



# St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

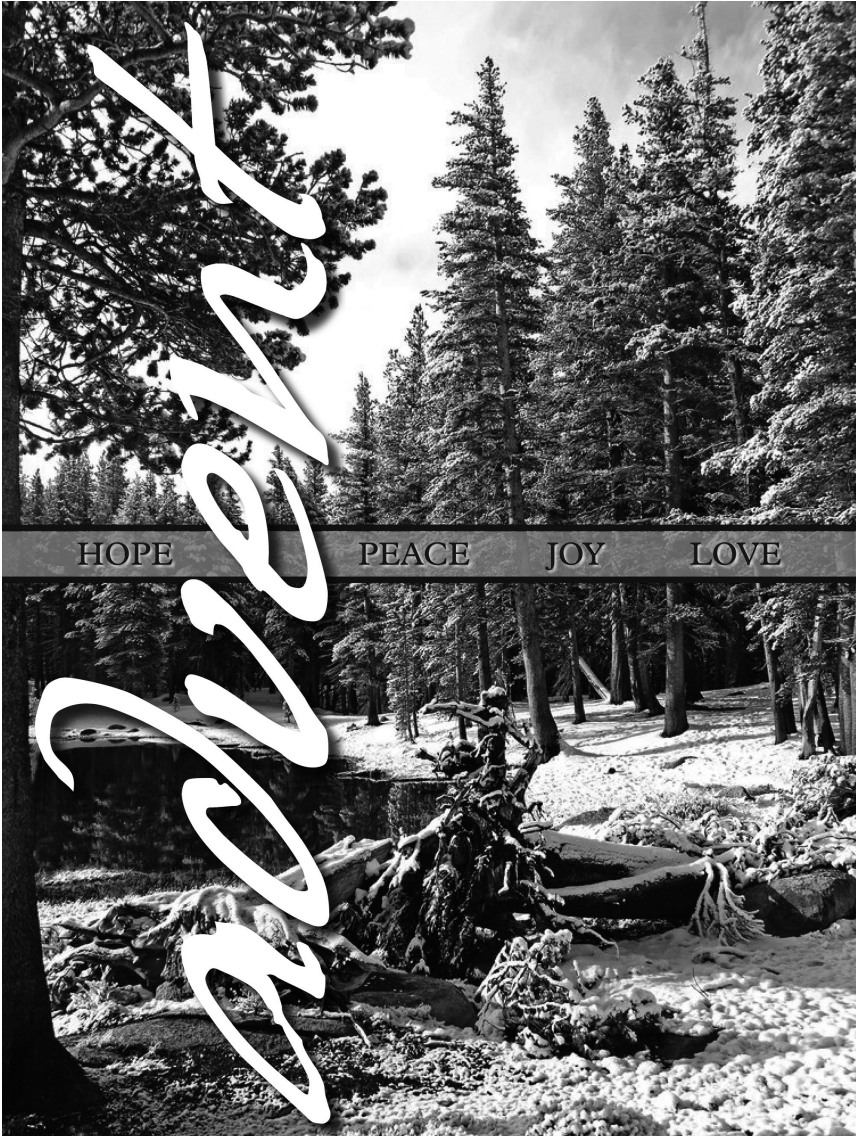
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*Second Sunday of Advent*

*December 8, 2019*



HOPE

PEACE

JOY

LOVE



YEARS

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1920-2020

ST. IGNATIUS  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

CELEBRATING OUR PAST  
EMBRACING OUR FUTURE

## 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 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)**

### Monday December 9, 2019

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

9:00AM **Louise Leonetti**  
(Barbera and Jurgen Scherer)

### Tuesday December 10, 2019

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

9:00AM **Ann and Joe Noto**  
(RoseAnn and Tom Lafisca)

### Wednesday December 11, 2019

Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30

9:00AM **Michael Tirman**  
(Kristen and Robert Sica)

### Thursday December 12, 2019

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 **Special Intention**  
(Loretta and Bill Amerine)

### Friday December 13, 2019

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

9:00AM **Jean Nicolo (Liz Murphy)**

### Saturday December 14, 2019

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

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

### 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)

## December 8, 2019 Second Sunday of Advent

### Reading I: Isaiah 11: 1-10

This section describes the coming rule of Emmanuel, or “God with us.” He will be of King David’s line; be blest with many spiritual gifts; and His reign will bring true peace and justice.

### Reading II: Romans 15: 4-9

Viewed from the perspective of our spiritual history, sufferings actually give us a basis for hope. Paul makes a plea for unity among the people. Jesus had to be a Jew in order to serve them, but that does not mean that Gentiles, such as Romans, are excluded from benefiting from God’s promises.

### The Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-12

John the Baptist, acting as Our Lord’s precursor, preaches essentially the same message as Jesus, namely “Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” John condemns the Pharisees and Sadducees as a “brood of vipers.” The coming Messiah will offer a superior baptism to John’s, one of the Holy Spirit and fire.”

## SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Church Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Lauren Szul (25th Anniversary of Death) requested by Barbara and Jill Borges.



**Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
**Pray for Us**

### Feast Day December 12th

Mary’s appearance to Juan Diego as one of his people is a powerful reminder that Mary—and the God who sent her—accept all peoples. In the context of the sometimes rude and cruel treatment of the Indians by the Spaniards, the apparition was a rebuke to the Spaniards and an event of vast significance for the indigenous population. While a number of them had converted before this incident, they now came in droves. According to a contemporary chronicler, nine million Indians became Catholic in a very short time. In these days when we hear so much about God’s preferential option for the poor, Our Lady of Guadalupe cries out to us that God’s love for and identification with the poor is an age-old truth that stems from the Gospel itself.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/our-lady-of-guadalupe/>

## MINISTERIAL STAFF

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## BECOMING A PARISHIONER

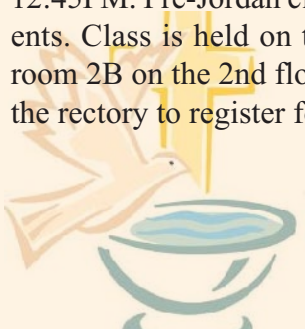
Whether it's your first time here or you have been coming to Mass here for years, we welcome you to join our parish. Please contact the rectory to register.

## 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

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





## FISCAL CORNER

As of week 9 of the Parish appeal, 219 families have contributed \$84,820 toward our goal of \$150,000. We are at 56.55% of this year's goal. We are behind last year's pace by \$11,380 and have \$65,180 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>12/02/18</u>		<u>12/01/19</u>	
Sunday Offering	\$15,550.00	384	\$15,603.00	332
Online Parish Giving	\$ 4,382.54		\$ 4,992.82	
<b>Total Weekly Contribution</b>	<b>\$19,932.54</b>		<b>\$20,595.82</b>	
	<u>11/25/18</u>		<u>11/24/19</u>	
Sunday Offering	\$16,715.00	308	\$14,477.00	364
Online Parish Giving	\$ 4,072.04		\$ 4,992.82	
<b>Total Weekly Contribution</b>	<b>\$20,787.04</b>		<b>\$19,340.85</b>	

*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, Sharon Brann, Bob Borges, Pat Brodowski, Kathy Carmody, Ruthann Carroll, Harris Carvel, Stephanie Carvel, Daniel Castillo, Brynn Clare Connor, Cliff Conway, Evelyn Conway, John Corra, Mary C. Crawford, Barry Deacon, Jessica DiRienzo, Frank Fazzalore, David Fry, Colleen Gallagher, Sherry Golden, Tom Golden, Rose Ann Grall, Richard Green, Jonathan Grubb, Madeline Guarnieri, Cathy Hammeke, Tommy Helkowski, 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 Rupprecht, 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/>

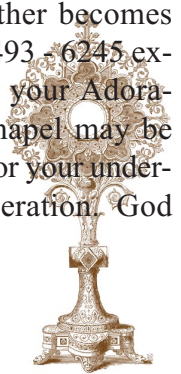


**PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED** especially those who have no one to pray for them, and the Holy Souls in purgatory.



**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!



**DECORATE THE CHURCH**

Please join us in decorating our church for Christmas on Sunday, December 15th 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.



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



“A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse.”



Looking for some special gifts? Our Santa Secret Shop will be open for adults to browse and shop on Tuesday, December 10 from 3:30 to 7:00 pm. Santa may even make a surprise visit!



Our Annual Christmas Concert will be presented on Thursday, December 12th beginning at 7:00pm in the auditorium. All are welcome to attend and enjoy the sweet sounds of our students.

**The Week's Happenings**

Wed., Dec. 11 – Grade 1 attends Christmas Party at Conwell Egan High School

Thurs., Dec. 12 – Report Cards distributed

Christmas Concert – 7:00pm

Fri., Dec. 13 – NO School

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

**THANK YOU FOR A VERY SUCCESSFUL ANNUAL TURKEY DRIVE**

The Social Action Committee has recorded a record year for our Annual Turkey Drive. 183 turkeys as well as numerous food products and gift cards were collected and distributed to the following churches and agencies: Holy Trinity Baptist and Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Hamilton, NJ, Church of the Living God, Master Builders Church, Holy Redeemer Food Cupboard, Philadelphia, Catholic Charities, Trenton, NJ, Aiding our Neighbors, Yardley, and No Longer Bound, Bristol. As usual, our “gift card angel” donated \$1000 in Giant gift cards and this as well as other gift cards donated will enable groups to purchase items as needed. Catholic Social Services in Levittown had previously been given financial help for a brunch they will have for their clients this Christmas season. The largest group of volunteers ever who helped with this drive made our job so much easier and most enjoyable. As always, your ongoing support of all of our efforts is most appreciated and we sincerely thank you. God Bless you.

## ADULT *Faith* FORMATION

Today is the second Sunday of Advent, the theme being peace. We are blessed to have Archbishop Charles Chaput visiting us to celebrate the opening mass of our 100- year celebration of St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish. He will be with us for the 11:30 AM mass and there will be a social celebration following in the Church auditorium. Truly, this is a time of joy. Imagine in 1919 that our parish started in a small building in the borough and has now grown to what you see now at the Reading Ave. location. We are truly blessed with a great parish, great families, a great pastor and staff, many great ministries and even more with the coming of our Savior in just 17 days. Let us prepare not only physically with gifts and decorations and shopping and well wishes, but with also peace in our hearts, peace in our families, making peace with Jesus through reconciliation and reception of the Sacraments and a return to prayer, fasting and almsgiving according to our means. Since He CAME to us over 2000 years ago, let us come to Him in daily prayer, mass, the Sacraments, the Adoration chapel, attendance at meetings of our ministries and reconciliation with those from whom we may be estranged, whether it be family, friends or work. One of the messages of the season is PEACE ON EARTH, let it begin with us!!! Amen!!! Today is the feast of the Immaculate Conception- meaning Mary was conceived without sin. We celebrate her feast day tomorrow- join us at Mass.

St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.

## Respect



This is the first Sunday of Advent. Let us prepare. Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Patronal feast day of the United States of America (December 9, 2019)

Since December 8 falls on a Sunday this year, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to December 9. (It is normally a holyday of obligation, but it is not obligatory this year). In this feast, we celebrate Mary's conception free from the stain of Original Sin, and we recognize that Mary's life began at the moment she was conceived in the womb of St. Anne. So, too, does every human life begin at the moment of conception, lovingly knit together by God the Father.

The Immaculate Conception is sometimes confused with the Annunciation. On this Solemnity, consider praying Pope Francis' Prayer for the Immaculate Conception: "We are in need of your immaculate gaze, to rediscover the ability to look upon persons and things with respect and awareness."

All are created in the image and likeness of God, so, see Jesus in your neighbor and treat them as such!

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

Intercessory Prayer: May God move us to act with tenderness and compassion for the most vulnerable among us; We pray to the Lord:

Intercessory Prayer: For all women; that they emulate Mary.

## 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:**

There are still 11 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.

### **ADVENT GIFT-GIVING MASS:**

Thank you to all of you who participated in our special Advent Gift-Giving Mass on December 3 and contributed a Christmas gift for the children of St. Katharine Drexel Parish in Chester and Sacred Heart Parish in Camden. You will make a lot of children happy this Christmas.

**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)*



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

**GET FORMED**



**Take courage;  
get up, he is  
calling you.  
Mk 10:49**

**Simply Visit:  
[www.stignatius.formed.org](http://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](mailto:kryzstofiak@live.bucks.edu) or club advisor Jean Dolan at [jean.dolan@bucks.edu](mailto:jean.dolan@bucks.edu)



## 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)