

Saint Ignatius Loyola Church Weekly Update November 20, 2022

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses for the week of November 21st are:

Monday thru Wednesday – 7:30 a.m. – St. Ignatius

12:10 p.m. – Holy Family

Thursday – 9:00 a.m. at St. Ignatius and Holy Family

Friday – 12:10 p.m. at Holy Family

WEEKEND MASSES

Please note weekend Mass schedule at St. Ignatius

Saturday Vigil Masses 4:00 p.m.

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

All Masses will be celebrated at St. Ignatius Church.

Please note weekend Mass schedule at Holy Family

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:15 p.m.

Sunday Mass 9:00 a.m.

Live Streaming of Sunday Mass will continue at 10:30 a.m.

St. Ignatius Church is open for private prayer this week Monday through Wednesday -11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Confessions are held Saturdays from 12:00 p.m.–12:30 p.m. at St. Ignatius. Confessions are held Saturdays from 4:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. at Holy Family.



Parish Phone Number 570-288-6446

St. Ignatius Pastoral Staff

Monsignor David L. Tressler Pastor

Reverend Shawn M. Simchock Assistant Pastor

Deacon Gerard P. Pernot Deacon

Ms. Deirdre Drinkall Notre Dame Intern/Pastoral Associate

Mrs. Carmella Faust Director of Liturgical Music

Co-Director of Religious Education

Ms. Diane Janoski Co-Director of Religious Education

Ms. Shannon Kowalski Youth Minister and Live Stream Coordinator

Main Office Staff

Ms. Mary Lewis Office Manager
Mrs. Jennifer Carey Receptionist

Maintenance Mr. William Gross

Sacristan Mr. Matt Fiske

Visiting Clergy 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.

SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS

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

Ronald Trzeskowski Robert Verosky John Zimniski Rosalie Quarteroni Epstein

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

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.



BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINES

All announcements will need to be emailed to: officemanager@stignatiuspa.com - 14 days before the publication of the bulletin.

Any announcements sent after the deadline will not be published in that week's bulletin.



THANKSGIVING DAY MASS – NOVEMBER 24th

Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM on Thursday, November 24th at both Holy Family and St. Ignatius.

Please note, there will be no 7:30 AM or 12:10 PM Mass on Thanksgiving Day.

On Friday, November 25th there will only be a 12:10 p.m. Mass at Holy Family.

The office will be closed on Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS!

Sunday, November 27th – No class for Grades 1 - 6

<u>Saturday, December 3rd</u> – First Penance Retreat, 10 a.m. – Noon in Bergan Hall. Students only.

<u>Saturday</u>, <u>December 10th</u> - First Penance Celebration, 9:30 a.m. St. Ignatius Church. A reception in Conlan Hall will follow the service.

<u>Sunday, December 11th</u> – Grade 4 Family Morning/Class Mass. All our Grade 4 families, both public and private schools, are strongly encouraged to attend this family event. The morning will begin at 9:15 a.m.in Conlan Hall with a light continental breakfast and family activity followed by the class Mass at 10:30 a.m. in St. Ignatius Church. This morning will take the place of class for the religious education students.

ADVENT MAILING

All parishioners should have received their Advent mailing containing:

Blue Book for Meditations Letter from Pastoral Staff Christmas and New Years Mass Schedule Advent Calendar of Service

Extra copies are available in the back of the Church.







ADVENT GIVING WREATH

In place of actual toys, we are requesting donations of gift cards to be distributed to needy families as we did the last couple of years. 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 20th to Sunday, December 4th. 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.



ADVENT SERVICE OF WORD AND SONG

We Long for You, O Lord, an Advent service of Word and Song, will be presented at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 8, at Holy Family Parish Church in Luzerne, and at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 11 in Dunmore. The services are open to the public at no charge. This annual service features the combined choir of voices from Holy Family and St. Ignatius Parishes and from the Dunmore parishes of Ss. Anthony & Rocco and Our Lady of Mount Carmel, featuring several soloists and an instrumental ensemble, under the direction of Linda Houck, Joseph Moffitt, and Geri Seitzinger. Mark your calendar now to make this service part of your preparation for Christmas!

OPLATKI CHRISTMAS WAFERS

Christmas Wafers will be available on a table in the rear of the Church this weekend. Please deposit money for wafers in the locked collection boxes. Donation - \$5.00.

2022 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Due to a change in the Internal Revenue regulations, all donations for the calendar year 2022 must be made by **December 31, 2022**. Tax letters will be sent to all parishioners who donated by January 15, 2023.

THE FEAST OF SAINT NICHOLAS

The Slovak Heritage Society of N.E. PA. cordially invites you to celebrate The Feast of St. Nicholas on Sunday, December 4th at 2:00 p.m. at St. Ignatius Loyola Church. Come and join us for a wonderful afternoon of singing Slovak Christmas Carols and sharing Christmas memories. Slovak hospitality will follow.

$Mass\ Intentions-Week\ of\ November\ 21^{st}-27^{th}$

Monday
7:30 AM – Raymond Hughes Family
12:10 PM Mass at Holy Family
Tuesday
7:30 AM – Charles Naylis Wife, Alice
12:10 PM Mass at Holy Family
Wednesday
7:30 AM – Anthony Herbert Family
12:10 PM Mass at Holy Family
Thursday
9:00 AM – For the People of the Parish
There will be no 7:30 AM or 12:10 PM Mass today.
Friday
There will be no 7:30 AM Mass today.
12:10 PM Mass at Holy Family
Saturday
4:00 PM – William Jones Wife & Children
5:15 PM Mass at Holy Family
Sunday
7:00 AM – Ellen Jenkins Family
9:00 AM Mass at Holy Family
10:30 AM – John & Matilda Naparlo Family

<u>Church Candle for the Week of November 21st</u> In Memory of Jacob June – Requested by Grandparents

Bread & Wine for the Week of November 21st
In Memory of Nick Volpetti – Requested by Family

FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR NOVEMBER 13, 2022

Sunday Tithe **\$10,394.25**

E-Offerings **\$1,975.00**

Total **\$12,369.25**

Amount Needed Each Week to Meet Expenses \$13,519.00

Father Simchock, Deacon Pernot, Deirdre Drinkall, 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 the rectory front porch.

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









BULLETIN FOR HOLY FAMILY PARISH AND ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA PARISH

The new liturgical year begins with the **First Sunday of Advent**, which falls on November 27, 2022, and one of our resolutions for the new Church year is to have one bulletin for the two parishes.

The linkage of the two parishes was officially established on July 1, 2022, and with your overwhelming support and cooperation we have been very successful in our new arrangement. There are always challenges in any new relationship but with a true vision and sincere faith of our families we are moving forward.

Therefore, please accept our heartfelt gratitude for your patience, understanding and most importantly your continued support of our parishes. Together, we are embracing the richness of each community while recognizing the value of cooperating on various programs, events, and celebrations.

We hope that our new bulletin, providing information in one document about the many happenings in both of our parish communities, will keep everyone informed of the many opportunities for involvement and encourage us all in shared discipleship.

We are ever grateful to everyone and ask God's blessings on each of you and your loved ones as we celebrate Thanksgiving – truly thanking God for all He has bestowed upon us! Thank you!

Monsignor Tressler and the Pastoral Team

HOLY FAMILY PARISH BREAKFAST

Mark your calendar now for Holy Family's first Parish Breakfast since **2020!** Our all-you-can-eat breakfast is now set for Sunday, **November 20th**, from 8 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. It features eggs, ham, sausage, pancakes, potatoes, fruit, pastries, coffee, tea, and juices for \$12 per adult (\$6/under 10). We will welcome volunteers for set up on Saturday, November 19th as well as on Sunday during the Breakfast.

If you would like to make a monetary donation of any amount to defray the cost of the breakfast, please place your donation in an envelope marked "Breakfast sponsor" and place in the collection basket. We are also soliciting sponsors for various food items for the breakfast. If you would like to donate toward a specific item, please indicate:

- \$25 donations will help sponsor pastries, pancakes, or milk.
- \$50 donations will help with juice, fruit, coffee, or potatoes.
- \$75 or more will help with the cost of eggs, ham, or sausage.

Thank you for your support of the Breakfast! Plan to join us for food and fellowship at this long-awaited parish fundraiser!



MARY'S MINISTRY'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Mary's Ministry will be hosting a Christmas Luncheon on December 8th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Theos Metro restaurant in Kingston. There will be a varied menu from which to choose/soft drinks/ cash bar. Price per person is \$10.00. A donation box for Ruth's Place, the shelter for homeless women, will also be available. To make a reservation, contact Elaine Whipple at 570-239-1637 or Mary Stchur at 570-288-7320 by December 1st. Come join us!



MEMORY AFGHAN

Any family who was invited to the Mass of Remembrance last week and did not receive an afghan from Mary's Ministry and would like to have one, can call Mary Stchur at 570-288-7320 to make arrangements to pick up one. It is a beautiful and comforting way to hold on to the memory of your loved one.

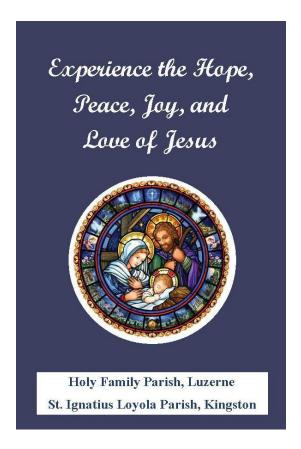
Pierogi Board News

Dates for our Advent Pierogi Project are as follows:

Monday, November 21 prep Tuesday, November 22 production

As usual we will make potato/sharp cheese, farmers cheese, sweet cabbage, and jalapeno as supplies come in. Farmers cheese are \$11.00, all others are \$10.00. We look forward and warmly welcome helpers not only from St. Ignatius and Holy Family, but the community as well. Experience is not necessary. The coffee pot is always on, and we have a nice lunch on Tuesdays. For additional information call Mike Stretanski 570-817-3430.

Sale to the public will be after weekend Masses: Nov. 19-20, Nov. 26-27



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. At St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, signs will be distributed at the entrance of Bergan Parish Center, Saturday, November 26th from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 27th from 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. and from10:00 a.m. until Noon. At Holy Family Parish, the signs will be distributed from the Rectory Garage on Saturday, November 26th from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Sunday, November 27th from 8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. and from 10:00 a.m. until Noon.



DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL REPORT UPDATE

As of November 11th **251 families have pledged \$47,559.68 which is 62% of our goal.**We are most grateful to all who have prayerfully considered a pledge to this year's Appeal. God bless you!



GUIDELINES FOR THE MASS INTENTION BOOK – 2023

The book of Mass Intentions for St. Ignatius Loyola Parish will open for 2023 on **Tuesday, November 29**th. We respectfully ask that your requests be for death anniversary Masses (3 Masses per year per family.) We are required by Canon Law #953 that the parish may accept only the number of Masses that can be fulfilled within a year. Therefore, we will only accept requests for (7:30 a.m. – Monday – Friday and 1 Weekend Mass.) We will also be eliminating the 7 day and Month's Mind Masses to enable us to fulfill the requests made when the book is opened. The 7:00 a.m. weekend Mass is reserved for the people of the parish. Also, the Mass stipend must be paid before the Mass is placed on the schedule.

In addition, please know that due to the number of Masses presently on record the parish will no longer be able to accept Mass intentions from an individual's estate (you may wish to consider a trust fund which can be established to distribute a certain amount each year to fulfill your requests. This would be handled by your estate planner, no more than 3 Masses per year can be accepted.)

We would ask that you contact the rectory regarding a Mass intention directly and not make the request at the funeral home. Again, we are required to only accept the Mass intentions that can be fulfilled within a year. Your understanding as well as your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Please call Jen at 570-288-6446 (between the hours of 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Monday – Friday) to schedule the Masses.