



Saint Ignatius Loyola Church Weekly Update August 29, 2021

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses will continue the week of August 30, 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.

MASS SCHEDULE UPDATE

Please know how grateful we are for your patience, understanding, and support throughout the past sixteen months as we navigate through the global pandemic, COVID-19.

We have been notified that the dispensation in the Diocese of Scranton from the obligation to participate at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days ended **Sunday, August 15, 2021**, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. All of the dioceses in Pennsylvania followed the same procedure.

It is important to note that people continue to be dispensed from Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation if they are:

- **Seriously ill**
- **Have a health risk,**
- **In a household with people who are at risk**
- **Primary caregivers to those at risk**
- **Have serious anxiety or concerns about being in a large group setting due to COVID-19**
- **Unable to attend Mass in person**

As an act of charity, anyone who believes they might have COVID-19 or one of its variants should stay home.

St. Ignatius Loyola Parish is pleased to welcome everyone to join us in person for the celebration of Mass. Our church building will continue to be properly ventilated, sanitized, and appropriate distancing will be maintained to provide a safe as well as healthy space for Mass.

MASS SCHEDULE (Effective 8-14 and 8-15, 2021)

Saturdays	4:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.
Sundays	7:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. (All are welcome to attend in person – LIVESTREAM will continue) 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon

ALL MASSES WILL CONTINUE TO BE AT ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA CHURCH.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Throughout the past several weeks, there has been ongoing discussions regarding whether or not there is any scientific evidence that face masks work. We should continue to dialogue how we may best assist in combating the Coronavirus. Therefore, I researched multiple – in fact more than 40-scientific studies which characterize face masks as providing a strong value against the spread of the coronavirus.

- Do face masks kill the virus? NO
- Are face masks 100% effective in preventing infection? NO
- Do some face masks provide greater protection? YES

All of the studies, depending on their purpose, do recognize a continuum of efficiency in protecting against infection on a scale of 30% to 95%. All of these more than 40 scientific studies say masks help to prevent the spread of infection to a greater or lesser extent. Should we have some protection rather than none? There are those who will say yes, but there are some professionals who will continue to say no.

All of this evidence informs the CDC and its recommendations, which continue to be monitored as the virus mutates, to provide us with the best approach to slow the spread of COVID-19 along with the variants. This information/evidence informs the Bishop and his strong recommendation to us. Please review Bishop Bambera's latest update for our worshipping together:

MASKS: It is strongly recommended that you consider choosing to wear a face mask to aid in a greater mutual protection for one another. Face masks are not mandated for church attendance.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION: All Priests, Deacons, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are to wear a face mask while distributing communion. If direct contact is made with a person's tongue during distribution, the minister must stop and sanitize his/her hands before continuing.

HAND HYGIENE: Hand washing and sanitizing is an essential help in preventing the spread of the virus. It is essential especially for ministers. It is highly recommended that everyone take advantage of the sanitizers located at the entrances of the church.

LIVE STREAMING MASS: We will continue to livestream the 8:30 a.m. Mass for those who must stay at home. The 8:30 a.m. Mass is open for in-person attendance as well.

Please remember that all of our efforts throughout the past seventeen months were executed with the health and safety of everyone as our priority. The decisions are based on the most up to date public health information. We must continue to make every effort to remain vigilant in our efforts to control this pandemic so we can move forward. Thank you for your continued support, patience, and cooperation. God Bless!

LABOR DAY – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th

Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, September 6th. **Please note, there will be no 7:30 a.m. or 12:10 p.m. Mass. The office will be closed.**

BIBLE STUDIES PROGRAM

Our 2021 Bible Studies Program is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, September 8th at 1:00 P.M. in Bergan Hall and continue each week at the same time and place until November 10th. This study, “*Women of the Old Testament*,” will use materials prepared by Little Rock; each study set costs \$16 and will be available for you to purchase at our first session. Please contact Pat Cole at 570-287-3402 to register for the study, order materials, or for more information.



ST.IGNATIUS YOUTH GROUP

Students Grades 7-12

We're looking forward to kicking off another year, but we need your input! Students and parents, please consider taking our survey to help us plan what you would like to see happen!



Simply scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to complete the survey electronically.

FAITH SHARING

Faith Sharing Groups will resume in-person monthly meetings beginning September 10th. We hope parishioners and friends will feel welcome to join us in Conlan Hall on the second Friday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m. At this present time, all participants must wear masks or a face covering. The focus is on Sunday Scriptures as we share about them within small groups. The atmosphere is casual and there's always time for some friendly socialization. There are no dues or obligations, so please come and give us a try. For questions, please call 570-690-7732

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registration for all religious education programs will be held in Bergan Hall:

REGISTRATION SUNDAY: AUGUST 29th - 9:30 a.m. – Noon

Late registration: Tuesday, August 31st : 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 7th : 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Please note! Those students who are registering for the first time, and who were not baptized at St. Ignatius, will need a copy of their baptismal certificate.

Registration Fee: \$25. 00 per child or \$55.00/ 3 or more children

Classes will begin on Sunday, September 12th – stay tuned for opening day details.

SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS

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

Marilyn Coury
John Payer

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



Sponsor a Religious Education Student

Religious education equips our parish's students with cultural, social, moral, and spiritual knowledge that aids in their mental and physical development within society.

However, not all families are fortunate enough to have the means to send their children through our religious education program. The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola does not turn away any student from our program and the additional expense is covered by the church.

The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola Religious Education Parent Advisory Committee is seeking donations of \$25 to sponsor a child's religious education experience in 2021-2022. All donations received will remain within our Parish and will help our youth directly.

Donations may be dropped off at the Rectory or may be mailed to Mrs. Carmella Faust, Director of Religious Education, The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, 339 North Maple Avenue, Kingston, PA 18704. For more information, please contact Mrs. Faust at 570-287-3682 or religiouseducation1@yahoo.com.

Thank you for your consideration!

St. Ignatius Loyola Parish

Planning for the fall, 2021

The continued progress throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and in particular here in Luzerne County, to address the spread of COVID-19 with vaccinations and other protocols allows us to begin planning to resume our parish activities and events with cautious optimism.

We respectfully request that any of our organizations, ministries, events and/or meetings that require a particular space on our property call the rectory (570-288-6446) to select the date(s) you need for the 2021-22 year (our parish programs have traditionally followed the September to June academic year). We will have on the calendar our Religious Education schedule, RCIA, and Baptismal instruction to avoid conflicts. Scheduling of spaces will be available beginning after Labor Day, September 6, 2021.

Please remember that we will follow all of the CDC guidelines along with the Diocesan guidelines which are subject to change in response to COVID-19. Also, certain dates may be blocked out to ensure proper sanitizing.

We are most pleased with the continued growth to our in-person Masses, and we are delighted to welcome everyone to join us. We will continue to livestream our 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. Once again, we assure you of our diligence to provide a safe environment to protect your health and safety while in church.

Please contact the parish office at your earliest convenience. May God bless you for your faithfulness especially during these many months and your ongoing support!



Mass Intentions Week of August 30th – September 5th

Monday
7:30 AM – Philip Maher <i>Family</i>
12:10 PM – Antoinette Wilcox <i>Ann Ziomek</i>
Tuesday
7:30 AM – Edward Dougherty <i>Tom & Ann Marie Havrilak</i>
12:10 PM – Edmund Krzesinski <i>Daughter, Ann Marie</i>
Wednesday
7:30 AM – Margaret Balberchak <i>Sheila McAndrew</i>
12:10 PM – Dorothy Kosmala <i>Bob & Ellen Adams</i>
Thursday
7:30 AM – Gerry Finnerty <i>Joe & Carmella Faust</i>
12:10 PM – Karen McDonnell <i>Carl & Molly Kachmar</i>
Friday
7:30 AM – Josephine Wilkes <i>Family</i>
12:10 PM – Mary Sisky <i>Marion Marosevitch</i>
Saturday
4:00 PM – Marion Cromack <i>Catherine Williams</i>
5:30 PM – Anna Mae Yarashas <i>Steinberg Children</i>
Sunday
7:00 AM – Mary Boyle Fischer <i>Family</i>
8:30 AM – For the People of the Parish
10:30 AM – Victor Serino <i>Irene & Jack Williams</i>
12:00 PM – Christopher Tomasura <i>Joseph Noon Family</i>

Church Candle for the Week of August 30th

In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. John Miller – Requested by Family

Bread & Wine for the Week of August 30th

In Memory of Michael Herbacsek – Requested by Family

FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2021

Sunday Tithe
\$13,678.50

E-Offerings
\$660.00

Total
\$14,338.50

**Amount Needed
Each Week to
Meet Expenses
to be determined for
New Fiscal Year**

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 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
During the COVID-19 Pandemic
REVISED AUGUST 6, 2021

We, the Parish of St. Ignatius Loyola, join with all the parishes of the Diocese of Scranton to joyfully welcome the faithful of the Diocese to return to our parish. Despite the challenges of the last year, we invite those who have not yet returned to Mass to rejoin us in-person to celebrate the Holy Eucharist, the source and summit of the Christian life.

MASK GUIDANCE FOR MASSES

- The Pennsylvania Department of Health ended its mask mandate as of Monday, June 28, 2021
- This means that in the parishes and institutions of the Diocese of Scranton, there is no requirement for face coverings or masks.
- **However, Bishop Bambera, issued new guidelines on Friday August 6, 2021, which strongly encourage vaccinated and non-vaccinated individuals to return to wearing masks inside for Mass and other indoor gatherings in order to protect the safety and health of all parishioners.**
- There will be no request by the parish regarding information about vaccination status to be admitted to the church.

OTHER IMPORTANT PROTOCOLS & SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- We remind the faithful to continue to maximize the use of space as much as possible.
- Hand sanitizer will continue to be available in the church.
- The Sign of Peace will be celebrated without physical contact.
- The distribution of the Precious Blood remains suspended at this time.
- Confessions are celebrated Saturdays from 12:00 noon until 12:30 p.m. **Please note: masks are required for the Celebration of Reconciliation.**
- The Diocesan guidelines allow decisions to be made at the discretion of the individual parish regarding the following:
 - Altar servers may assist at Mass once again. Servers under the age of 18 will need parental permission.
 - Liturgical singing will be allowed – specifics to be determined.
 - Holy Water fonts will be refilled and utilized.

We will be implementing the return of these items in the coming weeks as the Pastoral Staff cautiously determine a timeline.

While ongoing progress is being made to address the spread of COVID-19 with vaccinations, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Masses on Holy Days was reinstated on August 15th. St. Ignatius Loyola Parish is excited to welcome everyone to join us in-person for the celebration of Mass. We will proceed with caution to ensure our faithful will return with full confidence in their health and safety while at church.

Monsignor Tressler, Father Simchock, and Deacon Pernot are excited to be welcoming our parishioners and friends back when you feel comfortable!

