



# St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

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*First Sunday of Advent*

*December 1, 2019*



## **SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

**Saturday: 5:15PM Vigil Mass**

**Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM, 6:00PM**

**Children's Liturgy of the Word: at 9:30AM**

**Mass**

**Daily, Monday to Friday: 9:00AM**

**\*Special Schedules for Holy Days**

## **PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL**

**Open 24 Hours, 7 Days a Week, 365 Days a Year**

## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Saturdays: 4:00 to 5:00PM**

**Confessions will also be heard upon request.**

**Please call the rectory to make an appointment.**

## **RECTORY OFFICE HOURS**

**Sunday—CLOSED**

**Monday– Friday 9:00AM—4:00PM**

**Saturday—CLOSED**

## Daily Readings and Mass Intentions

### **Sunday December 1, 2019**

*Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44*

**7:30AM All Living and Deceased Parishioners**

**9:30AM Kathryn Marseglia (Vito Marseglia)**

**11:30AM Marguerite Coyle (Mary C. Crawford)**

**6:00PM Roland Dominique  
(The Cunningham Family)**

### **Monday December 2, 2019**

*Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11*

**9:00AM Joseph Noto (Roseann and Tom LaFisca)**

### **Tuesday December 3, 2019**

*Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24*

**9:00AM Alice Crowner (Jim and Monica Walsh)**

### **Wednesday December 4, 2019**

*Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37*

**9:00AM Alma Ennis (The Joy Family)**

### **Thursday December 5, 2019**

*Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27*

**9:00AM Stanley Klementowich (The Family)**

### **Friday December 6, 2019**

*Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31*

**9:00AM Alma Ennis (Loretta and Bill Amerine)**

### **Saturday December 7, 2019**

*Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8*

**5:15PM Dina and Peter Giovannini  
(Joanne Russo)**

### **Sunday December 8, 2019**

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

**7:30AM Jim and Mary Ann Hackman  
(The Hackman Family)**

**9:30AM Antoinette Mundenar  
(Len and Roseanne Fusco)**

**11:30AM All Living and Deceased Parishioners**

**6:00PM William F. Gray (Marie Gray)**

**December 1, 2019**

## First Sunday of Advent

### Reading I: Isaiah 2: 1-5

The prophet offers a vision of all the nations gathering on Mt. Zion. Most prophets join Isaiah as conceiving the Messiah's arrival as bringing about a time of justice and peace.

### Reading II: Romans 13: 11-14

Paul urges his readers to show by their actions that they are true Christians. He believed that the end time was near and that now everyone must throw off any sin still in their lives. As one does this, also believe that Christ is the armor you must wear in your defense against the opposition.

### The Gospel: Matthew 24: 37-44

The writer issues warnings through the story of the great Flood for his hearers to make them alert, and to be conscious of their need to be prepared for the arrival of the Day of the Lord. It will come unannounced and swiftly.

## SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Church Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Walter Skawinski requested by Deacon Bob and Connie Skawinski



**St. Nicholas**

**Pray for Us**

**Feast Day December 6th**

Perhaps the best-known story about Nicholas concerns his charity toward a poor man who was unable to provide dowries for his three daughters of marriageable age. Rather than see them forced into prostitution, Nicholas secretly tossed a bag of gold through the poor man's window on three separate occasions, thus enabling the daughters to be married. Over the centuries, this particular legend evolved into the custom of gift-giving on the saint's feast. In the English-speaking countries, Saint Nicholas became, by a twist of the tongue, Santa Claus—further expanding the example of generosity portrayed by this holy bishop.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-nicholas/>

## MINISTERIAL STAFF

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## BECOMING A PARISHIONER

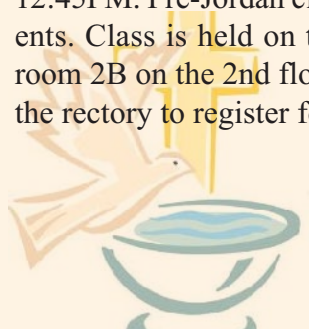
Whether it's your first time here or you have been coming to Mass here for years, we welcome you to join our parish. Please contact the rectory to register.

## 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.

## BAPTISM

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 7:00PM 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.



## WEDDINGS

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

## ANOINTING 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.

## RECTORY OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURES

<b>Fri. 12/13 - Closed</b>	<b>Fri. 12/27 - Closed</b>
<b>Wed. 12/18 - Open 9am - 11am</b>	<b>Tues.12/31 - Closed</b>
<b>Fri. 12/20 - Closed</b>	<b>Wed. 1/1 - Closed</b>
<b>Tues. 12/24 - Closed</b>	
<b>Wed. 12/25 - Closed</b>	





**CARING FOR FRIENDS  
(FORMERLY AID FOR FRIENDS)  
DECEMBER DATE CHANGE**

We provide 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 5th 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 December 5th!

**“For it is in giving that we receive.” –St. Francis of Assisi**

**COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS**

*Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday we will report last weekend's collection in next weekend's bulletin*

*We are very grateful for the support of our parish!*



*Join us!*

2019-2020 Events

**Opening Mass**

12/8/2019 at 11:30AM

Celebrated by: Archbishop Chaput  
Reception to follow.

**1920's Cocktail Party**

2/21/2020 6:30PM - 11:00PM.

Rosebank Winery

Tickets will go on sale in December.

**40 Hours Celebration**

10/11/2020-10/13/2020

7:00PM each night

**Blessing of Our New Christmas**

**Creche**

12/24/2019 at 4:00PM Mass

**Parish Mission**

with Father Pio Mandato

3/29/2020-3/31/2020

7:00PM each night

**Closing Mass**

Concelebrated with

Former Assistants

9/26/2020 at 4:00PM

Parish Picnic to follow



**Lord hear our prayer for the sick in our community that they return to the comfort of good health:**

Loretta Amerine, Sabrina Amerine, Sharon Brann, Bob Borges, Pat Brodowski, Kathy Carmody, Ruthann Carroll, Daniel Castillo, Brynn Clare Connor, Cliff Conway, Evelyn Conway, John Corra, Mary C. Crawford, Jessica DiRienzo, Frank Fazzalore, David Fry, Colleen Gallagher, Cindy Golden, Sherry Golden, Tina Golden, Tom Golden, Rose Ann Grall, Richard Green, Jonathan Grubb, Madeline Guarnieri, Tommy Helkowski, Charles Jacobson, Ryan Law, Chuck Kane, Michael Katwicki, Andrew Kelly, John Kerper, Betsy Keys, George Kinsley, Amy Margulies, Sean Marriott, Toni McConnell, Scott McDowell, Dorothy McMullen, Tracey Meaney, Kathleen Merlo, Lee Milhous, Eileen Murphy, William Murphy, Christine Nassar, Nabil Nassar, Carolyn Rupperecht, Irene Schuka, Walter Shimp, Darwin Stout, Elaine Tabackin, Catherine Torres, Edward Torres, Charles Weber



Brian Basheda, Daniel Basheda, Matthew Bauer, Melissa Bishop, Christian Blaydon, Erik Bresnahan, 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, Thomas LaMorte, Marty Alexie Leonard, Nels Alexie Leonard, 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, Luke Stapleton, James Tams, Scott Toro, John Worman.



**PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS**

God our Father, Thank you for calling Griffen Schlaepfer, Andrew Lane, Michael Lewis, Philip Cheung, and Erik Reyes 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/>



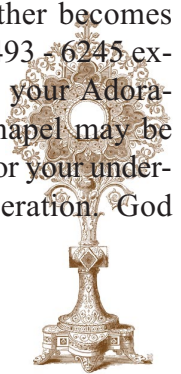
VOCATION OFFICE FOR THE  
DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD  
ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA  
**HEED THE CALL**

**PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED** especially those who have no one to pray for them, and the Holy Souls in purgatory.



**ADORATION CHAPEL**

A sincere thank you to everyone who has agreed to adore Jesus for 1 hour each week. We are pleased to tell you that all of our open hours have been filled! Alleluia! However, we are in need of substitutes. Please consider adding your name/number to a sub list. If you wish, you can select the hour or block of hours that work with your schedule. Kindly call Marianne Kloc at 267 - 346 - 0152 if you are interested. In the winter months, when weather becomes an issue, call 215 - 493 - 6245 extension 221 before your Adoration hour as the Chapel may be closed. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. God bless you!



**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](mailto:rjcs1219@verizon.net).



**St. Ignatius of Antioch School**  
**“A Community of Faith,  
Academics and Service”**



This Sunday begins for us the season of Advent. A familiar symbol is the Advent Candles. Did you ever wonder what the candles represent?

Week 1 – purple – represents “Hope” – “Prophecy Candle” – remembrance of the prophets who foretold the birth of Christ.

Week 2 – purple – represents “Faith” – “Bethlehem Candle” – remembrance of the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem

Week 3 – pink – represents “Joy” – Shepherds’ Candle – remembrance of the joy the world experienced at the birth of Jesus

Week 4 – purple – represents “Peace” – Angels’ Candle – remembrance in the angels’ message of “Peace on Earth; Good will Towards Men”

**Events for our Week**



Tuesday – attendance at the Parish Giving Mass – 7:00pm

Friday – “Happy St. Nick’s Day”

9:00 Mass attendance

2:30 Tree Blessing

7:30 Christmas Dance – grades 7 and 8

Trimester closes

Saturday – Lunch with Santa

Tuesday, Dec. 10 – Family Shopping available at our Santa Shop – 3:30 -7:30



**The theme for Disciple of the Month for December is “Generosity”** – giving without counting the cost – Saints – Nicholas, Mary Magdalene and Maximilian Kolbe

**H.O.P.E.**

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 Regina Lertch at 267-397-0453.

**Holiday Wreath Sale**



The Boy Scouts of America Troop 230 will be selling Christmas Wreaths before and after Mass the 1st and 2nd weekends in Advent: 11/30-12/1, 12/7-12/8. The wreaths are 22” wide fresh cut balsam branches and come with a red bow. The scouts will be stationed outside each entrance to the church. Wholesale prices for purchasing the wreaths have doubled in the last two years, therefore, we are selling them this year for \$20. Cash or check made out to BSA Troop 230 will be accepted for payment.

## ADULT *Faith* FORMATION

Today is the first Sunday of Advent. The advent of something means it is finally here! The word is generally meant for the introduction of something that is really important. The Advent season is a time of preparation of our hearts and minds for the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas. Advent is usually represented in some liturgy by four candles, one for each week of Advent and lit on each Sunday. The first is purple symbolizing hope, sometimes called the 'prophecy candle' in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah who foretold of the birth of Christ. The next candle is also purple while the third is rose consistent with what is called Gaudete Sunday, a sign of joy! The four themes are Hope-Peace-Joy and Love. While fasting is usually associated with Lent, it would be worthwhile to consider giving something up as a fast for this preparation for one of the greatest events in the history of mankind, the birth of Jesus Christ, God becoming man to bring us salvation and show us how to live and how to die and be our Way, our Truth and our Life. Praise be to Jesus Christ.

We won't have any programs this month in honor of the holy days.

St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.

## Respect



This is the first Sunday of Advent. Let us prepare.

The season of Advent is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to preparing for the celebration of the Lord's birth on Christmas and for Christ's second coming at the end of time. During this time of preparation and expectant waiting, we also remember expectant mothers who are preparing for the birth of their children. Jesus was an unplanned pregnancy; John the Baptist was an unplanned pregnancy; Isaac was an unplanned pregnancy. Imagine where we would be if they all had been aborted?! We are about to celebrate the Incarnation; yes, it is also called the feast of the Nativity, or more commonly, Christmas, but the importance of this season and the Incarnation is that Jesus, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, infinitely Divine, took on our humanity and elevated it to be more like Him! He came to show us how to live and, yes, how to die. He did it because He loved us and wanted us to overcome death and restore salvation. We need to reflect on these mysteries.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

Intercessory Prayer: For all the faithful: May the Lord help us build a culture of life

in vigilant expectation of His return; We pray to the Lord:

**Rose of Life Intention: For all unplanned pregnancies; that they may be accepted with love.**

## ROSARY

All are invited to recite the rosary after the 9:00 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, 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)

## JOIN US FOR OUR SUNDAY SOCIALS

Join us this weekend 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!



## L.O.L.F Pro-Life Holy Hour

Come and pray with the staff of Legacy of Life during a silent holy hour every Thursday at 7pm in the Adoration Chapel. Please come take part in our mission of protecting the unborn and providing for women in need.





## Religious Education

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

**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.

**Special Needs:** 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 call Annmarie at 215-493-5204.

**Eighth Grade Students:** Parents, we still have space for eighth grade students in both Sunday and Monday PREP. Please encourage your 8th graders to continue their study of God and his Church.

***We congratulate our Catechetical Award Winners who will be honored at a special Mass at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, on Sunday, January 19, 2020:***

*Connie Liebreich – 20 years*

*Andrea Fanelli Nola – 5 years*

*Charles Koerner – 15 years*

*Christine McLaughlin – 5 years*

*Deborah Parsons – 15 years*

*Victoria Nostrand – 5 years*

*Meghan Phinney – 5 years*

### SACRAMENTS:

If you missed the First Communion and First Reconciliation Parent Meeting on October 24 and the Make-Up Meeting on November 4, please contact Annmarie (215-493-5204) to arrange a time when you can get the information.

### ADVENT GIFT-GIVING MASS:

Our annual Advent Gift-Giving Mass is scheduled for Tuesday, December 3, at 7:00 p.m. Please join us and bring an unwrapped gift for a child who doesn't have what we have. All gifts will go to the children of St. Katharine Drexel Parish, Chester, and Sacred Heart Parish, Camden, NJ.

### NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING /REFRESHER COURSE FOR EXISTING SERVERS

**4th—8th Grades Welcome**

Join us on Thursday, December 5th from 4:30pm—5:30pm in the church for a one hour training session.

This is a great opportunity for new servers or existing servers who would like a refresher course.

If your child is interested in serving, please contact the rectory for an application.

RSPV requested.



### BOOK 'N BEAN

New members are always welcome to join our parish book discussion group. We meet on the last Tuesday night of every month (except December) to discuss our selected book of the month. Our group gathers for a relaxed, informal discussion in the Religious Ed Office across from the School Cafeteria from 7:30pm - 8:45pm. Bring your own beverage if you wish. For questions, contact Linda Stewart at: dremom@verizon.net or call me at 215-968-3577.

*Our schedule for the 2019-2020 academic year is:*

*Tues. Nov. 26*

*The Ninth Hour (Alice McDermott)*

*Tues. Jan. 28*

*Varina (Charles Frazier)*

*Tues. Feb. 25*

*Educated (Tara Westover)*

*Tues. Mar. 31*

*Just Mercy (Bryan Stevenson)*

*Tues. Apr. 28*

*The Practice House (Laura McNeal)*

*Tues. May 26*

*Necessary Lies (Diane Chamberlain)*





ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Join us as we kick off our  
100th Anniversary Celebration  
with a Mass celebrated by  
Archbishop Chaput  
on December 8th at 11:30am.*

*A reception will follow.*

*Please RSVP at*

*<http://www.siforms.org/massrsvp.html>*

*or call the rectory at 215-493-3377.*



## The Columbarium

at St. Ignatius of Antioch Cemetery

For many centuries cemeteries were commonly found in churchyards, allowing churches to minister to the spiritual needs of their members, from baptism through life to death. Since our cemetery is nearly at capacity today, we cannot offer additional burial plots at our parish cemetery. But there is a modern alternative which more and more churches are offering their members: the Columbarium.

A Columbarium is a collection of niches designed to house urns containing cremated human remains (cremains). Inscribed with the persons' names and dates of birth and death. St. Ignatius' Columbarium is located in our parish cemetery on the picturesque Delaware River. The Columbarium is self-funded, using income derived from the sale of niches for construction and operation.

## Benefits of a Columbarium

- *Spiritual Site for Final Resting* - The principal benefit a Columbarium affords church members and their families the opportunity to select their final resting place in the parish cemetery of the church which has been central to their lives, a sacred site of beauty and dignity where their loved ones can visit and meditate whenever they visit the cemetery.
- *Simplicity of Planning* - The purchase of a Columbarium niche eliminates the pressures of choosing a burial site, casket, vault and monument; also, there is no need to plan for inurnment and memorial services at different locations and times.
- *Substantial Financial Savings* - With the Columbarium, significant costs are limited to cremation, the niche, the plaque and the obituary.

## How much does a niche cost?

Pricing of Outdoor Columbarium Niches and Services are as follows:

Two Center Rows - \$3,000  
 Row Above and Below the Center Rows - \$2,750  
 Top and Bottom Row - \$2,500

The purchase of an Outdoor Columbarium Niche includes the following:  
 Burial rights in the niche  
 Perpetual care

Opening and closing costs:  
 To be paid upon interment of Cremated Remains  
 Monday – Friday: \$250    Saturday: \$300

## How can I arrange to purchase a niche?

You may contact the Rectory at 215-493-3377 to make an appointment to purchase. Upon final payment, a certificate covering inurnment ownership rights will be sent to the purchaser of the niche.

For More Information visit our website:

[www.stignatius.church](http://www.stignatius.church)