



Saint Ignatius Loyola Church Weekly Update November 7, 2021

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses will continue the week of November 8, 2021

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday – 7:30 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.
Thursday – 9:00 a.m. (Veteran’s Day)

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.



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.

SUPPORT PARISH LIFE INITIATIVES

"Our primary goal is to share the Gospel, evangelize and share our faith and bring people back to the Church if they are not there"

— Jose Flores
Coordinator for Hispanic Ministry
Diocese of Scranton



The Diocesan Annual Appeal supports the Office for Parish Life, which works directly with parishes to provide training and support services to guide the faithful. This summer, the office launched a new weekly radio program in Spanish to share the Gospel message with the Hispanic community.

Donate now at: annualappeal.org



GIFTS OF ANY AMOUNT ARE APPRECIATED



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 DONOR'S, 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 240 donors and 59% of our goal. Let us work together to meet this challenge and assist our Diocese in serving the many people in need.

THEOLOGICAL TIDBITS

LEARNING TO JOURNEY TOGETHER AS CATHOLICS



In the upcoming weeks, we will address topics of our liturgical worship and matters of faith.

OUR LITURGICAL JOURNEY

If we attend a baseball game, hockey game or other sporting event we certainly enjoy it more if we know what there is to know about this particular event. Although the Mass is far from being a sporting event the Church, for many years, has called us to engage our attendance at Mass with “full, active and conscious participation.” These words are loaded with meaning which lead us in many directions. So, we invite you to join us on a prayerful liturgical journey which will continue each week so that we can enrich our spiritual lives by meditating/thinking about the information offered about the Mass. As we journey, we might be in for a few surprises, or simply want to question something you will read here.

WHAT IS PURGATORY?

We are all familiar with the term, but it causes much consternation when we have to reflect on it. So, I first give one definition regarding Purgatory. The definition refers to purgatory as a state wherein, according to Roman Catholic doctrine, the souls of those who die in God's grace may make satisfaction for past sins and so become fit for heaven. Both Pope St. John Paul II and Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI declared that the term does not indicate a place, but a condition of existence thus reinforcing the definition just given. The Catholic Church teaches that a soul who dies in God's grace and friendship, will enter into “the blessedness of heaven-through a purification or immediately” (CCC 1021). Since “nothing unclean will enter” into heaven, purgatory is the state, or purification, not punishment, wherein souls become fit to enjoy heaven (Revelation 21:27). As we see in the Old Testament, in the book of Maccabees, we are encouraged to pray for the dead- especially during the month of November.



VETERAN'S DAY MASS – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11th

Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 11th. **Please note, there will be no 7:30 a.m. or 12:10 p.m. Mass.**

PARISH FAITH SHARING CONTINUES

The next Parish Faith Sharing opportunity will be held **Friday, November 19th** at 6 p.m. in Conlan Hall. Masks will be worn, and fair distances kept. Newcomers are always welcome. Why not give us a try?



CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Have you missed singing during the Pandemic? If so, now is your chance to sing again! All are welcome to join us for **CHRISTMAS CHOIR REHEARSAL** beginning on Wednesday, Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. in the church. There will be several rehearsals as we prepare to sing at the 10 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. Please contact Rob Yenkowski at: robertyenkowski@kings.edu or by calling/texting at (570)-479-1886 if you are interested in joining choir for the celebration of Christmas! Your response will ensure we have enough music prepared for rehearsals.

HOLY REDEEMER OPEN HOUSE

The Royal Family is opening its doors! Visit OPEN HOUSE Sunday, November 7th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Discover an enriching, supportive, faith-filled environment where academic excellence and servant leadership are pursued daily. Talk to parents, students, faculty, and coaches to learn why you belong in the Holy Redeemer family. Holy Redeemer High School, 15 South Pennsylvania Blvd., Wilkes-Barre. 570-829-2424.
Principal, Mrs. Doreen Dougherty.

GUIDELINES FOR THE MASS INTENTION BOOK – 2022

The book of Mass Intentions for St. Ignatius Loyola Parish will open for 2022 on **Monday, November 8th**. We respectfully ask that your requests be for death anniversary Masses (4 Masses per year per family.) We are required by Canon Law #953 that the parish may accept only the number of Masses that can be fulfilled within a year. We will accept requests for (7:30 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. – Monday – Friday and one weekend liturgy.) We will also be eliminating the 7 day and Month's Mind Masses to enable us to fulfill the requests made when the book is opened. The 8:30 a.m. weekend Mass is reserved for the people of the parish.

Also, please know that due to the number of Masses presently on record, the parish will no longer be able to accept Mass intentions from an individual's estate (you may wish to consider a trust fund which can be established to distribute a certain amount each year to fulfill your requests. This would be handled by your estate planner, no more than 4 Masses per year can be accepted.)

We would ask that you contact the rectory regarding a Mass intention directly and not make the request at the funeral home. Again, we are required to only accept the Mass intentions that can be fulfilled within a year. Your understanding as well as your cooperation is appreciated. Please call Jen at 570-288-6446 (between the hours of 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Monday – Friday) to schedule the Masses.

SANCTUARY CANDLE AND BREAD AND WINE – 2022

The Church Sanctuary Candle and the Bread and Wine can be requested for 2022. Donation – Bread and Wine - \$50.00 and Sanctuary Candle - \$25.00.

MARY’S MINISTRY LADIES’ NIGHT GATHERING NOVEMBER 7th

Not interested in Sunday Night football? Mary’s Ministry invites the busy women of the parish to join us for a fun Zoom gathering fundraiser on Sunday, November 7th 7:00-8:00 PM. You will have the opportunity to get acquainted with your fellow parishioners and do a little Christmas shopping. Anne Marie Urbanski, a Mia Bella’s Candle representative, will share information on clean burning natural wax candles which will be available for purchase. Proceeds donated from these sales will be used to support Mary’s Ministry Christmas gift donations to the women at Catherine McAuley House and Ruth’s Place. Order forms will be available on our Parish website, Facebook Page, this week’s bulletin, or at the rectory for anyone who wishes to place an order. If you do not wish to purchase any candles but wish to contribute to this Christmas project, you may send in a monetary gift. All donations and orders with payment to St. Ignatius Church memo Mary’s Ministry Candle Order or Fundraiser Donation must be returned to the rectory by mail or collection basket by Friday, November 12th. The Zoom invitation for the gathering will be sent by email to our current Mary’s Ministry contacts to be shared with family and friends on November 1st. (Note: This link **may not** be posted online.) If you wish to participate and have not received the link, please contact Anne Marie Urbanski at thetwistedwicks@gmail.com or (570) 855-5251.

MARY’S MINISTRY LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING NOV. 16th

Please join Mary’s Ministry Leadership Team in welcoming Marian Palmeri on November 16th at 6:45PM for a Zoom focus group session to identify ways the women of our parish may participate in Mary’s Ministry at different stages of our lives. If you wish to join our leadership team for this meeting, please contact Mary Hosey at 4lhars@gmail.com or (570) 287-7973 by November 15th for the Zoom link.

LEAVE A MARK 2021

Young adults (age 18-40) are invited to join Bishop Joseph C. Bambera on **Sunday, November 7th** at 5:00 p.m. in the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton for this annual gathering to kickoff National Vocation Awareness Week in the Diocese of Scranton. A social will immediately follow in the Diocesan Pastoral Center. For more information, visit vocations.dioceseofscranton.org or call 570-207-1452.

LECTOR WORKBOOKS

The 2022 Lector Workbooks have arrived. Please pick up your copy at the rectory during regular office hours. Thank you!

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE MEMORIAL CANDLES

Any family member of a recently deceased parishioner who was unable to attend the Mass of Remembrance on November 2nd are invited to stop at the rectory during regular business hours to pick up the memorial candle for their deceased loved one.



Mass Intentions Week of November 8th – 14th

Monday
7:30 AM – Nicholas Dorosky <i>Mom & Dad</i>
12:10 PM – Raymond Kruczek <i>Nancy Needle & Family</i>
Tuesday
7:30 AM – Arlene & Francis Finley <i>Daughter, Maureen Marascio</i>
12:10 PM – Ellen Jenkins <i>Family</i>
Wednesday
7:30 AM – Janette Bolinsky <i>Anna Yerashunas</i>
12:10 PM – Judy Rattigan <i>Sister, Fay</i>
Thursday
9:00 AM – Alex Maloney <i>Tim & Barbara</i>
No 7:30 AM or 12:10 PM Mass today.
Friday
7:30 AM – Erin Hammond <i>Parents</i>
12:10 PM – Gerald & Josephine Ogurkis <i>Family</i>
Saturday
4:00 PM – Robert Walsh <i>Karen Naugle Tomulaitis</i>
5:30 PM – Stella Stepniak <i>St. Ignatius Choir</i>
Sunday
7:00 AM – Irene Lloyd <i>Riedel Family</i>
8:30 AM – For the People of the Parish
10:30 AM – Margaret Dailey <i>Broody Family</i>
12:00 PM – Matilda Nardone <i>Amesbury Family</i>

Church Candle for the Week of November 8th
In Memory of Kathleen Mras – Requested by Children

Bread & Wine for the Week of November 8th
In Memory of Genevieve Cawley – Requested by Family

FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2021

Sunday Tithe
\$12,072.48

E-Offerings
\$85.00

Total
\$12,157.48

**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 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 continues 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!

