

St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Church

December 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

Most Rev. Timothy C. Senior
Bishop of Harrisburg

Rev. Joseph R. Howard
Pastor

Deacon Steve Huete
Parish Manager

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil - 5:00 pm
Sunday - 8:00 & 10:30 am

Daily Masses

Mon, Tues, Fri - 10:00 am
Thurs - 5:00 pm

Holy Days of Obligation

See Bulletin

Confessions

Saturday - 4:15-4:45 pm
(parish center)
Or By Appointment



Immaculate Conception of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, December 8
Masses

10:00 am & 7:00 pm

Holy Day of Obligation



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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday ~ Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

"The Week at a Glance" for December 6 ~ 14, 2025

Saturday, December 6 ~ St. Nicholas

8:00 am ~ That Man Is You, Lower Loyola
9:30 am ~ Knights of Columbus, Lower Loyola
4:15 - 4:45 pm ~ Confessions ~ Pastor's Office, parish center
5:00 pm ~ Mass + Christian Rebscher III

Sunday, December 7 ~ Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 am ~ Mass + Dora Suero
9:10 - 10:15 am ~ CCD / Coffee & Donuts
10:30 am ~ Mass — Our Parish Family

Christmas Flower Collection

Monday, December 8 ~ Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10:00 am ~ Mass — People of the Parish
7:00 pm ~ Mass + Alison Haring

Tuesday, December 9 ~ St. Juan Diego

10:00 am ~ Daily Mass + Linda Kimple
10:45 am ~ Spiritual Reflection Group, Conference Room

Wednesday, December 10 ~ Our Lady of Loretto

No Daily Mass

Thursday, December 11 ~ St. Damasus I

5:00 pm ~ Daily Mass — Special Intention for the 54th Wedding
Anniversary of Dick & Roxanne Dennis

Friday, December 12 ~ Our Lady of Guadalupe

10:00 am ~ Daily Mass + Joey Michaliga

Saturday, December 13 ~ St. Lucy

8:00 am ~ That Man Is You, Lower Loyola
4:15 - 4:45 pm ~ Confessions ~ Pastor's Office, parish center
5:00 pm ~ Mass + Joanne Esham
6:00 - 8:00 pm ~ Religious Ed Student Event, Lower Loyola

Sunday, December 14 ~ Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 am ~ Mass + Paul, Dan Topper & Evelyn Grace
9:10 - 10:15 am ~ CCD / NO Coffee & Donuts
10:30 am ~ Mass — Our Parish Family

Breakfast with Santa after 8 & 10:30 Masses

2:00 Organ Recital

Second Collection: Retirement for Religious

To all who worship
with us today,
St. Ignatius of Loyola
Parish warmly
welcomes you. We
pray that your time with us is spiritually
enriching and enjoyable. We invite you to
keep in touch with us by looking at our
website, stignatiusofloyola.org.



The Sanctuary Candle for

November

In Memory of
Jay, Dan & Matt Shaffer
From Tom & Sue Switzer

In Memory of
Dan Topper
From Carolyn Topper



Advent Season



A big Turkey thank you to everyone who came out and supported Turkey Bingo.
A special thank you to our volunteers and donors of raffle and door prizes and food items. Your support and generosity are deeply appreciated!

Foul Weather Closing

As we enter the snow season, we want to remind parishioners of our snow closing policies. St. Ignatius follows the Gettysburg School District for closings.

Daily Mass: there will be NO public daily Mass.

(The Mass intention of the day will still be said.)

The Parish Office will be Closed

Weekend Masses: if a snow emergency is declared, there will be NO Mass.

We ask you to exercise your prudence and good judgement during bad weather. There is no obligation to attend Mass if the weather prevents you from coming.

Stay safe and enjoy the snow!

Scammers Hard at Work!!!

There are email scams going around that Fr. Howard is in need of gift cards. **Fr. Howard WILL NOT send any emails, texts or phone asking for money or gift cards.**

Please be careful in not getting scammed this holiday season or any time. Please contact Fr. Howard/parish office directly before saying yes or agreeing to anything.

ALSO, Parish & Finance Council members emails have been removed from the bulletin. (for some of the above reasons) If you need to reach them by email, please send to parish office email and we will forward it to them.



Please keep the following in your prayers:

Terri Sanders, Janie Singley, Carl & Sally Kempinski, Paul Hall, Kathy Hurden, Shirley Marquardt, Tammy, Peter Bellows, Colton Cook, Linda Kane-Taylor, Lori McFadden, Kira Nowick, Katie Fellers, Bronson Gardner, Paisley Topper & Topper family, Irene Finamore, Ursula Kaley, Shelli Lascells, Kim, John Heffner, Monique, Kenneth Kwisnek, Tom Zimmerman, Shelli Smith, Joanne Formosa, Joe Kwisnek, Frances Smith, Rico Vega, William & Maureen McGilloway Collins,

and

Nursing Home & Homebound parishioners, our Military men & women, Fr. Howard & all our Parishioners.

If you or someone you knows needs prayers please contact Dorothy Vega 717-253-0051 or the parish office.



St. Ignatius is looking for volunteers to do minor fix-it's around the church and grounds. If you have an hour or two and are able to help out, please call the office for details of what needs done.

Retirement Fund for Religious

A life time of service deserves care in return. "Thanks to your generosity, we can provide the very best care to the sisters in your community," says Sister M. Stephanie Belgeri, 73, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George in Alton, Illinois. Donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide housing, medical assistance, and essential support for thousands of aging religious.

Please consider giving next week, Dec. 14th.



Please Join the Knights of Columbus Council 14035 for

BREAKFAST with SANTA

Sunday, December 14th

FREE WILL OFFERING



Serving after Sunday Masses

Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage,

Toast, Juice & Coffee

\$500 of the proceeds from the breakfast will be given to the Diocesan Interfaith Homeless Shelter.



Come celebrate the joys of the season with Santa!



AN INVITATION TO ATTEND A FREE CHRISTMAS ORGAN CONCERT @ ST. IGNATIUS

Sunday, December 14, 2025

2:00 pm

Featuring organists from the area playing sacred and secular songs of the season.

Lite refreshments following in the Upper Loyola Center.

A FREE WILL OFFERING TO BENEFIT THE CHURCH DOORS.

The youth of the parish are invited to spread some Christmas joy on Saturday, December 13 6:00 - 8:00 pm

(Lower Loyola Center)

Come join us as we make Christmas ornaments for the residents of our local nursing homes. Snacks and maybe a few crazy games will round out the evening. Please RSVP to Jeanette at jmebackus@yahoo.com.



Advent To-Do List

- Light an Advent Candle
- Decorate and Bless Christmas Tree
- Bake Cookies and share with a neighbor
- Donate Food to a shelter
- Help an elderly neighbor/friend
- Spread Christmas Joy
- Put up your Nativity



BECAUSE OF
CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS,
ALL BULLETIN
ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE
WEEKENDS OF:
DEC. 27 & 28
and
JAN. 3 & 4

MUST BE SENT TO SUE AT
sswitzer@hbgdiocese.org

**NO LATER THAN
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23
AT NOON.**

Happy Birthday
to all
December
Birthday's!



Local Advent Penance Services

Wed., December 10 ~ St. Andrew's, Waynesboro
6:00 pm

Sat., December 13 ~ St. Mary's, Fairfield
11:00 am

Mon., December 15 ~ St. Mark's, Greencastle
6:30 pm

Wed., December 17 ~ Corpus Christi, Chambersburg
6:30pm

Sun., December 21 ~ Corpus Christi, Chambersburg
2:30 pm

Christmas Mass Schedule

Wed., December 24
5:00 pm & 8:00 pm

Thurs., December 25
9:00 am

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Wed., December 31
4:00 pm
Thur., January 1
9:00 am

The Parish Office will be CLOSED:
Dec. 24 & 25 and Dec. 31 & Jan. 1



Symbols of the Advent Wreath

Circular shape

Reminds us that God has no beginning and no end, He is one and eternal.

Pink candle

Lit on Gaudete Sunday, it symbolizes joy as we approach the birth of Jesus.

4 candles

The 4 Sundays of Advent. When we light each one we are reminded that the light of Jesus is coming into the world.

Green branches

Green symbolizes hope and life. It reminds us that Christ lives among us.



Advent is a Christian season of preparation and celebration for Christmas that lasts for four weeks, starting on the Sunday nearest to St. Andrew's Day (November 30) and ending on December 24. It is a time of twofold anticipation: looking forward to the second coming of Christ and commemorating the first coming of Jesus at Christmas. Key elements include the Advent wreath with four purple or blue candles and one pink or white candle, representing hope, peace, joy, and love. The season traditionally began with a 40-day fast, originating from the 4th-century "St. Martin's Lent," before modern traditions focused more on the lead-up to Christmas.

Core Concepts:

- **Latin origin:** The word "Advent" comes from the Latin *adventus*, meaning "coming".
- **Twofold focus:** It commemorates the coming of Christ at Christmas while also looking forward to his second coming.
- **Four weeks:** Advent always includes four Sundays and concludes on Christmas Eve.
- **Color symbolism:** Purple or blue is the traditional color, symbolizing repentance and fasting, though pink is used on the third Sunday (Gaudete Sunday) to signify joy.

Daily Readings for Advent

Dec 7. Second Sunday of Advent

Is 11:1-10 - Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 - Rom 15:4-9 - Mt 3:1-12

Dec. 8 The Immaculate Conception of the BVM

Gn 3:9-15, 20 - Ps 98:1-4 - Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 - Lk 1:26-38

Dec. 9

Is 40:1-11 - Mt 18:12-14

Dec. 10

Is 40:25-31 - Mt 11:28-30

Dec. 11

Is 41:13-20 - Mt 11:11-15

Dec. 12

Zec 2:14-17 - Lk 1:26-38

Dec. 13

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 - Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Dec. 14 Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10 - Ps 146:6-10 - Jas 5:7-10 - Mt 11:2-11

Dec. 15

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a - Mt 21:23-27

Dec. 16

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 - Mt 21:28-32

Dec. 17

Gn 49:2, 8-10 - Mt 1:1-17

Dec. 18

Jer 23:5-8 - Mt 1:18-25

Dec. 19

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a - Lk 1:5-25

Dec. 20

Is 7:10-14 - Lk 1:26-38

Dec. 21 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14 - Ps 24:1-3, 4ab, 5-6 - Rom 1:1-7 - Mt 1:18-24

Dec. 22

1 Sm 1:24-28 - Lk 1:46-56

Dec. 23

Mal3:1-4, 23-24 - Lk 1:57-66

Dec. 24

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 - Lk 1:67-79

Dec. 25 The Nativity of the Lord

Vigil: Is 62:1-5 - Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 - Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 - Mt 1:1-25

Night: Is 9:1-6 - Ps 96:3, 11-13 - Ti 3:4-7 - Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12 - Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12 - Ti 3:4-7 - Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10 - Ps 98:1-6 - Heb 1:1-6 - Jn 1:1-18



*Justice shall flourish in his name,
and fullness of peace for ever.*

Advent Calendar

Advent calendars were inserted into the bulletin last week. If you did not get one, extra's are located in the Vestibule. Enjoy a quiet Advent Season.



Advent Candles

There are sets of Advent Candles (3 purple & 1 pink) located in the Vestibule. The offering is \$5.00

STEWARDSHIP BOOK-CASE

Our bookcase has been restocked with fresh literature for Advent and regular reading. Brochures, Books, CD's, Children's items and more. Stop by and check it out!

Joy doesn't tend to come easy to us as adults. It's as though we think we can't tackle the problems of our lives without a hard outer shell and unbendable inner seriousness. But Jesus asks us to soften, to bend, even to break, so that his love can rush in and fill us with a joy that can see us through any storm.

Church Calendars

Calendars for 2026 will be out next week. They will be located in the Vestibule or in the Parish Center. Please only take one until all parishioners take one.

Diocesan & Local Church News/Events:

On Thursday, January 22, 2026, an afternoon of Eucharistic Adoration will be offered at Saint Patrick Cathedral (212 State St., Harrisburg) to mark the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. The schedule is:
12:00 pm – Holy Mass (Daily)
12:30 pm – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12:30-5:30 pm – Eucharistic Adoration
5:30 pm – Benediction

You are invited to sign up for an hour (or more) of Eucharistic Adoration by visiting: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4BADAC29A2FECF8-60227394-eucharistic#/>



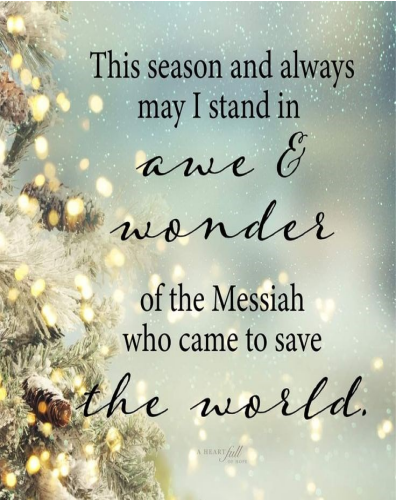
ANNOUNCING AN UPCOMING RETROUVAILLE

WEEKEND FOR COUPLES

January 9, 2026

Hampton Inn, Mechanicsburg, PA

Faith, Hope and Love. Are these present in your marriage? Have you given up hope that there can be? In Corinthians 13:13 Jesus tells us the greatest of these is love. Living in a marriage that is missing love can be difficult. If you have given up hope that your marriage can and will get better, ask your spouse to consider attending a Retrouvaille program. Retrouvaille is an international Christian based ministry that offers a three-stage program to help couples improve their marriages. If improving your marriage is important to you, reach out today for more information. For information, contact Mike & Dawn 717-356-2185 or HelpOurMarriage.org.



Dates to Remember

- Dec. 8 Immaculate Conception, Holy Day
- 14 Breakfast w/ Santa by the K of C
- 14 Organ Recital, church
- 21 No CCD / Coffee & Donuts
- 22 Directory Photo Session
- 23 No Spiritual Reflection
- 24 Christmas Eve
Parish Office Closed
- 25 Christmas Day
Parish Office Closed

Upcoming Collections

- December
- 7 - Christmas Flowers
- 8 - Immaculate Conception
- 14 - Retirement for Religious
- 25 - Christmas



Sacrament of Penance

Saturday ~ 4:15 - 4:45 pm; or by appointment.

Sacrament of the Sick

Anointing of the Sick should be given if an individual is gravely ill or near death. If possible, the Sacrament should also be administered before major surgery or when one is initially hospitalized.

Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

Diocesan policy requires 12 months of preparation for Marriage. Contact the parish as soon as possible after engagement. No arrangements should be made prior to consultation with the pastor.

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents must be registered members of the parish and attend a Baptism preparation class prior to the Baptism if this is your first child baptized. Requirements for godparents are established by the Catholic Church. Please call the parish office for information and to register your child for Baptism.

Parish Registration

All Catholics should be registered in their local parish. Please contact the parish office to obtain registration forms, or if you are uncertain of the parish where you should register.



Guests & Visitors

Parish Directory

Pastor - Fr. Howard - 717-677-8012 - frjhoward@hbgdiocese.org

Pastoral Staff

Parish Manager - Deacon Steve Huete - 717-816-9600 - shuete@hbgdiocese.org

Finance Coordinator - John Neiderer - 717-578-7536 - jneiderer@hbgdiocese.org

Secretary - Sue Switzer - 717-677-8012 - sswitzer@hbgdiocese.org

Maintenance - OPEN

Councils

Pastoral Council Members

Phil Mobley - 571-236-7580
Beth Gilbert - 717-673-1002
Bicky Redman - 717-677-8592
Mary Osmolenski - 717-778-1390
Dr. Bob Ternes - 717-658-3987
Kathy Dietsch - 717-352-4558
Sue Jeffcoat - 717-677-6544

Finance Council Members

Greg Ernst - 717-352-6098
Ali Morris - 717-360-3903
Bill Pulig - 717-870-9456
Dorothy Vega - 717-253-0051
Terri Pendleton - 717-360-6804

Buildings & Grounds

Greg Osmolenski - Chair

Wally Kane, Donnie Althoff, Tom Switzer, Rob Mentzer, Mike Baker, Al Jeffcoat, Andy Lower, Brian Ambrose, John Neiderer

See full parish directory on our website, lobby bulletin board or call the parish office.



Diocese of Harrisburg Youth Protection Program

www.YouthProtectionHBG.com

First – Call the toll-free PA Child Abuse Hotline at 800-932-0313

Then – Call the Diocesan toll-free hotline at 800-626-1608