



# St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

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*The Baptism of the Lord*

*January 10, 2021*



I HAVE BAPTIZED  
YOU WITH WATER;  
HE WILL BAPTIZE  
YOU WITH THE  
HOLY SPIRIT.

MARK 1:8

## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday: 5:15PM Vigil Mass  
Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:30AM (Livestreamed),  
11:30AM, 6:00PM  
Daily, Monday to Friday: 9:00AM  
\*Special Schedules for Holy Days

## PERPETUAL ADORATION

The chapel will remain closed at this time for Perpetual Adoration. Please see page 4 regarding Eucharistic Adoration in our main church.

## 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– Friday 9:00AM—4:00PM  
Saturday—CLOSED  
(\*Please see details on page 2)



**Sunday January 10, 2021**

*Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11*

**7:30AM Jane Liwoch (Sue Ann Cook)**

**9:30AM Patti Miano (The Fanelli Family)**

**11:30AM All Living and Deceased Parishioners**

**6:00PM Adrien, Jaclyn, Margot, &**

**Brielle Burka / living (Joseph and Lesia Pryor)**

**Monday January 11, 2021**

*Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20*

**9:00AM Dr. Dorita Evangelista**

**(The Evangelista Family)**

**Tuesday January 12, 2021**

*Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28*

**9:00AM Sean Hagan (The Tierney Family)**

**Wednesday January 13, 2021**

*Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:29-39*

**9:00AM Maureen McFadden (Jane and Kevin Young)**

**Thursday January 14, 2021**

*Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11; Mk 1:40-45*

**9:00AM Dick Roberts (Jane and Kevin Young)**

**Friday January 15, 2021**

*Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-7, 8; Mk 2:1-12*

**9:00AM Patrick Scheffer (The Franchi Family)**

**Saturday January 16, 2021**

*Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mk 2:13-17*

**5:15PM John - Warrio Jimenez (The Young Family)**

**Sunday January 17, 2021**

*1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42*

**7:30AM All Living and Deceased Parishioners**

**9:30AM Patricia Ann Trigg (Robert Trigg)**

**11:30AM Sr. Margaret Rosarii, SSJ (Mary Crawford)**

**6:00PM Jurij & Maida Burka / living**

**(Joseph and Lesia Pryor)**

## SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Church Sanctuary Candle burns in loving memory of George Furst requested by Lauretta and Larry Perini.



**January 10, 2021**

**The Baptism of the Lord**

**Reading I: Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7, or 55: 1-11**

God speaks as He would to a heavenly court, and promises that He will give His Spirit to the coming Messiah. We also learn about the power of God's Word, which never goes unfulfilled. The Messiah will be "a light to all nations."

**Reading II: Acts 10: 34-38, or I John 5: 1-9**

This letter of John joins obedience to love. It is incumbent on us to believe that Jesus is the Son of the Father, and that His death for sin brings us eternal life.

**The Gospel: Mark 1: 7-11**

John the Baptist again exhibits his humility before Jesus, as he declares himself unworthy to do what was normally a slave's task: loosening Jesus' sandal straps. "Wind and fire" describe the coming of the kingdom and precede the proclamation of Our Lord's true identity.

## RECTORY HOURS

The rectory office is open Monday through Friday 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](mailto:contact@stignatius.church) before you stop by as most things can still be accomplished with a phone call.

**The Baptism of the Lord**  
**January 10, 2021**

**First Reading**  
**Is 42:1-4, 6-7**

Thus says the LORD:  
Here is my servant whom I uphold,  
my chosen one with whom I am pleased,  
upon whom I have put my spirit;  
he shall bring forth justice to the nations,  
not crying out, not shouting,  
not making his voice heard in the street.  
a bruised reed he shall not break,  
and a smoldering wick he shall not quench,  
until he establishes justice on the earth;  
the coastlands will wait for his teaching.

I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice,  
I have grasped you by the hand;  
I formed you, and set you  
as a covenant of the people,  
a light for the nations,  
to open the eyes of the blind,  
to bring out prisoners from confinement,  
and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.

**Responsorial Psalm**  
**Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10**

R. (11b) The Lord will bless his people with peace.  
Give to the LORD, you sons of God,  
    give to the LORD glory and praise,  
Give to the LORD the glory due his name;  
    adore the LORD in holy attire.  
R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.  
The voice of the LORD is over the waters,  
    the LORD, over vast waters.  
The voice of the LORD is mighty;  
    the voice of the LORD is majestic.  
R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.  
The God of glory thunders,  
    and in his temple all say, "Glory!"  
The LORD is enthroned above the flood;  
    the LORD is enthroned as king forever.  
R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

**Second Reading**  
**Acts 10:34-38**

Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered  
in the house of Cornelius, saying:  
"In truth, I see that God shows no partiality.  
Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts up-  
rightly  
is acceptable to him.  
You know the word that he sent to the Israelites  
as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord  
of all,  
what has happened all over Judea,  
beginning in Galilee after the baptism  
that John preached,  
how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth  
with the Holy Spirit and power.  
He went about doing good  
and healing all those oppressed by the devil,  
for God was with him."

**Alleluia**  
**Cf. Jn 1:29**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.  
John saw Jesus approaching him, and said:  
Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the  
world.  
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Gospel**  
**Mk 1:7-11**

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed:  
"One mightier than I is coming after me.  
I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his  
sandals.  
I have baptized you with water;  
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

It happened in those days that Jesus came from Naza-  
reth of Galilee  
and was baptized in the Jordan by John.  
On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens  
being torn open  
and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him.  
And a voice came from the heavens,  
"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well  
pleased."

### 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.

### 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.

## 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.

### Eucharistic Adoration

Exposition will be held Monday thru Friday from 10AM to 8PM. The restrictions for church attendance such as social distancing and wearing of masks apply. To assist with church sanitizing we are designating the front 3 pews for this devotion. We hope to resume 24/7 Perpetual Adoration in the Chapel when it is advisable. In the meantime, let us pray for each other and may God continue to bless you and your families. For information on chapel closings/openings, please call 215-550-5638 and listen to the message.

### The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

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

As of week 14, with 3 weeks left of the Parish appeal, 319 families have contributed \$127,315.71 toward our goal of \$150,000. We are at 84.88% of this year's goal and are \$5,650 behind last year's pace. We ask that you please consider a gift towards this most important appeal!

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. We are seeing a small decrease in our total Sunday collections as well as facing a shortfall in the school due to Covid remediation. Additional cost for cleaning and sanitizing, additional staff for remediation, supplies and signage, as well as the reduction in enrollment in our PreK program will result in a larger than average parish subsidy. If you can help with this effort, it would be greatly appreciated! You should have received our appeal 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, mail your contribution or drop it off directly to the rectory. You can even make a one time donation on our Parish Giving site. Please visit [www.stignatius.church](http://www.stignatius.church) for more information on e-giving. Thank you for your generosity!

### Weekly Collection

	<u>01/05/2020</u>		<u>01/03/2021</u>	
<b>Sunday Offering</b>	\$ 20,209.00	266	\$ 12,407.00	164
<b>Online Parish Giving</b>	\$ 10,083.27		\$ 12,558.36	
<b>Total Weekly Contribution</b>	<b>\$ 30,292.00</b>		<b>\$ 24,965.36</b>	

	<u>12/29/2019</u>		<u>12/27/2020</u>	
<b>Sunday Offering</b>	\$ 12,769.00	266	\$ 15,244.00	156
<b>Online Parish Giving</b>	\$ 4,708.13		\$ 8,827.71	
<b>Total Weekly Contribution</b>	<b>\$ 17,477.13</b>		<b>\$ 24,071.71</b>	

**The Christmas count will be published next week.**

**All 2020 Tax Statements will automatically be sent to anyone who donated in 2020.**

*We are thankful for your consistent stewardship. ©JPPC*

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, Baby Brianna, Lorraine C., Rich C., Ruthann Carroll, Brynn Clare Connor, Evelyn Conway, Stacie Crane, Mary C. Crawford, Rose Ann Grall, Jonathan Grubb, Madeline Guarnieri, Lou Gunkel, Charles Jacobson, Nathan Kilgore, Michael Kotwicki, Dave Maclay, Sean Marriott, Toni McConnell, Pam McGrath, Dorothy McMullen, Baby Eva McNamara, Christine Nassar, Nabil Nassar, Carolyn Rupprecht, Irene Schuka, Walter Shimp, Darwin Stout, Catherine Torres, Edward Torres, Anne Warchol.



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

## THANK YOU!

The Social Action Committee would like to thank you, our friends and fellow parishioners, for your continuing support of our causes, helping the less fortunate in our community. The generosity which you have shown to our Thanksgiving Food Drive, Coat and Sweater Drive, and School Drive was overwhelming, and the support you give monthly for the Advocates for the Homeless Program is so appreciated. A recent donation of 13 pairs of waterproof boots and sweatpants provided much protection for many homeless during this cold winter. Monthly Mary's Cupboard donations continue and Catholic Social Services knows that we will respond whenever they have a situation needing immediate help. Your donations to our periodic collections have allowed us to continue these programs, and your support of the Emergency Relief Fund provided much financial relief during the pandemic. We are extremely grateful for all that you give and wish you a Happy New Year.



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, Brett Ryan, Luke Stapleton, James Tams, Scott Toro, Baby Carson Joseph Vice, John Worman.



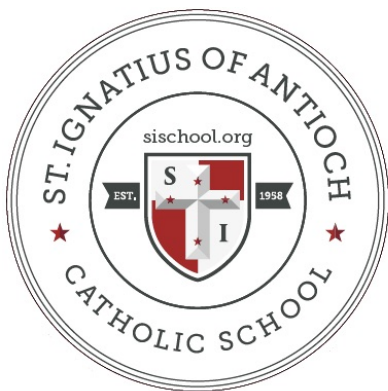
## PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

God our Father, Thank you for calling Griffen Schlaepfer, Andrew Lane, Philip Cheung, Erik Reyes, Anthony Albanese, and Juan Builes, 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 of Excellence, 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, a wide range of activities, and the latest in classroom technology. We achieve a close family environment where students are committed to Christian values, high academic skills and a positive self-image.*

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## Religious Education

From the Religious Education Office ... The PREP office is open from Sundays through Thursdays. Annmarie is in the office during the day from Monday through Thursday and in the Antioch Center (old rectory) on Sundays and week-day evenings.

**PREP REGISTRATION:** PREP (Parish Religious Education Program) is for children in Grades K to 8. PREP classes are being held remotely at the present time. Parents can find the lessons on the parish website. (Go to [www.stignatius.church](http://www.stignatius.church), and then click on PREP. The grade levels will come up, so click on the level you want. Finish up by completing the Interactive Session Review and send results to Mrs. Perini's email – [lperini@stignatius.church](mailto:lperini@stignatius.church)). Each class's lesson will be available for 3 weeks only. Then the next lesson will replace it. Registered families can communicate with the teachers by email. If you missed registration, please stop in our office or call us (215-493-5204) to receive the registration form by email.

**Special Needs:** Parents, are you aware that we have a PREP class for students with special needs? 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:** Our program this year is Matthew Kelly's Decision Point. Parents, please encourage your 8th graders to continue their study of God and his Church. Confirmation is not graduation from learning about God; this is a lifetime commitment.

### SACRAMENTS:

### FIRST

**RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION:** If you missed the informational Parent Zoom Meeting for First Penance/Holy Communion, and you would like to have the paperwork, please email me at [www.aflanagan@stignatius.church](mailto:www.aflanagan@stignatius.church). Please send in the Sacrament Fee as soon as possible. First Penance will take place on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. First Communion is scheduled for Saturday, April 17, 2021, at the 9:30 a.m. Mass and the 12:00 noon Mass.

**CONFIRMATION:** If you missed the Zoom Parent Meeting and you need the paperwork, please let me know. The candidate's paperwork, the sponsor's letter of eligibility, and the Confirmation fee is due no later than January 31. Confirmation is scheduled for Saturday, April 24, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., with Bishop John J. McIntyre.

## ADULT Faith FORMATION

Today is the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Baptism is the Christian rite of admission and adoption into Christianity. It is understood to be the annulment of the sins of one's past and the emergence of a totally innocent person. So, if Christ was born without sin and never committed sin, why did He have to be baptized. Well, He didn't 'need' to but as Jesus responded to John the Baptist 'let it be so, for it is fitting in this way for us to fulfill all righteousness' (Matt 3:15). Jesus is fulfilling His role as the obedient Son of God by practicing the required righteousness of submitting to God's will to repent (i.e. live in the world wholeheartedly devoted to God). He also 'received' the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, the love between the Father and the Son. Jesus was fully human and fully divine. Righteousness refers to the whole-person behavior that accords to God's will, nature and coming kingdom. Repentance here means to become a disciple in that Jesus is dedicating Himself to follow God's will fully on earth. Let us take the opportunity to celebrate our own baptism, dedicate ourselves to God's will and repent and become one of His disciples and follow Jesus' example. Men of St. Ignatius, join us this Wed. Jan 13 at 7 PM for our study on Galatians and learn what it is we must do to be saved. The Zoom link is on the website, or email [lruppersberger@gmail.com](mailto:lruppersberger@gmail.com). St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.



Thank you so much to everyone who donated educational games and electronics for the children at the Bucks County Emergency Homeless Shelter. I collected 12 Leapfrogs and 18 learning games just from the St. Ignatius community in two weeks, and was able to make 17 no-sew blankets! Thank you again, I really appreciate everyone who contributed.

- Kelly Larr

## Respect



"When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others' lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them." IF we had a loving friend relationship with Jesus, how would treat Him? IF we saw Jesus in every other person we ever meet, how would we treat them? We need to encounter Jesus. Go visit Him; go talk to Him; go spend some quiet time with Him. Read about Him in Scripture- His entire public life is recounted many times so you can get to know Him.

Many people agonize and philosophize over the 'meaning of life'. The Baltimore catechism gives the answer to the question: 'Why did God make you?'; answer: "God made you to know Him, to love Him and to serve Him in this world so you may be happy with Him in the next". In case you missed it, the meaning is to get to Heaven, and, while many may travel different paths to get there, we have the lives of the Saints that we know are there to show us the way, along with the Magisterium of the Catholic Church. So why not start out this new year with a life change that will head more toward that final destination of Heaven? If you get there, you will be glad you did for all eternity!

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

Intercessory Prayer: For all Christians: May we live out our baptismal call to proclaim the Gospel of God's love and the dignity of every human life; We pray to the Lord:

Rose of Life Intention: For all life to be respected as the image of Jesus.

## **CARING FOR FRIENDS (Formerly Aid for Friends)**

On Thursday, January 14th, 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. Masks are REQUIRED. No mask, no entry.
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.
4. Please stay home if you consider yourself at risk. We want you back when it is safe for you.

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

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

Dear Parishioners:

I am writing to share the good news about our parish Community Emergency Fund.

Over the past 10 months our parish has raised close to \$100,000 and helped almost 50 parish and other local families in our community with emergency needs due to the COVID pandemic. We also have been able to help 4 local non-profits with their emergency needs, and given hope to those in need during a very dark time in their lives.

Even though the work of our parish Community Emergency Fund is ending, our work helping those in need in our community will continue through the work of our Social Action Committee and Knights of Columbus. These two organizations have been serving our parish for years, and will continue their work reaching out and assisting those in need in our local community. The 2nd collection for this weekend will be for our parish Social Action Committee, and I encourage your donations. On behalf of the parish, I would like to thank the parishioners who volunteered for the Committee administering the Fund: John Celentano, Ken Driver, Jen Sullivan and Fred Wise. We appreciate all their work talking to those in need of help, reviewing and approving requests for assistance, and helping connect those in need with other community resources. I would also like to thank Greg Lucidi and Maria LaMantia for their work on behalf of the Fund.

Most importantly I would like to thank you for your generosity, which allowed our parish Community Fund to serve and care for the neediest among us, helping to do God's work here on Earth.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Fr. Andrew Brownholtz

## **RETROUVAILLE**

**REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE** Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of February 12 - 14, 2021 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

### **ECONOMIC RESOURCES:**

**Pennsylvania Unemployment Compensation:** You may be eligible for unemployment if your employer has closed due to COVID-19, your hours have been reduced, you have been told not to work, you have been laid off, or have been told to isolate or self-quarantine. Self-employed, independent contractors and freelancers also may be eligible for unemployment assistance through the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA program) for up to 50 weeks total through mid-March, 2021.

Important to note, under the federal economic stimulus law just enacted in December, state unemployment benefits are increased by up to \$300/week for 11 weeks. However, it may take a few weeks for the enhanced benefit to appear in unemployment compensation.

For more information or to apply, visit: <https://www.uc.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

**Direct Cash Payments:** Under the new federal economic stimulus law you may be eligible for a second stimulus check: you will receive a direct payment of \$600 if you earned \$75,000 or less in 2019, or \$1,200 if you and your spouse make up to \$150,000, and an extra \$600 per dependent child (up to age 16). Payments will decrease if you made over \$75,000, and will phase out completely if your income was over \$87,000 that year.

Electronic payments are expected to be received as soon as the beginning of January, but if mailed, receipt will take longer.

### **HOUSING RESOURCES:**

**Eviction Moratorium:** The federal eviction moratorium has been extended to Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

**Bucks County Housing Group:** If you are a resident of Bucks County and facing eviction or homelessness, please contact the Bucks County Housing Link @ 1-800-810-4434 as you may be eligible for assistance.

### **FOOD RESOURCES:**

**SNAP Benefits/Food Stamps:** You may be eligible for SNAP benefits (food stamps) to help buy food and groceries, due to a job loss/loss of income from the coronavirus pandemic. However, there are income limits, based on family size-- the chart is on the right side of the link below. You can apply online: <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/SNAP.aspx> Now you can also use SNAP to purchase groceries at some online retailers.

**Mary's Cupboard Food Pantry:** Offers food/groceries to those in need; open Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-Noon; **Catholic Social Services Diaper Pantry:** Open Thursdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Please call 215-945-2550 for more information and to make an appointment first.

### **HEALTH RESOURCES:**

**Bucks County Health Department:** Can be reached with coronavirus questions or concerns @ 215-345-3318. **Mental Health/Substance Abuse Issues:** Anyone with substance abuse or mental health concerns during the coronavirus crisis, should call the county's behavioral health number @ 215-399-5681