety.
- The weekly collection will not be taken up; locked boxes for your donations will be located by the elevator entrance and the main aisle.
- Holy Communion will be distributed at the end of liturgy and **all must exit the Church at this time via the side doors on the porch.**
- You are asked not to congregate in parking lot or outside Church building.
- Sanitization after each liturgy will be undertaken for everyone's health and safety.
- Restroom will be cleaned after each liturgy.
- Elevator will be cleaned after each service.
- **Confessions are held on Saturdays at 12:00 Noon and will end at 12:30 p.m.**
- **Individuals who wish to receive Holy Communion on their tongue are asked to come at the end of the line for reception in order for priest to properly sanitize his hands.**

We wish to remind you these guidelines are in place to provide a safe and a healthy environment as we begin to join together as a faith community. Your health and wellbeing are our primary concern!

Procedures and protocols may change and be readjusted according to need or guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control.

We humbly request that if you regularly attend a weekday liturgy **that you not attend on the weekends in order for us to accommodate as many parishioners as possible.**

We remind you the obligation to attend Sunday Liturgy is suspended at this time and for the foreseeable future.

We ask for your patience and understanding as we journey together united by our faith, hope, and love. **Thank you and May God continue to bless all of us!**