



# St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

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*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

*December 29, 2019*

A background image of a nativity scene. It shows a bright star in a dark, starry sky over a landscape with rolling hills. In the foreground, the silhouettes of Mary and Joseph are visible, with Joseph leading a donkey. The text 'HE SHALL BE CALLED A NAZOREAN.' is centered in a white box.

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## **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 29, 2019**

*Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23*

**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**

### **Monday December 30, 2019**

*1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40*

**9:00AM Joan Firn (Joan Nemeth)**

### **Tuesday December 31, 2019**

*Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18*

**9:00AM Patrick Joy (Lee and Kevin Joy)**

**5:15PM Greg Baber (William and Loretta Amerine)**

### **Wednesday January 1, 2020**

*Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21*

**9:00AM Isaac Ogaba / living (Christiana Gever)**

### **Thursday January 2, 2020**

*1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28*

**9:00AM Kathleen Preston (Ebby Conway)**

### **Friday January 3, 2019**

*1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34*

**9:00AM Patrick Joy (Lee and Kevin Joy)**

### **Saturday January 4, 2019**

*1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42*

**5:15PM William C. Gibney**  
*(Regina Gibney and Family)*

### **Sunday January 5, 2019**

*Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12*

**7:30AM J. James Gallagher**  
*(The Aschenbrenner Family)*

**9:30AM John Murphy (Mary Murphy)**

**11:30AM Edward Lalor (Lisa Huchler)**

**6:00PM Marion Inella (Robin and Bob Inella)**

## **December 29, 2019** **Feast of the Holy Family**

### **Reading I: Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14**

Sirach gives precedence to our duties toward our parents. There are no excuses accepted for disregarding them. He/she who violates them is like a blasphemer.

### **Reading II: Colossians 3: 12-21, or 3: 12-17**

St. Paul's advice for family living is familiar to his readers, but he adds that we do them in the Lord." That adds a whole new dimension as well as motivation to keep them.

### **The Gospel: Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23**

Here we find St. Joseph directed both to leave Israel for Egypt, and to return, all done through dreams in which the Lord's angel appears. In exemplary obedience, Joseph brings Mother and Child to the largely unknown town of Nazareth.

## **SANCTUARY CANDLE**

The Church Sanctuary Candle burns in honor of The 30th Wedding Anniversary of Loretta and Al Halas requested by Loretta and Al Halas.



## **Mary Mother of God** **Feast Day : January 1st**

Other themes come together at today's celebration. It is the Octave of Christmas: Our remembrance of Mary's divine motherhood injects a further note of Christmas joy. It is a day of prayer for world peace: Mary is the mother of the Prince of Peace. It is the first day of a new year: Mary continues to bring new life to her children—who are also God's children.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/mary-mother-of-god/>

## MINISTERIAL STAFF

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## BECOMING A PARISHIONER

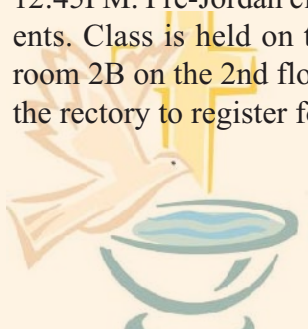
Whether it's your first time here or you have been coming to Mass here for years, we welcome you to join our parish. Please contact the rectory to register.

## 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.12/31 - Closed  
Wed. 1/1 - Closed



## 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](mailto:kryzstofiak@live.bucks.edu) or club advisor Jean Dolan at [jean.dolan@bucks.edu](mailto: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](mailto:rjcs1219@verizon.net).

## COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

	<u>12/16/2018</u>		<u>12/15/2019</u>	
<b>Sunday Offering</b>	\$18,199.00	371	\$18,444.50	390
<b>Online Parish Giving</b>	\$ 4,356.31		\$ 5,959.50	
<b>Total Weekly Contribution</b>	<b>\$22,555.31</b>		<b>\$24,404.00</b>	

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



*Join us!*

2020 Events

### 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”**



**May you and your families have a  
prosperous and happy new year!**

**School resumes Thursday, January 2, 2020**

**OPEN HOUSE**  
**January 7th 9 - 11:00am | 6 - 8:00pm**  
**January 26th 12:30 - 2:00pm**

**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

The Feast of the Holy Innocents (also referred to as Childermas) commemorates the massacre of all the male children in Bethlehem by King Herod's order (Matthew 2:16). Also known as the feast of the Holy Innocents, this day was observed Dec 28 (yesterday). These children are considered martyrs, Saints of God, by the Church. It is the custom on this day to give the youngest child in the household the power to rule the day!:) From what we eat to where we go and what to do, the youngest child is in charge. All children two years old and younger were executed in an attempt by Herod to kill the baby Jesus. Let us all take this opportunity to not only reflect on where we would be had Herod been successful, but also on the Holy Innocents that are being sacrificed in our current culture through abortion- to the tune of about 3500 per day here in the US. Since 1973, over 60 million surgical abortions. Do we think that is what God wants for His children, both born and unborn? We are moving toward the beginning of a new year in two days; we can reflect on what this past year has brought us- the past; we can reflect on where we are today- the present, but we have no control over the future, so let us pray and reflect.

St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.

## Respect



"Like Our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus, we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance."

Today is the feast of the Holy Family. In this culture and time, our families are disintegrating and our children are being wounded, sometimes for life, and even unto death. Joseph and Mary and Jesus teach us with their actions and words how to be a holy family. They had trials; they had sufferings; they had losses; they had to work; they had to teach; they had to move; they, at one time, couldn't find a place to live; they had to leave their home country; they were being threatened with death; they were poor; they prayed; they ate; they sacrificed; they attended Temple; they lost their child in a caravan; they suffered the death of Joseph at an early age; Mary had to watch her Son suffer and die. Those of us who need an example of how to live as family have no further to look than the Holy Family. They respected life.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

Intercessory Prayer: For all families: That, with great faith, they will joyfully respond

to all that God asks of them, and be given the strength to always persevere in love;

We pray to the Lord:

**Rose of Life Intention: For the Holy Family**

## 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*

### 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 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. 11<sup>th</sup>)

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

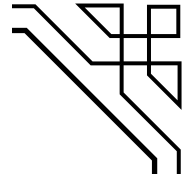
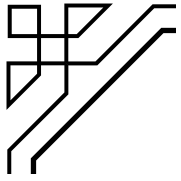
Opening and closing costs:  
 To be paid upon interment of Cremated Remains  
 Monday – Friday: \$250 Saturday: \$300

## 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](http://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 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Date:** Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>

**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

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

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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](mailto:nicholldance@msn.com)

Rectory Address: 999 Reading Ave, Yardley, PA 19067

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

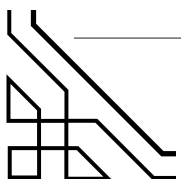
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Number of tickets @\$75 each: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

