



Saint Ignatius Loyola Church
339 North Maple Avenue
Kingston, PA 18704

April 8, 2020
Holy Week

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

***“The Easter bells ring...the proclamation sounds...CHRIST is risen!
Alleluia!”***

As we prepare to celebrate Easter 2020 we are doing so under very different circumstances than we are accustomed to for our normal traditions, especially the celebration of our beautiful Easter Sunday Mass. Normally, we look forward to being with each other to extend our greeting of Happy Easter in person, however, this year COVID-19 has changed our daily lives.

In my reflection on Palm Sunday I spoke of the “SHOCKING CONTRAST” we experience during Holy Week. First, the Lord is welcomed triumphantly on Palm Sunday and then crucified on Good Friday. Fortunately, for us, we know that Easter Sunday is coming when the Lord is raised from the dead to conquer death! We have experienced the shocking contrast from the beginning of Lent until now in our world. So possibly this Holy Week will be even more meaningful for us because it calls us to remember and celebrate his promise of eternal life for all of us! The resurrection did happen and so this virus will end as well.

Let us, like Mary and the apostles, rejoice in the thought that Jesus is alive, raised in glory, and victorious over sin and death!

As I myself reflect on the goodness of the Lord and the faith that is ours, I want to express to you my deepest gratitude for the constant expressions of your own faith-filled lives. You continue to encourage me in my role as priest and pastor. And, I am grateful and edified by your examples of support and service to St. Ignatius Loyola Parish and our local community especially during these unprecedented times we are living. It is my hope that we continue to be for each other examples of Christ's love and compassion. For me these days have shown me how you put your faith into action by caring

for your neighbors, supporting those in need and showing patience as we journey through these days.

I know once we return to the table of the Lord that your gracious spirit will focus on how we move forward with a renewed spirit to spread the Gospel message to everyone. Let us pray for each other and especially for our world in the spirit of the Risen Lord's peace to celebrate the Easter season!

It is a privilege for me to express my gratitude to the faithful priests who serve our parish. I am most grateful to Father Joseph Mosley, our Parochial Vicar, who ministers in so many ways to our parish community. My appreciation is also extended to Father Joseph Adonizio, Father Dan Issing, C.S.C., Fr. Andrew Sinnott, and Father Robert Sickler., who assist us in the celebration of the Eucharist. These priests are genuine examples of dedication, I value their priesthood and their presence among us. Please pray for them, for me, and all priests, that we may remain steadfast in our priesthood and ever faithful to the Church. All of us celebrate our private Masses for your intentions and for the end of COVID-19!

So, my friends, as the bells toll each day at noon let us know that Jesus is alive and among us; giving us the strength to persevere through this journey ...let us witness our **FAITH** in the one who saved us...let us live in the **HOPE** that has been promised us...and let us share our **LOVE** as true disciples with one another!

May the blessings of the **Risen Lord Jesus** be with you and your loved ones!

Sincerely yours,

Monsignor David L. Tressler

Pastor

PARISH UPDATES:

All parishioners are to be informed that the celebration of funerals is suspended. The priests can do a grave side service as long as CDC guidelines are followed. Memorial Masses can be scheduled once this crisis has subsided.

All parishioners are to be made aware that baptisms cannot be celebrated at this time.

All visitations to homes and hospitals are suspended unless there is an imminent danger of death. CDC guidelines must be followed.

OFFICE HOURS FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Holy Thursday, April 9, 2020 Office Closes at Noon

Good Friday, April 10, 2020 Office is Closed

Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020 Office is Closed

Easter Monday, April 13, 2020 Office is Closed

Office will reopen again on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. and will close at 3:00 p.m. The office is open daily from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Please note the office is only open for phone calls. Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

E -OFFERING

Online giving is now available. Signing up is as simple as going to our Church website www.stignatiuspa.com and looking for the green computer mouse icon. That button will take you to the myEoffering page for our Church. Simply sign up and begin giving online today!

LITTLE WHITE BOOKS – EASTER MEDITATIONS

The Little White Books are available on the table at the entrance of the Church. Please feel free to take a copy. We would ask that you not return it to the table due to health precautions.

FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020

Sunday Tithe
\$9,491.00

Easter
\$2,280.00

E-Offerings
\$979.00

Total
\$12,750.00

Amount Needed
Each Week to
Meet Expenses
\$12,060.00

Father Mosley 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 front of rectory porch.

May God Bless you abundantly for your continued support. Be assured of our prayers for health and safety for all.

