



St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 28, 2020



Live streaming on Sundays at 9:30am



Children's Liturgy will remain suspended throughout the summer. Children's Liturgy leaflets on the table by the back door of the church. We invite families to take one and enjoy with your children all summer.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday: 5:15PM Vigil Mass

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

Daily, Monday to Friday: 9:00AM

*Special Schedules for Holy Days

PERPETUAL ADORATION

The chapel will remain closed at this time for Perpetual Adoration. However, it is open for a short visit if your health permits since Jesus is in the Tabernacle as He is in all churches.

Our church is also open for private prayer following daily Mass until 4PM.

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– Thursday 9:00AM—4:00PM

Friday - CLOSED

Saturday—CLOSED

(*Please see details on page 2)



Sunday June 28, 2020

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

7:30AM All Living and Deceased Parishioners

9:30AM Robert McLaughlin (Joyce McLaughlin)

**11:30AM Helen and Charles Servis
(Joe and Sue Bednarski)**

Monday June 29, 2020

Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

9:00AM Stanley Halas (Loretta and Al Halas)

Tuesday June 30, 2020

Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8; Mt 8:23-27

9:00AM Daniel Dempsey (Jack Dempsey)

Wednesday July 1, 2020

Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Ps 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17; Mt 8:28-34

**9:00AM Ellen Anne Behr
(Patty and Rich Campanelli)**

Thursday July 2, 2020

Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 9:1-8

**9:00AM Wayne LaRoche
(Kathy and Richard Moore)**

Friday July 3, 2020

Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 20:24-29

9:00AM Z. John Krakowiak (Brittany Bontemps)

Saturday July 4, 2020

Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 9:14-17

5:15PM Mary Ramsey (The Ramsey Family)

Sunday July 5, 2020

Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

**7:30AM Ed and Pat Haynes
(Maryann and Emil Prigge)**

**9:30AM Deacon Michael and Anna Cibenko
(The Kloc Family)**

11:30AM Michael Herlihy (Margaret Herlihy)

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Church Sanctuary Candle burns for Frank Fazzalore requested by Wednesday Bridge Group.



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Reading I: 2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16 a

This story of the Shunite woman who offered hospitality to the prophet Elisha became part of the legends of the people. Her reward for her hospitality is the promise of a son, thus removing her shame.

Reading II: Romans 6: 3-4, 8-11

Paul teaches his readers how the new Christian life brings a certain kind of freedom from the old self through a new union with Christ. Baptism is the key, because it identifies us with Christ's death and resurrection, transforming us from within and changing our conduct.

The Gospel: Matthew 10: 37-42

How we react to Christ determines our future destiny regarding salvation. Just as Jesus represented His Father, so succeeding Christian ministers represent Jesus. Our ultimate fate is linked to how we receive them. God rewards even a cup of water given to the lowly among us.

RECTORY HOURS

Beginning Monday, June 29th, the rectory office will re-open for Summer hours. The rectory office will be 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.

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.



St. Ignatius of Antioch

Catholic Cemetery
& Columbarium

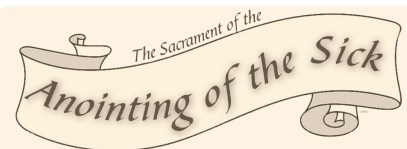
Our Outdoor Columbarium Niches, located in the memorial circle in the center of our cemetery, are now available for sale. Double granite front niches are intended to be used for the cremated remains of two persons behind a marble shutter. If you have any questions, or are interested in purchasing a niche,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

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.

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.

FISCAL CORNER

It is truly amazing that so many of you have come through and continued your financial support for our parish. We are extremely grateful for all of you who have continued to support St. Ignatius during this difficult period. We would like to once again say THANK YOU to all who continue to support our parish financially during this nationwide health emergency.

You should know, our electronic giving has greatly increased during this shutdown. Thank you for your participation! For those of you who do not participate, please visit our parish website at <http://www.stignatius.church> and click on the Parish Giving logo to take a look at this program. It's very easy to use and helps the parish immensely with our cash flow. If you have any specific questions or concerns about the program, you can call Parish Giving directly at 1-866-307-7140. They have a wonderful staff who are knowledgeable and can help with any question!

Thank you all for your generosity towards our parish with your Sunday Gifts!

Weekly Collection

	<u>6/23/2019</u>		<u>6/21/2020</u>
Sunday Offering	\$ 12,457.40	306	\$ 10,955.00
Online Parish Giving	\$ 5,182.18		\$ 8,104.20
Total Weekly Contribution	\$ 17,639.58		\$ 19,059.20
 Peter's Pence	 \$ 1,170.00		 \$ 695.00

We are thankful for your consistent stewardship. ©JPPC



Join us!

2020 Events

40 Hours-Celebration

10/11/2020-10/13/2020

7:00PM each night

Closing Mass

Concelebrated with Former
Assistants

9/26/2020 at 4:00pm

Parish Picnic to follow



FOOD COLLECTION

We continue to support Mary's Food Cupboard at Catholic Social Services with your help. Please consider donating to our collection on the second Sunday of each month. Our next collection will be July 11/12th. There will be burlap bins at each church entrance labeled "Food Collection" to accept your donation of non-perishable food items, paper goods and baby needs. Thank you!

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, Marie Brady, Baby Brianna, Patricia Broderick, Lorraine C., Ruthann Carroll, Harris Carvel, Stephanie Carvel, Brynn Clare Connor, Cliff Conway, Evelyn Conway, Mary C. Crawford, Barry Deacon, Nancy Donnelly, David Fry, Colleen Gallagher, Sherry Golden, Tom Golden, Rose Ann Grall, Jonathan Grubb, Madeline Guarnieri, Charles Jacobson, Nathan Kilgore, Ryan Law, Chuck Kane, Michael Katwicky, Andrew Kelly, Monica Kenney, John Kerper, Betsy Keys, George Kinsley, James Malley, Amy Margulies, Sean Marriott, Toni McConnell, Dorothy McMullen, Baby Eva McNamara, Tracey Meaney, Kathleen Merlo, Christine Nassar, Nabil Nassar, Teresa O'Neill, Ryan Rocha, Carolyn Rupprecht, Mary Schnee, Irene Schuka, Walter Shimp, Darwin Stout, Sharon Thomas, Catherine Torres, Edward Torres, Anne Warchol



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



PRAYER FOR PEACE

*Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;
 Where there is hatred, let me sow charity;
 Where there is injury, pardon;
 Where there is error, truth;
 Where there is doubt, faith;
 Where there is despair, hope;
 Where there is darkness, light;
 and Where there is sadness, joy.
 O, Divine Master,
 Grant that I may not so much seek
 to be consoled, as to console;
 To be understood as to understand;
 To be loved as to love;
 For it is in giving that we receive;
 It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
 And it is in dying to ourselves
 that we are born to eternal life.
 Amen.*

St. Francis Pray for Us!



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.

JOURNEY OF Faith PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

God our Father, Thank you for calling Griffen Schlaepfer, Andrew Lane, Michael Lewis, Philip Cheung, Erik Reyes, and Anthony Albanese 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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CONGRATULATIONS!

Julia Shinkle is a St. Ignatius parishioner and a third year Physical Therapy student at Temple University. She has a strong interest in pediatrics, and she recently wrote and illustrated a children's book about a young boy with autism and how he copes with having a sensory processing disorder. The book, entitled Lucy and Jack's SENSE-ational Beach Day Adventure!, is now published and available for purchase on Amazon!

Lucy and Jack's SENSE-ational Beach Day Adventure! is a great resource for teachers and families of children with special needs and sensory processing differences. You can check it out by searching the title on Amazon!

HOPE RESTORED

Join our Novena of Hope **every Monday through July 27**, and learn about the apparitions of Mary which are reflected in our lower-level shrines.

Come to The Miraculous Medal Shrine or watch via livestream at 12:05 p.m. (at miraculousmedal.org/livestream).

Want to pray our Miraculous Medal Novena prayers in Mary's Shrine but can't make it on Mondays? No problem! To accommodate our Blessed Mother's devotees within our current limited capacity, we're now praying our Novena Prayers before every weekday 12:05 p.m. Mass at the Shrine.

Get Mary. Get Hope.

miraculousmedal.org | facebook.com/miraculousmedalshrinepa

The Office for Persons with Disabilities & the Deaf Apostolate

On Tuesday, June 30th, 2020 at 7 pm, the Office for Persons with Disabilities will host a Zoom gathering for children and adults with disabilities and their families. All ages are welcome! Join The Cushings along with their daughter Cara and Aunt Anita. Bring your prayer intentions and all that is on your heart. We hope you can join us for what promises to be a very special evening.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84966080512>

ADULT *Faith* FORMATION

We are now in the midst of summer and next week we will be in celebration of the Independence of the U.S. We can only hope and pray that our country continues to be independent within the confines of the needs of the common good. In ordinary political discourse, the 'common good' refers to facilities-whether material, cultural or institutional- that the members of a community provide to all members in order to fulfill a relational obligation they have to care for certain interests they have in common. Three essential elements of the common good are respect for the person, the social well-being and development of the group and peace and security. The CCC defines the common good from Pope St. John XXIII as 'the sum total of social conditions which allow people, either as groups or individuals, to reach their fulfillment more fully and more easily'. The common good applies to each human community but its most complete realization occurs in the political community where the state's role is to 'defend and promote the common good of civil society, its citizens and intermediate bodies'. Everyone has a responsibility for the common good as an embodiment of charity and justice. "the more we strive to secure a common good corresponding to the real needs of our neighbors, the more effectively we love them. Every Christian is called to practice this charity, in a manner corresponding to his/her vocation and according to the degree of influence he wields in the polis". The common good is the reason that the political authority exists! So, as we progress through this pandemic, let us all pray for our leaders, both Church and government that they exercise those guidelines that embrace the common good. St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.

Respect



"We often assume parenthood happens easily after 'I do,' but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility: after giving birth to one or more children, they are unable to have another... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you."

God has a plan; He knows all and loves all of His children that HE has willed into existence; loss of children whether prior to birth or in childhood or adulthood is difficult to handle and difficult to understand. We need to remember that God can bring good out of all that appears/is evil. We need to be close to Jesus so we can be calmed in our grief with His grace and His love. He KNOWS our pain; Mary KNOWS our pain- she watched her Son die a horrible death! There is also much grief for those who wish to have children and cannot; again, God has a plan; He has His reasons which we cannot understand but we must have the faith the size of a 'mustard seed' to accept HIS will over ours and pray, and pray again for the graces to be calmed in the storm of infertility or loss.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

Intercessory Prayer: For married couples longing for a child: May God grant them the grace and strength to place their faith in His loving plan; we pray to the Lord.

Rose of Life Intention: For all who have suffered/are suffering infertility or loss of children.



INTEGRITY RESTORED

<https://integrityrestored.com/>

The mission of Integrity Restored is to help restore the integrity of individuals, spouses, and families that have been affected by pornography and pornography addiction. Integrity Restored provides education, training, encouragement, and resources to break free from pornography, heal relationships, and to assist parents in preventing and responding to pornography exposure which is so devastating in the lives of our children.

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.



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.



Religious Education

From the Religious Education Office ... The PREP office is open on Mondays through Thursdays, beginning on June 8, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you need another time, just let me know (215-370-5701). When we return to normal, the PREP Office is open from Sundays (after the 9:30 a.m. Mass) through Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. on.

SACRAMENTS:

FIRST COMMUNION: First Communion Day will be on Saturday, September 12. The 9:30 a.m. Mass is for St. Ignatius School and Wednesday PREP children. The 12:00 noon Mass is for Sunday and Monday PREP children. If this works out, there will be a rehearsal for the school and Wednesday PREP kids from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., on Tuesday, Sept. 8. Sunday and Monday PREP kids will have a rehearsal on Wednesday, Sept. 9, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

CONFIRMATION: The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday, September 26, at 10:00 a.m. There will be a rehearsal for candidates and sponsors on Thursday, September 24, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. All are expected to be at rehearsal. You can still mail in your gift to the Bishop for his favorite charity. Mail to the rectory to Annmarie's attention.

PREP REGISTRATION:

PREP (Parish Religious Education Program) is for children in Grades K to 8. There is no increase in tuition this coming year. All PREP families have received the Registration Form by email. If anyone needs the Registration Form, please go to the Parish website and click on PREP. Please list all your children on the same form since the form has been revised. You can mail in registrations and fees to the rectory to Annmarie's attention. Our plan is to begin PREP classes on Sunday, September 13; Monday, September 14; and Wednesday, September 16.

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.

8th Grade Students: Parents, please encourage your 8th graders to continue their study of God and his Church. Confirmation is not graduation from learning about God; that's a lifetime commitment.

St. Ignatius Church

Community Emergency Fund



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Affected by COVID-19?

If you need immediate help with food, co-pay medical bills, clothing, baby supplies and basic day-to-day necessities **Contact us.**



If you know someone who needs help
Let us know.



Please donate any amount if you can.



Contact

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I just wanted to reach out and thank you all again. We are beyond grateful and it helped us tremendously! Things have been rough for the past 3 months. But looks as if it is turning around.

Richard Green Memorial Scholarship Awarded

The St. Ignatius Father James J. McCafferty Knights of Columbus Council is proud to announce the recipient of the 2020 Richard Green Memorial Scholarship Award is Joseph P. Gallagher. Joseph's accomplishments exemplify the service to country, community, family, and faith as was the qualities of Richard himself. Throughout his young life, Joseph has weaved these important attributes into the fabric of his life.

Joseph says, "My family and faith are the two most important pillars in my life, and they have kept me up from every downfall life brings me." As an active Catholic and graduate of St. Ignatius School, he was an alter server and looks back fondly at serving at weddings, funerals and honored with serving during Msgr. Shoemaker's funeral. While attending Notre Dame High School, Joseph served as a Eucharistic Minister and was a member of Catholic Athletes for Christ as part of the campus ministry. In college at West Chester University, where Joseph is currently enrolled, Joseph and his fraternity brothers give back to the community every Sunday by picking up trash and cleaning the streets of West Chester as part of the Adopt-A-Block Program. In addition, during the week, he visits with people with disabilities to play sports and workout. Joseph comments "This is a very humbling and self-effacing moment because I get to make those with disabilities feel loved and wanted." In addition to his faith-filled activities, Joseph always remembered he was one of 7 children, and still enjoyed being part of that big family while babysitting, mulching and mowing yards, and other chores.

Joseph always knew what was important in life. At a time when our country is in turmoil and confusion, it is reassuring for our youth and all of us to see this young gentleman as beacon of light among the storm.

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The Richard Green Memorial Scholarship is given in the name of the late Richard Green who was a member of the Knights of Columbus, St. Raphael the Archangel No. 3507 and Father James J. McCafferty Council No. 11013 where he was a 4th Degree member and served as an Officer - Outside Guard. Richard was a man of service to his country, community, family, and faith. This scholarship has been set up to continue his legacy. The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all of the applicants that have applied for this scholarship. The Richard Green Memorial Scholarship will continue on an annual basis, and all applicants are encouraged to apply again. Please check the bulletin and Knights of Columbus website at www.yardleyknights.org in early 2021.



Victorious, a virtual retreat for women. You Are Made New Ministry is hosting a 6-session virtual retreat focused on claiming Christ's victory over our identity and our worthiness, claiming His authority over lies and fears, and crowning Him as the Victorious King of our hearts! Retreat leaders include: Father Stephen DeLacy, De Yarrison of You Are Made New Ministry and Laura Ercolino of Hope's Garden. Learn more and register: www.YouAreMadeNew.com/victorious-virtual-retreat or contact De Yarrison at 610.287.2989.



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

HELLO FROM OUR NEW SEMINARIAN!

¡Hola! Ciao! Hello! My name is Anthony Albanese, and I am the new seminarian at St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish! I am so excited to be here, and I look forward to meeting all of you!

I was born at Lankenau Hospital in Wynnewood, PA across the street from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. A priest from the seminary told me, "I can see you haven't made it far in life!" I guess not (lol). My older brother Tom and my parents Debbie and Tom lived in West Philadelphia, Overbrook till 1994. I attended St. Callistus Parish, and I was baptized at St. Donato's. I come from an Italian American family, with my great grandparents born in Italy (I am from the Abruzzi and Napoli regions in southern Italy, although Ancestry.com says I am a third Greek!).

We moved to Delaware County, Ridley Township in 1994. There, I was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Morton, where I received Confirmation. I attended the Ridley School District through senior year. I then went on to attend Villanova University, majoring in Spanish and Education (I wanted to be a Spanish teacher). After much service work at Villanova, I graduated in 2008, and I began teaching Spanish at Robert K. Shafer Middle School in Bensalem. I completed my Master's in Education degree at University of Pennsylvania in Teaching, Learning, and Curriculum.

After earning my Master's, I was in my third year of teaching at Shafer. God asked me a question on my heart: "Who do these students really need?" The answer was ever so simple: Jesus Christ. So, I felt God was perhaps calling me to be a priest who could be and bring Jesus to the people. I went on my first retreat at the seminary in 2011, but I decided it was not for me at that time. So, I returned to teaching.

Shortly after, I decided I wanted to be a medical doctor, so I left teaching and enrolled in two years of pre-med at Jefferson in Center City. I taught Italian during this time as well for an adult language company. After those two years, I found out that it was not my calling to be a doctor. So, I returned to teaching in 2014.

In 2014, I was a lector at my current parish, St. Nicholas of Tolentine in South Philadelphia. The priest afterwards asked me if I had thought about the seminary (and he had not known that I previously discerned the priesthood). I decided to go to the seminary that day, which was the annual Open House/Christmas Concert for the public. I met with Vocation Director Fr. DeLacy, and after a few moments, he said that he thinks I have a vocation. Over the next year 2015 I went on more retreats, my calling strengthened, and then I met Archbishop Chaput in May. He gave me the application for the seminary. I applied formally, and ultimately in December 2015 I was accepted, and I joyfully began the seminary in August 2016.

I am now starting my 5th year at the seminary, the Theology II class, which means I have 2 more years total until God-willing I am ordained a deacon, and 3 more years total until a priest. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in the seminary, listening to God's will for my life. I pray that I am able to follow His will to whatever He leads me. I also want to say that if any young man or woman is considering religious life, they should pray about it, talk to priests and religious, and to not be afraid as our Lord exhorts us. I hope to meet all of you in person in the future, forgive me as I learn your many names, and know that I am praying for all of you and the success of St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish! Grazie!