



Saint Ignatius Loyola Church Weekly Update November 14, 2021

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses will continue the week of November 15, 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

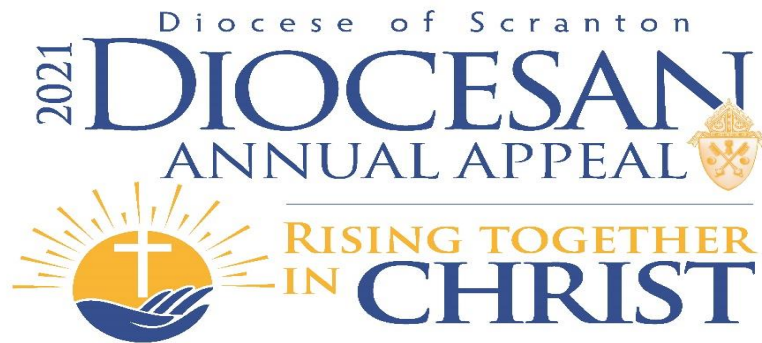
Mr. William Gross

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.



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 DONORS, 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 258 donors and 61% 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, who 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. 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.

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.

LECTOR WORKBOOKS

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



TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE AT KING'S COLLEGE

Kings College Campus Ministry will be hosting a Taize prayer service next Thursday, November 18th at 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel of Christ the King at King's College. All are welcome to attend and pray with the King's College Community.



THANKSGIVING DAY MASS – NOVEMBER 25th

Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM on Thursday, November 25th. **Please note, there will be no 7:30 AM or 12:10 PM Mass on that day. On Friday, November 26th there will only be a 12:10 p.m. Mass. The office will be closed on Thursday, November 25th and Friday, November 26th. Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.**

MARY'S MINISTRY LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING NOV. 16th

Please join Mary's Ministry Leadership Team in welcoming Marian Palmeri on November 16th at 6:45p.m. 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.

PIEROGIE BOARD NEWS

Our thanks to the small group of volunteers who called to help make our delicious pierogi. We will be making a limited amount of potato/cheese, farmers cheese, and sweet cabbage. On Monday, November 29th at 8:00 a.m. in Conlan Hall, we will be making fillings and setting up the hall. Some of our regulars will not be with us, so come if you can. Your help will be greatly appreciated. All volunteers will need to wear a mask/face covering and gloves. Tuesday, November 30th will be a traditional production day. Coffee pot will be on, and a tasty lunch will be served. NO pierogi will be sold to the public on the day of production. Sales will be after Masses the following weekend. Potato - \$9.00 and Cheese and cabbage - \$10.00. If volunteers agree, we will continue on December 6th and 7th. For information call, Mike Stretanski at 570-817-3430.



MISSIONARIES IN OUR MIDST 2021 MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE

Due to the ongoing pandemic, the 2021 Missionary Cooperative will not take place in person. Please see message below from the Missionary assigned to our parish. The collection will be taken up the weekend of November 27th and 28th. If you choose to donate to our Mission Cooperative, please place donation in an envelope marked Missionary Cooperative the weekend of November 27th and 28th. Thank you for your continued support of the Missions!

Dear Parishioners of St. Ignatius,

I am grateful to God for the gift of faith, family and my priesthood, and to all of you and your pastor, Msgr. David L. Tressler, for the generous opportunity to appeal here in your parish, St. Ignatius Loyola, on behalf of my home diocese at this year's World Mission Appeal. I am Rev. Clement Amankwah Yeboah from the Diocese of Sunyani, Ghana. I am working in the Diocese of Scranton along with two classmates of mine, Fr. Philbert Takyi Nketiah at St. Jude's church, Mountain Top and Fr. Stephen Asomah Amponsah, Our Lady of Snows, Clarks Summit, as missionaries. In addition, there are two new arrivals, Frs. Sixtus Appiah Kyeremeh and Dominic Sabi who have been assigned to St. Faustina Kowalska Church, Nanticoke and St. John the Evangelist Church, Honesdale respectively.

We are here because it has become necessary to reciprocate the generosity of the many American missionaries who made generous sacrifices and brought the Catholic Faith to us in Ghana many years ago and helped to nurture its growth to maturity; we are so glad to do same as a diocese and as individual priests. But to be able to continue to offer this needful help, we need more priests.

We have more vocation but the high cost of priestly formation in a crumbling economy of a developing country like Ghana is so daunting on us as a diocese. That is why we need your financial support on this year's World Mission Appeal.

- **In total, the diocese of Sunyani spends about \$84,000 (504,000 Ghana Cedis) on our 65 major seminarians annually (about \$1,300.00 per seminarian).**
- **This expenditure highly strains the finances of the Diocese and painfully limits its efforts to provide other highly needed social services such as good Catholic Education, quality healthcare and potable water to many poorer rural communities we serve.**

Drawing inspiration from the statement: "World Mission Sunday joins all the Catholics of the world into one community of faith," I humbly invite you as a member of this one community of faith, to consider making a generous donation to support this worthy course, or better still, be a benefactor to one seminarian. Who knows? The priest you help form today, may be serving this parish in some few years to come just as Frs. Stephen, Philbert, Dominic, Sixtus and I are serving here now. Please, support this appeal by giving a cash donation or write a check in favor of the Catholic Diocese of Sunyani to the Pontifical Mission Society Office, Diocese of Scranton.

May God bless you with His Peace and every good gift that comes from above.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Clement Amankwah Yeboah
Diocese of Sunyani, Ghana

Mass Intentions Week of November 15th – 21st

Monday
7:30 AM – Mary Fiske <i>Catherine Smedley</i>
12:10 PM – Mary Ann Adams <i>Pat & Maura Fennell</i>
Tuesday
7:30 AM – Josephine Wilkes <i>Mr. & Mrs. Steven Bennett</i>
12:10 PM – Patricia Kerpovich <i>Bernie & Sandy Stoshick</i>
Wednesday
7:30 AM – Michael A. Demko <i>Lavelle Family</i>
12:10 PM – Frank Girvan <i>Family</i>
Thursday
7:30 AM – Joseph Krispin <i>Wife, Rosemary & Daughters</i>
12:10 PM – Nellie Hahn <i>Daughters</i>
Friday
7:30 AM – Marie Gray <i>Joe & Louise Szustak</i>
12:10 PM – Helen Bond <i>G. Kochis & M. Bonoski</i>
Saturday
4:00 PM – Daniel M. Jones, Jr. <i>Family</i>
5:30 PM – Catherine Matthews <i>John & Shirley</i>
Sunday
7:00 AM – Thomas Brogan <i>Wife, Jayne</i>
8:30 AM – For the People of the Parish
10:30 AM – Richard Britt <i>Joanne Evans</i>
12:00 PM – Alice Crain <i>Mike & Cathy</i>

Church Candle for the Week of November 15th

In Memory of Joseph & Matilda Naparło – Req. by Mary Hosey & Family

Bread & Wine for the Week of November 15th

In Memory of Genevieve Cawley – Req. by Family

FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2021

Sunday Tithe
\$11,575.00

E-Offerings
\$490.00

Total
\$12,065.00

**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!

