



St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

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Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2020



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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday: 5:15PM Vigil Mass

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

Daily, Monday to Friday: 9:00AM

*Special Schedules for Holy Days

PERPETUAL ADORATION

The chapel will remain closed at this time for Perpetual Adoration. Please see page 4 regarding Eucharistic Adoration in our main church.

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

(*Please see details on page 2)



Sunday December 13, 2020

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

7:30AM Myron and Pauline Komarnitsky
(Nicholas and Sonya Villari)

9:30AM John O'Rourke (Alice O'Rourke)

11:30AM Jenny Bowman (Mary Bowman)

6:00PM Jean Nicolo (Murphy and Menarde Family)

Monday December 14, 2020

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

279:00AM Antoinette Mundenar

(Len and Roseanne Fusco)

Tuesday December 15, 2020

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23; Mt 21:28-32

9:00AM Joseph Mansfield (Jack Dempsey)

Wednesday December 16, 2020

Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 7:18B-23

9:00AM Antoinette Mundenar

(Len and Roseanne Fusco)

Thursday December 17, 2020

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

9:00AM Margaret and Kenneth Bleakley

(James and Monica Walsh)

Friday December 18, 2020

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

9:00AM Michael Septer (Loretta and Bill Amerine)

Saturday December 19, 2020

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

5:15PM All Living and Deceased Parishioners

Sunday December 20, 2020

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

7:30AM Alicia Botz (Alice Higgins)

9:30AM Michael Septer (The Septer Family)

11:30AM Charles and Erne Hofelder

(Raymond Hofelder)

6:00PM Theresa and Sam White

(Jean Green and Ray Wilhoft)

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Church Sanctuary Candle burns in loving memory of Marybeth Keefe Carey requested by Tom and Lorraine Humphrey.



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Reading I: Isaiah 61: 1-2, 10-11

The prophet signals that God's work among the people has reached a new phase. Darkness will soon be overcome by God's light, and true justice will be firmly established.

Reading II: I Thessalonians 5: 16-24

St. Paul offers exhortations for community living, including respect for authority, and the shunning of all evil. He also tells his community that it is God's work among them promoting their peace and sanctification.

The Gospel: John 1: 6-8, 19-28

This poetic section introduces John the Baptist as a "man sent by God." Meanwhile John carefully points out to his followers that he is definitely not the long expected Christ. He is rather "a voice crying out in the desert" to announce the Christ.

RECTORY HOURS

The rectory office is open Monday through Thursday from 9AM until 4PM. All other times will be by appointment only. For your protection, and the protection of the staff, we ask that all persons over the age of 2 wear a mask while in the rectory. Please do not hesitate to contact us at 215-493-3377 or contact@stignatius.church before you stop by as most things can still be accomplished with a phone call.

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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.



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

December

Friday 12/18 - Closed

Wednesday 12/23 – Open 9am to 12pm, Thurs. 12/24 - Closed

Fri. 12/25 - Closed, Wednesday 12/30 Open 9am to 12pm,

Thurs 12/31 - Closed, Friday 1/1 - Closed

FISCAL CORNER

As of week 10 of the Parish appeal, 257 families have contributed \$92,890.71 toward our goal of \$150,000. We are at 61.93% of this year's goal and are \$7,960 behind last year's pace. We ask that you please consider a gift towards this most important appeal!

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. We are seeing a small decrease in our total Sunday collections as well as facing a shortfall in the school due to Covid remediation. Additional cost for cleaning and sanitizing, additional staff for remediation, supplies and signage, as well as the reduction in enrollment in our PreK program will result in a larger than average parish subsidy. If you can help with this effort, it would be greatly appreciated! You should have received our appeal 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, mail your contribution or drop it off directly to the rectory. You can even make a one time donation on our Parish Giving site. Please visit www.stignatius.church for more information on e-giving. Thank you for your generosity!

Weekly Collection

	<u>12/8/2019</u>		<u>12/6/2020</u>
Sunday Offering	\$ 16,924.00	338	\$ 9,273.00
Online Parish Giving	\$ 8,131.76		\$ 10,507.34
Total Weekly Contribution	\$ 25,055.76		\$ 19,780.34
 Retirement Fund for Religious	 \$ 1,189.00		 \$ 1,548.00

We are thankful for your consistent stewardship. ©JPPC



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, December 24th

4:00PM Vigil in the Church (will be Livestreamed)

(4:05pm Auditorium for overflow)

8:00PM Vigil

Christmas Day, December 25th

7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM

Seating capacity will be limited to 400 people in the church. The auditorium can also hold 400 people at the 4:05pm Vigil Mass.

Masks are required while in the building, and please follow guidelines for social distancing.

The faithful continue to be dispensed by the Archbishop from the obligation to attend Mass. Although the obligation is dispensed, please keep the Lord's

Day with prayer and reflection, along with the possible viewing of a live streamed celebration of Mass. Those who are sick or compromised due to health conditions are not to come to church.

Please
P R A Y
for the sick of our parish and
those that care for them

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

Loretta Amerine, Sabrina Amerine, Baby Brianna, Lorraine C., Rich C., Ruthann Carroll, Roberto Carvajal, Brynn Clare Connor, Evelyn Conway, Stacie Crane, C. Crawford, Rose Ann Grall, Jonathan Grubb, Madeline Guarnieri, Lou Gunkel, Charles Jacobson, Nathan Kilgore, Michael Kotwicki, Dave Maclay, Sean Marriott, Toni McConnell, Dorothy McMullen, Baby Eva McNamara, Christine Nassar, Nabil Nassar, Carolyn Rupprecht, Irene Schuka, Walter Shimp, Darwin Stout, 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, Rick Fuschetti, 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, Brett Ryan, 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, Erik Reyes, Anthony Albanese, and Juan Builes, to prepare for the 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/>



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DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD
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HEED THE CALL

A Reminder Regarding Phishing Scams

We will never request funds via email or text message from Fr. Brownholtz directly, especially from a third party source. If someone tries to trick you into purchasing any gift cards through an email or text message, it is ALWAYS a scam. Important rule of thumb, when in doubt... ask someone before responding!



Pray for our beloved deceased especially those who have no one to pray for them, and the Holy Souls in purgatory.



CHILDREN'S Liturgy of the Word

The Children's Liturgy of the Word has resumed with safety measures in place. All participants will be asked to wear masks/face shields. The children will be spaced six feet apart while we process downstairs at the start of Children's Liturgy and again while we process upstairs afterwards. In addition, we will set up the worship space on the floor of the auditorium to provide additional room to spread the children. The children will sit on individual mats that will be disinfected each week. Siblings will be permitted to sit next to one another, if they choose, but all other participants will be spaced six feet apart. For the time being, leaflets will not be distributed. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mary Alice LaMorte at malamorte@verizon.net at any time. We look forward to an interactive Children's Liturgy with your children once again!



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Catholic Cemetery
& Columbarium

Our Outdoor Columbarium Niches, located in the memorial circle in the center of our cemetery, are now available for sale. Double granite front niches are intended to be used for the cremated remains of two persons behind a marble shutter. If you have any questions, or are interested in purchasing a niche, please visit our parish website at www.stignatius.church or call the Rectory at 215-493-3377.

NOTARY SERVICES

Need a document notarized? We now have a notary on staff here at the Rectory and would like to offer this as a free service to our parishioners. If you need a document notarized, please give us a call to make sure we are here to perform the service. Be sure to bring the unsigned document, as well as an acceptable form of ID.

Do you have questions about the Catholic Faith?

Saint Ignatius Parish offers year round opportunities for people seeking more information about the Catholic Faith, the Sacraments, and living the Christian Life. These opportunities are for adults who would like to inquire about following Jesus and becoming a member of the Catholic Church, or, if you are already a baptized Christian, would like to become Catholic, or, if you are already a baptized Catholic, would like to receive Confirmation and Holy Communion. There are many people like yourself inquiring and we are ready to answer your questions. Please contact the rectory for more information.

THANK YOU FROM CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD

Hello Ken Driver, My name is Kenneth Fuller and I am the pastor of the Church of the Living God. Once again you and the social action committee at St Ignatius have blessed us in South Philadelphia. We had no idea what we would be able to do this year with Covid 19 terrorizing the region. However, with God using your church and this wonderful committee we were able to provide for each and every person who came to the church hoping to receive a turkey. Ken we at the Church say thank you, And please tell all of our brothers and sister at St Ignatius and the social action committee that the Church of the Living God appreciates them and all that they do.

Love Your Brother in Christ,
Bishop Kenneth Fuller

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.



HELP TO COPE WITH POOR PRENATAL DIAGNOSIS

If a Prenatal Diagnosis is poor, you are not alone. Lily's Gift, is a network of concerned parents and professionals who have experienced or worked closely with issues surrounding poor prenatal diagnosis. This ministry can provide a peer support team to assist couples during this critical time. Email

LilysGiftLuke12.27@gmail.com for support. You can also call 215-587-3530 or submit a request at www.LilysGift.org. For more information about a Catholic response to PPD visit www.LilysGift.org or www.Be-NotAfraid.net.

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.

ADULT Faith FORMATION

Saturday, Dec. 12 is the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. If you are not familiar with the story, it is enshrined in a plaque at the memorial to Our Lady at the Reading Ave. entrance to our Church. Mary appeared as a pregnant Mexican woman to St. Juan Diego and requested that Juan ask the Bishop to build a basilica on the spot- Tepeyac Hill- where Mary was appearing to Juan. The Bishop asked for proof. The Bishop's favorite flowers were orange-red Castilian roses which only grew in Spain. When Juan returned to Mary for a second appearance, Mary told Juan to go pick flowers on the top of the hill and Juan gathered the yellow Castilian roses in his tilma (burlap pancho) and took them to the Bishop. As he unfolded the tilma, the roses fell to the floor (remember this was December and it was cold and snowy at that time!) and on the tilma was the image of Mary as an indigenous Mexican woman pregnant standing on the world crushing the head of the serpent with the constellation of that time on her cloak. That tilma still exists today over 500 years since the apparition intact and untouched. It has been examined by many scientists that state they have no notion as to how the 'portrait' is on the burlap as it seems the coloring 'hovers above' the substance of the tilma. The image of Mary was credited with ending a deadly epidemic of hemorrhagic fever in Mexico City in 1736-7. Let us pray to Our Lady of Guadalupe to end our current pandemic and lead our nation into a culture of life and one that honors her and her Son, Jesus. St. Thomas Aquinas pray for us.

Respect



"Perhaps one of your friends or a family member has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother." The moms who are seeking abortion are usually doing so out of fear or ignorance of the procedure and what it does or lack of support or somehow being 'forced' into the decision. For as many women who come to crisis pregnancy centers seeking help or support there are that many reasons and more. The women who work at crisis pregnancy centers are on the front line of good and evil; life and death. They walk a very fine line of trying to do the 'right thing for life' and helping the woman who wishes to end the life of their baby. It is a 'do or die' time; every client; every day. Sometimes, there is success and a decision for life; other times, not so and the women leave to go elsewhere to have their abortions. We follow those women, too, and offer them post-abortion counseling and help with resolving the significant physical, mental and spiritual tolls of their decisions. Rachel's Vineyard is one of the ministries which provides that holistic support of women who have been victimized by abortion. Why this topic at this time of the year? Because Jesus was an unplanned pregnancy; because Mary was an unmarried teenager who found herself pregnant; because Joseph, as her betrothed, was upset at his future wife being pregnant; because Mary and Joseph's family and friends did not fully understand the meaning of this pregnancy event... and, yet, Mary's 'yes' turned out to be the most meaningful 'yes' in all of recorded history and beyond... for ALL of us. So, we, too, need to pray and help these women with unplanned pregnancies also say 'yes', because that child is God's will!

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us, especially on this your feast day during this pandemic.

Intercessory Prayer: For women facing an unexpected pregnancy: May they be filled with trust in God's providence and lovingly welcome the gift of their child; We pray to the Lord:

Rose of Life Intention: For all unplanned pregnancies; the moms and the babies; dads too!

DECORATE THE CHURCH

Please join us in decorating our church for Christmas on Sunday, December 20th 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.

DONATIONS NEEDED



Please consider helping Kelly Larr work on her Girl Scout Silver Award Project. She will be collecting educational games/toys and electronic Leapfrogs for the children at the Bucks County Emergency Homeless Shelter. The donation drop-off is going to be December 5th/6th to December 12th/13th. If you have any questions you can email klarr26@gmail.com.



Visit our parish website
and celebrate the

Mass,
with our parish community!

LIVESTREAMING ON OUR WEBPAGE AT 9:30AM

until we gather again in
WORSHIP
know that you are
MISSED
know that you are
LOVED



Join us for an Advent Retreat
with Father Pio Mandato FMHJ

The hearts deepest longing is for Heaven

***UPDATED**

*"No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived what God
has prepared for those who love him"*

1 Corinthians 2:9

Monday, December 14th

"Faith"

A Healing Blessing will be given after the 9am Mass

7:00 pm Exposition of the Eucharist and Benediction

**Conference On Judgement - For we must all appear before
the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive
what is due us for the things done while in the body,
whether good or bad. (2 Cor 5:10).**

Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available

Tuesday, December 15th

"Hope"

Conference on Padre Pio after the 9am Mass

7:00 pm Healing service with Adoration

**Conference: on Death and Hell: "All men are appointed to
die once, and after that face the Judgement (Hebrews 9:27).**

*Adoration and healing blessing with the glove of St Pio, that he
wore over his stigmatized hand.*

Wednesday, December 16th

"Love"

**7:00 pm Lenten Liturgy with dedication of the Parish to Our
Lady With Marian procession**

**Homily on "Heaven". Scripture teaches: "now we are chil-
dren of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be.
We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, be-
cause we will see Him just as He is". 1 John 3:2.**

Volunteers Needed!

Advocates for the Homeless and Those in Need (AHTN) an inter-faith organization, runs a Code Blue shelter to house the homeless in lower Bucks County on cold winter nights. It will be opening on December 1st this year, and the shelter will be housed at Calvary Baptist Church, 250 Green Lane in Bristol, PA.

Volunteers are needed each night the Shelter is open to help welcome the guests, prepare meals and take overnight shifts. Volunteer training can be completed online, and all COVID protocols will be followed.

St. Ignatius already works closely with AHTN, by preparing and serving a Shared Meal to our homeless and needy friends each month. For more information about volunteering at the Shelter or any other mission, please visit Home | Advocates For Homeless & Those In Need or contact Jen Sullivan (jenny_sullivan414@yahoo.com or (215)369-9262).



My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

RENTAL ASSISTANCE

Are you in need of rent, mortgage, or utility assistance? Catholic Social Services is here to help you! You may be eligible for financial assistance. Please call 215-624-5920 for further information.



Exposition will be held Monday thru Friday from 10AM to 8PM. The restrictions for church attendance such as social distancing and wearing of masks apply. To assist with church sanitizing we are designating the front 3 pews for this devotion. We hope to resume 24/7 Perpetual Adoration in the Chapel when it is advisable. In the meantime, let us pray for each other and may God continue to bless you and your families.



GET FORMED



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

MASS AT HOME

FAITH AT HOME

SCHOOL AT HOME

PRAY AT HOME

KIDS STUFF

MOVIE NIGHTS

FORMED LIVE

HOLY HOURS