



Saint Ignatius Loyola Church Weekly Update March 20, 2022

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses will continue the week of March 21, 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 21, 2022	5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
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 18, 2022	1:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.
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 18, 2022	5:30 p.m.
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 24th, 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 24 th	Deirdre Drinkall St. Ignatius Loyola, Kingston	Prayer
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 three special Masses and Reflections 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!



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 by Friday, March 25, 2022.

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.



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.

SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS

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

Mary Beth Ruddy

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

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.



HOLY REDEEMER PASTA DINNER

Take the night off and let Holy Redeemer High School cook for you! The ROYALS are hosting a **Take-Out Pasta Dinner** on Saturday, March 26th from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Enjoy pasta with savory meatballs, crisp salad, and delicious garlic bread. Adult portion dinners are \$12, while child portion dinners are \$6.00. Call 570-829-2424 to reserve your dinners by Friday, March 18th. Then, chance your luck during pick-up with the VISA Gift Card raffle. You may win one of three gift cards valued at \$500, \$250 or \$100!

CONFIRMATION PRAYER CARDS

Confirmation prayer cards are available in the back of the Church. Each card has the first name of a Confirmation candidate along with a prayer. Please take a card and pray for that student as he/she prepares for Confirmation.

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.



Project LINUS Service Night

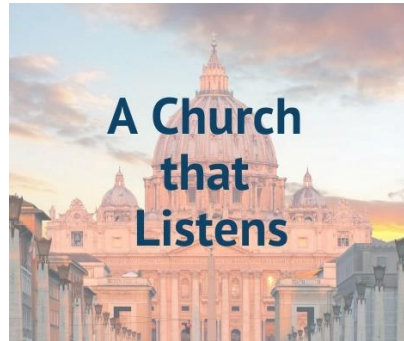
For 6th - 12th Grade Students

Sunday, March 20th
5:00pm - 6:30pm
in Conlan Hall

Come help us make no-sew blankets for children in need! Our blankets will be donated to local Project Linus participating hospitals.

*To be sure that we have enough supplies, let Shannon know you are coming by March 18th.
Email: sil.ym.nepa@gmail.com*

SYNOD ON SYONDALITY



TIME FOR US TO RESPOND-----ALL ARE INVITED.

Online Survey Opportunity along with Phone Line Opportunity

An online Synod Survey is now available on the Diocese of Scranton website. Everyone is invited to participate in the survey, even if they take part in an in-person parish listening session. The survey questions will also be available in *The Catholic Light* newspaper. Any parishioner without internet access can participate by calling and leaving their comments on our Synod Voicemail at (570) 591-5024.



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. More details will be forthcoming.

Mass Intentions Week of March 21st – 27th

Monday
7:30 AM – Gerard Finnerty <i>Family</i>
12:10 PM – Sophie & John Skvarla <i>Daughter, Lucyann</i>
Tuesday
7:30 AM – Michael Rostock <i>James Evans</i>
12:10 PM – Thomas F. Hanlon <i>Family</i>
Wednesday
7:30 AM – Jule Broody <i>Rowan Family</i>
12:10 PM – Madalyn, Linda & Paula Falchek <i>Family</i>
Thursday
7:30 AM – Verna Finarelli & Celia Zielinski <i>Family</i>
12:10 PM – Dorothy Bozentka <i>Family</i>
Friday
7:30 AM – Dr. & Mrs. Philip J. Ferry <i>Daughter, Anne</i>
12:10 PM – Meier, Stitzer & O'Donnell Families <i>O'Donnell Family</i>
Saturday
7:30 AM – Rose Pagnotti <i>Family</i>
4:00 PM – Ann Holmes <i>Robert & Theresa Morris</i>
5:30 PM – Adolph & Mary Butkiewicz <i>Bob & June Butkiewicz</i>
Sunday
7:00 AM – Anthony Vitatelli <i>Joe Terrana</i>
8:30 AM – For the People of the Parish
10:30 AM – Robert Shedlowski <i>Chester Petroski</i>
12:00 PM – Ann Drust <i>Pugh Family</i>

Church Candle for the Week of March 21st
 In Memory of Rose Budanovitz – Requested by Family
Bread & Wine for the Week of March 21st
 In Memory of Anthony Maloney – Requested by Family

FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR MARCH 13, 2022

Sunday Tithe
\$9,443.00

E-Offerings
\$1,744.00

Total
\$11,187.00

**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.





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 encouraged 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 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.