



Saint Ignatius Loyola Church Weekly Update March 6, 2022

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses will continue the week of March 7, 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-Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 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
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.

A Message from Monsignor David L. Tressler

Throughout the past several months I have been having numerous medical procedures to determine the extent of a preliminary cancer diagnosis. I have had medical examinations along with an MRI, biopsies, bone scan, x-rays, EKG, etc... Last week after consultation with all of the physicians it was determined that the cancer is treatable, and we have developed a medical plan to address the situation. Therefore, I will begin my treatment which will continue for the next several months. I will be able to continue as pastor of St. Ignatius Loyola Parish with some modifications necessitated by the treatment. Fortunately, we are blessed with a strong pastoral team with Father Shawn, Fr. Dan Issing, CSC, Deacon Pernot, Carmella Faust, Deirdre Drinkall, Harrison Rapp and Shannon Kowalski who will ensure that we are able to provide for all of the spiritual needs. We are also blessed with our most competent and dedicated parish staff who will provide for all the day to day operations. Although, I may not be present as much as I would like, I will be able to fulfill my responsibilities as pastor. God's grace will sustain our parish and I trust that God's healing will be present in my life. I sincerely ask for your prayers, understanding and patience during the next several months. God bless you and thank you!

CONFIRMATION PRAYER CARDS

Beginning the first Sunday in Lent, Confirmation prayer cards will be 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.

MARCH FAITH SHARING

Whether March comes in like a lion or a lamb, it will bring with it our March Faith Sharing on Friday, March 11th at 6 p.m. in Conlan Hall. Please consider joining us. We are able to meet in person as long as we wear masks and maintain a reasonable distance between us. Questions? Call Mary at 570-690-7732.

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 7, 2022	5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Monday	March 14, 2022	5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
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 4, 2022	1:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.
Friday	March 11, 2022	1:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.
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 4, 2022	5:30 p.m.
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MARY'S MINISTRY PLANNING MEETING ON ZOOM TUESDAY
MARCH 8th

A general planning meeting of Mary's Ministry will be held Tuesday, March 8th at 6:30 PM on Zoom to make plans for our spring activities and to begin planning our calendar for next year to be submitted for Pastoral approval in May. Anyone interested in joining our leadership team for the coming year, sharing ideas for next year's activities, or helping with upcoming projects is welcome. Please call Mary Hosey at (570) 287-7973 to give her your contact information for the Zoom or to share your interests and ideas.

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.

PIEROGI BOARD NEWS

We will prep cheese, potato, and cabbage on Monday, March 7th with production on Tuesday, March 8th. Sales after the Saturday Masses on March 12th. Prices remain the same. Potato - \$9.00 Cheese and cabbage - \$10.00. WE will supply masks and gloves as they are required. WE really need help. No experience necessary. The coffee pot is always on, and a nice lunch is served on the days of production. We all hope this wonderful tradition can continue. For information, call Mike Stretanski 570-817-3430.

TAIZÉ PRAYER

Taizé Prayer will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 15, at 8PM at the Chapel of Christ the King at King's College. There will also be a special form of Taizé called Prayer Around the Cross on Tuesday, April 12 at 8PM this version will include a time to venerate the cross. This form of prayer is a meditative style of communal prayer. Sung repetitive refrains create a gentle rhythm. The beauty of your voices united in song becomes a doorway to reflection and meditation. This prayer will surely enhance your Lenten journey to Easter!

SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS

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

Andrew Stuffick
Gail Pfeiffer
Leo Kalinosky

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

CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGINNING FOR EASTER

Do you sing in the shower? Do you sing in the car? Did you sing in choir in High School or College? Do you like to sing? If you answered YES to any of those questions join us in singing in the choir for the Triduum! This is a limited time commitment! We will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, March 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the church. For more information, please contact Rob at robertyenkowski@kings.edu or 570-479-1886.

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!





LENTEN CONCERT

The Catholic Choral Society of Scranton presents A Lenten Concert on Sunday, March 13th at 3:00 p.m. at The Church of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 1090 Carmalt Street, Dickson City. Music Director – Ann Manganiello, Accompanist – Kimberly Gnall. Free Will Offering. Masks are required.

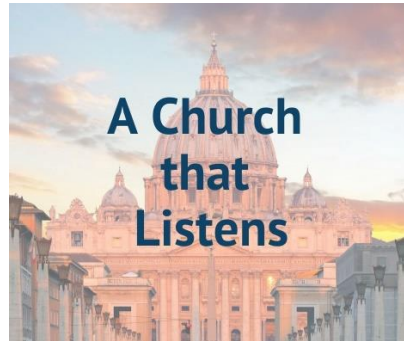
LENTEN SLOVAK HYMN SING

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.

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.

SYNOD ON SYNDALITY



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.

SYNOD LISTENING SESSION

Please join us for a Synod Listening Session on Thursday, **March 10th at 6:00 p.m.** in-person in Conlan Hall! Pope Francis has called the Synod on Synodality and has invited each diocese around the world to listen to the voices of its people including those who are marginalized or may have fallen away from the Church. Please join us as we journey together as a listening Church.



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.

Mass Intentions Week of March 7th – 13th

Monday
7:30 AM – Josephine Wilkes <i>Arthur & Mary Mitchell</i>
12:10 PM – George Hufford <i>Britt Family</i>
Tuesday
7:30 AM – Larry Fisher <i>Janice Noll</i>
12:10 PM – Mary Ann Adams <i>M. Scocozzo & J. Kaykovicg</i>
Wednesday
7:30 AM – Margaret Durling <i>Family</i>
12:10 PM – Frank O’Donnell <i>Wife, Nancy</i>
Thursday
7:30 AM – Mary Veronick <i>McGee Family</i>
12:10 PM – Rose McGill Patton <i>Family</i>
Friday
7:30 AM – P.J. Kachmar <i>Mario & Pat Pisaneschi</i>
12:10 PM – George Polansky <i>Hooper Family</i>
Saturday
7:30 AM – Rose Pagnotti <i>Family</i>
4:00 PM – Robert Shedlowski <i>Reed Family</i>
5:30 PM – Esther Donlon <i>O’Boyle Family</i>
Sunday
7:00 AM – Anthony Piledggi <i>Spagnola Family</i>
8:30 AM – For the People of the Parish
10:30 AM – Jeanne Butcher <i>Joe Butcher & Family</i>
12:00 PM – George Kapral & Son <i>Sophie Kapral</i>

Church Candle for the Week of March 7th

In Memory of Jack George – Requested by Jean Petroski

Bread & Wine for the Week of March 7th

In Memory of Rose Budanovitz – Requested by Family

FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR FEBRUARY 27, 2022

Sunday Tithe
\$10,198.00

E-Offerings
\$155.00

Total
\$10,353.00

**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 February 28, 2022

On **Monday, February 28, 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 have also been asked to make sure that we have appropriate signage on our entrances. 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 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.

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 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 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 to siloffice@aol.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 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.