

Saint Ignatius Loyola Church Weekly Update July 18, 2021

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses will continue the Week of July 19, 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. 6:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses 7:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.

Live Streaming of Sunday Mass will be at 8:30 a.m. (This is not a public Mass.)

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.

CONGRATULATIONS FATHER JOSEPH MOSLEY



Dear Friends,

I wish to announce that Father Mosley has been appointed as the Pastor of St. Peter's Parish, Wellsboro and St. Thomas Parish, Elkland effective August 11, 2021. Father Mosley has served as an Assistant Pastor at St. Matthew's, East Stroudsburg and here at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish.

We wish to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Father Mosley for his faithful service to our parish throughout the past 4 years. He has provided spiritual care with great love and concern for which we are most appreciative.

Father Mosley was truly a God sent in assisting us to navigate the challenges of COVID-19 and the many restrictions we had to implement. His technical ability aided us in providing our livestream Masses on Sunday mornings beginning with his iPhone and then learning the new camera system we had installed – then working with our youth minister to train several young people to handle our livestreaming. Also, he coordinated our ZOOM meetings and provided support where necessary to ensure our ability to meet and also provide for some spiritual programs to be made available. Father handled the training and scheduling of the altar servers and was so looking forward to their return.

Certainly, pre-pandemic Father's presence at the pierogi making was not only helpful but also an opportunity to work with our faithful parishioners. Also, during the pandemic Father Mosley could be found most Wednesdays at the Al Beech Food Pantry assisting with the distribution of food for the less fortunate. Throughout the years, Father Mosley handled our Christmas wreath giving program to provide for families in need.

These are just a few of the many little things Father Mosley did during the past few years in addition to celebrating daily Masses, weekend Masses, Funerals, Weddings, Baptisms, Visiting the Sick (homebound/hospitals/nursing homes) and also providing spiritual support at SCI Dallas. Father is a dedicated priest and also a truly kind – gentle man whose presence will be missed.

Once again, St. Ignatius Parish family extends their gratitude and best wishes to Father Mosley as he accepts his next pastoral assignment! We will keep him in our prayers during this transition.

Finally, on a personal note I, too, am most grateful for the opportunity to serve with Father Mosley for the past three years. I have enjoyed serving with him during our time together and especially grateful for his presence during the pandemic. I am reminded of a quote from Benedict XVI, Pope Emeritus, who stated the challenge for each of us is to "serve God and your people with holiness and courage, and always conform your lives to the mystery of the Lord's cross. May God bless your apostolic labors abundantly".

Sincerely yours in Christ,

David L. Tressler

Monsignor David L. Tressler

Pastor

ADDENDUM TO FATHER MOSLEY'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Please note that more information regarding Father Mosley's replacement and an opportunity for us to bid him farewell will be forthcoming.



World Day for Grandparents and Elderly

Pope Francis has established throughout the Church the <u>celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and Elderly</u> beginning in 2021 on the **fourth Sunday of July**, near the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. The announcement of this celebration coincides with the celebration of the Year of Amoris Laetitia Family, which began on the Solemnity of Saint Joseph the husband of Mary, on March 19, 2021, and will conclude at the World Meeting of Families in Rome in June of 2022.

PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence: even in times of loneliness, You are my hope and my confidence, You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth! I thank You for having given me a family and for having blessed me with a long life. I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me. I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me. Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace, teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations. Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church, that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth. Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world, that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed, the poor consoled and wars ended. Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full in each moment that You give me, in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the end of the age. Amen.

LAST CALL!!!!!!





SUMMER SPLASH CASH AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL

On Sunday, July 25, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. when we have our summer raffle drawing, we will also provide Blizzards for all in attendance to take home, eat in their cars or in the parking lot - wherever one feels most comfortable!! Please plan on joining us for the Summer Splash Cash ticket drawing. In order to make sure we are prepared adequately, please fill out the attached form and drop in the collection box or return to the rectory by Sunday, July 18, 2021.

We continue to be most grateful for the support we have received thus far for our Summer Splash Cash Raffle. All are reminded that ticket returns should be made by Sunday, July 25, 2021, by 11:00 a.m. If you are in need of additional tickets, please contact the rectory.

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!

RSVP	Form for Summer Blizzard Celebration
Name	
Number of Peop	le Attending
Pleas	e return to Rectory by Sunday, July 18 th

LOOKING FOR A KIDNEY DONOR

Christopher Cousin, age 29, son of parishioners Bill and Marie Cousin, is in need of a donor for his second kidney transplant. Marie donated her kidney in 2014, but he is now in rejection. He is an only child and only grandson, and 4 people who wanted to be tested as a donor cannot be due to medical conditions. His blood type is A+ and anyone willing to be tested can do so for free. If a direct donation is not possible due to another blood type or other issues, an indirect donation may be possible.

Please email the Cousins at cousin3@verizon.net if there are any basic questions. Some conditions may rule out a potential donor like diabetes, cancer, heart issues, kidney stones or a high BMI. Donors normally need to be at least 18 and under 70 years of age and cannot have smoked for at least 6 months. Blood work in addition to other tests may be required. Specific questions can be directed to UPMC Transplant Hospital in Harrisburg at (717) 231-8700. Please press 5 to speak with a Living Donor Coordinator and mention Christopher's name. The usual wait time for a cadaver donor (while normally on dialysis) is 6 to 8 years, so a living donor is a much better option.

Thank you so much for your consideration. It would be greatly appreciated if anyone can also spread the word.



ST. ANNE'S NOVENA

The annual Novena honoring Saint Anne will begin this Saturday, July 17th. Novena prayers and a general relic blessing will be offered at the end of each Mass. St. Anne Novena prayer cards will be available. Please do not return the St. Anne Novena prayer cards to the table. The nine-day Novena will conclude on the Feast of St. Anne – Monday, July 26th.

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 to ensure this positive direction 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 to 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 academic year September to June). 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. Since the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Masses on Holy Days remains suspended at this time, 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 July $19^{th} - 25^{th}$

Monday	
7:30 AM – Maureen Kearney Sister, Kathy	
12:10 PM – Anna Lukas Robert & Florence Smith	
Tuesday	
7:30 AM – Mauri Boyle Abrantes Family	
12:10 PM – Helen Deitz Friends	
Wednesday	
7:30 AM – Virginia Jannone Gabel Family	
12:10 PM – Regina Balmer Nancy Flannery	
Thursday	
7:30 AM – William McDermott Family	
12:10 PM – Mary Boylan Family	
Friday	
7:30 AM – Peggy Bonczek Family	
12:10 PM – Rosalie Fisher Family	
Saturday	
4:00 PM – Stanley O'Malia Joe & Cathy	
6:00 PM – Ellen Jenkins Pat Schreiner	
Sunday	
7:00 AM – Bernadine Reinard Hornlein Family	
10:30 AM – Stephen Foley Davis Family	
12:30 PM – John Roan Rick & Ruth Miller	

<u>Church Candle for the Week of July 19th</u> In Memory of Anthony Maloney – Requested by Family

Bread & Wine for the Week of July 19th
In Memory of Michael Herbacsek – Requested by Family

FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR SUNDAY, JULY 11, 2021

Sunday Tithe **\$12,846.00**

E-Offerings \$600.00

Total **\$13,446.00**

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

Father Mosley, 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 front of rectory 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

Effective June 28, 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. People who are not vaccinated from COVID-19, or are not fully vaccinated, are still strongly encouraged to wear masks indoors and outdoors when around others but are no longer required to do so. This means that in the parishes and institutions of the Diocese of Scranton, there is no requirement for face coverings or masks. Signs will be posted at the entrances encouraging unvaccinated and those individuals particularly vulnerable to wear a mask in church.
- Any individual is welcome to continue wearing masks at Mass if desired for personal protection and/or comfort. Everyone is asked to be respectful of a person's choice to wear a face covering or mask in church.
- There will be no request by the parish regarding information about vaccination status to be admitted to the church.

OTHER IMPORTANT PROTOCOLS & SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- Pews are no longer marked for physical distancing. 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.
- 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.
 - o 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 remains suspended at this time. 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.

Father Mosley, Deacon Gerry and Msgr. Tressler are excited to be welcoming our parishioners and friends back when you feel comfortable!

