

# St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Church

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**Most Rev. Timothy C. Senior**  
Bishop of Harrisburg

**Rev. Joseph R. Howard**  
Pastor

**Deacon Steve Huete**  
Parish Manager

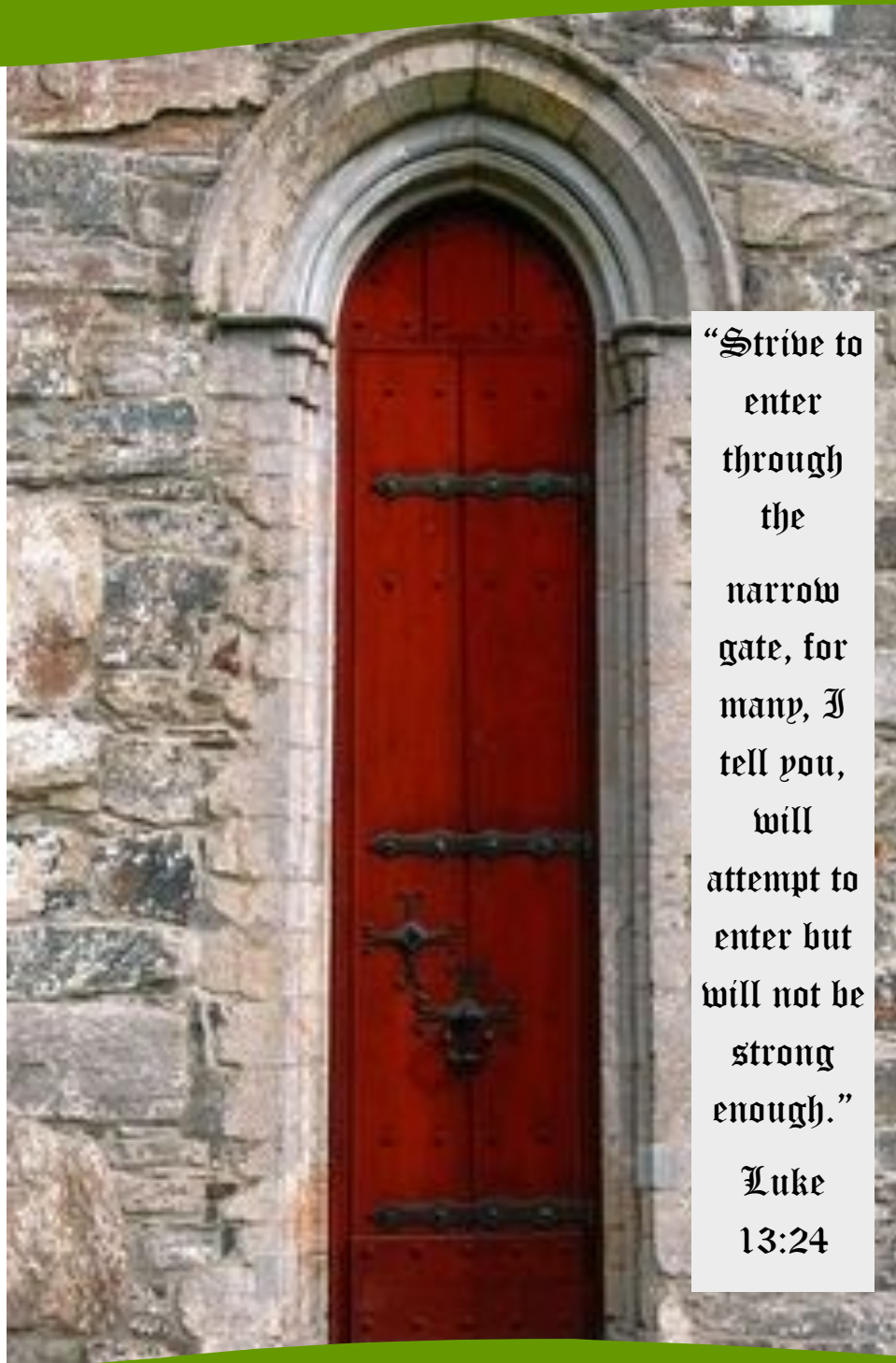
**Parish Office Hours:**  
Tuesday ~ Thursday  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

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

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

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

**Holy Days of Obligation**  
See Bulletin



“Strive to  
enter  
through  
the  
narrow  
gate, for  
many, I  
tell you,  
will  
attempt to  
enter but  
will not be  
strong  
enough.”

Luke  
13:24

## “The Week at a Glance” for August 23 ~ 31, 2025

Saturday, August 23 - St. Rose of Lima

Noon - Dusk ~ Annual Buchanan Valley Picnic

4:15 - 4:45 pm ~ Confessions ~ Pastor’s Office, parish center

5:00 pm ~ Mass + Marilyn Cole

Sunday, August 24 ~ Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am ~ Mass + Bobbi Strasbaugh

9:00 am ~ Picnic Cleanup

10:30 am ~ Mass - Our Parish Family

Monday, August 25 ~ St. Louis, St. Joseph Calasanz

10:00 am ~ Daily Mass + Dick Mountfort

Tuesday, August 26 ~ Weekday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am ~ Daily Mass + Christian Rebscher III

10:45 am ~ Spiritual Reflection Group, conference room

Wednesday, August 27 ~ St. Monica

NO Daily Mass

Thursday, August 28 ~ St. Augustine

5:00 pm ~ Daily Mass — Special Intention for sons & daughters who  
have fallen away from the church

“Silver Rose Program” after Mass hosted by Knights of Columbus

Friday, August 29 ~ The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

10:00 am ~ Daily Mass + Fred Dietsch

Saturday, August 30 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

4:15 - 4:45 pm ~ Confessions ~ Pastor’s Office, parish center

5:00 pm ~ Mass + Charlotte Leer

Sunday, August 31 ~ Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am ~ Mass — Our Parish Family

10:30 am ~ Mass + Thomas S. Bittle

Religious Education  
Registration after all  
Masses this weekend.

*The Sanctuary Candles for August*

*In Loving Memory of  
Marilyn Cole  
From Ken Cole*

*In Loving Memory of  
Brenda Althoff*

*From Ken & Cathy Crumbacker  
and Bicky Redman*



Religious Education  
Registration after all  
Masses this weekend.

Second Collection: Gaza Relief

August 24, 2025  
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News



### Special Collection for Gaza Relief

August 30 & 31

Our Church joins in mourning the suffering of innocent people—especially Christians—in Gaza, where violence and severe humanitarian conditions continue. Pope Leo has called for a ceasefire, noting with sorrow that “Gaza is starving.” In response, we will take up a special collection the weekend of August 31st to support relief efforts through Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS). These trusted Catholic agencies are providing emergency food, shelter, medical care, and emotional support. Please give generously and keep those affected in your prayers.

# Bake Sale!!!

TO OFFSET TUITION EXPENSES FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING  
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

**September 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>**  
After 8:00 and 10:30 masses

We welcome any dessert donations. They can be  
dropped at the Upper Loyola Center  
Sat. 4-6 or Sunday before masses.



Sanctuary Candles remind us of the Presence of Jesus Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament.



One Sanctuary candle is available to sponsor in September. The fee, \$25.00 for the month.

To sponsor, contact the parish office Tuesday –Thursday, 677-8012.

*When you can't find the sunshine, be the sunshine...*

### All church organizations/groups

ALL BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE  
WEEKENDS OF:

**SEPTEMBER 13 & 14 and 20 & 21**

MUST BE SENT TO SUE @ [sswitzer@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:sswitzer@hbgdiocese.org)

**NO LATER THAN TUESDAY SEPT. 2ND AT NOON.**



*Flowers on the Altar are  
In Memory of  
Gerard & Mary Neiderer  
from Rose & Tim Kane*



Please keep the following in your prayers:

Leo & Ryan, Ursula Kaley, Kathy Neff, Kim, John Heffner, Kenneth Kwisnek, Shelli Lascells, Allison Herring,  
Monique, Tom Zimmerman, Shelli Smith, Joanne Formosa, Joe Kwisnek, Jim Arter, 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.

# Welcome Guests and Visitors to St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish home of the Buchanan Valley Picnic for 139 years!

Please join us on the picnic grounds for fun, food & festivities!

## Brief History

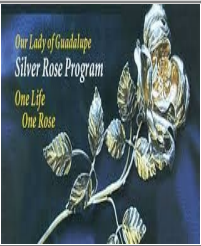
In the picturesque valley at St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church, just 21 years after the end of the Civil War, local farmers and parishioners began what is now known as the Buchanan Valley Picnic to celebrate the end of harvest season. Over time, it grew into a beloved tradition held every fourth Saturday in August from noon to dusk. It remains a “family gathering” for many, drawing visitors from near and far as summer turns to fall.

The dining hall serves a hearty family-style meal with ham, chicken and gravy, mashed potatoes, local corn, side salads, fresh tomatoes, and homemade desserts. Volunteers prepare 800+ meals. Parishioners bake pies, cakes, and other treats, and farmers donate fresh produce. The hamburger stand offers ham salad sandwiches, burgers, hot dogs, fries, and birch beer. Other stands sell peach sundaes, floats, chicken corn soup, and drinks.

Beyond food, there's fun for all ages—games of chance, Bingo, face painting, fruit and ring toss, and live music by The Willy's and C.B. Pickers. Each year, the pastor prays for good weather and safety, reminding everyone the Picnic is more than a fundraiser—it's a celebration of unity, joy, and hospitality.

Planning starts early in the year, with most preparations occurring two weeks prior. Volunteers husk corn, clean grounds, wash dishes, and set up. The week of, cutting and cooking chickens starts at 3:00 am, potatoes peeled, and peaches sliced for sundaes. On Sunday, after cleanup, parishioners enjoy their own moment of food and fellowship.

On **Thursday, August 28th** our Council will hold the “Silver Rose Ceremony” in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Knights and the Americas. All Brothers and Parishioners are invited to attend a special prayer service in honor of Our Blessed Virgin Mary following the 5pm Mass.



**MASS @ Paramount**  
**Monday, September 8**  
**10:00 am**  
Come celebrate Mass with the residents.

**Pastoral Council News:**  
Council is Seeking New Members to run for election. Elections will take place in Sept. 2025. Council positions are elected for a 3 year term. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Howard, Deacon Steve, or any of the current council members listed in the bulletin.

**First Friday Adoration**  
**Holy Hour**  
**Friday, Sept. 5 @ 3:00 pm**

WE ARE SO  
*Grateful*  
for You!

**Parishioner**  
**Appreciation Lunch**

20th | Lunch & Drinks | 12-4  
Saturday | Please Bring A Dessert | PM  
September

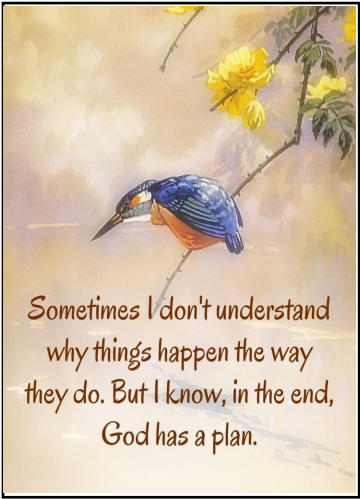
PLEASE RSVP no later than Tuesday, Sept. 9  
717-253-8391 / sueswitzer24@gmail.com

**Religious Education News:**  
Class will be resuming **September 14** at 9:10 in the Loyola Center. Please register your children by filling out the Registration form at the table outside after both masses on August 24 and 31, or print off a copy from the St. Ignatius web-site. Forms can be emailed to [jmebackus@yahoo.com](mailto:jmebackus@yahoo.com) or dropped off at the church office. Please return by Sept.4th. Call Jeanette Backus @ 703-508-6981 with any questions.



**AN ALL-NEW YEAR OF TMIY**  
The TMIY Program at St Ignatius will begin the 2025-2026 season with a new program for the Fall and Spring Semesters that focuses on the lives of the Apostles from the Early Church Fathers to the Modern day Saints. Please come and join the men of our parish as we embark on this wonderful journey of Faith.  
WHEN: Begins on September 13, 2025  
WHERE: Lower-Level Loyola Center  
TIME: 7:45 am for 8:00am start with light breakfast and refreshments  
LENGTH: One Hour session time for 13 Weeks  
The program begins with the newly filmed Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary in weeks 2 through 8.  
CONTACTS:  
Deacon Steve Huete: 717-816-9600  
Phil Mobley: 571-236-7580  
Greg Ernst: 717-352-6098

*It's a great day to have a great day!*



<u>Dates To Remember</u>		
August	23	Annual Buchanan Valley Picnic
	24	Picnic Clean-up
	28	Silver Rose Ceremony Mass
Sept.	1	Catholic School Bake Sale
	14	Breakfast to support Seminarians
	21	Catholic School Bake Sale
October	5-7	40 Hours (date change)
If you would like the date/s and time/s of your events in the “Week At A Glance” section of the bulletin or dates to remember, please send them to Sue @ <a href="mailto:sswitzer@hbgdiocese.org">sswitzer@hbgdiocese.org</a>		

**Upcoming 2nd Collection**  
**August 31**  
**Gaza Relief**  
**Local Poor has been moved to**  
**Sept. 6 & 7**



**Sacrament of Penance**  
Wednesday ~ 6:00 – 7:00 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.



**Parish Directory**  
**Pastor**  
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**Greg Osmolenski - Chair**  
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