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Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

January 26, 2020



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- Jan 31, 2020

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Daily Readings and Mass Intentions

Sunday January 26, 2020

*Is 8:23—9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17;
Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17*

7:30AM Walter and Dorothy Miller
(The Miller Family)

9:30AM Luke Porretti (The Cardone Family)

11:30AM Walter and Janet Miller
(The Miller Family)

6:00PM All Living and Deceased Parishioners

Monday January 27, 2020

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30

9:00AM Emanuel Schwarz (The Herman Family)

Tuesday January 28, 2020

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Mk 3:31-35

9:00AM Pat Haynes (Marlise Belinsky)

Wednesday January 29, 2020

2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30; Mk 4:1-20

9:00AM Theo and Gus Kuhlman
(Carolyn Kuhlman)

Thursday January 30, 2020

*2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14;
Mk 4:21-25*

9:00AM Mary Ramsey (Paul Ramsey)

Friday January 31, 2020

*2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7,
10-11; Mk 4:26-34*

9:00AM Bartholomew Brownholtz
(Marcia and Irene Shchuka)

Saturday February 1, 2020

*2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mk
4:35-41*

5:15PM Harry and Jenny Bowman
(The Andreev Family)

Sunday February 2, 2020

*Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40
or 2:22-32*

7:30AM Richard and Marie Green
(Jean Green and Ray Wilhoft)

9:30AM Alicia Botz (Joyce McLaughlin)

11:30AM Lauren Nicole Young
(The Young Family)

6:00PM Harry and Jenny Bowman
(Mary Bowman)

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Reading I: Isaiah 8: 23-9:3

The prophet speaks of Yahweh ending the darkness felt by the northern tribes and giving the Israelites a victory over the Assyrians. This triumph leads to “great joy” followed by the appearance of a “great light” meaning Christ.

Reading II: I Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17

Paul writes of rival groups existing in the community, and urges them to strive for unity. Authentic preaching releases the power of the gospel and the Cross of Christ.

The Gospel: Matthew 4: 12-23, or 4: 12-17

Jesus begins His Galilean ministry by calling His first disciples. This is the closest He comes to founding a Church before the crucifixion. The immediacy of the response may have resulted from a severe compression of the whole story.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Church Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Richard Green requested by Mary Crawford.



St. Thomas Aquinas

Feast Day : January 28th

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, pervades his writings. One might expect Thomas, as a man of the gospel, to be an ardent defender of revealed truth. But he was broad enough, deep enough, to see the whole natural order as coming from God the Creator, and to see reason as a divine gift to be highly cherished.

The Summa Theologiae, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology. He stopped work on it after celebrating Mass on December 6, 1273. When asked why he stopped writing, he replied, “I cannot go on.... All that I have written seems to me like so much straw compared to what I have seen and what has been revealed to me.” He died March 7, 1274.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-thomas-aquinas/>

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BECOMING A PARISHIONER

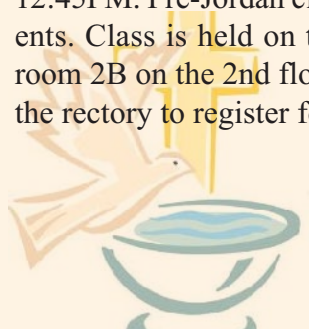
Whether it's your first time here or you have been coming to Mass here for years, we welcome you to join our parish. Please contact the rectory to register.

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.



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 or call the Rectory at 215-493-3377.

FISCAL CORNER

As of week 16 of the Parish appeal, 340 families have contributed \$134,360 toward our goal of \$150,000. We are at 89.57% of this year's goal. **We are behind last year's pace by \$5,880** and have \$15,640 to go to meet our goal. This critical parish financial appeal will run from October through the end of January, so **there is not much time left to meet our goal.** 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>1/20/2019</u>		<u>1/19/2020</u>	
Sunday Offering	\$14,292.00	356	\$14,466.00	336
Online Parish Giving	\$ 4,004.93		\$ 6,552.95	
Total Weekly Contribution	\$18,296.93		\$21,018.95	
 Catholic Relief Services	 \$ 1,522.00		 \$ 1,356.00	

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

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.



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

Loretta Amerine, Sabrina Amerine, Marie Brady, Baby Brianna, Patricia Broderick, 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 Katwicks, Andrew Kelly, Monica Kenney, 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, Michael Tantala, 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, 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 1am, and 2 p.m., Monday 1am, Tuesday 3 a.m. 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Wednesday 4am, 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.

To sign up for the school's hour (Saturday 4pm - 5pm), please sign up at : <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10c0f45a4af2fa6fb6-holy>.



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"



We begin Catholic Schools Week by remembering St. John Bosco. John was born in Becchi, Italy in 1815. After ordination he spent many years in Turin helping the many poor boys. He died in 1888 and is the Patron Saint of Schoolchildren.



We invite family and friends to join us for the many events taking place:

Sunday, Jan. 26 - 11:30 - Opening Liturgy - All students are to attend Mass with their class dressed in the school uniform. Students are to meet in the auditorium at 11:15.

12:30 – 2:00 – Social for Current Families & Friends in auditorium

12:30 2:00 – Open House in School for Prospective Families

Monday, Jan. 27 - 9:00 - 11:00 Open House

1:30 - Religion Bee - gym

Tuesday, Jan. 28 - Dress Down Day for Students - Bingo Day for Students

9:00 - 11:00 - Open House

9:30 - 11:00 - Bingo - grades K - 3 - cafeteria

1:00 - 2:30 - Bingo - grades 4 - 7 - cafeteria

10:00 - 10:45 - Bingo - grade Pre K 4 - classroom

Bingo cost \$.50 a game - Snacks - \$.50 - Students need no more than \$5.00.

Thank you for supporting the efforts of our 8th grade students.

Wednesday, Jan. 29 - Patriotic Day - \$1.00 Dress Down in Red, White and Blue - Money raised will go to the Travis Manion Foundation

Wednesday, Jan. 29 - 9:00 - 11:00 - Open House

Birthday boxes for needy to be assembled in classrooms

11:30 - 12:45 - Pizza Lunch for Students

1:30 - Assembly for Students

Thursday, Jan. 30 - 9:00 - 11:00 - Open House

9:00 - 10:00 - 8th grade students to switch places with teachers

Vocation Discussions in classrooms

12:45 - Talent Show Dress Rehearsal

Friday, Jan. 31 - 7:45 - 9:00 - Breakfast for Faculty from H & S

12:15 - Early Dismissal

7:00pm - Talent Show



ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WE ARE CURRENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR ENROLLMENT FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2020-2021. CONTACT THE SCHOOL FOR MORE INFORMATION. 215-493-3867

ADULT *Faith* FORMATION

Ash Wednesday is Feb 26, 2020- one month from today. This year we will be having a Lenten Mini-retreat on Saturday 2/22/20 to prepare for Lent. The morning begins with 8:30 AM mass; there will be a continental breakfast from 9:30 to 10:30 AM in the church auditorium; Fr. Brian Kean is Principal of St. JPII High School in Paoli and he will be offering two reflections on the true meaning of Lent. The season is not just about 'giving something up'; it is about sacrifice; it is about repentance; it is about fasting; it is about alms giving; it is a time of prayer and reflection. Why not try to attend mass more often? Go to confession more often? Say the rosary more often? Have one day per week where you only eat one meal? Visit the adoration chapel? Come to an Adult Ed program? We are in week two of Who Am I to Judge by Edward Sri- meeting Wednesday evenings at 7 PM on the second floor of the Antioch Center.

We are only one month into this new Leap Year- why not take a leap into new 'habits' of faith?
St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.

Respect



Abortion affects countless marriages, more than many people recognize. But God's grace can bring true healing in relationships. Learn more at respectlife.org/healing-in-marriage or find help via goo.gl/XPyrMb. Our 8th grade students were given the title of "Discussing with a friend how they would defend life when confronted with someone who supports abortion".

This Sunday we will be giving out awards to our 8th grade students for their writing efforts on prolife essays. It is important that our youth learn the truth about this topic, language to discuss, and mercy and compassion in such discussion. Further, with over a million abortions in the US every year and our divorce rate being in the mid-30th %, our families are being damaged, our children are being damaged and women are suffering major physical and emotional damages for which they are not being helped.

Intercessory Prayer: May all who suffer from participating in abortion turn to God's loving forgiveness;
We pray to the Lord

Rose of Life Intention: For all women who have had abortions.

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!

Seeking 100 Haikus or More

Last week we learned of the Knights of Columbus plan to publish a Parish Memory Book for our 100th Anniversary celebration. Each person may share 1, 2, or 3 original haiku memories. Remember by definition: Just three lines of 5, 7, and 5 syllables in total. Get an early start to meet the deadline of April 7th. Two more examples:

(5) *Great C Y O Coach,*
(7) *Jack Hagan. Lucky the*
boys
(5) *Who played on his team.*

(5) *Who would have thought*
that
(7) *St. Ignatius School would*
bring
(5) *Us life-long friendships.*

**ROARING 20'S NIGHT
AT ROSE BANK WINERY-
MUSIC/DINNER/OPEN BAR
INCLUDED
FRIDAY 2/21/2020
6:30-10:30 PM**

\$75 PER PERSON; \$750
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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.

SACRAMENTS:

RECONCILIATION:

We will be celebrating the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Tuesday evening, March 3, at 7:00 p.m. Families should accompany their children, and you too are invited to receive the Sacrament. There will be several priests available.

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 was due by January 15. This includes the sponsor's letter of eligibility. Please get this in as soon as possible.

FIRST COMMUNION:

There are still 2 families who have not picked up their packets from the First Penance/First Communion Parent Meeting in October. Please contact Annmarie (215-493-5204) to arrange a time when you can get the information.



Family Ministry Dinner: Families Serving Families
Feb 8 after 5:15 Mass
Church Auditorium

RSVP REQUIRED by 2/3 on Signup Genius:
Search for YardleyFamilyMinistry@gmail.com

- Families from Neighbor in Need are attending; please sign up to share a dish.
- No walk ins or late RSVPs can be accommodated
- Kid friendly activities & food available as always
- Dinner won't be the same without you!

Designer Handbag Bingo Sponsored by Kiwanis Club Of Washington Crossing-Yardley

- *Michael Kors, Tory Burch, Kate Spade, Dooney & Bourke
- When: February 7, 2019 (snow date 2/21/19)
- Location: St. Ignatius Auditorium
- Time: Doors Open at 6:15 p.m.; Games start 7:30 p.m.
- Cost: \$40.00 in Advance; \$45.00 at the door
- *Includes 12 rounds of bingo with 3 games each
- *Extra booklets available for purchase
- *Raffle Baskets & 50/50 available
- *BYOB and Appetizer to Share
- *13th Round (\$20.00) for Louis Vuitton (\$1400.00 Value)

Registration: Contact Johanny... 267-968-6651
Proceeds benefit local High School Scholarships and other charities to aid children

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The Crusader Student Newsletter

Special Edition

Volume 6 Issue 2

In celebration of Catholic Schools Week, St. Ignatius School presents a special edition of our student-produced newsletter, *The Crusader*.

St. Ignatius Parish Celebrates 100 Years

By: Isabelle Glunz, 7th Grade

This year is a huge milestone for our parish--the 100th Anniversary! Started in 1920, the church was originally on Main Street in Yardley Borough, but moved to Reading Avenue in 1958. To begin this anniversary celebration, the parish gathered on December 8th for a very special Mass. Philadelphia's Archbishop Chaput came to celebrate the 11:30am liturgy, and the church was packed with more than 600 parishioners! It was a beautiful Mass, and afterwards a luncheon, catered by Joey G's, was held in the church auditorium. The auditorium looked beautiful and the food was delicious. This Christmas, our parish got a new nativity set as well. Members of the parish donated each piece of the nativity. As this special year continues, more events will be held to celebrate the centennial. Save the date for the 1920s-themed dinner dance, to be held at Rosebank Winery on February 21st. A parish Mission is planned for March 29-31, featuring Fr. Pio Mandato. Everyone is welcome to share in these events and make this an amazing year!



The Crusader : 100% Student Effort

By: Rebecca Bentz, 6th Grade

The Crusader Student Newsletter used to be written and produced by parent volunteers, but no longer. Today, we are very proud of the fact that our newsletter is completely run by students in grades 4-8. In 2014, Mr. Merrick and Mrs. Glunz started moderating *The Crusader* staff. The life of a staff writer for *The Crusader* goes like this: every Monday, we meet in the 5th-grade classroom during the lunch/recess period. At our first meeting for each edition, we decide on which stories we want to be in the newsletter. Then we assign reporters to each story. From there, we spend time researching the topic, interviewing teachers and other students, carefully gathering quotes from them. Next, we take all of the information and write a story that will be edited by Mrs. Glunz and Mr. Merrick. Once our draft has been edited, the students make changes and submit it for formatting and layout. Margaret Fronheiser of 6th grade is in her second year doing the layout, and more students are planning to join the layout team. To learn more about *The Crusader*, be sure to read each edition as it is published and join us on Mondays, so you can see what it is like to be part of this great student-run publication!

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Lunch with Santa

By: Julia Klukowski, 7th Grade

On December 7th, the annual Lunch with Santa was held from 1-3pm in the church auditorium. There were a lot of fun crafts to do this year. One of them featured candy, icing, and a gingerbread man to decorate; afterwards, you could eat your creation! Santa arrived at 2pm and greeted every child with a candy cane and a coloring book. He asked them what they wanted for Christmas and took a picture with them, too. For lunch, pizza, snacks, and refreshments were served. All of the children had a lot of fun, and they are looking forward to it next year.



2019 Christmas Concert

By: Eloise Fronheiser, 4th Grade

On December 12th, 2019, the annual school Christmas Concert happened. All of the students in grades Pre-K3 to 8th grade went to the church auditorium at 6:45pm. The children's parents went to watch the students sing their songs. Fifth grade sang "The First Noel," and Kindergarten sang "Away In a Manger." Even the school band participated by playing a few songs. The audience clapped very loudly when the students finished their songs. It was a night to remember! Fourth grader Cecilia Platero said, "I liked that everyone had a chance to sing what they learned." Annie Nedl, a 2nd grader, summed up the entire evening: "I liked everything!" she said.