



Saint Ignatius Loyola Church Weekly Update February 21, 2021

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass will continue the Week of February 22, 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. 6:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses 7:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.

Live Streaming of Sunday Mass will be at 8:30 a.m. (This is not a public Mass.)

All Masses will be celebrated at St. Ignatius Church due to capacity allowed under CDC guidelines.

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.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Lenten Daily Masses

7:30 a.m. Monday thru Friday

12:10 p.m. Monday thru Friday

Light is on for You (Sacrament of Reconciliation)

Monday February 22, 2021 5:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Monday, March 1, 2021 5:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Monday, March 8, 2021 5:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Monday, March 15, 2021 5:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Monday, March 22, 2021 5:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Monday, March 29, 2021 5:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Lenten Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - St. Ignatius Church

Friday, February 26, 2021 3:00 p.m.-5:45 p.m.

Friday, March 5, 2021 3:00 p.m.-5:45 p.m.

Friday, March 12, 2021 3:00 p.m.-5:45 p.m.

Friday, March 19, 2021 3:00 p.m.-5:45 p.m.

Friday, March 26, 2021 3:00 p.m.-5:45 p.m.

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

Friday, February 26, 2021 6:00 p.m.

Friday, March 5, 2021 6:00 p.m.

Friday, March 12, 2021 6:00 p.m.

Friday, March 19, 2021 6:00 p.m.

Friday, March 26, 2021 6:00 p.m.



LENTEN PRAYER

Lord Jesus, help us throughout this season of Lent to open our hearts and minds to follow you more faithfully. We know that you died for us when we were still sinners, and we know we are sinners still. But you have given us a longing to be the people you want us to be faithful, hope-filled, and loving. Help us to make the most of these 40 days marked by fasting, prayer, and almsgiving so that we might draw near to you and give you greater glory.
Amen.

Reflection on the First Sunday of Lent

It is the first Sunday of Lent, but Lent doesn't start on the First Sunday; rather, it starts on Ash Wednesday. So, in this reflection we will consider Lent in general and notice the four days leading up to the first Sunday. Today the exhortation from Mark is "Repent and believe the good news". Other Lenten readings are the temptations of Jesus by Satan and again the encouragement to prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Lent serves as a reminder of what is always important so this year when we are asked what we are doing for Lent, one answer may be that we decide to read our Bible more than we usually do. Vatican II stressed the importance of the Bible for the laity. It stated that "bishops and priests must do all in their power to provide the nourishment of the scriptures for the people of God, thereby enlightening their minds and strengthening their wills and setting people's hearts on fire with the love of God. (Dei Verbum 23). In 2019 Pope Francis wrote a special letter on the Sunday of the Word of God (3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time), exhorting Christians to read the Bible not merely during Lent but every day.

So, this week let us consider the readings carefully and prayerfully. The first reading every Ash Wednesday is from the Prophet Joel. Paul quotes Joel in Romans 10:13 when he says: "For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." (Joel 2:32). In Acts 2:17 Peter in his great Pentecost sermon quotes Joel generously: "It will come to pass in the last days God says, and I will pour out my spirit on all flesh" The Psalms are also a great source for prayer. On Ash Wednesday we read Psalm 51, widely used by the Church, and a gem in the psalter. Then on Thursday we read from Psalm 1 "Blessed is the man who follows not the way of the wicked." On Friday and Saturday, we have Isaiah, Chapter 58 which must be one of the most important chapters in the entire Bible illustrating powerfully the importance of a faith that does justice.

So, it is Lent again, and the scripture readings are shouting with urgency. It is for us to respond in a Christian and responsible way in a world that is ever more materialistic, selfish and unjust. Through the Scriptures of these early days of Lent Joel, Isaiah, Paul and Jesus all invite us to a more sincere relationship with the Father who – through all the prophets though maybe in differing ways – says "Come back to me with all your heart."

The Little Black Book provides us with a short bible verse for each day of Lent.

Lent: A Season for Fasting

Fast from judging others: Feast on Christ living in them.
Fast from harsh words: Feast on words that build up others.
Fast from discontent: Feast on gratitude.

Fast from anger: Feast on patience.
Fast from pessimism: Feast on optimism.
Fast from worry: Feast on God's care.

Fast from complaining: Feast on appreciation.
Fast from bitterness: Feast on forgiveness.
Fast from self-concern: Feast on compassion for others.

Fast from discouragement: Feast on hope.
Fast from facts that depress me: Feast on facts that uplift.
Fast from suspicion: Feast on truth.

Fast from thoughts that weaken: Feast on promises that inspire.
Fast from idle gossip: Feast on silence with a purpose.

Good and gracious God, I pause during this Lenten season to reflect on your Passion and Death. I pray for the strength and grace to fast from those things that move away from you and to feast on your love. I ask that you be with me in my attempt to be your disciple. Amen.

A Lenten Thought!

The Sunday reading about the covenant of Noah leads us to remember our covenant commitments to become the kind of community God desires. In the gospels, Jesus reveals that our response to his hidden presence is the ultimate criteria by which we will be judged. He shares the Lord's Prayer to deepen our relationship with God, gives advice about curbing anger, and offers us the most daunting challenge of all: to love our enemies.

Let us pray:

O Lord, show your mercy to me and gladden my heart. I am like the man on the way to Jericho who was overtaken by robbers, wounded, and left for dead. O Good Samaritan, come to my aid. I am like the sheep that went astray. O Good Shepherd, seek me out and bring me home in accord with your will. Let me dwell in your house all the days of my life and praise you for ever and ever with those who are there.

St. Jerome

OFFICE HOURS

The office is open Monday thru Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please note the office is only open for phone calls.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL - Parish Goal - \$77,000.00

Father Mosley, Deacon Pernot, and Monsignor Tressler wish to express their sincerest appreciation in advance for your support of the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Our parish goal has been reduced \$5,000.00 this year, as were all parishes since the diocesan goal was reduced from \$5 million to \$4.5 million. Thank you for your kind attention to this announcement and for your continued support of St. Ignatius Parish. We are grateful to report that \$64,748.28 has been pledged, which is 84% of our parish goal. Your support is greatly appreciated.

We are in the final stages of the Annual Appeal. If you have not yet made a gift you are encouraged to do so. Our diocesan ministries rely on the parishes of the Diocese for support. Your gift can be mailed directly to the:

Diocese of Scranton Appeal Office,
300 Wyoming Avenue,
Scranton, PA 18503

or you can send your gift to our parish office and it will be forwarded to the Appeal Office. Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

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.



Mass Intentions Week of February 22nd – 28th

Monday
7:30 AM – Eleanor Natishan <i>Demетро Family</i>
12:10 PM – Jerry Urban <i>Family</i>
Tuesday
7:30 AM – William Fahey <i>Dolores Margiewicz</i>
12:10 PM – Joseph Suravitch <i>Marilyn & Joseph Grous</i>
Wednesday
7:30 AM – Thomas Jagoda <i>Paul & Mary Marsh</i>
12:10 PM – Adam Janowski <i>Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kukleiwicz</i>
Thursday
7:30 AM – Frank Carney <i>Family</i>
12:10 PM – Rose Walsh <i>Daughter, Kathleen Brennan</i>
Friday
7:30 AM – Francis Klem <i>Williams Family</i>
12:10 PM – James R. Wilson <i>Family</i>
Saturday
4:00 PM – Jerry Davis <i>Family</i>
6:00 PM – Joseph Kohan <i>Mr. & Mrs. Charles Suppon</i>
Sunday
7:00 AM – David Rossi <i>Nate & Linda Webb</i>
10:30 AM – Fred Siena <i>Phil Siena</i>
12:30 PM – Joyce Decker <i>Ann Marie Jones</i>

Church Candle for the Week of February 22nd
In Memory of Florence Lamoreaux – Requested by Daughter, Patricia

Bread & Wine for the Week of February 22nd
In Memory of Jerry Davis – Requested by Family

FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2021

Sunday Tithe
\$13,555.00

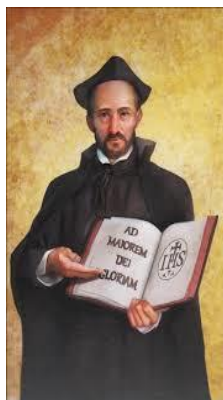
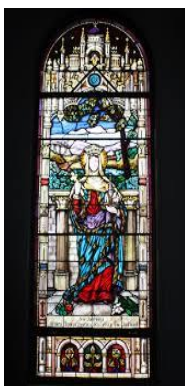
E-Offerings
\$1,125.00

Total
\$14,680.00

**Amount Needed
Each Week to
Meet Expenses
\$12,950.00**

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.



PROTOCOLS FOR DAILY AND WEEKEND LITURGIES

We wish to express our heartfelt gratitude for your continued cooperation and support of the health and safety protocols which remain in effect as we gather and pray as a faith community.

Please continue to follow the guidelines listed below for the wellbeing of our entire community.

- Face masks must be worn at all times except for the reception of Holy Communion.
- Face masks must cover the **nose and mouth** at all times while in the church and during the celebration of Mass.
- Church doors will open **20 minutes before** Mass begins. Doors will close when Mass begins. Please be punctual. Thank you.
- Entrance to Church will be through the center doors of the Church.
- Those needing assistance will enter and exit Conlan Hall entranceway so as to use the elevator.
- **Upon entering the Church, all are asked to sanitize their hands with the touchless hand sanitizers.**
- Please follow the directions of the greeters for seating. All are asked when taking their seats to begin with either the middle seat of the pew or the seat closest to the stained-glass windows. The seat closest to the middle aisle should be the last seat taken in a pew. This process is necessary since some masses are nearly at capacity, namely the 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and the 10:30 a.m. on Sunday. This process enables us to allow as many people as possible to attend mass.
- The weekly collection will not be taken up; locked boxes are located by the elevator entrance and the main aisle for your donations.
- Holy communion will be distributed at the end of Mass and **all must exit the Church after receiving via the side doors on the porch.**
- **Individuals who wish to receive holy communion on their tongue are asked to come at the end of the line in order for the priest to follow the appropriate protocols for sanitizing his hands.**
- **The Church is sanitized after each liturgy including the restroom and elevator.**
- Confessions will be held on Saturdays at 12:00 noon and will end at 12:30 p.m.

These guidelines are in compliance with the Centers for Disease Control and are in place to provide a safe and healthy environment for us to worship together. Our primary concern is the health and safety of all of us. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues to be suspended.

Thank you again and God Bless You