



Saint Ignatius Loyola Church Weekly Update March 27, 2022

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses will continue the week of March 28, 2022

Monday thru Friday – 7:30 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.

Saturdays (During Lent) – 7:30 a.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-Thursday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Exposition Friday 1:00 p.m.-5:15 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
Mr. Harrison Rapp
Ms. Deirdre Drinkall
Mrs. Carmella Faust

Ms. Shannon Kowalski

Pastor
Assistant Pastor
Deacon
Seminarian
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.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Lenten Daily Masses

7:30 a.m. Monday thru Saturday (Mass on Saturday at 7:30 a.m. during Lent only)
12:10 p.m. Monday thru Friday

Light is on For You (Sacrament of Reconciliation)

Monday	March 28, 2022	5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Monday	April 4, 2022	5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Monday	April 11, 2022	5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Lenten Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – St. Ignatius Church

Friday	March 25, 2022	1:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.
Friday	April 1, 2022	1:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.
Friday	April 8, 2022	1:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Stations of the Cross – St. Ignatius Church and Virtual- Face Book

Friday	March 25, 2022	5:30 p.m.
Friday	April 1, 2022	5:30 p.m.
Friday	April 8, 2022	5:30 p.m.



LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

The Lenten food drive will conclude on Sunday, April 3rd. Items can be dropped off in Conlan Hall between 8:30 a.m. and Noon. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



*Thursdays, March 31st and April 7th
7:00 p.m. Mass and Reflection
St. Ignatius Loyola Church*

Throughout the Lenten season we focus on three specific tenets of our Catholic faith – **PRAYER, FASTING and ALMSGIVING**. We are pleased that the three Notre Dame interns will present a reflection on each of these important components for us each week.

March 31 st	Kylie Ballinger St. Jude, Mountaintop	Fasting
April 7 th	Cecilia Dietzler St. Catherine of Siena, Moscow	Acts of Charity

We are pleased to have these three individuals who are completing their Master's degrees at the University of Notre Dame which includes a two-year commitment to serve at a parish in the Echo program.

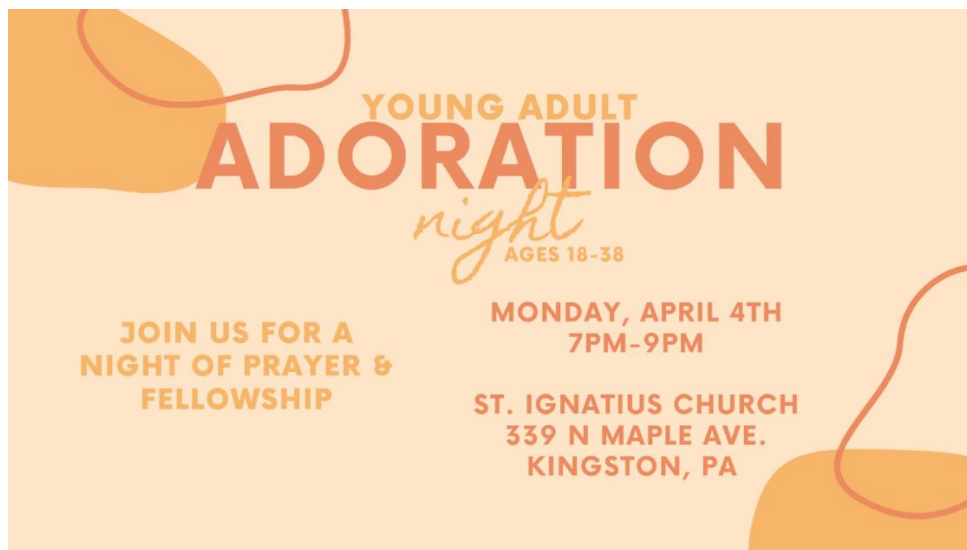
The two special Masses and Reflections remaining will all take place in St. Ignatius Church.

METANOIA WITH FR. DAVE PIVONKA, TOR: A VIRTUAL FORMED STUDY

Zoom with us Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. during Lent, (March 8-April 12), for this lively, virtual study on conversion. Email Echo Apprentice, Deirdre, ddrinkal@nd.edu for the Zoom link or more information.

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!



DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – 2022

Every Summer, the diocese holds a Wedding Anniversary Celebration for couples celebrating their 25th and 50th years of marriage in St. Peter's Cathedral, where couples renew their wedding commitment. This year's Mass will be held on June 26th at 2:30 p.m. Mark your calendar if you are celebrating your 25th or 50th Anniversary in 2022 or share this news with others who may be doing so. Please call the Rectory if you wish to participate.



PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES AND ST. IGNATIUS PARISH.

Monsignor David Tressler, with master baker, his niece Julia Morgan

PREPARING: Pineapple Upside Down Cake



Go to the Diocese of Scranton webpage to view video of Monsignor Tressler learning how to bake. Please consider a vote for Monsignor Tressler and his niece. All information can be found on the Diocese of Scranton website.

Rectory! Set! Cook!

The dollars generated will be split 50% to local food pantries and 50% to our parish. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

EASTER MASS INTENTION ENVELOPES

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

JEANNE R. BUTCHER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The Jeanne R. Butcher Memorial Scholarship Award was established by the family through an endowment with the Luzerne Foundation. Applicant is a graduating senior and must be a registered member of St. Ignatius Loyola Parish and planning to enroll as an undergraduate in an accredited two-or four-year college/university as a full-time student with demonstrated financial need. The student selected will receive the scholarship contingent upon the documented satisfactory academic and other related criteria used in the selection for the scholarship. Applications can be obtained from the Luzerne Foundation, by going to the website luzfda.org. They may also be obtained by calling 570-822-2065 or email Donna@luzfdn.org. Deadline for applications is March 31st.

LENTEN SLOVAK HYMN SING

The Slovak Heritage Society of NE Pennsylvania presents a Lenten Slovak Hymn Sing and Traditional Stations of the Cross in Slovak on Sunday, March 27th at 2:00 p.m. in St. Ignatius Church. Wearing masks is encouraged.

APRIL FAITH SHARING

The meeting will be held on Friday, April 8, 2022 at 6 p.m. in Conlan Hall. I hope all parishioners know they are welcome to join us for the purpose of reading, thinking about, and sharing about selected Scriptures in a small group setting. If anyone is unsure about whether to join us, I hope that person will come and give it a try. There is no cost or obligation. If you would rather just have some questions answered, call 570-690-7732.



Solemnity of the Annunciation

We are truly blessed to celebrate one of our three patronal feasts. Our parish will join together to commemorate the Solemnity of the Annunciation, March 25th. St. Mary – Annunciation (established 1902) was one of three parishes consolidated (2007 – 2009) into St. Ignatius Loyola Parish. As the parishes joined together building on each of their rich traditions we have maintained and expanded a strong Catholic presence as was the hope of our predecessors.

Reflection

“The mystery of the Annunciation to Mary is not only a mystery of silence; it is also, and even more, a mystery of grace. We must ask ourselves: What, is the real reason why Christ decided to be born of a Virgin?... Salvation comes not from human beings and their own powers but solely from God and his gracious actions. God intervenes where there is a human vacuum; he starts at the point at which, from the human point of view, nothing can be done. He gives life to the bearer of the promise in the dead womb of Sarah and follows the same pattern through history down to the Lord’s birth from a Virgin... The salvation of the world is exclusively God’s doing and therefore occurs in the midst of human weakness and powerlessness. From the viewpoint of the Bible the Virgin birth is in that last analysis a sign of what occurs is a pure act of grace on God’s part.” (Benedict XVI, Pope emeritus)

Prayer

Today, we celebrate the beginning of our salvation when the coming of the Lord was announced by an angel. Let us pray in our hearts, saying: May God’s holy Mother help all in distress, encourage the fainthearted, console the sorrowful, assist your holy people especially those who have gone before us seeking your love and compassion. Amen

Mass Intentions Week of March 28th – April 3rd

Monday
7:30 AM – Antoinette Wilcox <i>Dawn Zimmerman</i>
12:10 PM – Richard Kane, Jr. & Diane Kane <i>Mother</i>
Tuesday
7:30 AM – Frances Leeson <i>Peggy & Family</i>
12:10 PM – Marilyn Coury <i>Tom McDonnell</i>
Wednesday
7:30 AM – Suzanne Thomas <i>Tony Masalonis</i>
12:10 PM – Josephine Sabalesky <i>Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren</i>
Thursday
7:30 AM – June Robinson <i>Claire Backer</i>
12:10 PM – Marcella Servello <i>Dolores Shone</i>
Friday
7:30 AM – Nancy Deutsch <i>Family</i>
12:10 PM – John Payer, Sr. <i>Margaret Garvin</i>
Saturday
7:30 AM – James Cannon <i>Bonomo Family</i>
4:00 PM – Robert Walsh <i>Rosemary & Bill Friedrich</i>
5:30 PM – Bernard Danchek <i>Family</i>
Sunday
7:00 AM – Romaine Karl <i>Family</i>
8:30 AM – For the People of the Parish
10:30 AM – Margaret Balberchak <i>Family</i>
12:00 PM – Joseph Guarnieri <i>Tom Eagen</i>

Church Candle for the Week of March 28th
In Memory of Nancy Deutsch – Requested by Family
Bread & Wine for the Week of March 28th
In Memory of Genevieve Cawley – Requested by Family

FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR MARCH 20, 2022

Sunday Tithe
\$10,938.00

E-Offerings
\$752.00

Total
\$11,690.00

**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 rectory front porch.

May God Bless you abundantly for your continued support. Be assured of our prayers for health and safety for all.



THEOLOGICAL TIDBITS

LEARNING TO JOURNEY TOGETHER AS CATHOLICS



This week we are looking at a very prominent part of the Mass...**The Liturgy of the Word**. This part of the Mass includes special readings for our consideration. It begins with the **Old Testament** (O.T.) {except during the Easter season, when the reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles}, This is followed by the **Responsorial Psalm**, ([R.P.S.](#)) which is sung/proclaimed from the ambo since it is really a reading. The **New Testament** Reading (N.T.) follows the R.Ps.

In the days when Jesus lived and died the Apostles, especially St. Paul, wrote to the people of Corinth, Rome, etc. but today he would write to the people of St. Ignatius in Kingston, Pringle, Edwardsville, etc. He would tell us what we should do to take care of each other and how to build our personal Christian lives. Finally, we hear the **Gospel**, followed by the **Homily** and some other prayers.

The Gospel is the highlight of the readings. Have you ever noticed that the Gospel Readings are in a special book? This special book, The Book of the Gospels, is carried with great reverence to the ambo from which it is proclaimed. Since the Gospel is the climax of the Readings it is introduced by a sung acclamation. All that goes before prepares the assembly for this event. In most cases, the priest is the proclaimer of the Gospel; however, if there is a deacon present, he will proclaim the Gospel after receiving a blessing from the priest celebrant.

The words of all the readings are meant to be heard, then absorbed by the heart and finally, put into action when possible. This is where the Homily comes in.

It is a help that guides us through the message of the readings, The purpose is to build a bridge between Biblical faith proclaimed in the readings and the real life lived in the community. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, the book which instructs us about the Mass, tells us that when the sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God Himself speaks to the people and that Christ, present in his Word, proclaims His Gospel. Awesome!

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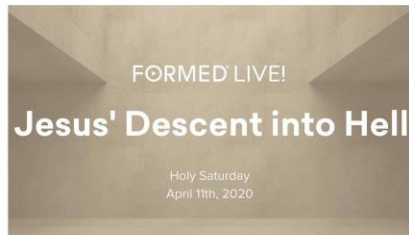
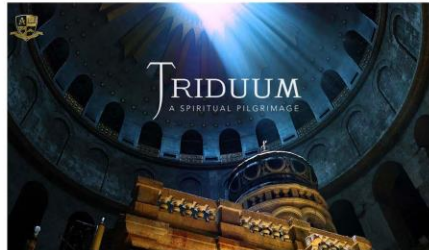
PICK OF THE WEEK

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WATCH

TRIDUUM: A SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE

In Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage, the viewer is brought deeper into the story, landscape, and reality of Holy Week. It draws those with open hearts and minds toward a deeper understanding of Christ's victory while offering rich meditations for the pilgrimage of daily life.



FORMED NOW! HOLY SATURDAY— JESUS' DESCENT INTO HELL

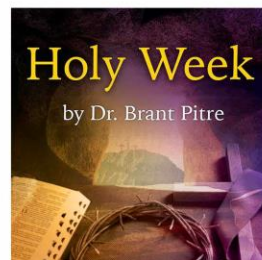
What do we mean when we profess that Jesus descended into Hell? Join Drs. Tim Gray and Michael Barber as they discuss this mysterious event of Holy Saturday.

LEARN

LISTEN

HOLY WEEK BY DR. BRANT PITRE

Join Dr. Brant Pitre, author and Scripture scholar, as he walks us through the events of Holy Week. Pitre's insights and clarity allow the listener to enter into a deeper appreciation of the most important events of Christ's earthly ministry.



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ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS

We are anxious to return altar servers to their ministry beginning Holy Week 2022. If you were an altar server pre-pandemic and wish to return to this ministry, please contact the rectory.

Later in the Spring, we plan to invite new altar servers to be trained. Please watch bulletin for announcements.

Thank you for your kind attention to this announcement.





Diocese of Scranton
Guidelines for Public Masses
Revised March 11, 2022

On **Friday, March 11, 2022**, Bishop Bambera sent a letter to all parishes of the Diocese of Scranton, reiterating our protocols during this time of COVID. The protocols are listed below. These protocols are in place to protect safety, well-being, and health of all parishioners. We appreciate your cooperation with these guidelines as we continue to welcome people back.

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

All Priests, Deacons and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are to wear a face mask while distributing communion until Monday, April 18th, 2022. Mask wearing for distribution of Holy Communion will then 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.

REINSTITUTING LITURGICAL PRACTICES.

As the virus numbers subside and hopefully will continue to be low, we are planning on reinstating the following liturgical practices effective Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022.

- 1. Resuming the accustomed practice of taking up the offertory collection.*
- 2. Resuming the use of altar servers for Liturgies.*
- 3. Resuming the Presentation of the Gifts (Offertory Procession.)*
- 4. Holy Water will be returned to the fonts at the Easter Vigil.*
- 5. Liturgical Music will encourage full and active participation.*
- 6. Liturgical Processions will be reinstated.*

FACE MASKS OR FACE COVERINGS FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS AND PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Face coverings are optional effective Thursday, March 3, 2022, 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 same 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.



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.