



St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

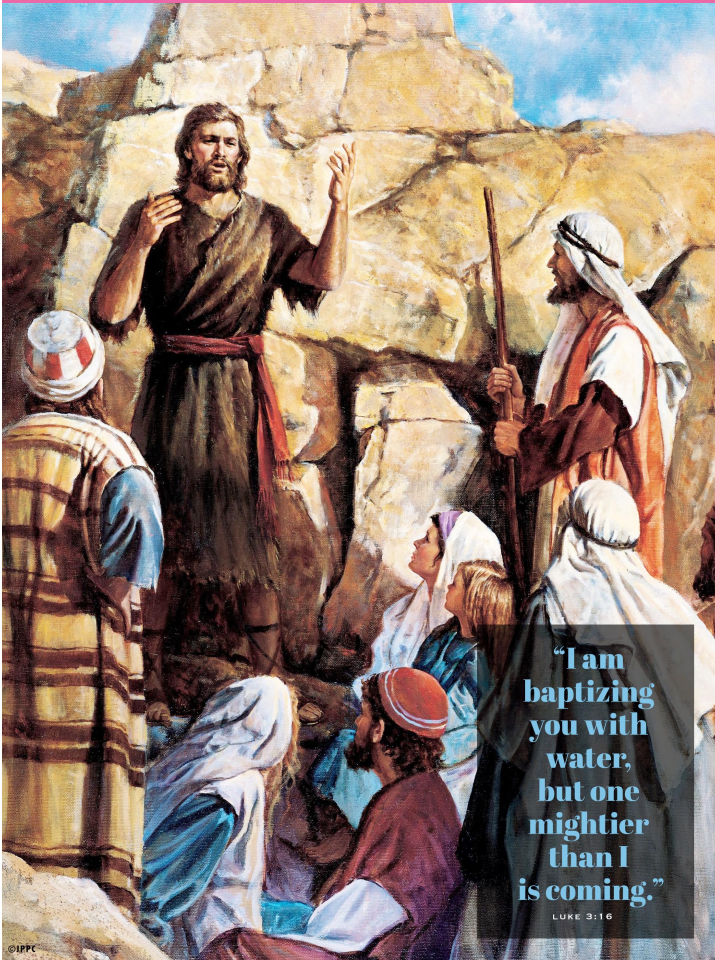
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Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2021



The WORD of GOD

Reading I: Zephaniah 3: 14-18a

The prophet summons Israel to rejoice and offers encouragement to the people. He reminds them that Yahweh is in their midst.

Reading II: Philippians 4: 4-7

Paul exhorts the community to rejoice in God's peace, which is beyond the ability of our minds to grasp, and accomplishes more than we can imagine.

The Gospel: Luke 3: 10-18

The ordinary people, not the religious leaders, are willing to repent, as they wonder whether or not John is the promised Messiah. He clarifies the issue and preaches the Good News as he inaugurates the time of salvation.

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 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

Monday December 13, 2021

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

9:00AM Cecilia Marino (Edna Telep)

Tuesday December 14, 2021

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

9:00AM Joseph Kerns (The Madden Family)

Wednesday December 15, 2021

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

**9:00AM Antoinette Mundenar
(Len and Roseanne Fusco)**

Thursday December 16, 2021

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

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

Friday December 17, 2021

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

9:00AM Joseph Fabiano (Jennifer Morello)

Saturday December 18, 2021

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

**5:15PM All Living and Deceased Members of the
Dickinson Family (Kathleen Dickinson)**

Sunday December 19, 2021

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

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

9:30AM Anthony Panaro (Marty Forsythe)

11:30AM Harold "Buzz" Taylor (Joan Taylor)

6:00PM Dorothy Wolverton (Linda Chamberlain)

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The church sanctuary candle burns for Bob Gervasio requested by Carol Gervasio.



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.*



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.

We welcome the following parishioners who have recently registered:

Kevin, Susan, Harper and Nicholas Elvey

Stanley, Patricia, and Melyni Jacobs

Mikolaj, Joanna, Julia, Gabriella, and Helen Karasinski

Paul Lare

Rosemarie Rahill

Matthew Vigilante

Mariana, Brian Michael, and Florencia Wills

Matthew, Kayla Kostner, Hunter, and Haylee Wilson



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



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 :

Heather Wrublesky and Stan Brenner

Joel Mangroo and Kimberly Prigge

Charles Reid and Rosemarie Merwitz

Jeshua Bickhardt and Staci Szymanski

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.

We welcome the following children who have recently been baptized into our Catholic Faith:

Jaime Marcelo Arrivello, Florencia Callie Wills,

Mila Mae Brenner, Palmer Monroe Stanton,

Isabella Dawn Digrado, and Zachary Bruno Sutherland

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 10 of the Parish appeal, 252 families have contributed \$100,420 toward our goal of \$150,000. We are at 66.95% of this year's goal. Thank you for your generosity!

Weekly Collection

	<u>12/06/2020</u>		<u>12/05/2021</u>	
Sunday Offering	\$ 9,219.00	164	\$ 13,577.00	280
Online Parish Giving	\$ 10,507.34		\$ 10,652.12	
Total Weekly Contribution	\$ 19,726.34		\$ 24,229.12	
 Retirement Fund for Religious	 \$ 1,602.00		 \$ 1,835.00	

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!



**St. Ignatius of Antioch School
Part Time Health Room Aide**

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

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., John Flahive, 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 Paravecchia, 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.

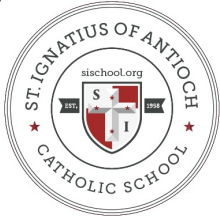


PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

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,

During this season of Advent we are preparing our hearts, souls, and school for the birth of Jesus Christ. Father reminded us at First Friday Mass, that at this time especially, we need to be more compassionate. We need to make compassion part of our everyday life all year. This includes the way we treat our friends, parents, teachers, administrators and each other.

Our Advent Journey this year includes turning the school into a walk through Jesse Tree. Each homeroom was given a different Jesse Tree symbol, depicting Jesus' lineage. The 7th and 8th Grade Service Corps is collecting and filling shoe boxes for the homeless with personal essential items and Home and School did a canned goods collection at Cookies and Milk with Santa as part of our journey through Advent.

We also had the honor of celebrating our first Neumann Scholarship recipient, Margaret Fronheiser. This four year scholarship that Margaret received is for any Philadelphia Archdiocesan High School. She had a perfect score on the math portion of the test and the highest overall score in Bucks County. Congratulations Margaret!

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 our school.

RECTORY OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURES

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

Cathedral High School Class of '71

Cathedral High School (Trenton) Class of '71 will hold its 50th Class Reunion on April 30, 2022 at Villa Manino in Trenton. For more information and to register, please email 1971cathedralreunion@gmail.com or call 215-801-0792.



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.

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.

The Combined First Penance and First Communion Parent Meeting took place on October 28. If you didn't get the packet, please contact Annmarie and stop in the PREP Office for a copy.

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www.stignatius.formed

Register yourself and enjoy the content available to you and your family!

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Faith Formation
LIFELONG AND ONGOING

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

St. Thomas Aquinas pray for us.



RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY



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

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

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



A Reminder Regarding Phishing Scams

We will never request funds via email or text message from Fr. Brownholtz, Fr. Kennedy, Mr. Schrenk or any of our administrative staff, 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!



SERVANTS OF MARY

Do you have a devotion to Our Lady? We are a rosary-centered healing ministry that actively supports our parishioners and our pastor. We meet weekly in the Antioch Center, 2nd. Fl.(Reading Ave. side) on Wednesday evenings from 6-7PM. Come visit us!

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.

Addressing a Big Obstacle to Faith

One of the main reasons that teens and young adults leave the Church is that their questions about the relationship or faith, reason and science often go unanswered by the Catholics around them. To respond to this, Fr. Robert Spitzer, SJ, has founded an excellent apostolate with resources, courses, videos and articles on many of the questions on the hearts of modern men and women: why is there suffering? is there a soul? is there evidence for God in the universe? are science and religion compatible? and many more. Consider sharing these great resources with the young (or not so young) people in your life.

There is also excellent material for classroom use. Check it out at <https://magiscenter.com/>.

HELP TO COPE WITH POOR PRENATAL DIAGNOSIS

If a Prenatal Diagnosis is poor, you are not alone. Lily's Gift, is a network of concerned parents and professionals who have experienced or worked closely with issues surrounding poor prenatal diagnosis. This ministry can provide a peer support team to assist couples during this critical time. Email LilysGiftLuke12.27@gmail.com for support. You can also call 215-587-3530 or submit a request at www.LilysGift.org. For more information about a Catholic response to PPD visit www.LilysGift.org or www.BeNotAfraid.net.





Dear St. Ignatius Catholic Church,

The Holy Redeemer Food Cupboard would like to thank the St. Ignatius Social Action Committee for their generous donation of Giant gift cards to our pantry.

Your contribution and continued support of our pantry allows us to help our most vulnerable neighbors. This Thanksgiving season we distributed 41,678 lbs. of food. We could not have done that without the amazing support of friends like St. Ignatius.

We are humbled and grateful for the gift. Please know it allows us to continue the mission of the Sisters of Redeemer, to comfort, care and to heal.

Many Blessings to your members.

MaryAnn

Dear St. Ignatius Church,

On behalf of Koinos Center, I would like to thank you for your contribution of turkeys and can goods. Your support helps us continue in our mission and assist those in the Germantown community. The generous support of organization like you makes it possible for our ministry to exist and to make the Germantown community a great place to serve.

Please accept our most sincere thanks for your support!

Sincerely,

Ciara Burwell

To the St. Ignatius Social Action Committee,
On behalf of the Holy Redeemer Food Pantry, I would like to thank you for your generous donation in Giant Gift cards.

Your continued support of the pantry goes a long way towards helping our neighbors in need. In these difficult times we are Blessed to have neighbors who reach out to support our work. With sincere gratitude,
The Holy Redeemer Food Pantry Team
Myle, Jan, Linda

Thank you so much for your continued support!
Thank you Social Action Committee for helping us with our homeless ministry.
Yardley, Aiding Our Neighbor,
Carol Saunders