



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON
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May 1, 2022

Dear Parishioners of Saint Ignatius Loyola Parish,

In 2019, well before any of us knew about the approaching COVID-19 pandemic, the Diocese of Scranton began a long-range pastoral planning process with clergy and parish leaders. The Vision 2030 Blueprint Process that we began aims to look proactively at the realities of our local church in the present moment, while striving to meet the opportunities and challenges of the coming decade. The goal is to create vibrant parish communities rooted in the life of Jesus Christ.

As we strive to be a "mission-driven" church, we must all work together in a way that we best live out our baptismal calling in both a world - and local environment - that continues to change. Our Church faces significant challenges, among which are a fewer number of parishioners, financial sustainability questions, facility infrastructure needs and a diminishing number of ordained priests.

With this in mind, I write to inform you that Father Jarrod Waugh, CSC, administrator of Holy Family Parish, Luzerne, will be leaving his current position for a new ministry assignment within the Congregation of the Holy Cross on June 30, 2022. We are so thankful for his dedicated and faithful service to Holy Family Parish over the last two years! At this time, the Congregation of the Holy Cross is unable to provide another priest who could serve at Holy Family Parish.

In recognition of all that our Church faces, and after consultation with your Pastor and Parish Pastoral and Finance Council members, I have directed that the parishes of Holy Family, Luzerne, and Saint Ignatius Loyola, Kingston, be brought together in a linkage, with a single Pastor.

Your Pastoral and Finance Council members have acknowledged this change will take careful planning and both parishes will participate in the discussions about the particulars of linking under one pastor. This is not a consolidation, although your discussion may lead to that at some point in the future. With the Grace of God, all involved in this linkage will continue to serve and minister to our Lord and His Holy People.

Parishes involved in a linkage, by necessity, cooperate more closely than other parishes and do many things cooperatively, such as programs, and are encouraged to work toward combining Pastoral Council meetings and establishing common committees where possible.

Please know this decision is just the very first step in a process that will require the involvement and engagement of all of you, our faithful parishioners. There will be many questions to be examined and choices that will need to be made when this linkage occurs in July. A team with members from both parishes, assisted by Diocesan staff, will be created to accompany and guide the transition process. Professionals in pastoral formation, financial planning and engineering are also ready to contribute to the development of this new linkage in any way that is necessary.

While I know change is never easy, be assured of my deep gratitude for all that you and your families have shared, and continue to share, in furthering the mission of the Church. As you know, our mission is to take Christ into the world. I am confident that by working together we can "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

Be assured that you are in my prayers as this process towards a new hope-filled future begins.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

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



Third Sunday of Easter

**Saint Ignatius Loyola Church Weekly Update
May 1, 2022**

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses for the week of May 2nd are:

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. to 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.



Parish Phone Number 570-288-6446

St. Ignatius Pastoral Staff

*Monsignor David L. Tressler
Reverend Shawn M. Simchock
Deacon Gerard P. Pernot
Mr. Harrison Rapp
Ms. Deirdre Drinkall
Mrs. Carmella Faust*

*Pastor
Assistant Pastor
Deacon
Seminarian
Notre Dame Intern/Pastoral Associate
Director of Liturgical Music
Director of Religious Education
Youth Minister and Live Stream Coordinator*

Ms. Shannon Kowalski

Main Office Staff

*Ms. Mary Lewis
Mrs. Jennifer Carey*

*Office Manager
Receptionist*

Maintenance

Mr. William Gross

Sacristan

Mr. Matt Fiske

Visiting Clergy

*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.



EASTER THANKS

Father Simchock, Deacon Pernot, Deirdre Drinkall, Harrison Rapp and Msgr. Tressler wish to extend their deepest appreciation for your generosity during the Easter season. Our Easter collection for 2022 was **\$34,260.00**. Thank you for faithfully supporting your parish by sharing your time, talent, and treasure. God Bless You and your loved ones for your goodness.

MOTHER'S DAY MASS INTENTION ENVELOPES

In your envelope packet for May, you will find an envelope for Mother's Day, Living and Deceased intentions. You are invited to write the names of your loved ones on the envelope and place an offering inside. The envelopes will be placed on the altar on Mother's Day and remain on the altar for the month of May.

THURSDAY MORNING COMMUNITY PRAYER

Check the St. Ignatius Facebook page at 6:45AM (or any time after) on Thursday mornings and join the St. Ignatius community for a 10-minute livestream prayer while getting ready for school, driving to work, or brewing the coffee!

PARISH FAITH SHARING GROUPS

St. Ignatius' monthly Faith Sharing groups will meet once again on Friday, May 13th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in Conlan Hall. Adults 18 and older are welcome to attend and masks will be made available as needed. If you have not yet tried this Scripture-based, spiritual, and social activity, we urge you to come and see for yourself what it's all about. There is no cost or obligation, and newcomers are always welcome. Questions? Call Mary at 570-690-7732.

HOLY REDEEMER HIGH SCHOOL NEWS!

Holy Redeemer High School announces its Art Show, Spring Concert and Senior Waltz – Friday, April 29th and Saturday, April 30th in McCarthy Auditorium. Art Show begins at 6:00 p.m. and Concert/Waltz at 7:00 p.m. Ticket donation - \$5.00 – Senior Citizens/Students - \$3.00

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION THANK YOU!!

With the conclusion of our parish religious education program for this year, we would like to thank the many who served as faculty and aides: to the parents who acted as hall monitor throughout the year and to the following teachers and aides who gave of their time and talent week after week: Abby Charneski, Julianna Scappaticci, Mary Sims, Gabrielle Shemanski, Dan Berry, Lisa Hamill, Tom Tomsak, Michael Boutanos, Betsy Bendik, Deirdre Drinkall, Nicolette De Marco-Burton, Amanda Qualters, Mireya Lopez, Danielle Ambrose, Mary Ann Maxfield and Kayla Pekarvosky. Thank you and may God Bless you!



SIL Parish Community Shred Day

Compliments of SIL Community Commission - Holy Name - Mary's Ministry

Saturday, April 30, 2022 9:00 am - Noon

SIL Parishioners Only Rain or Shine

St. Ignatius Church Parking Lot - Enter from N. Maple Avenue Only!

Safe, Secure, Shredded on Site

Keep Your Identity Protected

Bring any documents you no longer need that contain personal information, including social security numbers, credit card information and bank account numbers, etc.

Please Keep in Mind:

- Suggested arrival: Last Name A thru M - **9-10 am** & N thru Z - **10:30-11:30 am**
- **Masks required. Please remain in vehicle and follow directions on site**
- **Maximum 5 boxes per vehicle**
- **Shredding is limited to confidential and sensitive materials only (No Magazines, Newspapers, 3 Ring Binders, Plastics, Heavy Metals, Trash, Batteries, Cell Phones, CD's or Cardboard)**

MAY CROWNING MAY 1st

On Sunday May 1st, Mary's Ministry will join with the religious education youth for our parish annual May Crowning Devotion to Our Blessed Mother at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Everyone is invited to participate in praying the Rosary with Mary's Ministry at 10:00 a.m.

MOTHER'S DAY MARY'S MINISTRY PRO-LIFE COLLECTION

This year the Pro-Life Center will not be able to sell their Carnations for Mother's Day, but the need is still there. Therefore, Mary's Ministry will be accepting monetary donations for our local Pro-Life Center. Please drop your donation into the designated collection boxes at the rear of the Church on Mother's Day Weekend.

Norwegian Joy 7 Night Canada and New England Cruise September 16-23, 2022



Monsignor David L. Tressler, Pastor
St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, Kingston - Chaplain!

The 7-night cruise includes port calls in Boston, Portland, St. John Bay, and Halifax. The price includes round trip transportation to/from the Port of New York, the cruise which includes the amenities of a beverage or soda package, specialty dining package, \$50.00 shore excursion credit and 250 internet minutes.

**Norwegian is offering a \$200.00 per person discount if booked by
May 19th.**

Original price per person: Inside Cabin \$1399.00 or Balcony Cabin
\$1699.00

Please contact Debbie Freas— 570-288-9311 or John Madden 570-342-5790
at Travelworld

Mass Intentions Week of May 2nd – 8th

Monday
7:30 AM – Ned Boyle <i>Family</i>
12:10 PM – Anna Lukas <i>Robert & Florence Smith</i>
Tuesday
7:30 AM – Eleanor Bombe <i>Gail & Dick Blaum</i>
12:10 PM – Peggy Hudock <i>Ron, Mariellen & Maura Mosca</i>
Wednesday
7:30 AM – Janette Bolinsky <i>Erin Donahue</i>
12:10 PM – Ned Whalen <i>Brian & Lindsey Keating & Family</i>
Thursday
7:30 AM – Helena Scheidel <i>Family</i>
12:10 PM – Dorothy L. Wolfe <i>Barb Terry</i>
Friday
7:30 AM – Ellen Gardzalla <i>Turos Family</i>
12:10 PM – Richard Jenkins <i>Family</i>
Saturday
4:00 PM – Mother's Day Intentions
5:30 PM – Mother's Day Intentions
Sunday
7:00 AM – Mother's Day Intentions
8:30 AM – Mother's Day Intentions
10:30 AM – Mother's Day Intentions
12:00 PM – Mother's Day Intentions

Church Candle for the Week of May 2nd
In Memory of David L. Tressler – Requested by Family

Bread & Wine for the Week of May 2nd
In Memory of Ann Marie Gunton – Requested by Family

FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR APRIL 24, 2022

Sunday Tithe
\$9,662.00

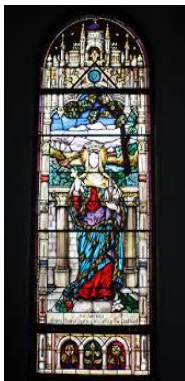
E-Offerings
\$843.00

Total
\$10,505.00

**Amount Needed
Each Week to
Meet Expenses
\$12,700.00**

Father Simchock, Deacon Pernot, Deirdre Drinkall, and Harrison Rapp 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 the 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 April 25, 2022

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. At this time and as long as case counts remain low, masks are optional. You are reminded to continue to maximize the use of space as much as possible.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Mask wearing for distribution of Holy Communion will be optional, at the discretion of the minister of Holy 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 are 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 continues to be available for in-person attendance as well.



Seeking Nominations for Parish Pastoral Council April 2nd – May 1st

Please consider nominating yourself or someone you think would be a viable candidate for membership on the Parish Pastoral Council. We are currently seeking five new members who will serve for a term of two years with the option of continuing for two additional terms. The Council, which includes 12 parishioners, meets monthly and works closely with the pastoral leadership in guiding the direction our parish will take. All candidates must be an active member of St. Ignatius and at least 18 years of age. In the back of the church, you will find a table which contains detailed information on the nomination and selection process as well as the purpose and work of the Parish Council. On May 5th, all candidates will be invited to an information session. This is an excellent opportunity for anyone genuinely interested in the future of St. Ignatius Parish to get involved and to work with others in making a difference.

Nomination Process for the Parish Pastoral Council

Starting April 2nd and continuing till May 1st, the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will seek nominations to fill five positions for the fall. We invite and encourage you to become involved in the process, either by nominating yourself or someone you know who may help with the work of the PPC.

What is the PPC?

The PPC serves as a visioning and consultative body to the pastor and, in addition to the parish leadership, includes 12 selected parishioners. The PPC is responsible for planning and articulating the course our parish will follow. In addition to planning, the PPC works closely with the four Commissions, the Finance Council, and others to assist the parish in accomplishing the goals for Word, Worship, Community and Service.

How Much Time will I Give as a Member of the PPC?

The PPC meets monthly on the third Monday at 6:30 p.m. with the exceptions of July and December. Members are selected for a two-year term and may choose to serve for two additional terms; however, membership is limited to six years. Terms are staggered so that every two years some members will transition off and new members will begin. We are currently seeking five new members who will assume their seats in September.

How Do I Know if I Should Consider Membership on the PPC?

We are looking for people who are genuinely interested in the future of St. Ignatius Parish. We are looking for people who can work collaboratively with other parishioners in planning and identifying goals to meet the needs of our parish. All candidates must be 18 years old and active members of St. Ignatius.

How Does the Nomination Process Work?

You may submit your name or the name of someone you think would make a good candidate in a few ways. First, you can complete and submit one of the nomination forms found in the vestibule of the church. Second, you can contact a current member of the PPC with a name. Third, you can send an email officemanager@stignatiuspa.com. In the subject line note "PPC Candidate" and your name or person you are nominating in the body of the email. As indicated above, nominations begin April 1st and end May 1st.

How Does the Selection Process Work?

All persons nominated will be contacted to confirm their interest and invited to an information session on May 5th at 6:30 p.m. At the close of the session, nominees will be asked to take home reflection questions on parish life and return their responses to the Rectory by Noon on May 12th. The PPC will discern and identify new members at their May meeting, and members selected will be announced by June 1st.

If you have any questions or wish more information about the PPC or the nomination/selection process, you may contact Gloria Galante at 570-704-8496. Thank you and please pray for the success of our mission.

BRATISLAVA BOY'S CHOIR



The acclaimed Bratislava Boy's Choir from Bratislava, Slovakia will perform at St. Ignatius Church, 339 N. Maple Ave., Kingston on Wednesday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m. and at St. Peter's Cathedral, 315 Wyoming Ave., Scranton on Thursday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m. Both concerts are free and open to the public. Donations will be accepted. The choir's repertoire features a variety of both sacred and secular music including Gregorian chant, Renaissance polyphony, concert Masses, folk songs, and works by contemporary composers. The concerts are presented by the Slovak Heritage Society of NEPA in cooperation with World Artists Experiences and the Embassy of Slovakia. For more information, contact Michael Stretanski at 570-817-3430, Raphael Micca at rdmicca@aol.com