



St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021



Christmas Mass Schedule

*Christmas Eve
December 24th
4:00PM Vigil
(4:05pm Auditorium
for overflow)
8:00PM Vigil*

*Christmas Day
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.*

OH COME
LET US

Adore

HIM



Sunday December 19, 2021

Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

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)

Monday December 20, 2021

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

9:00AM The Petrucco / Brignola Family

(Genevieve Petrucco)

Tuesday December 21, 2021

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

9:00AM Lilliana LaMantia / living (Mommy and Daddy)

Wednesday December 22, 2021

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

9:00AM Dolores Kupiec (The Madden Family)

Thursday December 23, 2021

Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

9:00AM Elaine & Peter Patton Jr. (Michelle Madden)

Friday December 24, 2021

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

9:00AM Joseph Durkin / living (Patricia McAleavy)

4:00PM Katherine Trigg Schmidt (Robert Trigg)

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

Saturday December 25, 2021

Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

7:30AM James Smith (The Koerner Family)

9:30AM Robert, James, and Joseph Murphy

(Marion Murphy)

11:30AM Victor Lopez - Fontanez (The Lowry Family)

Sunday December 26, 2021

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6,

9-10; Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17, or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

7:30AM All Living and Deceased Parishioners

9:30AM Justin and Meghan Kloc / living

(Mom and Dad)

11:30AM Charles and Erne Hofelder

(Raymond Hofelder)

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The church sanctuary candle burns for Giuseppa Covello requested by the Covello Family.



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.



merry CHRISTMAS

May this Christmas season bring you and your families happiness and joy. As we celebrate the birthday of our Savior, may this moment in time reassure us of God's love for each of us.

On behalf of our deacons and staff, I wish you a Holy Christmas and a new year filled with joy, happiness, and peace.

~Father Brownholtz

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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 in person or visit:
<http://www.siforms.org/npregister.html> to register online.

We welcome the following parishioners who have recently registered:

Lawrence Flail
Elizabeth Russell and Robert Carden
Greg, Emily, and Grant Sheehan
Michael, Shelby, Grace, George, Alexander, and Audrey Wagner



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

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

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:

Laura Craig Gerding
Nicholas Allan Elvey and Harper Grace Elvey



Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance. Please call the rectory to make an appointment with one of the priests.



FISCAL CORNER

2021-2022 Annual Parish Appeal Update:

There are only a few weeks left to make charitable contributions for the 2021 tax year! 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 a reminder, our 2021-2022 Annual Parish Appeal will run through the end of January.

As of week 10 of the Parish appeal, 264 families have contributed \$107,170 toward our goal of \$150,000. We are at 71.45% of this year's goal. Thank you for your generosity!

Weekly Collection

	<u>12/13/2020</u>		<u>12/12/2021</u>	
Sunday Offering	\$ 13,100.00	193	\$ 13,730.00	231
Online Parish Giving	\$ 10,040.71		\$ 9,667.70	
Total Weekly Contribution	\$ 23,140.71		\$ 23,397.70	

We are thankful for your consistent stewardship. ©JPPC



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!



RECTORY OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Friday, 12/24 - Closed
Friday, 12/31 - Closed

If there is an emergency that requires the immediate attention of a priest, please call 215-493-3377 and press 9.

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.

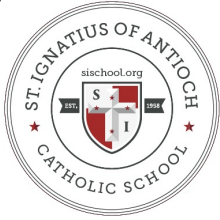


PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

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 have focused on the four weekly themes of hope, peace, love, and joy. Last week there was so much love going on at school as the 7th and 8th Grade Service Corps continued to collect essentials for the less fortunate. Thursday evening we had the pleasure of experiencing the St. Ignatius School Christmas Pageant presented by our Kindergarten through Fourth Graders and a Living Nativity put on by our Eighth Graders.

Everyday this coming week promises to be filled with joy before we break for the Christmas vacation. This Tuesday, the students in Grades 3-8 will prepare their hearts and souls for the birth of Jesus with school confessions. The week will end on Wednesday, December 22nd at 2:00 pm with a prayer service in the church, all are welcome.

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.

As we look back on 2021, we count our many blessings as a school and thank our parishioners for their continued support.

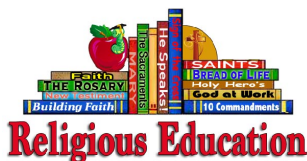


St. Ignatius of Antioch School
Part Time Health Room Aide

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

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!



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.

SACRAMENT INFORMATION:

CONFIRMATION is scheduled with Archbishop Edward Adams for Saturday, March 19, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. Sponsors and Candidates should be in Church by 9:30 a.m. **ALL CONFIRMATION PAPERWORK**, including Sponsor's Letter of Eligibility is due by the week of January 16. **REHEARSAL** for all candidates and sponsors is on Thursday, March 17, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (One parent asked how a Flanagan could have rehearsal on St. Patrick's Day. Sorry about that). **CONFIRMATION RETREAT** is scheduled for March 10, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

FIRST PENANCE will be on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. The children should sit with their parents until they are called to form a line for Confession. Families are invited to go to Confession as well.

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.

FIRST COMMUNION REHEARSAL for 9:30 Mass is on Tuesday, April 26, 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. -
-----**REHEARSAL** for the 12:00 noon Mass is on Thursday, April 28, 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.
FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT is scheduled for Tuesday, April 5, from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.

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Faith Formation
LIFELONG AND ONGOING

As we approach the feast of the Nativity of our Lord, Jesus this week, many of us will not be celebrating in the fashion of previous years due to the ongoing pandemic. There are still restrictions on travel, on gatherings and on celebrations and we have all felt the after-effects of these 'lock-downs' and restric-

tions over the past 21 months. Some of us won't get to mass but will attend through streaming; some family gatherings and dinners may not happen; some nursing home residents will not get visitors; some grandparents won't get to see their grandchildren; some parents won't get to see their children; some siblings won't be getting together. What is Jesus trying to tell us? Why is He allowing this to happen at this time? Over 2000 years ago, He came into this world in a very simple, poor way- born in a stable to a virgin teenager as a little baby without much fanfare other than angels singing 'on high' to announce the birth of the King of all Kings and the Savior of the world. Do we recognize Jesus as the King of all Kings? Do we celebrate Jesus as Savior of the world and the reason for our salvation? Do we talk to Him? Do we pray to Him? Do we mention His name in mixed company? Or, have we removed any mention of Him from schools, from public celebrations, from public gatherings, from courthouses and public squares??? Are we not to mention His name in public. What are our priorities? Perhaps, in this time of ongoing pandemic limitations we can spend a little more time and pay a little more attention to prayer, reading of Scripture, a visit to adoration (10 AM to 8 PM M-F at St. Ignatius) or daily mass or reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. After all, He did bring His divinity to our humanity; He did live among us; He did die for us; He did give us HIS WORD; He did give us our Church- the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church and He has sent messages/apparitions and saints to keep us informed. There has to be a reason!? Maybe He is speaking to us all? To echo Pope St. John Paul II- 'be not afraid'! Join us in our programs resuming in January; see the trifolds at entrances of the Church.



RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY



"God's love is generous, sacrificial, life-giving, and forever. As humans made in God's image, we are called to imitate the eternal giving and receiving of love that is the Holy Trinity."

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

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

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

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



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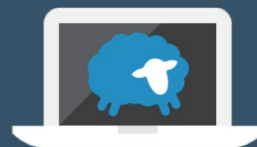
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Dear Social Action Committee Members,

On behalf of Catholic Social Services staff, volunteers, and clients that we serve many thanks to you for your thoughtful donation of \$1500.00. This donation will help many Bucks County residents in need this holiday season.

We kindly ask that you share our gratitude with all those involved in this donation. Please know that we will continue to keep you in our prayers throughout the year.

Gratefully yours,
Teri Mitchell

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous donation of 45 turkey dinners and gift cards on 11/23/21! Providing Mother of Mercy House with these essentials greatly support our effort to provide the Kensington and Allegheny community with concrete items through a spiritual approach. We hope to lead people to Christ by pairing these every day necessities, like food and clothing, with prayer, guidance and support...

Thank you for the bounty you lavished on us and our people! They were able to enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner and you have enabled us to make our family bags fuller for the coming week...

Thank you and God bless you!

Rev. William S. Murphy

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Sisters of the Redeemer and Redeemer Health, I thank you for your donation of Giant gift cards to Redeemer Health Food Pantry. We are so fortunate to have your generosity for the betterment of our surrounding communities. Please know that in these difficult times, your support is a welcome gift...

We are so grateful for your interest in our good work. We are committed to living out the words of our Mission Statement in the way we care, comfort, and heal and continually proclaim the hope God offers in the midst of our human struggle. You and your loved ones will be remembered regularly in the prayers of the Sisters of the Redeemer.

With sincere appreciation and very best wishes,

Joshua M. Jenkins