



Saint Ignatius Loyola Church Weekly Update November 21, 2021

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses will continue the week of November 22, 2021

Monday thru Wednesday – 7:30 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.

Thursday – 9:00 a.m. and Friday – 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.

#iGIVECATHOLIC

RISE to the Challenge!

#iGiveCatholic 2021!
NOVEMBER 15-30 ONLY!

<https://scranton.igivecatholic.org/organizations/st-ignatius-church>

SCAN ME

Make a Diocesan Annual Appeal gift of at least \$20 on our parish's page and get a chance to win an array of outdoorsy prizes celebrating God's creation! Help our parish climb national leaderboards while supporting our ministries.

Your support also can help our parish win \$1,000 cash prizes.
Already given? An additional \$20 gift doubles your chances to win!

Questions? E-mail Sandra-Snyder@dioceseofscranton.org or call 570-591-5004.

[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/IGIVECATHOLICDIOCESEOFSCRANTON](https://www.facebook.com/IGIVECATHOLICDIOCESEOFSCRANTON)
Like/Follow this page to participate in two weeks' worth of pop-up challenges with more prizes!

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 265 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

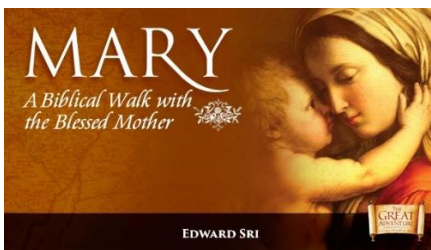
LEARNING TO JOURNEY TOGETHER AS CATHOLICS



In the upcoming weeks, we will address topics of our liturgical worship and matters of faith.

OUR LITURGICAL JOURNEY

Isn't it wonderful that Our Lord left us the action of the Lord's Last Supper? Isn't it wonderful that we are invited, especially every Sunday, to participate in the Mass where we not only remember but become part of the action at the altar with the priest and present with Christ? How do we do this? By our attention to the proclaimed scriptures; by our various postures as part of the assembly, our dialogue(responses)with the priest and deacon listening attentively to all the prayers especially when the Holy Spirit is called down to transform us as well as the gifts of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ, by receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, and then finally the moment when we are dismissed and urged to be Christ for others in the world by doing good as Christ would. The above was a packed statement and will be taken apart week after week as we move along on our journey together.



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 November 30 at 6:30 p.m. and 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 for one or both evenings!

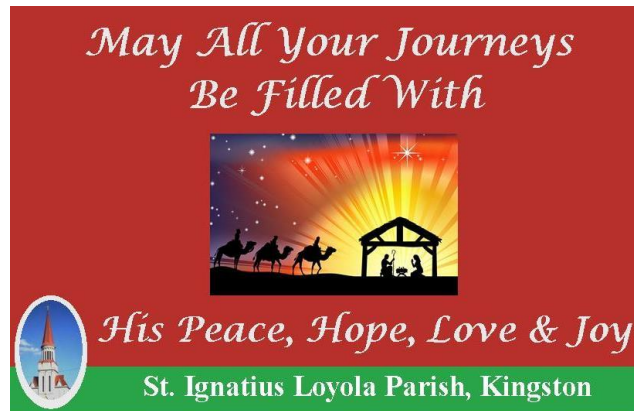


THANKSGIVING DAY MASS – NOVEMBER 25th

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.**

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.



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 will be distributed at the entrance of Bergan Parish Center, Saturday, November 27th from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 28th from 7:30 a.m.- 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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 from Sunday, November 21st 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.



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 vocations, 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 22nd – 28th

Monday
7:30 AM – William Jones <i>Family</i>
12:10 PM – Mary & Basil Leshney <i>Daughter, Mary</i>
Tuesday
7:30 AM – Charles Naylis <i>Wife, Alice</i>
12:10 PM – Carl Schwartz <i>Bonczewski Family</i>
Wednesday
7:30 AM – Margaret Boyle <i>Family</i>
12:10 PM – Albert J. Azarewicz <i>Wife, Mary Ann</i>
Thursday
9:00 AM – Elizabeth Glosser <i>Deb & Jack Phillips</i>
No 7:30 AM or 12:10 PM Mass today.
Friday
No 7:30 AM Mass today.
12:10 PM – Marion McGuiness <i>Berbano Family</i>
Saturday
4:00 PM – Edward Martin <i>Desciak Family</i>
5:30 PM – Margaret Siecko <i>Kostick Family</i>
Sunday
7:00 AM – Rita Hill <i>Koper Family</i>
8:30 AM – For the People of the Parish
10:30 AM – Richard Grace <i>Moran Family</i>
12:00 PM – Louise Rostock <i>Chris & Cynthia</i>

Church Candle for the Week of November 22nd
In Memory of Jacob June – Requested by Grandparents

Bread & Wine for the Week of November 22nd
In Memory of Carl Schwartz – Requested by Bonczewski Family

FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2021

Sunday Tithe
\$11,821.00

E-Offerings
\$1,811.00

Total
\$13,632.00

**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 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. 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!

