



## **Saint Ignatius Loyola Church Weekly Update December 12, 2021**

### **LITURGY SCHEDULE**

Weekday Masses will continue the week of December 13, 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. 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 Christmas Day or 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**

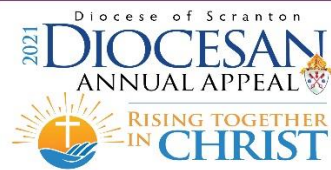
We, the blended Catholic community of St. Ignatius, draw strength from Word and Sacrament, especially in the celebration of the Eucharist. Modeling Christ's work, we embrace our commitment to God's call. We remain faithful to the shared acts of prayer, study, and service. Together we extend Christ's hospitality to others and light the path of peace for generations to come.

## *Help Our Parish Reach its Goal!*

Gifts to the 2021 Diocesan Annual Appeal change lives every day. As Christmas draws near, please support the diocesan ministries that help our children and families as well as the poor, lonely and vulnerable.



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The Annual Appeal kicked off a few weeks ago. Your continued support of our Diocesan Ministries will be greatly appreciated. Last year, due to your generosity, we went over our parish goal of \$77,000.00. Your support will be deeply appreciated. All parishioners should have received a mailing from the Diocese. Your pledges or donations can be returned to the Diocese or St. Ignatius Parish and the office will forward them to the Diocese. Thank you in advance for your support! The Appeal Video can be viewed on our Face Book page or Web page. We are most grateful to all who have prayerfully considered a pledge to this year's Appeal. God bless.

### **\$2,000.00 Refund!!!!**

This year as an added incentive to the Diocesan Annual Appeal, a \$2,000.00 check will be sent to each parish that has a 10% increase in NEW DONORS, no matter what they donate. Last year we had 387 donors to the appeal. Hopefully, we can increase our participation by 38 new donors. Our goal as a parish is \$77,000.00 and for every dollar that is collected over that amount, 75 cents is returned to our parish. Presently, we are at 304 donors and 72% of our goal. Let us work together to meet this challenge and assist our Diocese in serving the many people in need.



## **RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**

Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others – educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. The envelope for this collection can be found in your packets. Please drop it in the collection boxes in the Church. Thank you for your generosity.

## **CONFESSIONS**

Special Advent confessions will be held on

Tuesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**This will be the final opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation  
before Christmas.**

## **CHRISTMAS MASS INTENTIONS**

Special Christmas Mass Intention envelopes can be found in your monthly packets to remember both living and deceased family members and friends. Please write the names of your loved ones on the back of the envelope. The envelopes will be placed on the altar during all of the Christmas Masses to remember your intentions.

## WEEKLY ADVENT REFLECTION

### Advent 3

#### **Faces**

We gather together to light the third Advent candle, pink with joy. Against the sparkling lights of the world, it is small and insignificant. But in the grieving heart of the Christian, Advent light is the gift of a divine kiss.

To stop the contagion and protect one another, we wear masks that hide the beautifully expressive human face. Masks make it difficult to give the look of love each of us craves. Masks make the heart lonely. We recognize what we have lost and light this pink candle in the hope of face-to-face encounters and restored looks of love and healing.



#### **DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS**

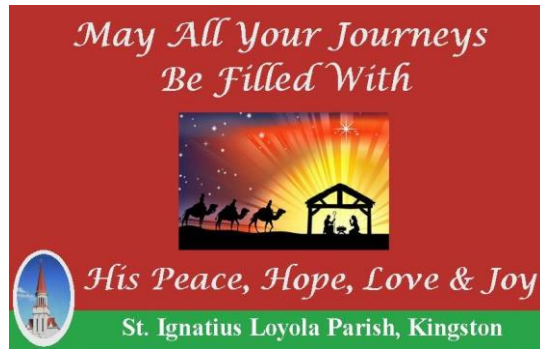
We are in need of your help to decorate the Church! In order to keep volunteers as safe as possible as we decorate the Church, we will utilize two teams.

**Team A** will do the trees, lights, and manger setup on Monday, Dec 20 at 6:00 p.m.

**Team B** will do flowers and finish all other inside decorations on Tuesday, Dec 23 at 5:30 p.m.

If you helped last year, we will try to contact you. If you are not contacted for some reason, please just come on Dec 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

If you would like to volunteer, please come to the Church on either day. Thank you in advance for your help!



### **PARISH CHRISTMAS YARD SIGNS**

Bring a sign of hope to your neighborhood and share the joy of the season with a decorative yard sign. Available on a first come first serve basis. Limited supply - one per residence. No charge - donation optional. Signs are available at the rectory during regular office hours.

### **OPLATKI CHRISTMAS WAFERS**

Christmas Wafers will be available on a table in the rear of the Church beginning Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Please deposit money for wafers in the locked collection boxes marked Christmas Wafers. Donation - \$5.00.

### **BIBLE STUDY**

“Hear Ye, Hear Ye! Start the New Year in the biblical study of “Women of the New Testament.” Held via Zoom, inclement weather will be no problem as we hope to begin Wednesday January 5, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. Two-book study sets for \$16.95 are on order, further information to follow!

### **SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS**

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

Lucille Sauchak

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

## **2022 CALENDARS**

We wish to thank Maher-Collins Funeral Home for their generous donation of our parish calendars. Calendars are available at the back of the Church. Please take one calendar per family. Please do not return the calendar once it has been touched.

## **ATTENTION HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS, CARE GIVERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Mary's Ministry will be distributing pocket prayer shawl gifts with a blessed Marian Statue and calendars in place of flowers the week of Christmas to our parishioners currently in nursing homes or homebound. We ask all family members, friends, or care givers to please contact the Rectory 288-6446 with names and addresses of homebound and nursing home parishioners who should be added to our list to be remembered. Our Priests and Eucharistic Ministers serving the homebound and nursing homes will also bring Communion subject to Covid conditions. If you wish to pick up your loved one's gift, please let the rectory know and they will be available to pick in the sacristy after Masses on Dec. 18-19th.

## **MARY'S MINISTRY ADVENT /CHRISTMAS VIDEO HOLIDAY PROGRAMS**

Ventriloquist, Susan Klein and a Family of Friends will be preparing hearts for the arrival of the King of Kings, the Light of the world! Check out our parish website and Facebook page in December for her two Advent events. "The Good News" story time program featuring Carmel the dog and Nachito the parrot will be available for families with young children. Her "Christmas Lights – Shining Bright – King of Kings" show may be enjoyed by youth and adult parishioners. These entertaining programs have been provided by Mary's Ministry in place of our normal holiday social due to Covid restrictions.

## **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.

## **CANDLE SALE THANK YOU**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Mary's Ministry Candle Sale and made donations to provide gifts for the women at Ruth's Place and Catherine McAuley House. A special thanks to Anne Marie Urbanski for coordinating this project.



## **PARISH CHRISTMAS TREE**

We will place a Christmas tree in the front yard of the rectory on Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup> and invite everyone to stop by and securely attach an ornament with your name (s) on it prior to December 24<sup>th</sup> (if necessary, you may leave your ornament in the container on the rectory porch for us to attach your ornament.) On Christmas Eve, we will light the tree as a visible sign of our unity and commitment to our parish family as we stand "Together in Faith."

## **GRATITUDE FOR NEW OUTSIDE MANGER AND FIGURES**

We are grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Jared Urbanski for donating the new outdoor Nativity Set. The new set certainly has enhanced our Christmas display outside. We appreciate their generosity and support!



## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

**December 11th** - First Penance celebration - 9:30 a.m. – Church – Families only

**December 12th** - Grade 4 Family Morning/Class Mass. All Grade 4 students, both public and private schools, are strongly encouraged to attend this family event. It will begin at 9:15 a.m. in Conlan Hall followed by the class Mass at 10:30 a.m.

## **CHRISTMAS EVE MORNING MASSES & 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 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS**

The parish office will be closed on Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> and Monday, December 27<sup>th</sup>. The office will reopen on Tuesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>. The parish office will be closed on Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup> and Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. The office will reopen on Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.

## **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!



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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](http://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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**CHRISTMAS AND  
NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE 2021  
& JANUARY 1, 2022**

**CHRISTMAS EVE, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2021**

4:00 p.m. Mass in Good Shepherd Academy Gym

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

6:00 p.m. Mass in St. Ignatius Church

10:00 p.m. Mass in St. Ignatius Church

**CHRISTMAS DAY, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2021**

8:30 a.m. Mass in St. Ignatius Church and Lived Streamed on Facebook Page

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

*Please note, overflow crowds can be accommodated in Conlan Hall watching Mass on Big Screen Television. Holy Communion will be distributed in Conlan Hall.*

*Please note there will be no afternoon Liturgies on Christmas Day.*

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021**

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

8:30 a.m. in St. Ignatius Church (Mass will also be Live Streamed)

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

Noon in St. Ignatius Church

**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.*

## Mass Intentions Week of December 13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>

<b>Monday</b>
<b>7:30 AM – William Chmielewski</b> <i>Christine, Maureen, Helene</i>
<b>12:10 PM – Gerald Maier</b> <i>Wife &amp; Family</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>
<b>7:30 AM – Victoria &amp; Anthony Marks</b> <i>Mary Marks</i>
<b>12:10 PM – Reverend Richard Zavacki</b> <i>Mary's Ministry</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>
<b>7:30 AM – Theodore P. Klecha</b> <i>Family</i>
<b>12:10 PM – Joseph DeSanto</b> <i>Wife, Elizabeth</i>
<b>Thursday</b>
<b>7:30 AM – Samantha Howell</b> <i>O'Donnell Family</i>
<b>12:10 PM – Helen Kopicki</b> <i>Daughter</i>
<b>Friday</b>
<b>7:30 AM – Irving &amp; Elizabeth Verdone</b> <i>S. Verdone &amp; S. Arbogast</i>
<b>12:10 PM – Francis &amp; Mary Girvan</b> <i>Family</i>
<b>Saturday</b>
<b>4:00 PM – Mary Lydon</b> <i>Lacy Family</i>
<b>5:30 PM – Fabian Fall</b> <i>Bitner Family</i>
<b>Sunday</b>
<b>7:00 AM – Marcy Collier</b> <i>Babetski Family</i>
<b>8:30 AM – For the People of the Parish</b>
<b>10:30 AM – Ruth Coury</b> <i>Marlene Kotarski</i>
<b>12:00 PM – Victoria Biscontini</b> <i>Stasavage Family</i>

**Church Candle for the Week of December 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**In Memory of Florence Lamoreaux - Requested by Daughter, Pat Lamoreaux**  
**Bread & Wine for the Week of December 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**In Memory of Anthony Maloney – Requested by Family**

**FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021**

Sunday Tithe  
**\$12,229.00**

E-Offerings  
**\$35.00**

Total  
**\$12,264.00**

**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 Adds Name to List of Credibly Accused**

Following the release of the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report in August 2018, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera made a promise that he would be open and transparent in the way that the Diocese of Scranton handles occurrences of child sexual abuse. That commitment remains true.

In August 2018, the Diocese published on its website a list of all clergy, staff and volunteers who had been credibly accused of child sexual abuse. Since that time, additional names have been added to the online list as necessary, with public notification.

The Diocese was recently notified by the Franciscan Friars, Holy Name Province, that the name of a friar who had previously been stationed in ministry within the Diocese was being included on its listing against whom credible sexual abuse/misconduct claims have been made. As a result of this information, the Diocese of Scranton has also decided to add the following name to its original list of credibly accused individuals:

### **MEMBERS OF RELIGIOUS ORDERS**

Hennessy, Placid (OFM)

If you are aware of additional allegations of wrongdoing or any information that should be included on this list, please contact our Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska at (570) 862-7551 or Father Gerald W. Shantillo, Vicar General, at (570) 207-2269. If you have suffered abuse by clergy or anyone working on behalf of the Diocese, you are encouraged to immediately contact law enforcement and/or Mary Beth Pacuska.



Diocese of Scranton  
Guidelines for Public Masses  
**Revised November 1, 2021**

*We, the Parish of St. Ignatius Loyola, join all the parishes of the Diocese of Scranton to continue to joyfully welcome the faithful to return to Mass in-person to celebrate the Holy Eucharist, the source and summit of the Christian life.*

### **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. 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!

