



Saint Ignatius Loyola Church Weekly Update December 5, 2021

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses will continue the week of December 6, 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.

Please Note: There will be NO Confessions on Christmas Day or New Year's Day.

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

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Reverend Shawn M. Simchock

Deacon Gerard P. Pernot

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Deacon

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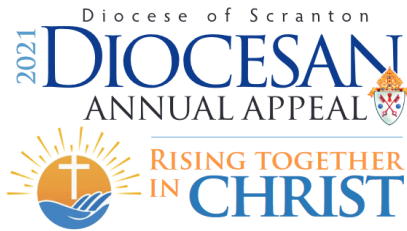
Reverend Daniel Issing, CSC

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 279 donors and 69% of our goal. Let us work together to meet this challenge and assist our Diocese in serving the many people in need.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, DEC. 8th

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass will be celebrated as follows:

Tuesday, December 7th – 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 8th – 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 5:30 p.m.



RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others – educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. The envelope for this collection can be found in your packets. Please drop it in the collection boxes in the Church. Thank you for your generosity.

PARISH FAITH SHARING

Groups will meet on Friday, December 10th masked and in person in Conlan Hall at 6:00 p.m. Focus will be Scriptures from the Advent season and preparation for Christmas. The Spirit of Christmas begins whenever you're ready! So come join us.

CONFESSIONS

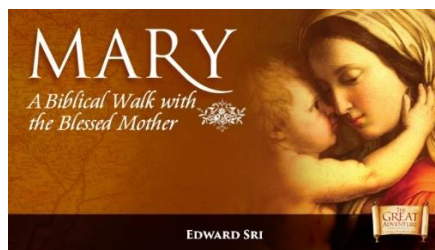
Special Advent confessions will be held on

Tuesday, December 21st from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 22nd from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 23rd from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**This will be the final opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation
before Christmas.**



Join the Word commission for a Special Advent Presentation! Let us journey with Mary as we prepare for Christ's coming at Christmas. Two sessions of "Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother" presented by Dr. Sri of Ascension Press will be shown on DVD in **Conlan Hall** on **Tuesday December 7 at 6:30 p.m.** Mark your calendars for these special Advent presentations and time of sharing. Masks will be worn, and distancing observed for these in-person events. All are welcome!

PIEROGIE BOARD NEWS

Sales will be after the 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Masses this weekend, Saturday, December 4th and the following weekend, Saturday, December 11th. Potato - \$9.00 and Cheese or cabbage - \$10.00.

Your help will be greatly appreciated for our second session of pierogie making on Tuesday, December 7th at 8:00 a.m. All volunteers will need to wear a mask/face covering and gloves. For additional information call, Mike Stretanski at 570-817-3430.

CHRISTMAS MASS INTENTIONS

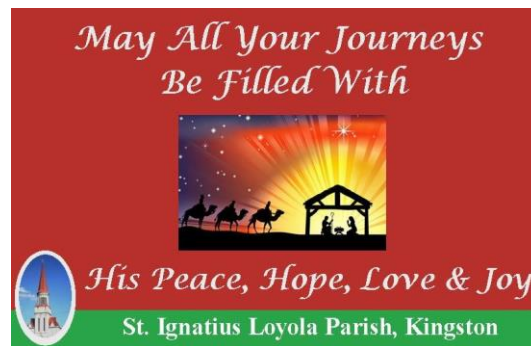
Special Christmas Mass Intention envelopes can be found in your monthly packets to remember both living and deceased family members and friends. Please write the names of your loved ones on the back of the envelope. The envelopes will be placed on the altar during all of the Christmas Masses to remember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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

December 4th - First Penance Retreat – 10 a.m. - Noon for students only.

December 11th - First Penance celebration - 9:30 a.m. - Church

December 12th - Grade 4 Family Morning/Class Mass. All Grade 4 students, both public and private schools, are strongly encouraged to attend this family event. It will begin at 9:15 a.m. in Conlan Hall followed by the class Mass at 10:30 a.m.



PARISH CHRISTMAS YARD SIGNS

Bring a sign of hope to your neighborhood and share the joy of the season with a decorative yard sign. Available on a first come first serve basis. Limited supply - one per residence. No charge - donation optional. Signs are available at the rectory during regular office hours.

ADVENT GIVING WREATH

Due to COVID-19, we are unable to provide toys for less fortunate families this year. In place of actual toys, we are requesting donations of gift cards to be distributed to needy families. We would ask that you deposit the gift cards in the special boxes near the angel wreaths in the back of the Church up to Sunday, December 5th. We are recommending that gift cards be from either Boscov's, Walmart, Target, or an area grocery store, ranging in price from \$5.00 - \$30.00. Cash donations will be accepted so that gift cards can be purchased for needy families.

OPLATKI CHRISTMAS WAFERS

Christmas Wafers will be available on a table in the rear of the Church beginning Sunday, December 5th. Please deposit money for wafers in the locked collection boxes marked Christmas Wafers. Donation - \$5.00.

NO ROOM AT THE INN

Over five hundred Nativity sets from the personal collection of Lynn Prociak will be on display at the Forty Fort Presbyterian Church, 1224 Wyoming Avenue, Forty Fort, on Saturdays December 4 and 11 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and on Sundays, December 5th and 12th from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. The Nativity sets tell the story of the birth of Christ through the lenses of diverse cultures and peoples from around the world. A Christmas Shop and cookie sale will be available, and retired nativity sets will be on sale. Admission is free. Donations will be accepted for the Kirby Family House in Wilkes-Barre, which provides shelter and social services for families struggling with homelessness. For more information, please call 570-542-4182 or visit www.facebook.com/NoRoomNEPA.

BIBLE STUDY

“Hear Ye, Hear Ye! Start the New Year in the biblical study of “Women of the New Testament.” Held via Zoom, inclement weather will be no problem as we hope to begin Wednesday January 5, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. Two-book study sets for \$16.95 are on order, further information to follow!

2022 CALENDARS

We wish to thank Maher-Collins Funeral Home for their generous donation of our parish calendars. Calendars are available at the back of the Church. Please take one calendar per family. Please do not return the calendar once it has been touched.

ATTENTION HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS, CARE GIVERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Mary's Ministry will be distributing pocket prayer shawl gifts with a blessed Marian Statue and calendars in place of flowers the week of Christmas to our parishioners currently in nursing homes or homebound. We ask all family members, friends, or care givers to please contact the Rectory 288-6446 with names and addresses of homebound and nursing home parishioners who should be added to our list to be remembered. Our Priests and Eucharistic Ministers serving the homebound and nursing homes will also bring Communion subject to Covid conditions. If you wish to pick up your loved one's gift, please let the rectory know and they will be available to pick in the sacristy after Masses on Dec. 18-19th.

MARY'S MINISTRY ADVENT /CHRISTMAS VIDEO HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Ventriloquist, Susan Klein and a Family of Friends will be preparing hearts for the arrival of the King of Kings, the Light of the world! Check out our parish website and Facebook page in December for her two Advent events. "The Good News" story time program featuring Carmel the dog and Nachito the parrot will be available for families with young children. Her "Christmas Lights – Shining Bright – King of Kings" show may be enjoyed by youth and adult parishioners. These entertaining programs have been provided by Mary's Ministry in place of our normal holiday social due to Covid restrictions.

MARIAN VESTMENTS DONATED BY MARY'S MINISTRY

A new Marian chasuble with inside stole was donated to the parish by Mary's Ministry with part of the funds received recently in memory of Agnes Urbanas who passed away February 20, 2021. These vestments will be worn on feast days of the Blessed Mother throughout the year.

WEEKLY ADVENT REFLECTIONS

ADVENT WEEK 1 **GATHERINGS**

We gather together to light the purple candle of Advent hope. Against the sparkling lights of the world, it is small and insignificant. But in the grieving heart of the Christian, Advent light is a gift of divine peace.

For more than a year, a virus in pandemic form has interrupted if not cancelled our family, church, neighborhood, and holiday gatherings. We recognize what we have lost and light this candle in the hope of regathering in love and friendship.

Come, Jesus, come.

ADVENT WEEK 2 **LOVES**

We gather together to light the second purple candle of Advent hope. Against the sparkling lights of the world, it is small and insignificant. But in the grieving heart of the Christian, Advent light is a gift of divine consolation.

Many of us have lost family members and friends to the coronavirus. Some of us were unable to accompany loved ones through illness, surgery, and dying. We had to keep distant from pregnant moms and newborns. We recognize what we have lost and light this second Advent candle in the hope of heaven and the earthly return of accompaniment and celebration.

Come, Jesus, come.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Holy Name Society will hold their Christmas party on Friday, December 10th at 6:00 p.m. at Keeley's. This event is open to all men of the parish. Cost-\$35.00. For reservations, please call Tom Havrilak at 570-287-7768.

SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS

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

Joseph Sharon

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



PARISH CHRISTMAS TREE

We will place a Christmas tree in the front yard of the rectory on Friday, December 17th and invite everyone to stop by and securely attach an ornament with your name (s) on it prior to December 24th (if necessary, you may leave your ornament in the container on the rectory porch for us to attach your ornament.) On Christmas Eve, we will light the tree as a visible sign of our unity and commitment to our parish family as we stand “Together in Faith.”

THE SLOVAK HERITAGE SOCIETY OF N.E. PA.

The Society cordially invites you to celebrate The Feast of St. Nicholas. In Slovakia, he is the bearer of gifts for the children. The event will be held on Sunday, December 12th at 2:00 p.m. in the Church. RSVP is requested by December 6th. Come and join us for a wonderful afternoon of singing Slovak Christmas Carols and sharing Christmas memories. Slovak hospitality will follow. Wearing masks is encouraged.



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St. Ignatius is excited to announce that we have purchased a parish subscription to FORMED, now available to all parishioners! As we begin a new liturgical year, this online resource can help all parishioners to deepen their knowledge and enthusiasm about the faith. Formed is an on-demand digital resource with movies, videos, Bible studies, audiobooks, talks, and more! There are resources for adults, children, teens, and young adults covering just about any Catholic topic. **I like to call it, “Catholic Netflix.”**

Why not try it out? There’s so much to enjoy! Registering is very easy. Just go to signup.formed.org and type in our 18704 Zip-Code or search “St. Ignatius Loyola” and click on the Kingston, PA location. Give a name and an email and you’re registered!

Our ECHO apprentice, Deirdre, will be happy to answer any questions you have about how to sign-up for FORMED and the many treasures you can find on there.

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**CHRISTMAS AND
NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE 2021
& JANUARY 1, 2022**

CHRISTMAS EVE, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2021

4:00 p.m. Mass in Good Shepherd Academy Gym

4:00 p.m. Mass in St. Ignatius Church

6:00 p.m. Mass in St. Ignatius Church

10:00 p.m. Mass in St. Ignatius Church

CHRISTMAS DAY, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2021

8:30 a.m. Mass in St. Ignatius Church and Lived Streamed on Facebook Page

10:30 a.m. Mass in St. Ignatius Church

Please note, overflow crowds can be accommodated in Conlan Hall watching Mass on Big Screen Television. Holy Communion will be distributed in Conlan Hall.

Please note there will be no afternoon Liturgies on Christmas Day.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021

7:00 a.m. in St. Ignatius Church

8:30 a.m. in St. Ignatius Church (Mass will also be Live Streamed)

10:30 a.m. in St. Ignatius Church

Noon in St. Ignatius Church

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2021

4:00 p.m. in St. Ignatius Church

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2022

10:30 a.m. in St. Ignatius Church (Mass will be Live Streamed)

*Please note: January 1, 2022, because it falls on a Saturday is not a Holyday of Obligation this year. The Solemnity remains but the obligation to attend Mass is suspended. Please note there will be **NO** afternoon Liturgies on New Year's Day.*

Mass Intentions Week of December 6th – 12th

Monday
7:30 AM – P.J. Kachmar <i>Allen & Nancy Bellas</i>
12:10 PM – Reverend Richard Zavacki <i>Gerry Dicton</i>
Tuesday
7:30 AM – Margaret Williams <i>Mary Kennedy</i>
12:10 PM – Norma Agati <i>Agati Edmunds Family</i>
5:30 PM – For the People of the Parish
Wednesday
7:30 AM – Ned Whalen <i>Frank & Alice Hill</i>
12:10 PM – Kapral & Stepanski Families <i>Sophie Kapral</i>
5:30 PM – Mary Butkiewicz <i>Jennifer & Steven Bale</i>
Thursday
7:30 AM – Agatha Viti <i>Mr. & Mrs. Donald Hudak</i>
12:10 PM – Mary Schultz <i>Family</i>
Friday
7:30 AM – Bridget O’Brien <i>Family</i>
12:10 PM – Kathleen & Andrew Rogan <i>Family</i>
Saturday
4:00 PM – Paul Shultz <i>English Family</i>
5:30 PM – William Strish <i>Halbach Family</i>
Sunday
7:00 AM – Richard P. Fisher, Sr. <i>G. Herbert</i>
8:30 AM – For the People of the Parish
10:30 AM – Teresa Ryan <i>Barbara Turner</i>
12:00 PM – Frank Klecha <i>Diane & Howard Specht</i>

Church Candle for the Week of December 6th

In Memory Norma Agati – Requested by Agati Edmunds Family

Bread & Wine for the Week of December 6th

In Memory Norma Agati – Requested by Agati Edmunds Family

FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2021

Sunday Tithe
\$7,754.00

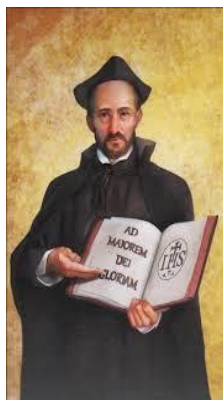
E-Offerings
\$905.00

Total
\$8,659.00

**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!

