



St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2019

*O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,*

*O come ye
O come ye to Bethlehem,*

Come and behold Him,

Born the King of angels;

O come, let us adore Him

O come, let us adore Him,

O come, Let us adore Him,

Christ, the Lord.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve
December 24th
4:00PM Vigil
8:00PM Vigil

Christmas Day
December 25th
7:30AM
9:30AM
11:30AM

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 22, 2019**

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)*

Monday **December 23, 2019**

9:00AM *Joseph Bertocchi (Norma Bertocchi)*

Tuesday **December 24, 2019**

9:00AM *Katherine Trigg - Smith
(The Trigg Family)*

4:00PM *John F. Murphy
(Joe, Claire Marie, Mary Claire Rossi)*

8:00PM *Jeanne B. Sheils
(Matthew and Susan Connor)*

Wednesday **December 25, 2019**

7:30AM *John O'Rourke (The O'Rourke Family)*

9:30AM *William Ahern and Michael Ahern
(Eileen Ahern)*

11:30AM *Ann and Joe Noto
(RoseAnn and Tom LaFisca)*

Thursday **December 26, 2019**

Friday **December 27, 2019**

9:00AM *Barry Cahill (The Cahill Family)*

Saturday **December 28, 2019**

5:15PM *Ernest Zima
(Joe, Mary Claire, and Claire Marie Rossi)*

Sunday **December 29, 2019**

7:30AM *Ed and Phyllis Atkins
(The Atkins Family)*

9:30AM *Giuseppa Covello (The Covello Family)*

11:30AM *Harold (Buzz) Taylor (Joan Taylor)*

6:00PM *All Living and Deceased Members of the Parish*

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Reading I: Isaiah 7: 10-14

This famous prophecy made before King Ahaz is one that he rejected. The Church views Christ's birth from the Virgin Mother as the fulfillment of Isaiah's words in history.

Reading II: Romans 1: 1-7

St. Paul, calling himself "a slave of Christ," also describes himself as an apostle chosen by God. He stresses that the gospel is part of a divine plan. Paul flatters his Roman community as "holy called ones."

The Gospel: Matthew 1: 18-24

Matthew quotes today's First Reading as he presents Jesus' birth as the fulfillment of Israel's hope. Writing for a largely Jewish audience, he makes St. Joseph the central active adult figure in the story.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Church Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of George Aupperle Sr. and Edward Wallace requested by The Wallace Family.



May this Christmas season bring you and your families happiness and joy. As we celebrate the birthday of our Savior, may this moment in time reassure us of God's love for each of us. On behalf of our deacons and staff, I wish you a Holy Christmas and a new year filled with joy, happiness, and peace.

~Father Brownholtz

MINISTERIAL STAFF

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BECOMING A PARISHIONER

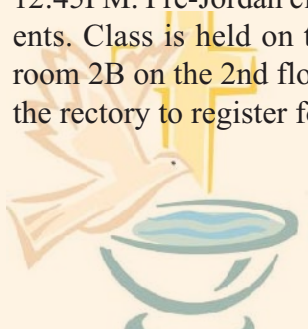
Whether it's your first time here or you have been coming to Mass here for years, we welcome you to join our parish. Please contact the rectory to register.

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

Tues. 12/24 - Closed
Wed. 12/25 - Closed
Fri. 12/27 - Closed
Tues.12/31 - Closed
Wed. 1/1 - Closed



**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.

**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

**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.



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



**REMEMBER TO
Pray FOR OUR
TROOPS**

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.



**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”**



As we begin the 4th week of Advent let us ask for a sign from God. The greatest sign that we can see is Jesus presence in the Eucharist. This is a sign that we can see, taste and touch.

We are preparing this week for the birth of Jesus. May you and your families be blessed this holiday season.

Christmas break is from January 23rd through January 1st. School resumes on Thursday, January 2, 2020.



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.

NOTICE—The baskets for the Caring for Friends Gifts of Warmth have been moved. They are now located in two locations in the Church. They are in the vestibule by the front doors and on the landing by the Visitor's Freezer. Thank you for your gifts to those less fortunate.

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

We all know about Christmas trees and by now probably have one, perhaps even decorated in our homes. Many probably don't know much about "Jesse Trees", believed to be the origin of the present day Christmas tree. Jesse trees are very old Christmas tradition started in medieval times to help tell the story of the Bible from creation to the Christmas story. The name comes from the Father of the great Jewish King, David; Isaiah states 'a shoot will come from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit, the Spirit of the Lord will rest upon Him'. A branch is a sign of new life and new beginnings. The first Jesse trees were huge carvings, tapestries or even stained glass windows put in Churches to teach people about the Bible from creation until the Nativity. Each day through Advent a special decoration or ornament (similar to Chrismon) that tells the story of the Bible is hung on the tree. There are many symbols (ornaments) that tell the story; the earth; a tree with fruit; a rainbow; a tent; a ram; a ladder; a multi-colored coat; a burning bush; a lamb; two stone tablets; a ram's trumpet; a star of David; a whale; a white lily; a carpenter's hammer; a fluffy sheep; a gold star; a manger; a baby in the manger. In three days, ALL of us will and should celebrate our elevation to the divine by God becoming man! The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available to us all; let us repent and rejoice and receive Him with great joy! St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.

Respect



"God's love is generous, sacrificial, life-giving, and forever. As humans made in God's image, we are called to imitate the eternal giving and receiving of love that is the Holy Trinity." We are called to love as He loved; we are called to be peace-

ful as He was peaceful; we are called to be generous as He was generous; we are called to be merciful as He is merciful; we are called to be forgiving as He is forgiving. We are all loved; He is seeking us; we are His 'lost sheep' and He is leaving the 99 to find the one...you! And He and all of Heaven rejoices at the repentance(finding) of one lost sheep who becomes found. So let us gaze upon this little Child who is to come to us this week as the Savior of the world, of us as the one who came, who saw and who conquered death... for us!

Thank you Jesus. Thank you Mary. Thank you Joseph. Thank you Heavenly Father.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

Intercessory Prayer: For all fathers awaiting the births of their children: May they look to Saint Joseph and follow his example of cherishing and protecting the Holy Family; We pray to the Lord:

Rose of Life Intention: For all fathers that they accept their responsibility

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.



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. The PREP Office reopens after Christmas on Thursday, January 2, 2020.

Religious Education

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

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 past due. 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)



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

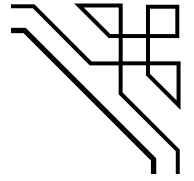
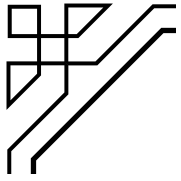
Opening and closing costs:
 To be paid upon interment of Cremated Remains
 Monday – Friday: \$250 Saturday: \$300

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



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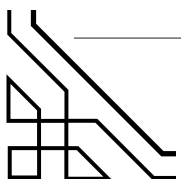
Please return this portion NO LATER THAN FEB. 14th to the rectory; attn: Samantha Fleming

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.

