

St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

999 Reading Avenue Yardley, PA 19067

January 1, 2017 *Mary, The Holy Mother of God*



THE BLESSING WE RECEIVE

The blessing we experience in Christ Jesus is proclaimed in Numbers as the special blessing for the people of Israel. They and we are to be blessed by the invocation of God's loving kindness, the shining glory of God's face turned toward us in love, not away from us in anger. We are blessed by God's own peace!

Our wish and our hope are fulfilled in this blessing, which is made visible in the coming of Jesus. In Jesus, the image of the invisible God, God's face is shown to us and God's presence is made known to us in faithful and loving kindness.

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NEW PARISHIONERS

New to the parish? Please call the rectory for an appointment to register.

WEDDINGS

Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance. Please call the rectory to make an appointment with one of the parish priests.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES:

Saturday: 5:15 PM Vigil Mass
Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30AM, 6:00PM
Children's Liturgy of the Word: at 9:30 Mass
Daily, Monday to Friday: 9:00 AM
Saturday: 8:00 AM.
Holy Day Schedule: 7:00PM Vigil Mass, 7:00AM, 9:00AM, and 7:00PM.
Special Schedules for Christmas, New Years & Easter

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays: 4:00 to 5:00 P.M.
Eves of First Fridays: 7:00 to 7:30 P.M.
Confessions will also be heard at any reasonable time on request.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the rectory at 215-493-3377 ext. 211 if someone is sick. The Holy Eucharist will be brought to anyone homebound.

BAPTISMS

The Sacrament of Baptism is normally administered on Sundays at 12:45P.M. Pre-Jordan class, for the first child only, is required for parents. Class is held on the first Monday of the month at 7:30 PM in room 2B on the 2nd floor of the Meeting Center. Parents, please call the rectory to register for the class.



SUNDAY SOCIALS



Join us January 8th, after the 7:30AM, 9:30AM and 11:30AM Masses in a festive atmosphere as we share stories with one another while enjoying fresh brewed coffee, delicious donuts, and a healthy selection of fruit and juices. We look forward to seeing everyone!

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP



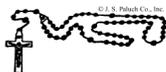
All are invited - as we sing God's praises and share in His Word and His Love in an intimate community of faith. We meet every Tuesday from 7:00-8:30PM in Room 2F in the Meeting Center. Deacon Bob Skawinski is our spiritual Prayer Group Director.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

For those who would like to inquire about the Catholic Faith, information is available. Please contact the Director of Religious Education, Annmarie Flanagan, at 215-493-5204 or 215-370-5701.

ROSARY



All are invited to recite the rosary after the 9:00am Mass. For those who can stay longer, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is also recited.



TODAY'S READINGS

- First Reading -- The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! (Numbers 6:22-27).
- Psalm -- May God bless us in his mercy (Psalm 67).
- Second Reading -- God sent the Spirit of the Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but an heir, through God (Galatians 4:4-7).
- Gospel -- The shepherds glorified and praised God for all they had heard and seen (Luke 2:16-21).
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29 -- 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
- Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]
- Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11
- Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

THE ANTIOCH CENTER

Our "old rectory" / "meeting center" officially has a new name, The Antioch Center! Please make note of the name change.



Sunday	January 1, 2017
7:30AM	Robert V. Cashwell (Michael and Jackie DeMaio)
9:30AM	Katherine Marseglia (Vito Marseglia and Family)
11:30AM	Harold (Buzz) Taylor (Wife)
Monday	December 26, 2016
9:00AM	Preceda Arvola (Sheila Cardone)
Tuesday	
9:00AM	All Living and Deceased Members of the Parish
Wednesday	
9:00AM	John Hagan (Rich and Genevieve Petrucco)
Thursday	
9:00AM	Rosemary Hennessy (Charles and Winifred McGovern)
Friday	
9:00AM	Al and Helen Barber (The Charles Family)
Saturday	
8:00AM	Francis M. Muroski (Karen and Andy Halko)
5:15PM	Teresa DeLuca (Lorraine Downs)
Sunday	January 8, 2017
7:30AM	Eleanor O'Reilly (Linda Geiger)
9:30AM	Edwin Atkins (Phyllis Atkins)
11:30AM	Vincent J. McVey Mary Crawford)
6:00PM	Deceased Members of the Petrucco Family

FISCAL CORNER

We are now half way through the fiscal year here at St. Ignatius. We have had a good first 6 months and as we all know, it has been an exciting time for our parish. Our parishioners, as always, have been very generous throughout the year and we are grateful for your support! We have been able to keep current with our bills so far this year, but have not been able to address our debt. As it stands today, we owe \$1,043,061 to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for the outstanding loan and principal from the construction of the new wing of the school, and \$146,614 in prior year insurance liabilities. We hope to address these in the near future.

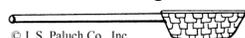
Just a quick recap of our Sunday collections. We have budgeted \$863,200 this fiscal year for our regular Sunday collections and to date, we have collected \$430,406, right on target. Thank you for your faithful contributions! We will give an update to the parish appeal next week, but as of the writing of this article, we were still \$48,000 short of this year's goal. If you have not contributed to the appeal in the past, please consider a gift to this critical parish fundraiser to help us meet our goal!

Have a happy, safe and blessed New Year!

– Gregory Lucidi, Parish Business Manager

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

Christian Giving



Due to the Christmas and New Year Holidays, we will report this week's collections in next week's bulletin.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE COLLECTION WEEKEND OF JANUARY 7 AND JANUARY 8, 2017

As the new year begins and the temperature continues to drop, there are many people in our community struggling to keep warm, balance their checkbooks, pay the rent or mortgage and still keep food on the table. It is an especially challenging time of the year and Catholic Social Services knows that our parish can be depended on to assist with emergency situations. Your continual support of all that we do makes this possible.

The first collection of 2017 will be the weekend of January 7th and 8th. Social Action Committee envelopes have been provided in our collection packets and we encourage parishioners to use them, especially now that there is only one collection during mass. Since this is our only source of income, your generosity is so important. Checks should be written to St. Ignatius with a notation for the Social Action Committee.

Your interest and support of all our activities is deeply appreciated. Our successful food, furniture, and clothing drives would not be possible without your support. This especially includes the child who emptied her piggy bank and donated its contents at our Thanksgiving food drive. We thank you for recognizing our responsibility to help the less fortunate and wish everyone a Happy New Year.

AID FOR FRIENDS

LOOKING FOR A WORTHY CHARITY FOR THE NEW YEAR? PLEASE CONSIDER AID FOR FRIENDS...

Aid for Friends provides **free meals** for the elderly, ill and homebound in the greater Philadelphia area. Our next meeting to assemble meals will be held on **Thursday, January 12th** from 9 am – noon in the church auditorium kitchen. *We are truly blessed, but more helping hands are always needed and welcome.* If you can't stay to help assemble the meals, a main dish or starch can be delivered on the morning of the meeting or a donation can be given to help us buy supplies. Your gifts and talents are always appreciated. If you would like additional information on how you can help, please call Kathy, 215-321-0116 or Jayne, 215-321-5739. See you on January 12th! *"For it is in giving that we receive."* –St. Francis of Assisi

Pray For

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WE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR COMMUNITY that they return to the comfort of good health: Elizabeth Alvino, Loretta Amerine, Sabrina Amerine, Ann Birchler, Lucille Brantl, Ruthann Carroll, Gloria Cheeseman, Brynn Clare Connor, Cliff Conway, Mary C. Crawford, Linda Crosby, Louie DiTanna, Mark Maholick, Marlene Drainville-Spillene, Frank Fazzalore, Mary Fazzalore, Olga Fleming, David Fry, Michael G., Sherry Golden, Rose Ann Grall, Madeline Guarnieri, Paul Hahn, Meryl Jacobson, Andrew Kelly, Diane Kelly, Fr. Lawrence Kozak, Ellen Masterson, Vincent Masterson, Lily Murphy, Robert Murphy, Christine Nassar, Daniel O'Brien, Thelma Pisano, Alicia Simon, Darwin Stout, Jonathan Sutton, Jeanne Tobin, Jane Wallace, Donald Weston, Sabrina Wooding, Barbara Zenno. **(Please call the rectory to submit prayer requests for the sick, and also to remove a name from the list. Names will be removed after a month, unless you request otherwise.)**

WE PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED, all of our service personnel killed while serving our country, those who have no one to pray for them, and the Holy Souls in purgatory.

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY :

Cameron Armstrong, Matthew Bauer, Melissa Bishop, Christian Blaydon, Sara Brill, Mark Buckley, Michael Joseph Buckley, Brad Bullman, Evan Cumming, Brent Cummings, Kevin O'Brien Darby, Staten DeTample, Ronald Ernst, Kevin Frawley, Anthony Fuscarello, Joe Galle, Jessica Garcia, Shane Gibbons, Stephen Greene, Jonathan Grubb, Edward Hill, David & Christine Kawoczka Krueger, Matthew Krall, Justin Kumor, Daniel LaMorte, Matt Leonardo, James Limer, Michael Lowe, W. Kyle Magrissi, Joseph Marchand, Greg Marolo, Matthew McGurk, Phil Melandez, Chris Merrick, David Morgan, Kevin Nash, Stephen Neder, Fred Olivari, John O'Rourke, John Parente, Laura Perazzola, Gregory B. Procaccini, Jason Propst, Matthew Rieser, James Tams, Scott Torro, John Worman.

NIGHT AT THE RACES



St. Ignatius will be holding its 1st annual Night at the Races on Friday February 24, 2017 at 7:30pm. We are planning a night of food, drinks and a whole lot of fun! We are looking for volunteers to help plan the event! Please give us a call at the rectory (215-493-3377) to let us know that you can be a part of the team!



You can donate wearable, used clothing at the Thrifty Irishman clothing bin in our parking lot. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

ADORATION CHAPEL

Come let us Adore Him



What is the Importance of Eucharistic Devotion?

The following is an excerpt from the USCCB (US Conference of Catholic Bishops) resource on the Liturgy: "This practice, repeatedly praised and recommended by the Magisterium is supported by the example of many saints. Particularly outstanding in this regard was St. Alphonsus Liguori, who wrote: "Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the most helpful to us." The Eucharist is a priceless treasure by not only celebrating it but also by praying before it outside of Mass. We are enabled to make contact with the very wellspring of Grace." Our Adoration Chapel is open 7 days a week 24 hours a day. Won't you make some time for a visit? Also, please consider taking one of our open hours: Monday 12pm, 1pm Tuesday 11am, 3am, Wednesday 2am, Thursday 3am, 2pm, Friday 6pm and Saturday 1am, 1pm. Even if you can help for a limited time, it is appreciated. For more information call Marianne Kloc at 267-346-0152. God Bless you!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



Our next program will be a very interesting and exciting video presentation on SATURDAY JANUARY 14 at 9 AM IN THE RELIGIOUS ED CENTER. Have you ever heard of "The Screwtape Letters" by C.S. Lewis? Have you ever heard of spiritual warfare? Are you in the battle? Do you have a battle plan? Would you like one for free? Or, are you a PHONEYS? Yes, it is spelled correctly! Not a typo! There are a lot, you know, PHONEYS, that is!

Dr. Peter Kreeft, professor of philosophy at Boston College, speaks in a video presentation. His talk is titled, "How to Win the Culture War: A Christian Battle Plan for a Society in Crisis." His talk was part of the Distinguished Speakers Series at Franciscan University in Steubenville OH. Join us for a great talk/ questions/comments/ refreshments/fellowship and bring a friend.

The Adult Faith Formation program at St. Ignatius welcomes new members and new ideas. If you have attended our programs in the past, thank you. If you think you would like to attend one of our programs in the future, you are welcome, and, bring a friend. We meet the first Wednesday of every month in the Ignatius meeting center, second floor at 7:30 PM. We especially welcome younger members with younger ideas for programs. The program is intended to nurture continued growth in your faith, no matter where you are. We pray; we form; we provide; we implement; we pray again. Join us.

St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us

RESPECT ROSE OF LIFE INTENTION



For all aborted babies.

The Respect Life committee fully supports all life from conception to natural death. This is in conflict with our current Roe v. Wade laws to legalize abortion. Man's law is not in conformity with God's law. We can all make some sacrifices to show our support for life: we can pray; we can donate to a prolife group; WE CAN GO TO WASHINGTON D.C. ON FRIDAY JANUARY 27 WITH OUR FELLOW AMERICANS ON OUR ANNUAL BUS TRIP. TO REGISTER FOR A FREE SEAT, GO TO annechapman425@gmail.com or call at 215-584-1248. Take a day off and join us to show your support and send our new administration a message.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children": "In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion."

The Respect Life Committee has also challenged our 8th graders to a pro-life writing contest and will be granting cash awards at the 9:30 AM mass on Sanctity of Life Sunday, January 22.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

Intercessory Prayer:

For unborn children, everywhere: May each child be welcomed with joy, as the Christ Child was welcomed by the Magi; We pray to the Lord.

LOOKING TO VOLUNTEER



Do you have a few hours per week to volunteer? We are looking for volunteers to help at the rectory during the busy parts of the day. If you have a few hours to spare, and would like to assist in the rectory office with some light office duties, we could use your help! If you are interested, please call the rectory (215-493-3377) and someone would be happy to answer any questions you may have.



**Take courage;
get up, he is
calling
you.
Mk 10:49**

Get FORMED

How to Access:
Simply Visit: www.formed.org
Enter Our Parish Code: 40742e
Register yourself and enjoy the content available to you and your family!

**OPENING THE WORD
ORDINARY TIME WEEKS 1-8**

Welcome to Opening the Word, a program offering prayer and insights for the Sunday Readings. Featuring a variety of experienced presenters including Dr. Tim Gray, Mary Healy, Scott Powell, Dr. Edward Sri, and Fr. John Riley, Martha Fernandez, and Ben Akers, the fifty-two videos are designed to facilitate thought and discussion for personal faith formation or in the context of a group meeting. Personal Prayer Journals and a group Leader's Guides are also available to make the most of these Sunday Readings.

The Opening the Word, Year A segments are presented in five sections:
Advent through Christmas Time - November 27, 2016 - January 8, 2017
Ordinary Time, Week 2 through Week 8 - January 15, 2017 - February 26, 2017
Lent and Easter Time - March 5, 2017 - June 4, 2017
Ordinary Time, Week 12 through Week 21 - June 11, 2017 - August 27, 2017
Ordinary Time, Week 22 through Week 34 - September 3, 2017 - November 26, 2017

PORNOGRAPHY ADDICTION

For those who are in the grip of pornography addiction, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia offers Augustine's Brothers, a support/accountability group for men.

Contact: 1-800-348-0758

Email: CathedralPhilly@AugustinesBrothers.org

Website: www.AugustinesBrothers.org

All inquiries are kept in strict confidentiality and one's wish to remain anonymous is highly respected.

ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA METROPOLITAN TRIBUNAL

Divorce is a reality for all people, even for Roman Catholics. The Catholic Church respects the validity of all marriages, not just Catholic marriages. There are divorced persons who seek to remarry in the Catholic Church. In such cases, the Church will consider the divorced marriage to see if someone entered the marriage with an understanding, ability or intention contrary to the Church's teaching on marriage. This process, called a Declaration of Nullity, enables people to marry in the Catholic Church and enables Catholics to participate fully in the sacramental life of the Church. For more information visit www.archphila.org and go to the "How do I" tab. Select "Start the Annulment Process". Or, call 215-587-3750 with any questions or to receive an application.

**H.O.P.E.
(Helping Other People Everyday)**



H.O.P.E. is a group of concerned parishioners who are willing to help anyone in the geographical boundaries of our parish.

What we do: Visit shut-ins; prepare meals in a crisis situation; grocery shop or run errands for shut-ins; take others to the grocery store; take people to Mass one day a month; drive to medical appointments, bank, post office, etc.

What we CANNOT do: Transport people in wheelchairs, be called as an emergency ride, do personal care (feeding, bathing, toileting, house cleaning, or respite care), respond on short notice. (If possible, please give us 2 weeks notice).

To volunteer for **H.O.P.E.** or to use **H.O.P.E.**, call Pat Furst at 215-801-0820.

BOOK n' BEAN

Our group is growing and we are always adding new members. How about joining us on the last Tuesday night of each month beginning in September (except December and summers) to discuss our selected book of the month? We meet in the Religious Education Office across from the School Cafeteria from 7:30 - 8:45pm for a relaxed discussion. Bring your own beverage.

Contact Linda Stewart

at: dremom@verizon.net or call me at 215-968-3577 with questions. Our schedule is:

Tuesday, Jan. 31 Custer's Trials: a Life on the Frontier of a New America ~ T. J. Stiles

Tuesday, Feb. 28 The Road from Coorain ~ Jill Ker Conway

Tuesday, Mar. 28 Black Flags: The Rise of ISIS ~ Joby Warrick

Tuesday, April 25 Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet ~ Jamie Ford

Tuesday, May 23 Nightingale ~ Kristin Hannah

**AID FOR FRIENDS
GIFTS OF WARMTH**



Gifts of Warmth are invaluable to our homebound friends during the cold, winter season. Please use the Aid for Friends donation boxes at any of the church entrances to leave your unwrapped gift. Some suggestions for donation include: men's or women's robes and pajamas, blankets, socks, sheets, sweat suits, toiletries, Ensure or Boost, etc. Thank you! Your kindness and generosity are always appreciated.



St. Ignatius is looking for a Director of Music Ministry. This part time position reports to the pastor and is responsible for the effective planning, coordination and execution of music within the liturgical celebrations of the parish.

Visit our website at: www.stignatius.church for the complete job announcement and contact information.

Youth and Young Adult



ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH SCHOOL
"A Blue Ribbon School of Excellence"
"A Community of Faith, Academics and Service"

God as we begin this New Year journey help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do.

The Faculty Staff and Students of St. Ignatius School wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Looking for a school that Ignites Imagination come check us out!



ST. IGNATIUS
OF ANTIOCH
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday January 10th

9-11 am | 6-8pm
sischool.org

MARCH FOR LIFE 1/27/17

Please come join us and hundreds of thousands of other proliferers as we march on Washington DC for the 43rd time to let our new administration know that we expect more prolife legislation and a prolife Supreme court justice. Mass at 7:15 AM; bus departs 8 AM promptly, returns around 7:30 PM. Light refreshments; bring a lunch; no charge.

To register to reserve a seat contact Anne Chapman at annechapman425@gmail.com or call 215-584-1248. Join

FATHER McCAFFERTY
SCHOLARSHIP FUND

A suggestion to our parishioners - see if the company you work for might consider a matching gift to your donation to our Scholarship Fund. We are in need of several donations to the fund in order to assist needy families with school tuition.

From the Religious Education Office

The Religious Education Office opens on Sunday at 7:00 a.m. and from Monday through Thursday at 9:30 a.m. The office is closed on Friday, but I do check phone and email messages. Christmas and PREP classes:



PREP CLASSES RESUME ON MONDAY, JANUARY 2.

CONFIRMATION: A Reminder: All robe envelopes (whether or not you are buying a new robe) were due in the PREP Office by December 15. The Information Sheet, Name Form, Works of Charity, and Sponsor's Letter of Eligibility are due by January 15.

FIRST PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION: Students will receive the Sacrament for the first time on Tuesday, February 7, at 7:00 p.m., in Church. All families are invited.

CATECHETICAL AWARDS: At the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday, January 14, 2017, Archbishop Charles Chaput will recognize Parish Religious Education Programs throughout the Archdiocese and present awards to many generous Catechists and Aides who give their time and talent to PREP all year long. Here at St. Ignatius we have several Catechists and Aides who will be honored for their years of service to the young people of our Parish.

WE CONGRATULATE...

Caroline Vietti	15 years	Donna DiVito	5 years
John Daemer	10 years	Robin Innella	5 years
Leanne Lyons	10 years	Christine Jaslar	5 years
Steven Tirendi	10 years	Renee Primich	5 years

PREP CLASSES:

Parents of students in grades 7-12: Please encourage your sons and daughters to continue their Religious Education after Confirmation. Confirmation is a beginning, not an end. Don't deprive your older kids the chance to learn more about God. We all know how much we need God in our lives. It's not too late to come to the class.

Special Needs PREP class: Parents, are you aware that we have a PREP class for students with special needs? This class meets on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. If we could help to give your child a religious education in a small group environment, please give Annmarie a call at 215-493-5204.

DESIGNER HANDBAG BINGO IS BACK!

When: Fri, January 20, 2017 (snow date Sat., Jan. 28th)

Doors open at 6:30pm; Bingo starts at 7:30pm

Where: St. Ignatius Church Auditorium

Why: To benefit the St. Ignatius School 8th Grade Graduation Please join us for a fun filled evening of bingo, raffles, handbags and fun!

Suggested donations are \$25.00 per person in advance: \$30.00 at the door

For tickets call Dorothy Aschenbrenner at: 215-493-4764

or email: toma357@comcast.net