



## **Saint Ignatius Loyola Church Weekly Update October 24, 2021**

### **LITURGY SCHEDULE**

Weekday Masses will continue the week of October 25, 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.



## **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.

## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

As the Delta Variant continues its surge across our nation, our Bishop has sent the following update to all of us:

The Diocese of Scranton strongly recommends that all members of the Catholic Community who are eligible become fully vaccinated for COVID-19. Becoming fully vaccinated should be seen as an act of charity which not only protects oneself but helps to safeguard our neighbors and the well-being our entire community.

The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith at the Vatican has made it clear that it is morally acceptable to receive any of the current COVID-19 vaccines that have been determined to be clinically safe and effective. Individuals remain free to exercise discretions regarding vaccination based upon their own reasons of conscience. It should be remembered that these decisions are rooted in personal belief and cannot be validated by the Diocese of Scranton or any clergy. The Diocese of Scranton will not provide support, written or otherwise, for individuals seeking exemption from the vaccine based upon theological or religious ground.

**FACE MASKS:** We have also been encouraged to wear masks when gathering inside for Mass. We are grateful to the many parishioners who are wearing their masks so as to protect and care for their neighbor. We all have an obligation to protect our neighbor as well as ourselves.

**DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION:** All Priests, Deacons, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are to wear a face mask while distributing communion. If direct contact is made with a person's tongue during distribution, the minister must stop and sanitize his/her hands before continuing.

**HAND HYGIENE:** Hand washing and sanitizing is an essential help in preventing the spread of the virus. It is essential especially for ministers. It is highly recommended that everyone takes advantage of the sanitizers located at the entrances of the church.

**LIVE STREAMING MASS:** We will continue to livestream the 8:30 a.m. Mass for those who must stay at home. The 8:30 a.m. Mass is open for in person attendance as well.

Please remember that all of our efforts throughout the past eighteen months were executed with the health and safety of everyone as our priority. The decisions are based on the most up to date public health information. We must continue to make every effort to remain vigilant in our efforts to control this pandemic so we can move forward. Thank you for your continued support, patience, and cooperation. God Bless!

# SUPPORT PARISH SOCIAL JUSTICE PROJECTS

Saint Therese Parish in Shavertown receives funding from the Diocesan Annual Appeal to build bed kits for children in need of a safe place to sleep.



*"I don't think we could have done it without the money from the Social Justice grant. Lumber is expensive. The lumber that we got to build 40 bed kits last year was \$2,800 and we were able to use the rest of the money to provide bedding."*

- Kelly Bryk

Director of Stewardship/Youth Minister

Parishes can apply for Social Justice Grants to help fund efforts to address needs in their community. Grants can be used to assist with parish food pantries, nursing ministries, Hispanic ministry, disability ministries, caring for seniors, homelessness, and more.

**Donate now at: [annualappeal.org](https://annualappeal.org)**



**GIFTS OF ANY AMOUNT ARE APPRECIATED**

Diocese of Scranton  
2021 **DIOCESAN**  
ANNUAL APPEAL



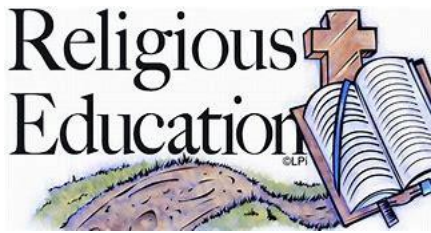
**RISING TOGETHER  
IN CHRIST**

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 have received our first report:

**168 families have pledged \$34,875.00 which is 45% of our goal.**

We are most grateful to all who have prayerfully considered a pledge to this year's Appeal. God bless you!



## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup> - Grade 6 Family Morning/Class Mass - 9:15 a.m. in Conlan Hall. All grade 6 students, both public and private schools, and their families are strongly encouraged to attend this event. The Family Morning will be followed by the class Mass at 10:30 a.m.

## **ALL SAINTS DAY**

Monday, November 1, 2021 is the Feast of All Saints. The Feast this year is on Monday, thus the obligation to attend Mass is removed. However the Solemnity of All Saints will be celebrated at the 7:30 a.m. and 12:10 Masses on Monday, November 1, 2021.

## **MASS OF REMEMBRANCE**

St. Ignatius Loyola Parish will be celebrating a Mass of Remembrance on Tuesday, November 2 at 7:00 p.m. All those who have died from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 will be remembered in a special way at this Mass. All parishioners are invited to attend this special liturgy to remember all of our faithful departed. This Mass will be live streamed on our Facebook page.

## **FLU SHOT CLINIC THANK YOU**

Ann Marie Urbanski, Pharmacist and CVS Pharmacy wish to thank all parishioners and friends who participated in the recent flu shot clinic. They are most grateful for your patience and understanding as they dealt with technical issues. Thank you for your support once again.

## STOP BY THIS WEEKEND!



### SIL Community Fall Sundaes Social

Waffle Food Truck Compliments of St. Ignatius Parish



Rain or Shine



Saturday, October 23, 2021 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm  
Sunday, October 24, 2021 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

St. Ignatius Church Parking Lot - N. Maple Avenue

Enter and Exit from Pringle Street Only!



This food truck will bring a sweet taste of Belgium to Kingston. All Belgium specializes in thick, sugary Liege waffles with tons of toppings to choose from.



Coffee, Tea and Water will be available

Please follow social distancing etiquette and all other CDC guidelines in affect.

### WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

This weekend, we celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers. Thank you for your generosity.



## **ALL SOULS ENVELOPES**

In your envelope packet for November, you will find an envelope for All Souls Day, November 2nd. This is a day set aside by the Church to especially remember our deceased loved ones. You are invited to write the names of your loved ones on the envelope and place an offering inside. These envelopes are kept on the altar during the month of November and are remembered in a special way by the celebrants of the Masses that month.

## **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.

## **SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS**

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

Elmer Berganya  
John Masalonis

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

## **THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS**

Thank you to all parishioners who donated winter coats, hats, and gloves to Mary's Ministry clothing drive coordinated by Jane Girvan and Mary Hosey and to the youth volunteers who sorted items for distribution to needy children and families in our local community.

## **MARY'S MINISTRY LADIES' NIGHT GATHERING NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>**

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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup>. 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 1<sup>st</sup>. (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](mailto:thetwistedwicks@gmail.com) or (570) 855-5251.



**Mass Intentions Week of October 25<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>**

<b>Monday</b>
<b>7:30 AM – Leonard Floryan</b> <i>Barbara &amp; Leonard Wisnewski</i>
<b>12:10 PM – John Payer</b> <i>Wife, Eleanor</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>
<b>7:30 AM – Joyce Decker</b> <i>Ann Marie Jones</i>
<b>12:10 PM – Marcella Servello</b> <i>Joseph Sergi</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>
<b>7:30 AM – James Murphy</b> <i>Family</i>
<b>12:10 PM – Theresa Craig</b> <i>Daughter, Nancy</i>
<b>Thursday</b>
<b>7:30 AM – Mrs. Mary Lewis</b> <i>Daughters, Cheryl &amp; Mary</i>
<b>12:10 PM – Dr. William Smedley</b> <i>Wife, Catherine</i>
<b>Friday</b>
<b>7:30 AM – Janet Simchock</b> <i>Father Shawn</i>
<b>12:10 PM – Neil E. McCall, Sr.</b> <i>Family</i>
<b>Saturday</b>
<b>4:00 PM – All Souls Intentions</b>
<b>5:30 PM – All Souls Intentions</b>
<b>Sunday</b>
<b>7:00 AM – All Souls Intentions</b>
<b>8:30 AM – All Souls Intentions</b>
<b>10:30 AM – All Souls Intentions</b>
<b>12:00 PM – All Souls Intentions</b>

**Church Candle for the Week of October 25<sup>th</sup>**

**In Memory of Mrs. Mary Lewis – Requested by Daughters, Cheryl & Mary**

**Bread & Wine for the Week of October 25<sup>th</sup>**

**In Memory of Rose Budanovitz – Requested by Family**

**FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2021**

Sunday Tithe  
**\$10,267.80**

E-Offerings  
**\$1,396.00**

Total  
**\$11,663.80**

**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**  
**During the COVID-19 Pandemic**  
**REVISED SEPTEMBER 27, 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 Tuesday, September 27, 2021, which continues to strongly recommend vaccinated and non- vaccinated individuals 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.
- Confessions are celebrated Saturdays from 12:00 noon until 12:30 p.m. **Please note, masks are required for the Celebration of Reconciliation.**
- 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 was 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, Deacon Pernot, and Ms. Deirdre Drinkall, Pastoral Associate Intern are excited to be welcoming our parishioners and friends back when you feel comfortable!**

