



## **Saint Ignatius Loyola Church Weekly Update August 15, 2021**

### **LITURGY SCHEDULE**

Weekday Masses will continue the Week of August 16, 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.**

### **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.

## **MASS SCHEDULE UPDATE**

### **AUGUST 14-15, 2021**

Please know how grateful we are for your patience, understanding and support throughout the past sixteen months as we navigated through the global pandemic, COVID-19.

We have been notified that the dispensation in the Diocese of Scranton from the obligation to participate at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days will end next **Sunday, August 15, 2021**, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. All of the dioceses in Pennsylvania will do the same.

**It is important to note that people continue to be excused from Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation if they are:**

- **Seriously ill**
- **Have a health risk,**
- **In household with people who are at risk**
- **Primary caregivers to those at risk**
- **Have serious anxiety or concerns about being in a large group setting due to COVID-19**
- **Unable to attend Mass in person**

**As an act of charity, anyone who believes they might have COVID-19 or one of its variants should stay home.**

St. Ignatius Loyola Parish is pleased to welcome everyone to join us in person for the celebration of Mass. Our church building will continue to be properly ventilated, sanitized, and appropriate distancing will be maintained to provide a safe as well as a healthy space for Mass.

Therefore, the following Mass schedule **will take effect this weekend, Saturday, August 14 and Sunday, August 15, 2021.**

#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

<b>Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b> <b>5:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b> <b>8:30 a.m. (All are welcome to attend in person – LIVESTREAM will continue)</b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b> <b>12:00 noon</b>

***ALL MASSES WILL CONTINUE TO BE AT ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA CHURCH.***

## **THANK YOU FROM FATHER MOSLEY**



*You have filled my heart with great joy (Psalm 4:7).* This phrase from the Book of Psalms reflects so much of how I am feeling as my time at St. Ignatius draws to a close. I have been truly blessed over these past four years to have served as your assistant pastor. I

thank God for the opportunity to have been emersed in this community of believers as we shared in the sacramental life of the Church, as we built a sense of community through various socials and service projects, and as we journeyed together in deepening our faith and in growing as disciples of Jesus.

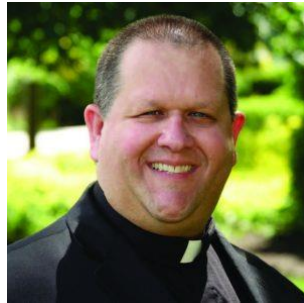
As this chapter in my priesthood closes, please know that you have had and will continue to have a lasting impact on my ministry. You have welcomed me into your lives amid the joys and sorrows that we are called to face, and I will be forever grateful for all that you have done for me. I thank you for the phenomenal farewell celebration this past Sunday and for all your kind words, generous gifts, and encouragement. I thank the entire pastoral team for their hard work and dedication, and in a special way, I thank Msgr. Tressler for his tireless generosity, friendship, and his fine example of pastoral leadership. Your guidance and compassion will be forever remembered as you have shown me what it means to be a good shepherd.

I will keep you all in my prayers and ask that you continue to pray for me. Remember, it is not goodbye, but until we meet again. May God bless you and keep you all in His loving care!

Peace,

Fr. Joe

## **WELCOME FATHER SIMCHOCK**



### **REVEREND SHAWN SIMCHOCK - NEW PAROCHIAL VICAR**



St. Ignatius Parish is proud to welcome Fr. Shawn Simchock as our new Parochial Vicar effective August 11, 2021. Fr. Simchock was born in Hazelton, PA. He graduated from Bloomsburg University in 2002. He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Scranton in June 2020. His first priestly assignment was at St. Faustina, Nanticoke, and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Lake Silkworth. Father is looking forward to joining our parish community. Please keep Father in your prayers during this time of transition.



### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR SPEICAL NEEDS CHILDREN**

Do you have a child with a learning disability especially - ADD, ADHD, autism, asperger's syndrome - or know a family of a child experiencing these disabilities? We have a religious education program for our special children. If you would like more information or are interested in this program, please call Carmella Faust at 570- 287-3682 or e-mail: [religioueducation1@yahoo.com](mailto:religioueducation1@yahoo.com).

# Religious Education Registration



## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

Registration for all religious education programs will be held in Bergan Hall:

**REGISTRATION SUNDAY: AUGUST 29<sup>th</sup> : 9:30 am – Noon**

Late registration: Tuesday, August 31 st : 6 – 7:30 pm

Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> : 6 – 7:30 pm

Please note! Those students who are registering for the first time and who were not baptized at St. Ignatius, will need a copy of their baptismal certificate.

Registration Fee: \$25. 00 per child - \$55.00/ 3 or more children

Classes will begin on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> – stay tuned for opening day details.

## **SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS**

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

Brian McHugh  
William Ritsick, Sr.

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



## Sponsor a Religious Education Student

Religious education equips our parish's students with cultural, social, moral, and spiritual knowledge that aids in their mental and physical development within society.

However, not all families are fortunate enough to have the means to send their children through our religious education program. The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola does not turn away any student from our program and the additional expense is covered by the church.

The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola Religious Education Parent Advisory Committee is seeking donations of \$25 to sponsor a child's religious education experience in 2021-2022. All donations received will remain within our Parish and will help our youth directly.

Donations may be dropped off at the Rectory or may be mailed to Mrs. Carmella Faust, Director of Religious Education, The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, 339 North Maple Avenue, Kingston, PA 18704. For more information, please contact Mrs. Faust at 570-287-3682 or [religiouseducation1@yahoo.com](mailto:religiouseducation1@yahoo.com).

**Thank you for your consideration!**

## **St. Ignatius Loyola Parish**

*Planning for the fall, 2021*

The continued progress throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and in particular here in Luzerne County to address the spread of COVID-19 with vaccinations and other protocols to ensure this positive direction allows us to begin planning to resume our parish activities and events with cautious optimism.

We respectfully request that any of our organizations, ministries, events and/or meetings that require a particular space on our property to call the rectory (570-288-6446) to select the date(s) you need for the 2021-22 year (our parish programs have traditionally followed the academic year September to June). We will have on the calendar our Religious Education schedule, RCIA, and Baptismal instruction to avoid conflicts. Scheduling of spaces will be available beginning after Labor Day, September 6, 2021.

Please remember that we will follow all of the CDC guidelines along with the Diocesan guidelines which are subject to change in response to COVID-19. Also, certain dates may be blocked out to ensure proper sanitizing.

We are most pleased with the continued growth to our in-person Masses, and we are delighted to welcome everyone to join us. We will continue to livestream our 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. Once again, we assure you of our diligence to provide a safe environment to protect your health and safety while in church.

Please contact the parish office at your earliest convenience. May God bless you for your faithfulness especially during these many months and your ongoing support!



## Mass Intentions Week of August 16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>

<b>Monday</b>
<b>7:30 AM - Joseph Scheidel &amp; Family</b> <i>Family</i>
<b>12:10 PM – Elizabeth Searles</b> <i>Family</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>
<b>7:30 AM – Carl McMichael</b> <i>Savitski Family</i>
<b>12:10 PM – James McGuire</b> <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Jared Urbanski</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>
<b>7:30 AM – Richard Suda</b> <i>Carole Sharon</i>
<b>12:10 PM – William Jones</b> <i>Paul S. Makuch</i>
<b>Thursday</b>
<b>7:30 AM – Joseph Monico</b> <i>Williams Family</i>
<b>12:10 PM – Mary Ann Adams</b> <i>Richard &amp; Linda Adams</i>
<b>Friday</b>
<b>7:30 AM – Stephen Ferris</b> <i>Friends</i>
<b>12:10 PM – Anthony Maloney</b> <i>Brian Lavelle</i>
<b>Saturday</b>
<b>4:00 PM – Kurt Broody</b> <i>Donna Fisher</i>
<b>5:30 PM – Mary Ann Karis</b> <i>John Forlenza</i>
<b>Sunday</b>
<b>7:00 AM – Richard O’Leary</b> <i>Tony &amp; Paula Decker</i>
<b>8:30 AM – For the People of the Parish</b>
<b>10:30 AM – Charlotte Turkos</b> <i>Colleen Pretko</i>
<b>12:00 PM – John McCarthy</b> <i>Eagen Family</i>

### Church Candle for the Week of August 16<sup>th</sup>

**In Memory of Bernard F. Rupinski – Req. by Friend, Laverne Pieszala**

### Bread & Wine for the Week of August 16<sup>th</sup>

**In Memory of Mary Schneider – Req. by Sister, Mildred Walsh & Nieces**



**FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 2021**

Sunday Tithe  
**\$11,261.00**

E-Offerings  
**\$1,661.00**

Total  
**\$12,922.00**

**Amount Needed  
Each Week to  
Meet Expenses  
to be determined for  
New Fiscal Year**

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.





**Welcome Deirdre Drinkall  
Notre Dame Echo Apprentice**

The Diocese of Scranton is joining forces with Notre Dame University this summer to help develop the next generation of young adult leaders in the Catholic Church. In August, three students from the McGrath Institute's Echo Program at the University of Notre Dame will travel to northeastern Pennsylvania to begin serving in various parishes locally.

Deirdre is from Lake Mary, Florida, and the Diocese of Orlando. She is excited to embark on this Echo journey. She seeks to help build a civilization of love in our corner of the world. Deirdre looks forward to learning the tried-and-true methods in leading and ministering with the Holy Spirit as the guide. Her experience in youth ministry, children's catechesis, and young women's ministry has prepared her to dive head-first into a community with creative energy and warmth. She is passionate about sharing God's true light in the Church and the world.

**Deirdre will have an office in the rectory and will live with the other two apprentices who will be serving the Diocese in a house on the Kings College Campus. Deirdre will begin her service to our parish on August 17, 2021.**

We welcome her and look forward to her joining our Pastoral Team!



**Diocese of Scranton**  
**Guidelines for Public Masses**  
**During the COVID-19 Pandemic**  
**REVISED AUGUST 6, 2021**

*We the Parish of St. Ignatius Loyola join with all the parishes of the Diocese of Scranton to joyfully welcome the faithful of the Diocese to return to our parish. Despite the challenges of the last year, we invite those who have not yet returned to Mass to rejoin us in person to celebrate the Holy Eucharist, the source and summit of the Christian life.*

**MASK GUIDANCE FOR MASSES**

- The Pennsylvania Department of Health ended its mask mandate as of Monday, June 28, 2021
- This means that in the parishes and institutions of the Diocese of Scranton, there is no requirement for face coverings or masks.
- **However, Bishop Bambera, issued new guidelines on Friday August 6, 2021, which strongly encourage vaccinated and non-vaccinated to return to wearing masks inside for Mass and other indoor gatherings in order to protect the safety and health of all parishioners.**
- There will be no request by the parish regarding information about vaccination status to be admitted to the church.

## **OTHER IMPORTANT PROTOCOLS & SAFETY PRECAUTIONS**

- We remind the faithful to continue to maximize the use of space as much as possible.
- Hand sanitizer will continue to be available in the church.
- The Sign of Peace will be celebrated without physical contact.
- The distribution of the Precious Blood remains suspended at this time.
- The Diocesan guidelines allow decisions to be made at the discretion of the individual parish regarding the following:
  - Altar servers may assist at Mass once again. Servers under the age of 18 will need parental permission.
  - Liturgical singing will be allowed – specifics to be determined.
  - Holy Water fonts will be refilled and utilized.

We will be implementing the return of these items in the coming weeks as the Pastoral Staff cautiously determine a timeline.

**While ongoing progress is being made to address the spread of COVID-19 with vaccinations, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Masses on Holy Days will be reinstated on August 15<sup>th</sup>. St. Ignatius Loyola Parish is excited to welcome everyone to join us in person for the celebration of Mass. We will proceed with caution to ensure our faithful will return with full confidence in their health and safety while at church.**

**Monsignor Tressler, Father Simchock, and Deacon Pernot are excited to be welcoming our parishioners and friends back when you feel comfortable!**

