



Saint Ignatius Loyola Church Weekly Update October 3, 2021

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses will continue the week of October 4, 2021

Communion Service – 7:30 a.m. – Monday - Friday
Mass – 12:10 p.m. – Monday - Friday

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

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Assistant Pastor
Deacon
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Director of Liturgical Music
Director of Religious Education
Youth Minister and Live Stream Coordinator

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Mrs. Jennifer Carey

Office Manager
Receptionist

Maintenance

Sacristan

Visiting Clergy

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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.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

As the Delta Variant continues its surge across our nation, our Bishop has sent the following update to all of us:

The Diocese of Scranton strongly recommends that all members of the Catholic Community who are eligible become fully vaccinated for COVID-19. Becoming fully vaccinated should be seen as an act of charity which not only protects oneself but helps to safeguard our neighbors and the well-being our entire community.

The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith at the Vatican has made it clear that it is morally acceptable to receive any of the current COVID-19 vaccines that have been determined to be clinically safe and effective. Individuals remain free to exercise discretions regarding vaccination based upon their own reasons of conscience. It should be remembered that these decisions are rooted in personal belief and cannot be validated by the Diocese of Scranton or any clergy. The Diocese of Scranton will not provide support, written or otherwise, for individuals seeking exemption from the vaccine based upon theological or religious ground.

FACE MASKS: We have also been encouraged to wear masks when gathering inside for Mass. We are grateful to the many parishioners who are wearing their masks so as to protect and care for their neighbor. We all have an obligation to protect our neighbor as well as ourselves.

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 takes 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!

SUPPORT RETIRED CLERGY & SEMINARIANS



“I have certainly felt the effects of the Diocesan Annual Appeal and how much the diocese has supported me in sending me to Cathedral Seminary. Not a lot of dioceses send to college level seminaries so I’m very thankful that I have the opportunity to go.”

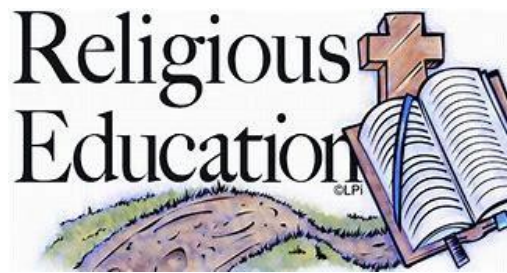
— David Pirolli
Seminarian

Saint Jude Parish, Mountain Top

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The logo for the Diocese of Scranton's 2021 Diocesan Annual Appeal. It features the text "Diocese of Scranton" at the top, followed by "2021 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL" in large blue letters. To the right is a small crest. Below this is a circular logo with a cross and hands, with the text "RISING TOGETHER IN CHRIST" next to it. On the right side of the logo, the text "Gifts of Any Amount Are Appreciated" is written in a gold, cursive font.

The Annual Appeal kicked off two 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. Our goal of \$77,000.00 remains unchanged. Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Saturday, October 9th - Grade 7 Mini-Confirmation retreat – 9:30 a.m. – Noon, Conlan Hall.

Sunday, October 10th - Confirmation Class meeting – 6:30-7:30 p.m., Conlan Hall.

Sunday, October 17th - Grade 2 First Penance Parent meeting, 9:15 a.m., Conlan Hall.

“BE A CATHOLIC MAN” EVENT

A Catholic Men’s Conference is planned for Saturday, October 30, 2021, at Holy Redeemer High School, 159 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Wilkes-Barre. This will be the sixth such Event. The theme is “Called to Fatherhood” under the patronage of Saint Joseph and is sponsored by ‘Be a Catholic Man.’ This event (from 8 am to 3 pm) will be blessed with nationally known Catholic Speakers: Father Glenn Sudano (Franciscan Friars of the Renewal), Jim O’Day (active in Men’s Ministries, Lacrosse Coach, and Self-Defense Instructor), and Karl Keating (Author and Catholic Apologist). All men --- single, married, and clergy, challenged to live virtuous lives in this very secular world are encouraged to attend. There will be Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, and Sacramental Confession --- a lunch break. Mass will be offered by the Most Reverend Bishop Joseph Bambera. Register Online: (\$30 till Oct. 9th) www.BeaCatholicMan.com or pay that day (\$40). Questions, please contact Michael Kilmer 570-746-0100 or michaelkilmer71@gmail.com.

SPECIAL MASS SCHEDULE

All parishioners are asked to note that the week of October 4th – 8th, we will have only one daily Mass at 12:10 p.m. as the parish priests will be attending the Diocese of Scranton Clergy Convocation. Deacon Pernot will conduct a Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service at 7:30 a.m. – Monday - Friday. Thank you for your kind attention to this announcement.

MARY'S MINISTRY DUTCH TREAT LADIES' DAY GATHERING AND OCTOBER ROSARY DEVOTION

On Thursday, October 7th, we invite any parishioners, comfortable gathering following CDC guidelines, to join participants of Mary's Ministry for an informal Dutch-Treat lunch at Pierce Street Deli, Kingston. Suggested dining time is 12:30-1:30 p.m. Weather permitting, we will gather at 2:00 p.m. at the Fatima Grotto on North Street in Wilkes-Barre to participate in the rosary to our Lady of Fatima. It is recommended that participants carpool and bring a folding chair if desired as seating is limited. No reservations needed. Please join us at either or both times. Questions, contact Mary Hosey at (570) 287-7973.

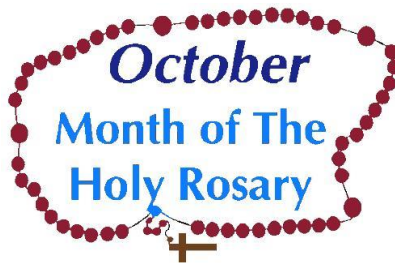


BLESSING OF ANIMALS

As is our tradition at St. Ignatius, we will bless all animals on **Sunday, October 3rd in the parking lot of St. Ignatius Church at 1:30 p.m.** to honor St. Francis of Assisi whose feast day is October 4th. All pets will be blessed and receive a small gift in honor of St. Francis of Assisi.

FALL FLU SHOT CLINIC

As done historically, St. Ignatius Parish is willing to host a Fall flu shot clinic. However, in light of the pandemic and before we finalize a date, we need to know if parishioners are interested in this service this year. In order to schedule the clinic with our provider, we will need a minimum of 30 people. If we have the minimum number, we will then schedule the clinic. Tentatively, we have it scheduled for Sunday, October 10th. **Anyone interested in participating is asked to call the rectory during regular office hours (9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.) by Monday, October 4th at Noon.**



ROSARY RALLY

The yearly Public Rosary Rally will be held once again to honor Our Lady of Fatima. It will take place at the corner of Pierce St. and Wyoming Ave. at 12 Noon on Saturday, October 16th. All are invited! As you know, the Rosary is one of the best weapons we have to offset the evils of this modern-day, post-Christian era. The Rosary Rally takes less than one hour, and you are welcome to bring a chair for your own comfort. Please consider joining us.

CLOTHING DRIVE

Mary's Ministry and our Religious Education Program will once again be hosting a new or slightly used coat drive, winter hats, and gloves. Please drop your items off at Bergan Hall the weekend of October 16th and October 17th. Drop off times are Saturday, October 16th from 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 17th from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Thank you for your support of this much needed project.

COLUMBUS DAY MASS – MONDAY, OCTOBER 11th

Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, October 11th. **Please note, there will be no 7:30 a.m. or 12:10 p.m. Mass. The office will be closed.**

OCTOBER IS RESPECT FOR LIFE MONTH

During the Month of October all Catholics are encouraged to pray that all people will have a deeper respect for life from the womb to the tomb. Life is a precious gift given to us by God and should be respected at all times. May we all be united in our faith and pray for all life to be respected.



SIL Community Fall Sundaes Social

Waffle Food Truck Compliments of St. Ignatius Parish

Rain or Shine

Saturday, October 23, 2021	4:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Sunday, October 24, 2021	10:00 am - 1:00 pm

St. Ignatius Church Parking Lot - N. Maple Avenue
Enter and Exit from Pringle Street Only!



This food truck will bring a sweet taste of Belgium to Kingston. All Belgium specializes in thick, sugary Liege waffles with tons of toppings to choose from.



Coffee, Tea and Water will be available

Please follow social distancing etiquette and all other CDC guidelines in affect.

Mass Intentions Week of October 4th – 10th

Monday
No 7:30 AM Mass – Communion Service
12:10 PM – John Sabol <i>Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Korey</i>
Tuesday
No 7:30 AM Mass – Communion Service
12:10 PM – Mildred Wilkes <i>Family</i>
Wednesday
No 7:30 AM Mass – Communion Service
12:10 PM – Joseph Sisky <i>Kopicki Family</i>
Thursday
No 7:30 AM Mass – Communion Service
12:10 PM – Lorene Kruczek <i>Nancy Needle & Family</i>
Friday
No 7:30 AM Mass – Communion Service
12:10 PM – Robert Rukstalis <i>Wife, Peggy</i>
Saturday
4:00 PM – Thomas Cooney <i>Moran Family</i>
5:30 PM – Alphonso Novackowski <i>Chukinas Family</i>
Sunday
7:00 AM – Anna Mae Thomas <i>Shirley & Gene Gingo</i>
8:30 AM – For the People of the Parish
10:30 AM – Nellie & Felix Sharkus <i>Maureen Finnegan</i>
12:00 PM – Josephine Maticic <i>Austin Family</i>

Church Candle for the Week of October 4th

In Memory of Jeanne Butcher – Requested by Joe Butcher & Family

Bread & Wine for the Week of October 4th

In Memory of Jeanne Butcher – Requested by Joe Butcher & Family

FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

Sunday Tithe
\$10,566.00

E-Offerings
\$825.00

Total
\$11,391.00

**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
During the COVID-19 Pandemic
REVISED SEPTEMBER 27, 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 Tuesday, September 27, 2021, which continues to strongly recommend 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, Deacon Pernot, and Ms. Deirdre Drinkall, Pastoral Associate Intern are excited to be welcoming our parishioners and friends back when you feel comfortable!

