



# St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2020

*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*

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*Christ, the Lord.*

## Christmas Mass Schedule

(please see page 4 for details)

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

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 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)

**Monday December 21, 2020**

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

9:00AM Joseph Bertocchi (Norma Bertocchi)

**Tuesday December 22, 2020**

1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

9:00AM Dolores Kupiec

(Martin and Jackie Madden)

**Wednesday December 23, 2020**

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66

9:00AM Alice and John Walsh

(James and Monica Walsh)

**Thursday December 24, 2020**

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

9:00AM Katherine Trigg Schmidt (Robert Trigg)

4:00PM Bartholomew Brownholtz (St. Ignatius Staff)

8:00PM Helen and George Moore (James Hosgood)

**Friday December 25, 2020**

Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25 Midnight: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

7:30AM All Living and Deceased Parishioners

9:30AM Joseph Murphy (Wife and Children)

11:30AM Giuseppa Covello (The Covello Family)

**Saturday December 26, 2020**

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22

5:15PM Licia Hanf (Family)

## SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Church Sanctuary Candle burns in loving memory of Caroline and Anthony Molica requested by Laretta and Larry Perini.



**December 20, 2020**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Reading I: 2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8-11, 16**

David is told by Nathan that the Lord will build a “house” (dynasty) and that his line will be an everlasting one that will enable people to enjoy peace.

**Reading II: Romans 16: 25-27**

Paul makes known the divine plan, which is linked with Old Testament books. He recognizes that he is called to make the Gospel known to all the nations.

**The Gospel: Luke 1: 26-38**

This section is the annunciation of Christ’s birth put in parallel with the annunciation of His cousin John the Baptist’s. Nazareth was an insignificant town never mentioned in the Old Testament. The angel Gabriel calls Mary “one who is enjoying God’s favor,” or “full of grace.”



# merry CHRISTMAS

*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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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.



### **RECTORY OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURES**

Wednesday 12/23 – Open 9am to 12pm,  
Thursday 12/24 - Closed  
Friday 12/25 - Closed  
Wednesday 12/30 Open 9am to 12pm  
Thursday 12/31 - Closed  
Friday 1/1 - Closed

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.



## FISCAL CORNER

### 2020-2021 Annual Parish Appeal

If you have not yet contributed to our 2020-2021 parish appeal, there are only 2 weeks left for your donation to count in 2020. Right now we are at 61.93% of this year goal and can only reach our goal of \$150,000 with your help! This critical parish financial appeal will run 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. If you need an appeal envelope, they are 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 generosity!

***Our Nativity set is almost complete! We have sponsorship opportunities available for the Ox (which we have already purchased) - \$3,000, the woman shepherd - \$3,000 and the Camel - \$5,000. If you are interested in sponsoring one of these pieces, please give the rectory a call!***

## Weekly Collection

**Due to the Christmas Holy Day, last weekend's collection will appear in next weekend's bulletin.**

*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, 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  
ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA  
**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](mailto:malamorte@verizon.net) at any time. We look forward to an interactive Children's Liturgy with your children once again!



*St. Ignatius of Antioch School, a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, is a small private Catholic school founded by the Sisters of St. Francis in 1958. As part of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, we provide an academically rigorous, core curriculum, faith-based education to the families of St. Ignatius of Antioch parish and the surrounding area.*

*We emphasize academics, a wide range of activities, and the latest in classroom technology. We achieve a close family environment where students are committed to Christian values, high academic skills and a positive self-image.*

**~A Legacy of Faith and Family~**

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**From the Religious Education Office ... The PREP office is open from Sundays through Thursdays. I am in the Antioch Center (old rectory) on Sundays and weekday evenings.**

## **Religious Education PREP REGISTRATION:**

**PREP (Parish Religious Education Program)** is for children in Grades K to 8. PREP classes are being held remotely at the present time. Parents can find the lessons on the parish website. (Go to [stignatius.church](http://stignatius.church), and then click on PREP. The grade levels will come up, so click on the level you want. Finish up by completing the Interactive Session Review and send results to Mrs. Perini's email – [lperini@stignatius.church](mailto:lperini@stignatius.church)). Each class's lesson will be available for 3 weeks only. Then the next lesson will replace it. Registered families can communicate with the teachers by email. If you missed registration, please stop in our office or call us (215-493-5204) to receive the registration form by email.

**Special Needs:** Parents, are you aware that we have a PREP class for students with special needs? If we could help to give your child a religious education in a small group environment, please call Annmarie at 215-493-5204.

**8th Grade Students:** Our program this year is Matthew Kelly's Decision Point. Parents, please encourage your 8th graders to continue their study of God and his Church. Confirmation is not graduation from learning about God; this is a lifetime commitment.

## **SACRAMENTS:**

**\*\*\*FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION:** If you missed the informational Parent Meeting for First Penance/Holy Communion, we will have a Zoom meeting on Thursday, January 7, at 7:00 p.m. I will email you the link earlier that day. For those of you who were not at the in-person meeting, I will also email you the informational papers earlier that week. First Penance will take place on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. First Communion is scheduled for Saturday, April 17, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. Mass and 12:00 noon Mass.

## **CONFIRMATION:**

**\*\*\*If you missed the Zoom Parent Meeting for Confirmation, I did send out the paperwork that is due no later than January 31. If you need me to email it again, just let me know. Confirmation is scheduled for Saturday, April 24, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., with Bishop John J. McIntyre.**





## St. Ignatius of Antioch

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](http://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.



**Congratulations to the following students who have received honors at Conwell Egan Catholic High School:**

**First Honors:** Sarah Baker, Emilia Kulak, Brielle McNair, Helena Sims, John Moyer, Sara Aschenbrenner, Matthew Badman, Katherine Brennan, Thomas Watkins

**Second Honors:** Juliana Burke, Carter Kulak, Kelly Larr, Alexandra Machek

### 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.



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.



**LIVESTREAMING ON OUR  
WEBPAGE AT 9:30AM**

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

As we approach the feast of the Nativity of our Lord, Jesus this week, many of us will not be celebrating in the fashion of previous years due to the pandemic. There are many restrictions on travel, on gatherings and on celebrations and we have all felt the after-effects of these 'lock-downs' and restrictions over the past 9 months. Some of us won't get to mass but will attend through streaming; some family gatherings and dinners will not happen; some nursing home tenants will not get visitors; some grandparents won't get to see their grandchildren; some parents won't get to see their children; some siblings won't be getting together. Schools have been closed or virtual for quite a while now; there is hope and promise of a vaccine but not, perhaps, for months. Our parish ministries have been postponed/re-scheduled/or just cancelled. What is Jesus trying to tell us? Why is He allowing this to happen at this time? Over 2000 years ago, He came into this world in a very simple, poor way- born in a stable to a virgin teenager as a little baby without much fanfare other than angels singing 'on high' to announce the birth of the King of all Kings and the Savior of the world. Do we recognize Jesus as the King of all Kings? Do we celebrate Jesus as Savior of the world and the reason for our salvation? Do we talk to Him? Do we pray to Him? Do we mention His name in mixed company? Or, have we removed any mention of Him from schools, from public celebrations, from public gatherings, from courthouses and public squares??? Are we not to mention His name in public? Are the churches the first place to be 'locked down' during the pandemic? Are our Bishops defending our rights to mass and the Sacraments- the signs and sources of the graces we need to sustain us on this journey called life? What are our priorities? Perhaps, in this time of pandemic restrictions we can spend a little more time and pay a little more attention to prayer, reading of Scripture, a visit to adoration (10 AM to 8 PM M-F at St. Ignatius) or daily mass or reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. After all, He did bring His divinity to our humanity; He did live among us; He did die for us; He did give us HIS WORD; He did give us our Church- the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church and He has sent messages/apparitions and saints to keep us informed. There has to be a reason!? Maybe He is speaking to us all?

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."

God so love the Son, and the Son so loved the Father that their love become the Third Person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit- the Lord, the Giver of Life as is prayed in the Creed; in marriage the love between husband and wife is said to be 'Trinitarian' in that the husband loves the wife and the wife loves the husband in their total giving of self to the other that in the presence of the Holy Spirit their loves becomes a third person- their children- created through the Holy Spirit to exist for all of eternity! And part of God's plan for life and love. This week we celebrate the feast of the Incarnation of God becoming man- His love manifested for us so physically that He became the person of Jesus Christ, born of a virgin, without sin to show us how to live, to show us how to die, to tell us what to do and to give us the Church and His Word that we may safely navigate this journey we call life, one of the 'rights' enshrined in our Constitution. So, let us turn to Him and His ways and His Word so that His Incarnation is not in vain.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

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

Rose of Life Intention: For all unplanned pregnancies and their parents.





We ♥ love  
having you as part of our Flock

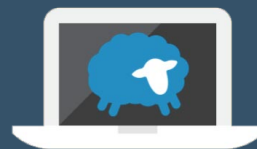
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## How much does a niche cost?

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.

## 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.

For More Information visit our website:

[www.stignatius.church](http://www.stignatius.church)