



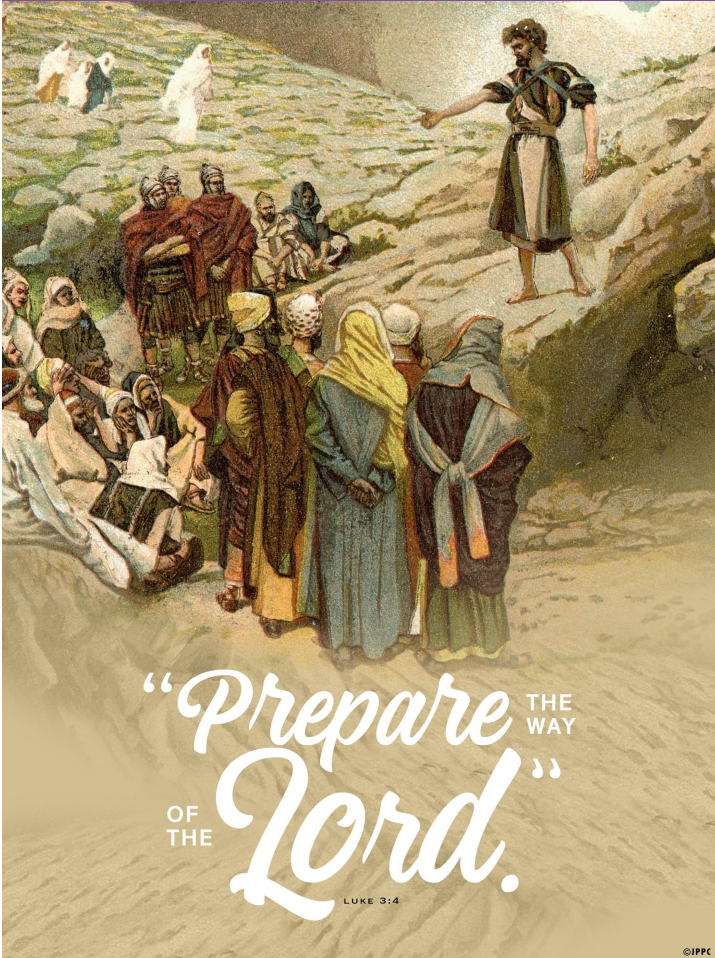
St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

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Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021



The **WORD** of **GOD**

Reading I: Baruch 5: 1-9

The prophet addresses Jerusalem, first telling her to remove her mourning clothes and take on those of the Lord's light. The procession of the exiled Israelites going home from captivity in Babylon is blest with comforting miracles.

Reading II: Philippians 1: 4-6, 8-11

Joy pervades this letter. The Philippians have supported Paul, and they have been faithful witnesses for the Lord. He in turn prays for them as the end times (he believed) were approaching.

The Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6

This elegant beginning is like a drum roll to the story of the Word coming to John the Baptist and how that will affect world history.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday: 5:15PM Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:30AM (Children's Liturgy),
11:30AM, 6:00PM

Daily, Monday to Friday: 9:00AM

*Special Schedules for Holy Days

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Sunday - CLOSED

Monday- Thursday 9:00AM—5:00PM

Friday - 9:00 AM - 4:00PM

Saturday—CLOSED

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 4:00 to 5:00PM

Confessions will also be heard upon request.

Please call the rectory to make an appointment.

ADORATION CHAPEL

Exposition is held in the chapel Monday - Friday from 10AM to 8PM. For information on chapel closings/openings, please call 215-550-5638 and listen to the message.

CARE OF THE SICK

If you or someone you know is homebound, and would like to receive the Sacraments, please contact the rectory to arrange for a visit.



Sunday December 5, 2021

Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

7:30AM All Living and Deceased Parishioners

9:30AM Jon and Nicole Kloc / living (Mom and Dad)

11:30AM Giuseppa Covello (The Covello Family)

6:00PM Connie Tweedie (The Tweedie Family)

Monday December 6, 2021

Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26

9:00AM Donald Bradley / living (The Young Family)

Tuesday December 7, 2021

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

9:00AM Louise Leanetti (Barbara and Jurgen Scherer)

7:00PM Rosemary Talezi (The Koerner Family)

Wednesday December 8, 2021

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

7:00AM Frank Pingitore (The Koerner Family)

9:00AM Patricia Ann Trigg (The Trigg Family)

7:00PM Jenny Bowman (Mary and Tim)

Thursday December 9, 2021

Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

9:00AM Ernest Zima (The Sullivan Family)

Friday December 10, 2021

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

9:00AM Special Intention (Loretta and Bill Amerine)

Saturday December 11, 2021

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

5:15PM Peter Giovannini (Joanne Russo)

Sunday December 12, 2021

Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

7:30AM Grace Rossi Zyck (Richard & Kathryn Moore)

9:30AM Michael Septer (The Septer Family)

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

6:00PM All Living and Deceased Parishioners

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The church sanctuary candle burns for all living and deceased members of the parish.



Advent Penance Services

John the Baptist calls us repeatedly during this Advent Season to repent, confess our sins and make a new beginning. This is the best way to prepare the way for the Lord to come into our hearts. St. Ignatius Parish will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during our Advent Penance Service on Tuesday, December 21st at 7:00 PM in our church. Several priests will be present to assist in hearing confessions. Please take this opportunity to prepare yourself for the birth of the Savior. For your convenience, our surrounding parishes will celebrate their Advent Penance Services at 7:00 PM on December 20th at St. John the Evangelist, Makefield and Big Oak Roads, Lower Makefield and on December 22nd at 7:00PM at Our Lady of Grace, 225 Bellevue Avenue, Pennndel.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24th

4:00PM Vigil in the Church

(4:05pm Auditorium for overflow)

8:00PM Vigil

Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25th

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

**Please note on Saturday, December 25th there will not be confessions at 4pm or a 5:15pm Vigil. There will be no 6PM Mass on December 26th.*

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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.



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

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. We congratulate the following couples who have recently received the Sacrament of Marriage :

FISCAL CORNER

2021-2022 Annual Parish Appeal Update:

Our 2021-2022 Annual Parish Appeal will run from October through the end of January. This is one of our largest sources of income, aside from our normal Sunday collections, and is greatly needed for the daily operation of our parish. You should have received our appeals materials in the mail. If you have not, there are appeal envelopes located in the entrances of the church. Please return your donation by placing this year's appeal envelope in the collection basket at Mass. You may also mail your contribution or drop it off directly to the rectory.

As of week 9 of the Parish appeal, 235 families have contributed \$94,570 toward our goal of \$150,000. We are at 63.05% of this year's goal. Thank you for your generosity!

Weekly Collection

	<u>11/29/2020</u>		<u>11/28/2021</u>	
Sunday Offering	\$ 9,591.00	159	\$ 13,192.00	223
Online Parish Giving	\$ 8,421.65		\$ 8,921.64	
Total Weekly Contribution	\$ 18,012.65		\$ 22,113.64	
	<u>11/22/2020</u>		<u>11/21/2021</u>	
Sunday Offering	\$ 11,392.00	178	\$ 13,240.00	224
Online Parish Giving	\$ 9,435.74		\$ 12,468.48	
Total Weekly Contribution	\$ 20,827.74		\$ 25,708.48	
	<u>2020</u>		<u>2021</u>	
Thanksgiving - Caring for Friends	\$ 2,262.35		\$ 2,527.00	

We are thankful for your consistent stewardship. ©JPPC

SAC FOOD COLLECTION

With your help, the Social Action Committee continues to support Mary's Food Cupboard at Catholic Social Services. Please consider donating to our food collection. There are 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!

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.

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, Lorraine C., Ruthann Carroll, Brynn Clare Connor, Ebby Conway, Mary C. Crawford, Shellie D., Rose Ann Grall, John Grubb, Lou Gunkel, Ruth Gunkel, Charles Jacobson, Sheila Christy Kelly, Nathan Kilgore, Charlie Koerner, Michael Kotwicki, Dave Maclay, James Malley, Sean Marriott, Toni McConnell, Dorothy McMullen, Katherine McSorley, Kathy Merlo, Connie Moredich, Christine Nassar, Nabil Nassar, Nancy Parravecchia, Joseph Pittore, James Perry, Anne Proctor, Gregory Rossi, Mary Claire Rossi, Carolyn Rupprecht, Barbara Stettner, Darwin Stout, Kyle Stout, Catherine Torres, Edward Torres, and Anne Warchol.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

All are invited - as we sing God's praises and share in His Word and His Love in an intimate community of faith. We meet every Tuesday from 7:00-8:30PM in Room 2F in the Meeting Center. For more information, please contact our spiritual prayer group director, Deacon Bob Skawinski, at rjcs1219@verizon.net.



Brian Basheda, Daniel Basheda, Matthew Bauer, Melissa Bishop, Christian Blaydon, 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, Edward Hill, David & Christine (Kawoczka) Krueger, Matthew Krall, Justin Kumor, Daniel LaMorte, Thomas LaMorte, Marty Alexie Leonard, Nels Alexie Leonard, James Limer, Matthew Listner, John Loveman, Michael Lowe, W. Kyle Magrisi, Joseph Marchand, Greg Marolo, Aidan Maxwell, 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.

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

**If you might be interested, come in and talk with Annmarie.
 Anytime is a great time for a new beginning!**

*This is a program for those who -----
 are considering becoming a Catholic OR
 are not sure if they want to be a Catholic but have questions OR
 feel as if something is missing in their life OR
 are not sure if they want to be a Catholic but don't know what questions to ask OR
 just want to know what Catholicism is all about OR
 have questions but don't want to feel stupid OR
 have no idea why anyone would want "religion" at all.*

Want to take the plunge? Call Annmarie at 215-493-5204 or 215-370-5701.

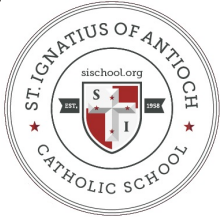


PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

God our Father, Thank you for calling Griffen Schlaepfer, Andrew Lane, Philip Cheung, Erik Reyes, Anthony Albanese, Juan Builes, and Jacob Sanz, 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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Dear Parishioners of St. Ignatius of Antioch,

Our parish school had a very busy month of November. A representative from Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County visited and spoke to our fifth through eighth graders. The presentation focused on the services they provide to individuals and families in our community, as well as service opportunities for all ages. The DLFF Pathway Scholars sponsored a "Dress Down Day" and "Pretzel Sale" with 100% of the proceeds going to our local Habitat for Humanity.

Our Second Graders hosted a Saint Museum for family and the school community and with the help of their Seventh Grade Buddies, they made posters, memorized facts and dressed as their saint. Before leaving for Thanksgiving break, we gathered as a school family for a prayer service, counting the many blessings in our lives at home and at school.

We have started to look ahead to the 2022-2023 school year. At this time we have limited availability in our National Blue Ribbon School. Tours are being given by appointment only during December after school hours. Please call the school at 215-493-3867 or email Mrs. Helene Crozier at hcrozier@sischool.org for more information.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Ignatius of Antioch Catholic School.

RECTORY OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURES

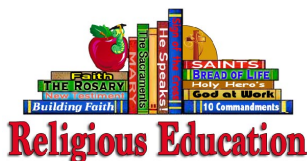
Wednesday, 12/8 - Closed
Tuesday, 12/14 – Open 9am to 11am
Friday, 12/24 - Closed
Friday, 12/31 - Closed

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

On Wednesday, December 8th we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated on Tuesday, December 7th at 7:00PM and Wednesday at 7:00AM, 9:00AM, and 7:00PM.



Please join us in decorating our church for Christmas on Sunday, December 19th at 12:45PM. This is a great opportunity for service hours! If you can help, please call the rectory, 215-493-3377 and leave your name and phone number. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.



From the Religious Education Office ... The PREP office is open from Sundays through Thursdays. The office number is 215-493-5204 or you can call my cell at 215-370-5701. My email address is aflanagan@stignatius.church.

PREP CLASSES: PREP Classes run from September to May; however, if you missed registration or decided recently to begin PREP classes for your child(ren), please don't hesitate to contact Annmarie Flanagan, the Director of Religious Education, at the number listed above. I am sure we can work out a plan for your child.

A note to Parents of children going into Grade 1: No child in PREP can go to grade 2 without completing grade 1. If your child did not attend PREP in first grade, talk to me now, and we can come up with a plan.

Advent Gift-Giving Mass: Thank you to all our PREP Parents who brought gifts for the children of St. Katharine Drexel and Sacred Heart Parishes during our annual Advent Gift-Giving Mass last Tuesday evening. Your generous gifts are greatly appreciated.

SACRAMENTS:

Confirmation is scheduled with Archbishop Edward Adams for Saturday, March 19, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

First Penance will be on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. Families are invited to attend.

First Communion is scheduled for Saturday, April 30, 2022. St. Ignatius School students and Sunday PREP students will be at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Monday and Wednesday PREP students and those who are Homeschooled will be at the 12:00 noon Mass.

Confirmation – If you need the Confirmation packet, please stop in the PREP Office for a copy. All Confirmation Paperwork and letters of eligibility are due in the PREP Office no later than January 16.

GIVEN

Catholic Young Women's Leadership Forum
June 21-25, 2022 (Applications due February 18, 2022)

Do you know a faith-filled young adult woman in your parish between the ages of 21-30 that you would love to see formed for leadership and mission? Invite her to apply for the GIVEN Forum!

This year, the GIVEN Forum, which usually takes place in Washington, DC, will be hosted here in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia at Neumann University in Aston, PA. The GIVEN Forum is a five-day event designed to help young adult Catholic women (age 21-30) with a heart for mission and an aptitude for leadership identify their particular gifts and find practical pathways to put them in the service of the Gospel. Acceptance to a GIVEN cohort includes a year of one-on-one mentorship after the Forum, when women grow in leadership skills as they implement an Action Plan.

Applications are due by February 18, 2022. For more details about cost, speakers and the application process, visit <https://giveninstitute.com/forum/>.



St. Ignatius of Antioch School
Part Time Health Room Aide

Monday - Tuesday-
Thursday- Friday
9am- 3pm



Faith Formation
LIFELONG AND ONGOING

This coming week we will be celebrating the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, the Mother of God. Many Catholics may be confused as to exactly what this feast day is celebrating. It is the celebration of the conception of Mary within the womb of her mother Anne without the stain of original sin so that her soul was immaculate at her conception. It has nothing to do with the conception of Jesus within the womb of Mary! By her conception Mary was conceived in the fullness of grace (just like Adam and Eve were created!) and Jesus was also conceived without original sin. This state is the closest possible union with God in view of her future role as mother of God. Mary proclaimed herself in an apparition to St. Bernadette at Lourdes in 1858 in stating "I am the Immaculate Conception". Dec. 8 is nine months before the feast of the Nativity of Mary on September 8. The feast day was first solemnized as a Holy Day of Obligation on Dec. 6, 1708 under the Papal Bull *Commissi Nobis Divinitus* by Pope Clement XI. Pope Pius IX defined the Immaculate Conception as a Roman Catholic dogma in 1854 in his Apostolic constitution *Ineffabilis Deus*. When the solemnity, which always occurs in Advent, falls on a Sunday, it is transferred to the following Monday. We should all be aware that Mary, who appeared as Our Lady of Guadalupe, is the patroness of the Americas and ended the holocaust of human sacrifice in Mexico. Let us pay special devotion to her on her feast day and pray for her to end the holocaust of abortion and the more recent holocaust of the pandemic in the Americas as well as around the world.

St. Thomas Aquinas pray for us.



RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY



The season of Advent is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to preparing for the celebration of the Lord's birth on Christmas and for Christ's second coming at the end of time. During this time of preparation and expectant waiting, we also remember expectant mothers who are preparing for the birth of their children. This Advent season, consider your support of a local crisis pregnancy center like the Legacy of Life Foundation. The women who have chosen life at these centers came there seeking to end the lives of their baby. Can you imagine if Our Blessed Mother, Mary, had decided to do that with Jesus!? We would not have our Savior. We would not have our salvation.

The LOLF centers also follow these mothers along with their children and families for 3 years. We help them with jobs/shelter/food/clothing/health insurance/ furniture and any other needs to get them started in their new roles as moms and dads. Mary and Joseph also had to 'depend' on others to help them 'get started'. Life is our most precious gift. Every day of the year is 'Christmas' for the over 200 babies we have helped save this year and almost 3000 since we have opened. Won't you please open your hearts; pray for us and if you can support us financially at legacyoflifefoundation.org and donate whatever you can as often as you can.

Help us help them. Our humanity has been elevated through His divinity. God became human to grace us. We don't know God's plan but the children saved from abortion, as well as those not, are ALL part of God's plan. Let us not interfere in that plan!

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

Intercessory Prayer: For all the faithful: May the Lord help us build a culture of life in vigilant expectation of His return; We pray to the Lord:

Rose of Life Intention: For God's plan for all babies



SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE



ANNUAL TURKEY DRIVE



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



Hello Social Action Committee,

First on behalf of No Longer Bound food pantry we want to thank you so much for your generous donations of Turkeys, fixins and Gift cards. We here at NO Longer Bound try to accommodate our clients in anyway we can and we truly blessed them today with the help of your organization.

There is such a need of help in our community and surrounding areas we do service a good amount of clients especially around the holidays.

Our food pantry is open three days a week to assist with the needs of our community.

Again thank you for your kindness and support, Happy Holidays to you, your family and your Church.

Your Truly
Patricia Jackson

No Longer Bound food pantry

Hello Social Action Committee,

This is Kirk, from St. James United Church. I just wanted to thank you and everyone who participated in the Turkey Drive for your generosity. I'll be working the food pantry this Wednesday evening and the gift cards which you donated will bring some joy to needy families on thanksgiving. Again, my sincerest thanks.

Kirk

THANK YOU FROM THE SAC COMMITTEE!

Under beautiful sunny skies, the Social Action Committee conducted a very successful Turkey Drive!

Thank you to everyone who made donations! And thank you to over forty volunteers (scouts, families, individuals) who worked to accept donations, organize, then pack them into vans and trucks for pick up. And a special thank you to our "Thanksgiving/Christmas Angel" who once again donated \$1,500 in grocery store gift cards. And thanks to another parish family who made a substantial financial donation to SAC.

In summary, we collected 227 Turkeys, \$2000 in gift cards and countless bags of groceries. We helped eleven groups this year:

Holy Redeemer Food Cupboard NE Philly - \$300 in gift cards. Tom to deliver: Koinos Center Phila - 15 turkeys, a carload of canned goods and Tom to deliver \$100 in gift cards

St. James United Church of Christ Havertown - Tom delivered \$150 in gift cards

Aiding Our Neighbors Yardley - 10 turkeys, \$100 in gift cards and a carload of canned goods

Holy Spirit Church Hamilton - 25 turkeys, \$150 in gift cards and a pickup truck full of canned goods

No Longer Bound - 42 turkeys, \$400 in gift cards and a van full of canned goods

CSS Trenton - 60 turkeys, \$400 in gift cards and a truck load of canned goods
Mother of Mercy House Kensington - 70 turkeys, \$400 in gift cards and a van full of canned goods

Good Friends House in Morrisville - 5 turkeys and a carload of canned goods

Holy Trinity Church Morrisville - a car load of canned goods

Catholic Social Services, Levittown - SAC issued a check to CSS to purchase food products for families.

It was wonderful to see so many families work together to help those in need. The organizations who picked up the donations were overwhelmed and so thankful to everyone who made this happen. The working of the Holy Spirit was so evident.

~Your Social Action Committee

Book 'n Bean

We welcome newcomers to join us as we discuss our selected book of the month. If you would like to join our meetings, please email Linda Stewart (dremom@verizon.net) so we can send you the Zoom link which we will be using each month until further notice. Our schedule for the academic year is:

Tuesday, Jan. 25	<i>Their Eyes Were Watching God - Zora Neale Hurston</i>
Tuesday, Feb. 22	<i>The Four Winds - Kristen Hannah</i>
Tuesday, Mar. 29	<i>Caste - Isabel Wilkerson</i>
Tuesday, April 26	<i>Eternal - Linda Scottolini</i>
Tuesday, May 24	<i>Peril ~ Bob Woodward/Robert Costa</i>

Our meetings will be held virtually until at least January, 2022. Eventually we will meet in Room 2-E of the Antioch Center (the old rectory) at 7:30pm on the Tuesday evenings indicated above. If you have questions, call Annmarie Flanagan at 215-493-5204 or e-mail Linda Stewart: dremom@verizon.net

CARING FOR FRIENDS



On Thursday, December 9th, we will once again meet to assemble meals for Caring for Friends. We will begin at 9 am and, as always, need entrees. If you are able to help with this, it is deeply appreciated. Please label the food with the name of the item, the number of portions and deliver it to the auditorium.

As we resume meeting together, your health and safety are our paramount concern. We have developed the following rules to be followed during the cook:

1. If you don't feel well, please don't attend.
2. We have a few members who have health conditions. Therefore, we are asking everyone to wear a mask regardless of vaccination status.
3. We will be strictly enforcing hygienic food preparation practices: wearing gloves, hand-washing, avoiding cross-contamination of food by cleaning and disinfecting food surfaces. Please ask any questions you may have.

Also, Caring for Friends will not be collecting Gifts of Warmth this holiday season. They are asking for cans of chicken or tuna, and applesauce OR any other canned good (all with pull tabs) if you would like to give a little "extra" during the holiday season. Please leave these items at the church entrances marked "Caring for Friends". We will make sure they are delivered to the main warehouse.

As was decided at our last meeting in November, we will not be having our usual Christmas potluck. However, we will have some special Christmas raffles and treats on 12/9! Please come and reconnect with friends you may have not seen in some time.

If you have any questions please call Kathy at 215-321-0116 or Jayne at 215-321-5739.

We are always shorthanded and would welcome new volunteers! Please share this message with anyone you feel would be interested in joining us.

"For it is in giving that we receive."—St. Francis of Assisi