



Saint Ignatius Loyola Church Weekly Update March 14, 2021

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass will continue the Week of March 15, 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 15, 2021 5:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

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 19, 2021 3:00 p.m.-5:45 p.m.

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 19, 2021 6:00 p.m.

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 Fourth Sunday of Lent

"Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

1 Samuel 16:7

While many countless books and research has been written on birth order, have you considered the ways it plays out in scripture? In our own families, siblings are aware of how expectations fall differently on each individual. Older children are expected to set a good example for the younger ones, and the younger ones are left to either live up to those examples or learn from the mistakes. It's what you might expect with any family of multiple kids.

We expect that of Jesse's many sons, of course the oldest should be crowned king. Like Samuel, everything we know of families and birth order and birthrights leads us to this conclusion. But this is not just any king. This king is chosen by God, who favors the lowly, the youngest, the very last one that any of them, Samuel included, thought would be chosen. Time and again, God surprises us all, and we are reminded that making a covenant with God will not look anything like what we expect. The youngest son who tends the sheep. The man who is born blind. So little is expected of them; yet God chooses *them* to reveal God's self.

God reminds Samuel that humans judge by outward appearance, by that which we see. God, instead, judges by our hearts, inwardly — by that which we cannot see. Even with the most intentional process of discernment, with pro/con lists, and thoughtful, rational conversation partners, our decision making will always be limited because there will always be an element of unknown, of mystery. In prayer and our Lenten journey, God invites us to look deeper into that mystery and see past what is right in front of us.

God is patient with us and with Samuel, pushing us further, gently. God waits for all of Jesse's sons to be presented, and then asks, 'Is this all the sons you have?' At God's prompting, Samuel looks for more and digs a little deeper. In doing so, he finds the next king in an unexpected and not so glamorous place - with the sheep. The sheep, the lowly animal who not only need a lot of attention, but are also smelly, dirty and would be lost were it not for the shepherd who cares for them. God chooses the one who isn't even around to be seen, who is engaged in a role that, while important, is

lowly, and kept out of the spotlight. Samuel is blind to God's desire for David to serve as King because he is making assumptions based on human expectations.

We all have our blind spots. It is easy to make assumptions about why someone is unkind, unhappy, poor, homeless, or sick, and sometimes, those assumptions are not without cause. But they do not invite us to look deeper into the hearts of those we encounter. They do not invite us to see where God is waiting to surprise us. They do not allow us to see the surprising expectations God may have in store for us.

What does the world look like through our eyes? What does the world look like through God's eyes? How can we adjust our vision toward God's way of seeing things?

The focus of Laetare Sunday is to provide us encouragement as we progress toward the end of the Season of Lent. As we journey let us each reflect on our prayer requests listed on our calendar.

Laetare Sunday

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is also known as Laetare Sunday. *Laetare* means "Rejoice" in Latin, the entrance antiphon is from Isaiah 66:10-11, which begins "*Laetare, Jerusalem*" ("Rejoice, O Jerusalem"). Because the midpoint of Lent is the Thursday of the third week of Lent, Laetare Sunday has traditionally been viewed as a day of celebration, on which the austerity of Lent is briefly lessened. The passage from Isaiah continues, "rejoice with joy, you that have been in sorrow," and on Laetare Sunday, the purple vestments and altar cloths of Lent are set aside, and rose ones are used instead. Flowers, which are normally forbidden during Lent, may be placed on the altar.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS OF 2021

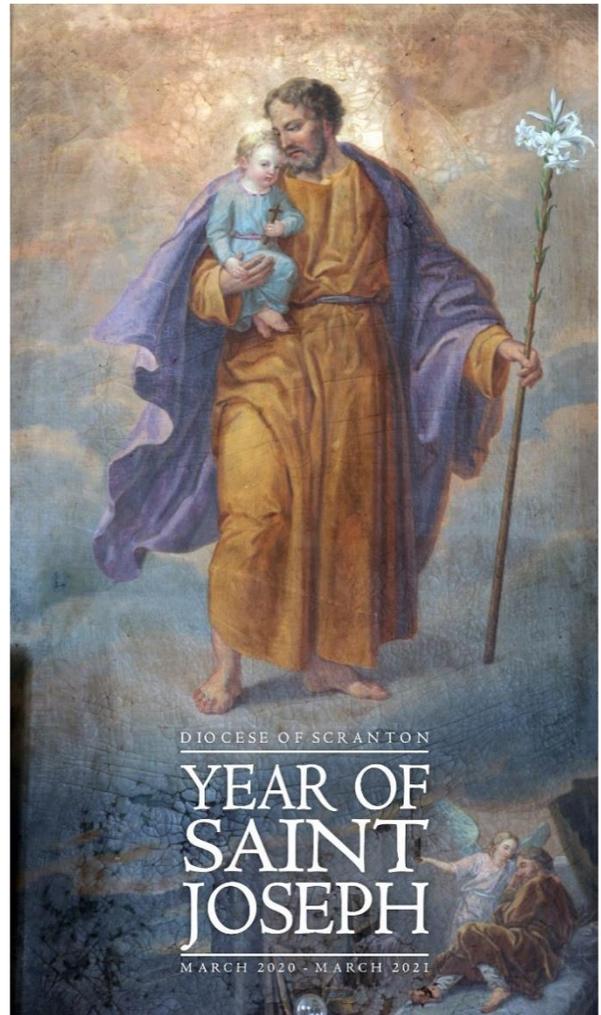
Over the next several Mondays, members of this year's First Communion Class will receive First Penance. Congratulations to the following who received First Penance this past Monday: Alexa Chopka, Keira Colleran, Romola DeMarzio, Emily Fox, Placido Frankelli, Nathan Kozik, Timothy Needle and Alexandra Selenski. God Bless!

Year of Saint Joseph

We give thanks for the year of St. Joseph which will conclude on Friday, March 19, 2021.

This year marks the 150th Anniversary of Pope Pius IX's decree naming Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and foster-father of Jesus, as the Patron of the Universal Church. In commemoration of this anniversary and recognizing the fitting time for the Church to invoke the intercession of this guardian, His Excellency, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera has declared this year as a "Year of Saint Joseph" to be observed in the Diocese of Scranton from March 19, 2020 to March 19, 2021. Bishop Bambera states, "Just as Saint Joseph watched over and protected the Lord Jesus while he was on earth, we need Saint Joseph to watch over and provide for the Church today. His intercession on behalf of the Universal Church is vital as the world faces so much upheaval and pain, and particularly as it confronts the uncertainty and pain of the coronavirus epidemic."

Bishop Bambera invited all of the faithful to renew their devotion to Saint Joseph during this commemorative year, and to seek his powerful intercession to safely guard the Church from all evils, just as he protected the Holy Family from harm. Hopefully during this very challenging year of pandemic and uncertainty, St. Joseph has been a source of hope and guidance for all of us. May St. Joseph continue to guide us and sustain us in our life of faith now and in the future.



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:

Karen A. Kelly
Gary Masaitis

May their souls 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. **(WEATHER PERMITTING)**. This will enable the maintenance staff to prepare for the upcoming Spring and Summer season. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Please note, any decoration remaining after the March 22nd cutoff date will be disposed of. Thank you for your cooperation.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

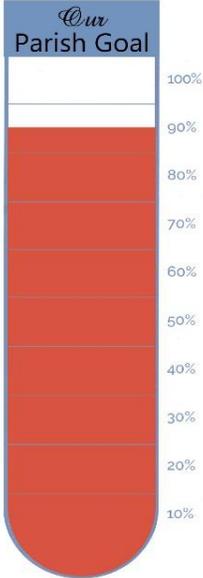
Knights of Columbus Council #3987 will have Coal Sweepstakes Chances available this weekend. Donation is \$5.00 for the chance to win one of 16 cash prizes from \$1,000 to \$15,000. Please take a chance or two and kindly return them in the collection or rectory mailbox with your stub and payment. **Returns must be made by April 7th.** Drawing is April 30th. Tickets are located in a basket on table at entrance of the Church.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL - Parish Goal - \$77,000.00

Father Mosley, Deacon Pernot, and Monsignor Tressler wish to express their sincerest appreciation in advance for your support of the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Our parish goal has been reduced \$5,000.00 this year, as were all parishes since the diocesan goal was reduced from \$5 million to \$4.5 million. Thank you for your kind attention to this announcement and for your continued support of St. Ignatius Parish. We are grateful to report that \$65,788.28 has been pledged, which is 86% of our parish goal. Your support is greatly appreciated. We are in the final stages of the Annual Appeal. If you have not yet made a gift you are encouraged to do so. Our diocesan ministries rely on the parishes of the Diocese for support.

We need your help to meet our parish goal!

St. Ignatius Loyola Parish has reached 85% of its goal. Only **\$11,211.72** needed to reach 100 percent.



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Mass Intentions Week of March 15th – 21st

Monday
7:30 AM – John Mayerski <i>Wife & Children</i>
12:10 PM – Kathryn McCall & Elizabeth McColey <i>Family</i>
Tuesday
7:30 AM – John J. Bogdan <i>Wife, Shirley & Family</i>
12:10 PM – Jeanne Butcher <i>Joe Butcher & Family</i>
Wednesday
7:30 AM – Ann Klecha <i>Barbara Stasavage</i>
12:10 PM – Margaret Mancos <i>Husband</i>
Thursday
7:30 AM – Kathleen Adams <i>Tim & Tara McElroy</i>
12:10 PM – Marie Cieczko <i>Husband & Family</i>
Friday
7:30 AM – Paul O'Malia <i>Carolee & Harry Williams</i>
12:10 PM – Teri Urban <i>Family</i>
Saturday
4:00 PM – Patricia Patton <i>Rosalie & Ted Patton</i>
6:00 PM – James Sullivan <i>Drust Family</i>
Sunday
7:00 AM – John Kowalski <i>Jerry Brown</i>
10:30 AM – Richard Triani <i>Roseann Reilly</i>
12:30 PM – Kevin Karl <i>Heffron Family</i>

Church Candle for the Week of March 15th

In Memory of Jeanne Butcher – Requested by Joe Butcher & Family

Bread & Wine for the Week of March 15th

In Memory of Jeanne Butcher – Requested by Joe Butcher & Family

FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2021

Sunday Tithe
\$12,010.00

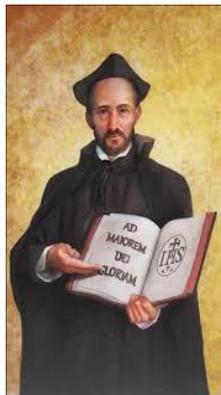
E-Offerings
\$410.00

Total
\$12,420.00

**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.



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