

St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

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Third Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2018



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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Sunday—CLOSED Monday- Friday 9am—4pm Saturday—CLOSED

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: 8:30 AM

Special Schedules for Holy Days, Christmas, New Years &

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturdays: 4:00 to 5:00 P.M.

Confessions will also be heard upon request. Please call the rectory to make an appointment.

NEW PARISHIONERS

New to the parish? Please call the rectory to register.

Daily Readings and Mass Intentions

Sunday December 16, 2018

Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

7:30AM Kevin McCoy (Ken and Josh McCoy)

9:30AM Antoinette Mundenar (Len and Roseanne)

11:30AM Erne Hofelder (Raymond Hofelder)

6:00PM Lauren Nicole Young (The Young Family)

Monday December 17, 2018

Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

9:00AM Joseph Mansfield (Jack Dempsey)

Tuesday December 18, 2018

Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

9:00AM Harry J. Connolly (The Parkes Family)

Wednesday December 19, 2018

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

9:00AM Mr. and Mrs. John Wolodzko and Family (Kathleen Monaghan)

Thursday December 20, 2018

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

9:00AM Randall Passerella (Lynn Gordon)

Friday December 21, 2018

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

9:00AM Thelma Dublanica (Lynn Gordon)

Saturday December 22, 2018

1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

8:30AM Giuseppe Covello

(The Covello Family) 5:15PM Marge Johnson

(Joseph and Lesia Pryor)

Sunday December 23, 2018

Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

7:30AM Lee My Chung (The Pham Family)

9:30AM Patrick Mahle

(Loretta and Bill Amerine)

11:30AM All Living and Decease Members of

the Parish

6:00PM Michael J. Downs Sr. and Michael J.

Downs Jr. (Lorraine Downs)

ADORATION CHAPEL – Did you know? Spending time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is a great source of peace and comfort. It also increases our desire for prayer. Won't you spend some time at our Chapel? You can visit anytime day or night. If you would like to spend an hour each week, please consider one of the following open hours: Sunday 4pm, 5pm, Monday 10am, 11am. Saturday 4pm and 8am (the last 2 Saturdays of each month. Kindly call Marianne Kloc at 267-346-0152 if you would like more information.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK—Parishioners are encouraged to let the rectory know when they are in the hospital, nursing home, or other medical care facility. Please contact the rectory if you or anyone you know might be ill, a shut in or unable to attend Mass on a weekly basis. The Holy Eucharist will be brought to anyone homebound.

BAPTISMS—The Sacrament of Baptism is normally administered on Sundays at 12:45PM Pre-Jordan class, for the first child only, is required for parents. Class is held on the first Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in room 2B on the 2nd floor of the Meeting Center. Parents, please call the rectory to register for the class or for a Baptism.

FATHER McCAFFERTY SCHOLARSHIP

<u>FUND</u> -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.

<u>RCIA</u>—Information is available for those who are considering becoming a member of the Catholic Faith . 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. The rosary is also recited at the following times: 4:45pm Saturday Nights, 7:30PM First Friday (Church), 8:00am First Saturday (Church), 6pm Wednesdays in our Blessed Mother's Meeting Room (#2D Antioch Meeting Center), 10am Tuesdays Rosary for Healing (Chapel), 3pm Fridays Sacred Heart Rosary (Chapel)

<u>WEDDINGS</u>—Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance. Please call the rectory to make an appointment with one of the priests.

FISCAL CORNER

2018-2019 Annual Parish Appeal

As of week ten, 255 families have contributed \$100,750 toward our goal of \$160,000 with \$59,250 to go! We are at 62.97% of this year's goal. This critical parish financial appeal will run through the end of January. This is one of our largest sources of income, aside from our normal Sunday collections, and is greatly needed for the daily operation of our parish. If you need an appeal envelope, they are located in the entrances of the church. Please return your donation by placing this year's appeal envelope in the collection basket at Mass. You may also mail your contribution or drop it off directly to the rectory. Thank you for your generosity! Our Door Replacement project is now underway! We now have 7 doors sold! There are 2 doors left on the front of the Church, one door on the back of the church, and all 4 side doors. If you would like to sponsor a door, please give us a call at the rectory! For more information, brochures about our door replacement projects are now available in the church and on the parish website.

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

 Sunday Offering
 December 10, 2017
 December 9, 2018

 Sunday Offering
 \$ 14,724.00 327 env.
 \$14,587.00 323 env.

 Online Parish Giving
 \$ 4,314.48
 \$ 4,557.47

 Total Weekly
 \$ 19,038.48
 \$19,144.47

Retirement Fund for \$ 2,992.00 \$3,000.00

Religious

We are very grateful for the support of our parish!

RECTORY OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Monday 12/24—Closed Tuesday 12/25 – Closed Friday 12/28—Closed Monday 12/31 Closed Tuesday 1/1– Closed



CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULES

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE: December 18th 7:00PM CHRISTMAS EVE: 4:00 PM (Children's Liturgy), 8:00 PM, and 12:00 Midnight (Once the church is full at the 4:00 PM

Mass,

parishioners will be directed downstairs to the auditorium for an overflow Christmas Mass.)

CHRISTMAS DAY: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM

NEW YEAR'S EVE: 5:15 PM Vigil Mass

NEW YEAR'S DAY: 9:00AM



FOR THE SICK IN OUR

COMMUNITY that they return to the comfort of good health: Loretta Amerine, Sabrina Amerine, Pat Brodowski, Ruthann Carroll, Daniel Castillo, Brynn Clare Connor, Cliff Conway, Mary C. Crawford, Jessica DiRienzo, Olga Fleming, David Fry, Cindy Golden, Sherry Golden, Tina Golden, Rose Ann Grall, Jonathan Grubb, Madeline Guarnieri, Denise Hiel, Charles Jacobson, Ryan Law, Chuck Kane, Andrew Kelly, Betsy Keys, Edmund Liwoch, Jane Liwoch, Sean Marriott, Scott McDowell, Dorothy McMullen, Tracey Meaney, Eileen Murphy, Christine Nassar, Nabil Nassar, Janet Sassaman, Lenore Shrift, Darwin Stout, Catherine Torres

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.

FOR THOSE SERVING OUR

COUNTRY: Daniel Basheda, 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, Andrew Dill, Ronald Ernst, Anthony Fuscarello, Jessica Garcia, Shane Gibbons, Stephen Greene, Jonathan Grubb, Edward Hill, David & Christine (Kawoczka) Krueger, Matthew Krall, Justin Kumor, Daniel LaMorte, Matt Leonardo, James Limer, Matthew Listner, Michael Lowe, W. Kyle Magrisi, Joseph Marchand, Greg Marolo, Matthew McGurk, Phil Melandez, Chris Merrick, David Morgan, Kevin Nash, Stephen Neder, Fred Olivari, John O'Rourke, John Parente, J.C. Peabody, Laura Perazzola, Gregory B. Procaccini, Jason Propst, Matthew Rieser, James Tams, Scott Toro, John Worman.

Monday Morning Madness Raffle

Tickets are now on sale for our weekly drawing, called the "Monday Morning Madness II" raffle. Each Monday we will draw a lucky ticket for a fixed cash prize. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at the rectory or through the school. We will make them available after masses soon! Tickets will be available through the end of December. The first drawing will take place on Monday January 7th, 2019 with additional drawings every Monday through March. Prizes will be \$100 on each Monday, and \$500 on the last Monday of the month.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



As Christmas draws near, many of our thoughts are turning toward our preparations for the annual celebration of Our Lord's birth. Many are involved in travel plans to be with family, trimming the Christmas trees, getting the right gifts for those we love, preparing special family recipes, etc... Our St. Ignatius family is also beginning preparations for this celebration. One thing that adds so much to our annual celebration is the special care with which the church is decorated to enhance the festivities. Each year, the church is beautifully decorated through the generosity of our parishioners' contributions to the Christmas Flower Fund. We ask that you consider making your Christmas flowers donation in honor of or in memory of loved ones (living or deceased). You may place the Christmas Flower envelope in the regular Sunday collection or send it to the rectory any time in December.

ADULT FORMATION

The word 'advent' means the arrival of a notable person, thing or event. In the Christian tradition, Advent is the four Sundays preceding Christmas. It also has

the meaning of preparation for the coming, the coming of Jesus. Jesus who is God, the Second Person of the Trinity, who became man (Incarnation) to show us 'the way' and save us from the punishments of sin and death. It also represents a 'waiting' for the Second coming when Christ comes again in all His glory at the end of times. The first two Sundays look forward to Christ's Second coming and the last two Sundays look backward to remember Christ's first coming (Nativity). While it is difficult to keep in mind in the midst of holiday celebrations, shopping, lights and decorations, Advent is intended to be a season of fasting, much like Lent, and there are a variety of ways that this time of mourning works itself out in the season. Reflection on the violence and evil in the world cause us to cry out to God to make things right- to put death's dark shadows to flight. Let us approach be in this season as a time for renewal, the casting off of the old, unhealthy and unnecessary and the taking on of the new, the life of Christ. Amen.

St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.

Respect Life

Rose of Life Intention: For all who are lonely, that they may feel His presence.

"He is always with us. Jesus promised this when he gave the disciples the same mission he gives to each of us: Go. ... Walk with each other. Do not be afraid to embrace God's gift of life. What-

ever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us." Sometimes, especially around the holidays some of us feel a little sad and lonely. We need to realize/ponder/pray/meditate on Jesus and the fact that He is with us always. If there is ever a time He is not, it is not He who walked away but us!. We are very blessed here at St. Ignatius to have a 24/7 adoration chapel for over 20 years! Imagine, every hour of every day someone here is with Him and praying. Even more so, imagine, that you can walk in and visit anytime! Day or night! Just to say hello, tell Him your problems, listen for some advice and rest in the peace of His Divine presence. You don't even have to call ahead. As we prepare for His Incarnation next week, let us comport ourselves appropriately for being in the presence of the King! Examination of conscience/confession and then receive Him and take Him with you to your family dinners. The greatest gift He has given you is the gift of Life; how about giving Him a little of that life back in return????

Our March for Life bus trip is free to all who wish to join us on Jan. 18. See bulletin for details.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

Intercessory Prayer: For those who feel lonely or abandoned: May their hearts be consoled by the genuine and loving care of others; We pray to the Lord:



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Catholic Cemetery & Columbarium

Our Outdoor Columbarium Niches, located in the memorial circle in the center of our cemetery, are now available for sale. Double granite front niches are intended to be used by the cremated remains of two persons behind a marble shutter. If you have any questions, or are interested in purchasing a niche, please visit our parish website at www.stignatius.church or call the Rectory at 215-493-3377.

GET FORMED



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

Simply Visit:

www.stignatius.formed.org

Register yourself and enjoy the content available to you and your family!

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 new and 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.

SAVE THE DATE St. Ignatius Parish Auction Night

After a huge success last Spring, we will be holding another parish auction night on Friday, March 1st at Rose Bank Winery. Tickets for full tables of 10 (\$750) will go on sale in December, followed by individual tickets (\$85) in January.

If anyone is interested in donating or sponsoring this event, please contact Samantha Fleming at nicholldance@msn.com

DEDICATE THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

The red Sanctuary Lamp by the tabernacle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. It is a mark of honor to remind the faithful of the presence of Christ, and is a profession of their love and affection. If you wish to have the Sanctuary Lamp burning in memory of a loved one, to honor a special occasion, or a special intention make arrangements with the Rectory. The cost of the candle is \$10.00. It will burn for one week. The memorial will be published in the Bulletin.



Family Ministry Dinner Saturday, January 12 After 5:15 Mass

Join us for a delicious FREE dinner full of food variety, kids activities, and good friends. Food contributions are sincerely welcome and appreciated. At this dinner our activity will be decorating posters for the group attending the upcoming March for Life! All craft supplies will be covered.

To RSVP email or look up Caitlin.Fanelli@gmail.com on SignupGenius by Jan 9.

OUR SEMINARIAN



Prayer for our Seminarians

God our Father, Thank you for calling Griffen Schlaepfer and Andrew Lane, and Michael Lewis to prepare for priesthood. Grant them the grace to grow closer to You through daily prayer. Help them form their personalities as credible witnesses to others. Bless them while they study Your word and the teachings of the Church, and give them generous hearts to serve Your people. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our great High Priest. Amen

To learn more about our seminarians visit http://heedthecall.org/ poster/

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

Starting in January 2019, we will no longer have an 8:30 morning mass on Saturdays.

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. For more information, please contact our spiritual prayer group director, Deacon Bob Skawinski, at rjcs1219@verizon.net.

HAVE FURNITURE TO **DONATE?**

Contact: Goodwill Industries 215-822-2708 x 320 Attn: Patty Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission 215-741-1010 Habitat for Humanity Re-Store 215-716-5006



St. Ignatius of Antioch School "A Community of Faith, Academics and Service"





"Lord, help me hold onto my joy, especially when I face the difficult challenges of life."



We offer congratulations to the following peace makers as they receive the Disciple of the Month award: Grade K – Camilo Velez and Francesca Capuano

Grade 1 – Anna Gerding and Sarah Racz

Grade 2 - Carlos Serrano and Samuel Yost

Grade 3 - Bruno Velez and Ava Karo

Grade 4 – Billy Tierney and Brooke Sweitzer

Grade 5 - Adelaida Velez and Jack Marriott

Grade 6 - Ruari Cahill and Sophia Miniter

Grade 7 - Faith Sullivan and John Keefe

Grade 8 – Erin Gallagher and Lucas Antonelli

Coming Events:

Monday, Dec. 17 – 1:00 Concert by students from Notre Dame H.S. – gym

Tuesday, Dec. 18 – 9:45 Visit by a secret surprise 1:15 – Confessions

Thursday, Dec. 20 – 9:45 Christmas Prayer Service – Christmas break begins at end of day.

Classes resume on January 2, 2019.



DECORATE THE CHURCH

Please join us in decorating our church for Christmas on Sunday, December 16th at 12:45PM. This is a great opportunity for service hours! If you can help, please call the rectory, 215-493-3377 extension 211, and leave your name and phone number. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.



From the Religious Education Office ... The PREP office is open from Sundays through Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. on.

<u>CATECHETICAL AWARDS</u>: Each year the Archdiocese of Philadelphia awards Catechists who have volunteered to teach about God and the Faith to our children in PREP. This year we have 7 award winners. We congratulate:

Marianne Kloc for 25 years of service Margaret Mary Phinney for 20 years of service

Amy Gogoj for 10 years of service Gregory Schwind for 10 years of service Deborah Greco for 10 years of service Roberta (Bobbi) Cimochowski for 5 years of service

Staci Szymanski for 5 years of service

MONDAY MORNING MADNESS RAFFLE

II: I will be selling the raffle tickets at PREP pickup time. The cost is \$10.00 a ticket (Who can buy just 1 ticket??), and the drawings begin in January. Last year, PREP families did great on these tickets. Let's have a repeat! Bring your money when you come to drop off or pick up your kids. Help your parish.

PREP Registration: If you have thought about registering your child(ren) for PREP classes but never got around to it, never fear. It's never too late. Stop in the PREP Office to meet Annmarie, and we can get your child (ren) started.

Parents of students who are in grades 7-8:

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 who God is and what he is all about. We all know how much we need God in our lives

"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.