



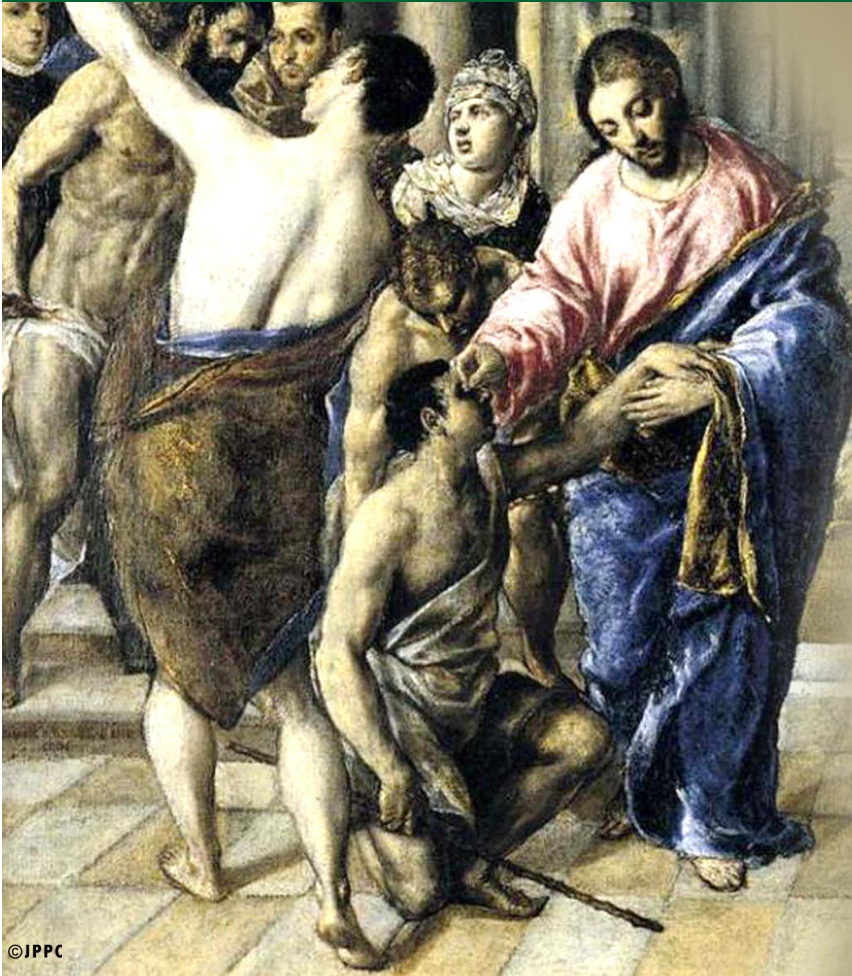
St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

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Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

January 31, 2021



HE
COMMANDS
EVEN THE
UNCLEAN
SPIRITS
AND THEY
OBEY HIM.

MARK 1:27

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 31, 2021

Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

**7:30AM Mary Anne and James Callan / living
(Joseph and Lesia Pryor)**

9:30AM All Living and Deceased Parishioners

11:30AM Richard and Marie Green

(Jean Green and Ray Willhof)

6:00PM Luke Porretti (The Cardone Family)

Monday February 1, 2021

Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24; Mk 5:1-20

9:00AM Brian Derby (The Joy Family)

Tuesday February 2, 2021

Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 22-32

9:00AM Thomas M. King (Tim and Jody Malloy)

Wednesday February 3, 2021

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

9:00AM Dr. Carl Shulthies (Tim and Joy Malloy)

Thursday February 4, 2021

Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9-11; Mk 6:7-13

**9:00AM James Hoffman / living
(Tim and Jody Malloy)**

Friday February 5, 2021

Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc; Mk 6:14-29

9:00AM Fred Rossi (Richard and Kathryn Moore)

Saturday February 6, 2021

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mk 6:30-34

5:15PM Tom McAleavy (Patricia McAleavy)

Sunday February 7, 2021

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

7:30AM Brian Derby (The Baker Family)

**9:30AM Tanya and Jonathan Tanaka / living
(Joseph and Lesia Pryor)**

11:30AM Kim Teesdale (Raymond Hofelder)

6:00PM All Living and Deceased Parishioners

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Church Sanctuary Candle burns for Mildred Barber and the deceased members of the Barber family requested by Ann Ciocco.



January 31, 2021

The Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Reading I: Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

The author wants to find a place for prophecy in his country. He describes a true prophet as a native Israelite who is called by Yahweh and continues the prophetic role of Moses.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 7: 32-35

Paul is addressing newly married couples. We note his view of the equality of men and women. He advises couples but does not impose any solutions.

The Gospel: Mark 1: 21-28

Capernaum is the setting for this last section of Chapter One. Jesus' "amazing" teaching did not rely on appeals to Scripture or other teachers for verification. The healing He works presages the end of the power of demons.

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 before you stop by as most things can still be accomplished with a phone call.

The Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time
January 31, 2021

First Reading
Dt 18:15-20

Moses spoke to all the people, saying:
“A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up
for you from among your own kin;
to him you shall listen.
This is exactly what you requested of the LORD, your
God, at Horeb
on the day of the assembly, when you said,
‘Let us not again hear the voice of the LORD, our
God,
nor see this great fire any more, lest we die.’
And the LORD said to me, ‘This was well said.
I will raise up for them a prophet like you from
among their kin,
and will put my words into his mouth;
he shall tell them all that I command him.
Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks
in my name,
I myself will make him answer for it.
But if a prophet presumes to speak in my name
an oracle that I have not commanded him to speak,
or speaks in the name of other gods, he shall die.’”

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9

R. (8) If today you hear his voice, harden not your
hearts.
Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;
let us acclaim the rock of our salvation.
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us joyfully sing psalms to him.
R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.
For he is our God,
and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he
guides.
R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
Oh, that today you would hear his voice:
“Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as in the day of Massah in the desert,
Where your fathers tempted me;
they tested me though they had seen my works.”
R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading
1 Cor 7:32-35

Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of
anxieties. An unmarried man is anxious about the
things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord.
But a married man is anxious about the things of the
world, how he may please his wife, and he is divided.
An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the
things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both
body and spirit. A married woman, on the other
hand, is anxious about the things of the world,
how she may please her husband.
I am telling you this for your own benefit, not to im-
pose a restraint upon you, but for the sake of propri-
ety and adherence to the Lord without distraction.

Alleluia
Mt 4:16

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
The people who sit in darkness have seen a great
light;
on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death,
light has arisen.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel
Mk 1:21-28

Then they came to Capernaum,
and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and
taught.
The people were astonished at his teaching,
for he taught them as one having authority and not as
the scribes.
In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit;
he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of
Nazareth?
Have you come to destroy us?
I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”
Jesus rebuked him and said,
“Quiet! Come out of him!”
The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry
came out of him.
All were amazed and asked one another,
“What is this?
A new teaching with authority.
He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey
him.”
His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole re-
gion of Galilee.

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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 January 25th, we are getting ready to close out this year's Parish appeal. A final report will be given next week, as we are still accepting contributions that will count towards this year's appeal. As of 1/25/21, we have collected \$137,740, approximately \$12,260 short of this year's goal of \$150,000. We ask that you please consider a gift in these final days 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 for more information on e-giving. Thank you for your generosity!

Weekly Collection

	<u>01/26/2020</u>	<u>01/24/2021</u>
Sunday Offering	\$ 17,327.00 374	\$ 10,645.00 174
Online Parish Giving	\$ 4,758.38	\$ 9,164.17
Total Weekly Contribution	\$ 22,085.38	\$ 19,809.17

We are thankful for your consistent stewardship. ©JPPC

Lenten Faith Sharing

Due to the continuing problem of a highly contagious virus affecting our community, we will NOT run this program for Lent this year. The program works best as an assembly of small groups of people meeting in person to read and share the Word of God and to discuss its meaning in our lives. Given the current health restrictions and cumbersome cleaning procedures to be followed, we decided that it would be best to skip the program this year and resume it in the next year.

Please reach out to your group leaders to find alternatives for deepening your prayer through Lent. Thanks to all the people who have participated in this program for many years and who will be disappointed by the cancellation; we will see each other again, God willing, under better circumstances next year!

Sincerely,

Anna Darby-Matteoda

CARING FOR FRIENDS (Formerly Aid for Friends)

Due to continuing health concerns, Caring for Friends will be CANCELLED on February 11, 2021. Hopefully, we will resume meeting to assemble meals for the homebound soon.

If you would like to make meals at home, please use the packets available at each church door for this purpose. These packets have enough supplies for five meals. If you would like to obtain a larger supply of materials, please contact Kathy (215-321-0116) or Jayne (215-321-5739) to obtain more supplies.

Thank you so much for your understanding during these crazy times! We hope that soon we will be able to resume a more consistent schedule. We have made these adjustments to our schedule in the hopes that we are protecting our wonderful volunteers.

Kathy and Jayne

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

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., Rich C., Ruthann Carroll, Harris Carvel, Stephanie Carvel, Brynn Clare Connor, Evelyn Conway, Stacie Crane, Mary C. Crawford, Kathleen Geiger, Rose Ann Grall, Jonathan Grubb, 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, Ann O'Hanlon, Carolyn Rupprecht, Irene Schuka, Walter Shimp, Baby Simon Shamar, Darwin Stout, Kyle Stout, Catherine Torres, Edward Torres, Baby Carson Joseph Vice, Anne Warchol.



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, 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, John Worman.

JOURNEY
OF
Faith

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/>



VOCATION OFFICE FOR THE
DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD
ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
HEED THE CALL



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

ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE THROATS

The Feast of St. Blaise, associated with the healing of throats, will be celebrated on Wednesday, February 3rd. Due to the pandemic, a general blessing of the throats will be given at the 9:00AM Mass instead of individual blessings.



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.



~A Legacy of Faith and Family~

Telephone: 215-493-3867

St. Ignatius of Antioch School, a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence in 2007, 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.

Mr. John Schrenk, Principal- mrschrenk@sischool.org

Mr. Jake Wild, Assistant Principal- mrwild@sischool.org



*Enrollment for
School Year
2021-2022*

Enrollment for Current Families: This year we are instituting continuous enrollment. All current families will be automatically enrolled for the next school year unless we are informed otherwise by January 31st. A \$75.00, non-refundable registration fee will be added to your FACTs accounts on February 1st. This applies to students entering Grades 1 to 8 in September.

Enrollment for New Families: New family enrollment for students entering Preschool through 8th grade in September will begin, February 2nd. Please call the school office for more information or email Mr. Schrenk, mrschrenk@sischool.org.

Preschool Enrollment:

Preschool Enrollment: Enrollment for current families with children going into kindergarten is now open. Registration paperwork has been emailed and sent home to current families. We will be having TWO kindergarten classes for the year 2021-2022. Once all spaces are filled, families will be placed on a waiting list.

Enrollment for current families with children entering Pre-K 4 is currently open.

Enrollment for new families for preschool or Kindergarten will begin on February 2nd.

CATHOLIC ***schools*** WEEK Please join us after each Mass this weekend for a social hosted by our Student Council.

Check out our Facebook page all week long for the activities we are having this year to celebrate Catholic Schools.

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 collection on the second Sunday of each month. 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. Donations may also be dropped off anytime in the baskets provided at the Adoration Chapel.

ROSARY

All are invited to recite the rosary after the 9:00 Mass. For those who can stay longer, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is also recited.



I believe that abortion is intrinsically evil because it takes the life of another human being—something that no one should ever have the right to do. Annually, more than 50 million unborn children in our world are “terminated”—individuals made in the image and likeness of God... precious lives with dignity... unwanted Children of God being eliminated. If one person can make a difference, think of those hundreds of millions of children and their potential to change the world.

If the simple and paramount right to life is violated, why should any other rights matter? When people say, “My body, my choice,” I often think of how that terminated life in his/her mother’s body is being denied all future decisions. I truly believe that the issue of abortion should not be political—it should be about human morality. Pope Francis has wisely compared abortion to hiring a hitman to solve your problems. The womb, supposed to be a safe place for a developing baby, is instead a dangerous and hostile environment. Our country’s abortion laws are so disgusting and permissive that even babies who survive abortion are at risk.

Another reason why I believe that abortion is intrinsically evil is because we all know what that fragile baby in the womb will grow up to become—an independent, adult human being. The baby is not “a clump of cells.” With the facts about fetal development, no one can deny that the baby is a living, breathing organism. How is it okay to kill a child that has its own unique DNA, a heartbeat at 18 days, brain waves and even taste buds at 42 days? Even at the earliest stages of life, babies exhibit so many distinguishing and amazing characteristics!

Worldwide, it is illegal to kill someone, yet no one even blinks an eye when a helpless, vulnerable baby is murdered. This must change, and we are the generation to do it. Our young men and especially our young women are targeted and under attack. Every day, we are fed propaganda about how wonderful and helpful abortions can be. Through text messages and Internet ads, Planned Parenthood tries to tell me and other girls that abortion is our right, it’s not a big deal, and the child inside is not a baby. All lies. We need to spread truth and awareness of how evil and dangerous abortion is to both the baby and mother. People must know that killing a child is not the only way out of an unexpected pregnancy; there is always someone in the world willing to adopt. We need to teach others about the sanctity of human life and God’s unconditional love and mercy. For the last two years, I marched in Washington at the March for Life. I was moved, being surrounded by people willing to fight the injustice of abortion. We need to join together to help protect our world’s population because life is beautiful and truly matters. We can only save the babies together!



**CONGRATULATIONS
RESPECT LIFE
ESSAY CONTEST
WINNERS!**

First Place:
Isabelle Glunz - \$100

Second Place:
Diego Castenada- \$50

Third Place:
Ava Spera- \$25



“Walk with each other. Do not be afraid to embrace God’s gift of life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us. ‘Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age’ (Matthew 28:20).” Most women we see in our crisis pregnancy centers desire to terminate their pregnancies because they are afraid; many are desperate because they don’t have support; some are being forced by family members or fathers of the baby. Most have no idea of what is involved in the abortion procedure, what the consequences may be and once we inform them with the truth and offer support and follow up for the baby and their families for 3 years, many decide for life. This is what we do. We offer a free pregnancy test to confirm the pregnancy. We bring them back for an ultrasound to confirm length of gestation and they see their babies on ultrasound, hear the heartbeats, see them moving and many cry and are joyful- almost like John the Baptist who leapt within the womb of Elizabeth when meeting Mary pregnant with Jesus! They receive counseling and support and many end with saying yes to life. In 2020 LOLF centers saved over 230 babies; in the past 12 years, over 3000. As we end this ‘month of life’ let’s not cease to pray for life and support our crisis pregnancy centers- it IS a matter of life and death! Go to legacyoflifefoundation.org to see our videos and make a donation.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

Intercessory Prayer: For the times we are afraid to welcome life: May the Lord fill our hearts with confidence in His loving care and provide for every need; We pray to the Lord

Rose of Life Intention: For an end to fear in women with unplanned pregnancies.



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 , 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). 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@stagnatius.church . Please send in the \$25 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

ADULT Faith FORMATION This past week on Jan. 25 our church celebrated the conversion of St. Paul. While many of us may not need to be knocked off a horse and blinded for 3 days and have God speak directly to us and send a messenger, many of us may need some major event in our lives to lead us to know if we need conversion and why. Paul was persecuting Christians. He was persistent in this ‘bad’ behavior. While we may not be persecuting anyone, we may be persistent in some ‘bad’ behavior that needs to be converted to good. We need to start with prayer and confession to get the grace necessary to strengthen us against repetitive sin. We need to avoid the near occasions of sin. We may need to ‘die unto ourselves’ (a kenosis) so that we may go through a ‘change of mind’ (metanoia) to live our lives differently. It is not just non-Catholics that need conversion, all sinners, especially those who constantly commit the same sin, like pornography, need conversion. We need to examine our conscience and confess, repent, do penance, amend our lives to sin no more and avoid the near occasions of sin. In this world of social media and electronic devices, try Laudate as an app on your phone to give you daily readings and reflections/prayers/examination of conscience and other necessary prayer items. Try it, it is free.

St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL

WHO? WHAT? WHY?

One of the best known Catholic Men's organizations in the world is the esteemed Knights of Columbus, founded by an American parish priest --soon to be a newly named

Catholic Saint. We rejoice in the vision of Fr. Michael J. McGivney, who was beatified last October and whose followers are praying earnestly for another miracle to justify his canonization. We anticipate he will likely be the first American-born parish priest to become a Saint. Now, Blessed Fr. McGivney is already a most effective advocate for the unemployed and for families who pray to see their children return to the Catholic Faith. Fr. McGivney died in August 1890 in Connecticut, but our own Fr. James McCafferty Council of the Knights is faithfully carrying on his goals to provide lay Catholic leadership in our church. Their guiding principles are Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. We rejoice in some recent examples of our following these goals:

1. Our parish K of C along with the Social Action Committee, (SAC) met the pandemic with resolute plans to assist any family suffering hardship through unemployment, job slowdown, or illness. We can call these plans resolute because during the 2020 year, in just ten months, the Knights and the SAC have raised and distributed over \$100,000 dollars to assist about 50 individual families, and four non-profit organizations. Their gratitude has been heartwarming and their privacy protected. That is charity in action.
2. Remembering our deceased brothers, our parish council prepared and delivered 22 gift baskets to widows and families containing food items, candy, surprises, and other essentials as a Christmas surprise. That is fraternity in action.
3. To bring our parishioners together in celebration of our Parish 100th Anniversary, the Knights published a book of memories, tributes, and humor submitted by parishioners in a memory book which sold for \$10 each and resulted in a birthday gift to the parish in the amount of \$1200. "Thank you." to all who supported this project. To those who might still wish to secure a copy of the remaining priceless books, we urge you to call for one in the rectory to add to the birthday gift total. That is unity in action.
4. Plans are also in the works for the annual Golf Outing, our biggest fundraiser.

The world today is not kind to religious motives and to evangelization efforts, but despite these secular times, our council of about 159 members is enthusiastic about planning more events and growing. All money collected is given away.

To all Catholic men in Yardley, 18 and over, this is your official invitation to join in the Knights' work.

The once secretive organization, today advocates a more transparent and public inclusion of members. Your installation will become a family pride day and a parish celebration day, rather than just a personal event in a secret council. Therefore, we call all men in our parish of about 2400 families to join us in the K of C. We call especially,,,,,,

.....The strong hard working fathers of our young Catholic students,

... ..The newly married men who will set standards for Catholic family life in Yardley,

.....The college men who are brimming with idealism and creative ideas.

..... The single and married men of all ages who wish to see the needs of others met..

.....The curious men who marvel at the "magic" that attracts about two million men world-wide, from among 16,000 distinct councils.

..... and specifically, we call YOU.

Please, continue to read this monthly column and call either Fred Wise -215 704 9958 about membership or Mark Stice -215 339 1284 about insurance benefits.