



St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

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Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 26, 2021



Reading I: Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14

True religion involves duties to others, first of all to parents. Honoring them brings several blessings.

Reading II: Colossians 3: 12-21

Paul describes how practice of the Christian family life encompasses many virtues, especially kindness, compassion, and patience.

The Gospel: Luke 2: 41-52

Luke tells us of the Holy Family's cautious return to Israel, and how they had to avoid Judea because Herod's son ruled there. They settled in Galilee. All of this done by Joseph as head of the family at the directions given him in his dreams.

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 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)**

Monday December 27, 2021

1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a and 2-8

9:00AM Ernest and Elinore Aiello (The Koerner Family)

Tuesday December 28, 2021

1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

9:00AM Krystel Adem (Najat and Emil Abinader)

Wednesday December 29, 2021

1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

9:00AM Joseph Donadiou (The Baker Family)

Thursday December 30, 2021

1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40

9:00AM Elinore Aiello (The Koerner Family)

Friday December 31, 2021

1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18

**9:00AM Eugenie and Maroun Adem
(Najat and Emil Abinader)**

5:15PM Joseph Shandley (The Shandley Family)

Saturday January 1, 2022

Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

5:15PM Bob Gervasio (Carol Gervasio)

Sunday January 2, 2022

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**7:30AM Veronica Wisniewski
(Barbara and Barry Deacon)**

9:30AM Teresa DeLuca (Lorraine Downs)

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

6:00PM All Living and Deceased Parishioners

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The church sanctuary candle burns for the deceased members of the Aiello and Koerner Families.



A Prayer to St. Stephen Feast Day December 26th

*We give you thanks,
O Lord of glory,
for the example of the first martyr
who looked up to heaven and prayed
for his persecutors to Your Son Jesus Christ,
who stands at Your right hand,
where He lives and reigns with You and
the Holy Spirit, One God,
in glory everlasting.
Amen.*



Please note: The rectory will be closed on Friday, December 31st. If there is an emergency that requires the immediate attention of a priest, please call 215-493-3377 and press 9.

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 in person or visit:

<http://www.siforms.org/nregister.html> to register online.



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.



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

As you know, we are using Parish Giving for our online e-giving program. They are the leading provider of secure, user-friendly online giving systems specializing in religious and charitable organizations. St. Ignatius has been very fortunate to have so many parishioners participating in the program.

Those participating in online giving have found the program to be more convenient and allows them to maintain full control over their account.

As a reminder, you can generate a giving report from the Parish Giving website to view all of your online contributions.

Our online giving program is a great success and our hope is that more parishioners will enroll. You may do so by going to the St. Ignatius of Antioch website at <http://www.stignatius.church> and clicking on the Parish Giving logo. For those participating in our Parish Giving program, you may print a participation receipt from the parish giving website to place in the weekly collection basket. Thank you all for your generosity towards our parish with your Sunday Gifts!

Weekly Collection

Due to the Christmas Holy Day , last weekend's collection will be put in next weekend's bulletin

We are thankful for your consistent stewardship. ©JPPC

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE COLLECTION

The first collection of the Social Action Committee will be held the weekend of January 8th and 9th, 2022. We are all called upon to continue the work of Jesus. The world's problems often appear overwhelming and we ask ourselves "What can I do?" The Lord tells us to "love one another as I have loved you. When I was hungry you fed me; when I was naked you clothed me."

The Social Action Committee is one way we can help and love one another. The coat drive, turkey drive, weekly food donations, back to school collections, and feeding the homeless are just some of our activities. When a person or family is in need, a call to the rectory activates a series of events eventually leading to help. Catholic Social Services is usually involved. Recently, a significant donation was made to them to help 60 families in need. Many of our parish families in dire situations have turned to us during the year for help and we have purchased food, paid rents, provided energy costs and more. Recently, when a community family lost their home due to a fire, we helped them the very next day.

On-line giving, the yellow collection envelope, a simple envelope marked SAC, or a donation mailed to the rectory are all methods used to donate. We are most appreciative of your financial support and sincerely wish you a Happy New Year.

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.

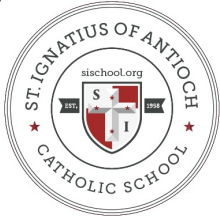


PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

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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St. Ignatius of Antioch School, a National Blue Ribbon School Awardee in 2021, is a small private Catholic school founded by the Sisters of St. Francis in 1958. As part of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, we provide an academically rigorous, core curriculum, faith-based education to the families of St. Ignatius of Antioch parish and the surrounding area. We emphasize academics, and the latest in classroom technology including SMART boards in all the classrooms. We achieve a close family environment where students are committed to Christian values, high academic skills and a desire to serve others.

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.

Come and See Weekends for Men Discerning a Call to the Priesthood

Come & See events offer men considering a vocation the opportunity to visit the St. Charles Borromeo Seminary to see what seminary life is like and explore a possible call to the priesthood.

Location: St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood, PA

More info: <https://heedthecall.org/comeandsee/>



St. Ignatius of Antioch School
Part Time Health Room Aide

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

Catholic Grandparents Ministry

First Tuesdays at 7 PM, January 2022 to May 2022

Grandparents, you have a great influence for evangelizing the family. Please join the Catholic Grandparents Ministry to support other Grandparents and to pray for our children and grandchildren. You can help build a vibrant Grandparents ministry and become equipped to pass on the faith.

Location: Zoom meeting

More info: Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 4. For more info and to request the Zoom link, please contact Lidia Manieri 610-350-7232 lidia@mmanieri.com or Paul and Mary Kay Dunne 610-724-6534.

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



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LIFELONG AND ONGOING

Dec. 25 is the birthday of Jesus- God become man! Let us rejoice and be glad! Alleluia!

Dec. 26 is the feast day of St. Stephen, the first martyr, the very first person who died for his faith. Is your faith strong enough that you would die for it?

If not, why not? Stephen was a Deacon in the early Church in Jerusalem who aroused the enmity of members of various synagogues by his teachings. He was accused of blasphemy at his trial where he made a speech denouncing the Jewish authorities who were sitting in judgment of him and was then stoned to death. He was one of seven Deacons assigned by the Apostles to distribute food and charitable aid to poorer members of the community of the early Church. The Greek speaking Jewish widows were being discriminated against in preference to the Hebrew speaking. Acts chapter 7 gives his testimony at his trial. His martyrdom was witnessed by Saul of Tarsus (St. Paul). He died between 33-36 AD at the age of 28-32. At the moment of his death it is said that he looked up and cried 'Look! See heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' He prayed that the Lord would receive his spirit and his killers be forgiven and sank to his knees and fell asleep. He is known as a patron saint of altar servers. Dec. 26 is also the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Let us read on stories of the Holy Family and pray for their intercession for peace and wholeness in our own families and follow their example. Blessed and joyous New Year to all and let us hope 2022 will be a better year.

St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.



RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY



"Like Our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus, we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance."

This Tuesday, 12/28 we celebrate the feast of the Holy Innocents which commemorates the children slaughtered by King Herod in his attempt to destroy the infant Jesus (Matt. 2:16). When Herod heard that a child had been born who would become King of the Jews, he had every male child under the age of two in Bethlehem destroyed. Since 1973, our country has slaughtered over 60 million children, both boys and girls through surgical abortions and perhaps another 500 million chemically through the hormonal contraceptive pill/IUD and abortion pills. Why did Herod wish to kill any child that may interfere with his 'kingship'? The answer may be the same for why all the children were killed through abortion that may 'interfere with people's 'lordship' over their lives???? We really need to pray and meditate on what we have done in the past, what we are doing now and why it is that we are doing it? And then ask ourselves, is this what God would want us to do with His children that He created? Of course, Mary and Joseph fled to Egypt for 7 years until Herod died; we have no place to flee and even if our laws 'die' we will still have abortion with us, so, we need to change to a culture of Life. As we celebrate the birthday of Jesus let us celebrate life and thank Him for that gift!

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

Intercessory Prayer: For all Christians:

That the wondrous birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ will awaken our hearts to the priceless gift of every child; We pray to the Lord:

Rose of Life Intention: For a new culture of life for all, born and unborn.



FREE FAMILY MINISTRY DINNER

JAN 8

After 5:15 Mass

St. Ignatius Auditorium/basement

RSVP required by Friday 1/7 at

Tinyurl.com/JanuaryFMdinner

or on

FACEBOOK PAGE:

ST. IGNATIUS YARDLEY FAMILY MINISTRY

Easygoing, casual gathering with other young families!

***We are decorating posters for the March for Life -
we have a different family orientated
activity each dinner***

Pizza, drinks, and treats

Dinner won't be the same without you!





We ♥ love
having you as part of our Flock

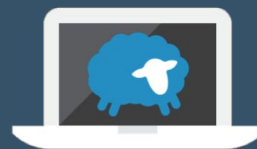
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