



St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

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Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018



MINISTERIAL STAFF

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Annmarie C. Flanagan, Director of Religious Education
Gregory Lucidi, Business Manager
Maria L. LaMantia, Parish Secretary
Lee F. Milhous, Music Director
Trevor Dooley, Junior High Youth Minister
Emily Rogers, High School Youth Minister
Salvatore LaMantia, High School Youth Minister

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 & Easter

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 9, 2018

Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

7:30AM All Living and Deceased Members of the Parish

9:30AM Michael Septer (The Septer Family)

11:30AM Cliff C. Crawford (Mary C. Crawford)

6:00PM Giuseppe Covello (The Covello Family)

Monday December 10, 2018

Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lc 5:17-26

**9:00AM John and Anna McCloskey
(James and Monica Walsh)**

Tuesday December 11, 2018

Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14

**9:00AM Paul Shubnell
(James and Monica Walsh)**

Wednesday December 12, 2018

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

**9:00AM Dr. Dorita Evangelista
(The Evangelista Family)**

Thursday December 13, 2018

Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

**9:00AM Jonathan Cowley
(James and Monica Walsh)**

Friday December 14, 2018

Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

9:00AM Deceased Members of the Prezioso Family (Nick and Francis Tarallo)

Saturday December 15, 2018

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

8:30AM Phil Tortorici (The Gambale Family)

**5:15PM Michael Septer
(Loretta and Bill Amerine)**

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)**

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

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.

RCIA—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)

WEDDINGS—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 nine, 243 families have contributed \$96,200 toward our goal of \$160,000 with \$63,800 to go! We are at 60.13% 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 6 doors sold! There are 2 doors left on the front of the Church, two doors 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

| | December 3, 2017 | December 2, 2018 |
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| Sunday Offering | \$ 17,403.80 394 env. | \$15,550.00 384 env. |
| Online Parish Giving | \$ 4,056.64 | \$ 4,382.54 |
| Total Weekly | \$ 21,460.44 | \$19,932.54 |
| Retirement Fund for Religious | \$ 1,825.00 | \$1,697.00 |

We are very grateful for the support of our parish!

RECTORY OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Friday 12/14—Open 9:00am—12:00pm
 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



Prayer List

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, Eileen Murphy, Christine Nassar, Nabil Nassar, Janet Sassaman, Lenore Shrift, Darwin Stout, Catherine Torres

FOR OUR BELOVED

DECEASED, especially Alma Ennis, 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 Faith FORMATION

As is often the case, we try to provide a little education in these inserts. Yesterday, we celebrated the feast of the Immaculate Conception. Many confuse this celebration with Mary conceiving Jesus, and, while that was a miracle and Jesus is/was without sin, the conception celebrated was that of Mary herself. This feast day is celebrated exactly 9 months before the celebration of Mary's birth on Sept. 8. The feast was first solemnized as a Holy Day of Obligation in 1708 via Papal Bull by Pope Clement XI. It has been historically noted, however, that the day was celebrated as far back as the 5th century in Syria. The feast was translated to the Western Church in the 8th century. In 1568, Pope Pius V revised the Roman Breviary and in 1708 Pope Clement XI mandated a Holy Day of Obligation. Pope Pius IX defined the Immaculate Conception as a Roman Catholic dogma in 1854. The solemnity is an official public holiday in many countries like Argentina, Austria, Italy, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Switzerland, Vatican City and others. So what is the big deal? In order for God/Jesus to be carried in a spotless vessel worthy of His presence, Mary did not carry the stain of original sin, by God's will, and thus was worthy to accept the invitation by the angel Gabriel to be the Mother of God. Thank God she said yes!!!! St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.

Respect



Rose of Life Intention: For forgiveness and healing due to abortion.

"If you know someone who has had an abortion, express your sympathy for her loss. Assure her of God's unconditional love, and encourage her to seek healing and forgiveness." None of us are perfect, except for Jesus and Mary, the latter of whom was conceived without sin (Immaculate Conception), so none of us have the right to judge others; but we do have the obligation to make judgments (discernments) about behavior, first for ourselves, then our families, then our neighbors and, if appropriate, lead them to healing if they are wounded. There is no greater wound than that of abortion, both for the parents as well as the child and society, not to mention...God!. So, we are all in need of healing. There is no healing without forgiveness. Jesus told His Father on the Cross, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do". If He can forgive us, then we should be able to forgive one another...of anything!. So, if you are looking for a gift to give this Christmas, how about the gift of forgiveness??? If interested in going on the March for Life bus trip on Jan. 18, see the bulletin for details to sign up for free. Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us. Intercessory Prayer; For those grieving after abortion: May they trust in God's patient mercy and find healing through his Church; 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!

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

An Advent Reflection “Come Let Us Reason Together”

In the opening pages of Isaiah, which features prominently in the Church’s readings for Advent, there is a litany of errors that the prophet recites that have befallen God’s chosen people. Most stunning, however, is just a few sentences later God speaks so mercifully of reconciliation. Like a good parent, after having a heart-to-heart with his child, there is tough language but not without a way forward. All is not lost, this can be healed, God says, “Come let us reason together, says the Lord.” Notice: it’s not let me tell you what you have to do, but let us reason together. God puts his arms around the sinner. He wants to restore him.

“You are better than that. Hit the bench!” a coach said to a player who opted out of the called play and instead flung up an air ball during a championship game at the Palestra. Advent, like the bench, is a time of reflection. Without mature reflection, we can all fall into rationalizing our flaws. “It’s no big deal. The coach has it in for me. He doesn’t understand.” Players who want to get better listen. They make adjustments. And even if you aren’t aware of mistakes, no player is great playing all four quarters without a brief time of rest. When you leave the game, you get to watch the game. See really good plays or find ways to overcome a probable defeat. During this season, the Church gives us examples of the best players, the best playbooks and the best practice routines: saints. The saints were alcoholics, prostitutes, tax collectors, cowards, filled with anger, selfish, vain people. But they didn’t stay there. The point is not how we start the game, but where we end up. Christ, our coach, isn’t sitting on some bench waiting for us to make a mistake. He’s not the referee with a whistle. He wants us to win. He has played the game Himself. He took on our flesh and knows our broken humanity. We just need some time to listen to Him.

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, December 13th from 9 am – noon in the church auditorium kitchen. We are truly blessed, but more helping hands are always needed and welcome. Our annual Christmas potluck will be held immediately after our meeting. Please bring food to share as we all reconnect and take a few moments to enjoy each other’s company. 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 December 13th! “To change the world we must be good to those who cannot repay us.” --Pope Francis

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.

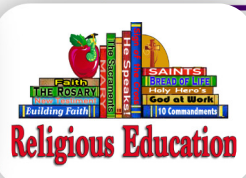
AID FOR FRIENDS GIFTS OF WARMTH

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 of Antioch
School**
"A Community of Faith,
Academics and Service"



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

As we continue our journey through Advent let us pray the following words: "Lord, fill my heart with your peace. Help me to trust you."



Sounds of the Season
Do you need some Christmas spirit? Come enjoy our students as they perform some Christmas favorites. The concert is Monday evening at 7:00pm in the auditorium.



There is No School on Tuesday for the students. Faculty will be receiving training on how to respond to the presence of an active shooter on campus.



On Wednesday the first grade will be treated to a Christmas party at Conwell-Egan Catholic High School.



Report cards will be distributed, by Father Brownholtz on Friday.

May the presence of Jesus be with you all week.

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.

** Congratulations! **

We congratulate the following students who received academic honors at Notre Dame High School:

Honor Roll of Distinction: Sara Nash, Tyler Harmen, Carly Smith, Jack Kalman, Veronica Cruz, Niccolo Valerio

Honor Roll: Siana Falkenstein, Nathan Swan, Madeline Kitlas, Timothy Breslin, Jackson Ortiz, Emma Groth, Brennan Pinto, Ryan Scharko, Emma Tierney, Grace O'Brien

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.

PREP CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: On Tuesday, December 11, at 6:30 p.m., we will have our annual Christmas Pageant. We will remember the real story of Christmas – Jesus, who is God, became like us so that we may be like him. Come and join us in the singing of the original Christmas Carols. We need your voices!

Thank you to all those who contributed gifts to the children of St. Katharine Drexel and Sacred Heart Parishes and to those who provided some refreshments at our annual Advent Gift-Giving Mass last week.

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.

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.