



St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

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Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 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 15, 2019

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

7:30AM James Petrino (Cheryl Gublo)

9:30AM Michael Septer (The Septer Family)

**11:30AM Charles and Erne Hofelder
(Raymond Hofelder)**

**6:00PM John Warrio - Jimenez
(The Young Family)**

Monday December 16, 2019

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27

**9:00AM John and Louise Favata
(The Atkins Family)**

Tuesday December 17, 2019

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

9:00AM Joseph Mansfield (Jack Dempsey)

Wednesday December 18, 2019

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

9:00AM Greg Baber (The Joy Family)

Thursday December 19, 2019

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

9:00AM Alice Brash (Jack Dempsey)

Friday December 20, 2019

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

**9:00AM Anne and Jim Costa
(Tom and Dillon Costa)**

Saturday December 21, 2019

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

**5:15PM Michael J. Downs Jr. and Michael J.
Downs Sr. (Lorraine Downs)**

Sunday December 22, 2019

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

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

9:30AM Mary A. Fazzalore (Jamie Fazzalore)

**11:30AM The Murphy Family (The Murphy
Family)**

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

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Reading I: Isaiah 35: 1-6a

The prophet makes a promise of salvation which by depicting a flowering of the very desert where the warriors of Israel's enemy Edom were felled.

Reading II: James 5: 7-10

This whole section is summarized in its first two words: "Be patient." Such should be our way of thinking and conduct as we wait for the coming of Christ.

The Gospel: Matthew 11: 2-11

John's messengers learn the items in the mission of the Messiah by way of Jesus' response to their question. He spells out precisely what He has been doing for people.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Church Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Danny Callahan requested by Deacon Bob and Connie Skawinski.



Saint Hildegard of Bingen
Pray for Us
Feast Day December 17th

Saint Hildegard of Bingen was a remarkable woman who fulfilled many roles in her lifetime. A Benedictine nun, she became a rather well-known mystic whom Pope Eugene III encouraged to write. She ruffled feathers when she moved her monastery to Bingen, and confronted civil as well as ecclesiastical officials. Hildegard was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Benedict XVI.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/source/saint-of-the-day/page/1/>

MINISTERIAL STAFF

Rev. Andrew C. Brownholtz, Pastor	215-493-3377
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BECOMING A PARISHIONER

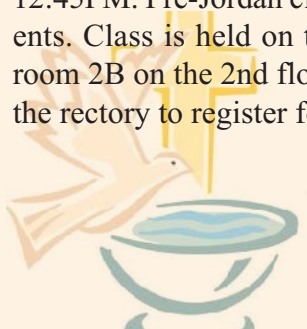
Whether it's your first time here or you have been coming to Mass here for years, we welcome you to join our parish. Please contact the rectory to register.

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

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



FISCAL CORNER

As of week 10 of the Parish appeal, 237 families have contributed \$91,625 toward our goal of \$150,000. We are at 61.08% of this year's goal. We are behind last year's pace by \$9,125 and have \$58,375 to go to meet our goal. This critical parish financial appeal will run from October 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. You should have received our appeals materials in the mail. If you have not, there are appeal envelopes 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 help with this important operating fund appeal!

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

	<u>12/09/18</u>		<u>12/08/19</u>	
Sunday Offering	\$14,886.00	323	\$16,924.00	338
Online Parish Giving	\$ 4,557.47		\$ 8,131.76	
Total Weekly Contribution	\$19,443.47		\$25,055.76	
 Retirement Fund for Religious	 \$ 1,697.00		 \$ 1,189.00	

We are very grateful for the support of our parish!



Join us!

2019-2020 Events

Blessing of Our New Christmas

Creche

12/24/2019 at 4:00PM Mass

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

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, Ruthann Carroll, Harris Carvel, Stephanie Carvel, Daniel Castillo, Brynn Clare Connor, Cliff Conway, Evelyn Conway, Mary C. Crawford, Barry Deacon, Jessica DiRienzo, David Fry, Colleen Gallagher, Sherry Golden, Tom Golden, Rose Ann Grall, Jonathan Grubb, Madeline Guarnieri, Cathy Hammeke, Charles Jacobson, Ryan Law, Chuck Kane, Michael Katwicky, 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



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/>



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



PERPETUAL ADORATION

Seasons change and so do our open adoration hours! The following hours are now open: Sunday 2 p.m., Tuesday 3 a.m. 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Wednesday 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. If you are interested in becoming a substitute or adoring during one of our open hours weekly, kindly call Marianne Kloc at 267-346-0152. A friendly reminder to call the chapel hotline at 215-493-6245 extension 221 before you travel for your hour if weather becomes an issue. Thank you!



FOOD COLLECTION

We will collect our usual items for Mary's Pantry on the second Sunday of each month. Please bring your canned and boxed items, paper goods and baby needs to Mass and place them in the designated places.



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



Today is Gaudete Sunday, a day to rejoice that the Messiah is near.



The following students were recognized as the Disciple of the Month for November. The Virtue for the month was Stewardship.

KA – Mia Fernandez

KB – Marissa Tantala

Grade 1 – Donald Bauch and Grace Fanelli.

Grade 2 – Kiersten Sutton and James Hosgood

Grade 3 – Sam Yost and Amelia Kinney.

Grade 4 – Lynzy Abitz and Isaac Koehler

Grade 5 – Madelynn DiLeonardo and Jack Longino

Grade 6 – Robyn Eliason and Xyrus Mangapit Grade 7 – Michael Pinto and Sophia Romero

Grade 8 – Tyler Marriott and Nanea Perales

Creative Writing Awards were presented to:

Lynzy Abitz, Sofia Blessing, Julianna Codispoti, Olivia de Jesus, Eloise Fronheiser, Clare Gerding, Ava Karo, Isaac Koehler, Colin Nedl, Anthony Dorozala, Jake Falkenstein, Hugh Gallagher, Amelia Kinney, Aaron Koehler, Maria Loggie, Charlie Longino, Ben Loveman, Ethan Mahamitro, Alex Malaty, Xyle Mangapit, Maria McNair, Tessa Ruppensberger, Olivia Schlieben, Alessandra Stamato, Charlie Thomas, Sam Yost, Brandon Villella, Fallon Ulrich and Vivien Zamorski

Coming Events:

Tuesday, Dec. 17 – 1:30 – Confessions – grades 3 to 8

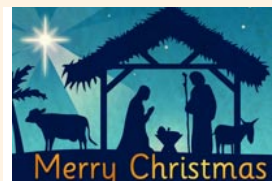
Wednesday, Dec. 18 – 9:30 – Christmas Concert presented by Notre Dame High School

3:15 – Passion Play Auditions

Friday, Dec. 20 – Pajama Day

Friday, Dec. 2- - 9:45 – Christmas Prayer Service

Christmas Holidays begin at the close of the school day.



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.

ADULT *Faith* FORMATION

Gaudete Sunday- the rose candle in the Advent wreath- is the third Sunday of Advent. The term comes from the incipit for the Gregorian chant introit and is translated 'rejoice', as in 'rejoice in the Lord always; have no anxiety about anything for the Lord is near at hand; have no anxiety, but in all things, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be known to God'. The original season of Advent was a 40 day fast in preparation for the coming of Jesus. The season was reduced to four weeks in the 9th century and is considered a penitential season. Gaudete Sunday is a break midway through the season and signifies the nearness of the Lord's coming. The spirit of the liturgy is one of expectation and preparation. Today's readings deal with rejoicing in the Lord. There is a difference between joy and happiness. Happiness is dependent on external conditions, joy is 'the experience of knowing that you are unconditionally love and nothing- sickness, failure, emotional distress, oppression, war or even death- can take that love away' (Henri Nouwen). Let us be filled with joy. Let us have agape love.

St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.

Respect

Life

“Those who die in God's grace and friendship live forever with Christ. Heaven is not an abstract idea, but a true and lasting relationship with God that is beyond all earthly description and understanding. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead and everlasting life by preparing now, in hope, for our passage from this life into eternal life.” This may sound misplaced in a season celebrating a birth to be speaking of death, but there is a meaning in this Divine birth to bring us from death back into the life and light of Christ. He came to show us how to live a human life, suffer, die and He came to show us what will happen to all of us at the Second Coming...the Resurrection of the body and life everlasting, either with Him in Heaven, or not, i.e. Hell! Let us all hope, pray and live for Heaven.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

Intercessory Prayer: For all who have lost a loved one: As we prepare for the coming of Christ,
may they find peace in the hope of eternal life; We pray to the Lord:

Rose of Life Intention: For all aborted babies

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 the first Sunday of each month 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:

CONFIRMATION:

A reminder for all those who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation: The Sacramental fee (\$55 for those ordering a robe or \$30 for those who already have a robe) is due now. If you have not already paid, please do so as soon as possible.

Confirmation paperwork is due by January 15. This includes the sponsor's letter of eligibility.

FIRST COMMUNION:

There are still 10 families who have not picked up their packets from the First Penance/First Communion Parent Meeting. Please contact Annmarie (215-493-5204) to arrange a time when you can get the information.

Join us for a fun filled evening of bingo, basket raffles, 50/50 and door prizes!

Friday, January 10, 2020 (snow date Sat., Jan. 11th)

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

St. Ignatius Church Auditorium

Benefits St. Ignatius School

8th Grade Graduation

Suggested donations:

\$30.00 in advance

\$35.00 at door

Tickets

sishandbagbingo@gmail.com

or call 904-535-4869



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. 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)

**DEDICATE THE
RECTORY CHAPEL
CANDLE OR
CHURCH SANCTUARY
CANDLE FOR 2020**

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.

**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.

**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.

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!**

FREE COPY OF BISHOP BARRON'S BOOK

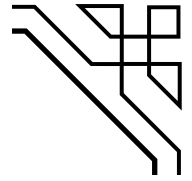
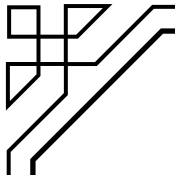
Next weekend after all Masses, the Knights of Columbus will be giving out complimentary copies of Bishop Robert Barron's book "Letter to a Suffering Church". In his dynamic book, Bishop Barron deals with the clerical crisis and tells why now is the time to be faithful and fight for our Church. This is a powerful read!

**CARING FOR FRIENDS
(Formerly Aid for Friends)
GIFTS OF WARMTH**

Gifts of Warmth are invaluable to our homebound friends during the cold, winter season. Please use the Caring 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.

**BUCKS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
CATHOLIC CLUB**

Interested in joining a Catholic Club on campus? If you are enrolled at Bucks County Community College, this invitation is for you. Students have initiated a community of faith to share prayer, scripture, community service, and discussion in the context of the Catholic Faith. Join us weekly, or when possible for you to share fellowship and faith in action. To learn more, contact club president: Andrew Kryzstofiak at kryzstofiak@live.bucks.edu or club advisor Jean Dolan at jean.dolan@bucks.edu



ROARING 20'S NIGHT OUT

Let's celebrate our past and embrace our future with our fellow parishioners by joining one another for a Roaring 20's themed night to celebrate our 100th anniversary.

Date: Friday, February 21st

Time: 6:30pm to 10:30pm

Place: Rosebank Winery in Newtown, PA

Cost: \$75 per person or \$750 per table

Included: Music, dinner & open bar

*Dress as a gangster or
silent screen star
Come as a flapper or
come as you are!*

Tables must be paid in full in order to hold a table. Individual tickets also available.

Tickets will be limited so don't wait.

Checks can be made out to: St. Ignatius Church

Any questions, please contact Samantha Fleming at nicholldance@msn.com

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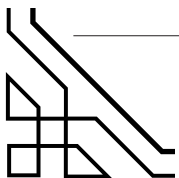
Please return this portion NO LATER THAN FEB. 14th to the rectory; attn: Samantha Fleming

Name: _____

Email: _____

Number of tickets @\$75 each: _____

Name of people at your table (10 people \$750): _____



If purchasing a table, you may pay as individuals but all money must be enclosed.

