



St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

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Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022



PEACE



Reading I: Isaiah 11: 1-10

A beautiful description of a future king, who would also be the Messiah. His ‘knowledge of the Lord’ would equip him, so to speak, to bring about a new world of justice and peace.

Reading II: Romans 15: 4-9

Paul writes out his thoughts about the encouragement the Holy Scriptures provide to bolster our hope and the willingness to live harmoniously with each other. No longer are the Gentiles excluded from the community.

The Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-12

Matthew moves abruptly away from Jesus’ infancy to His adult ministry, with His cousin John the Baptist acting as His precursor. Both John and Jesus relate to each other naturally, but also supernaturally by way of John’s prophetic preaching, poor lifestyle and practice of baptism. For him, good works flow from true repentance.

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 Schedule for Holy Days

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Sunday - CLOSED

Monday- Thursday 9:00AM—5:00PM

Friday - 9:00AM - 4:00PM

Saturday—CLOSED

ROSARY

The rosary is said Monday - Friday after the 9AM Daily Mass.

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 and Saturday 10AM - 3PM.

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.



Mass Intentions

Sunday December 4, 2022

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

7:30AM Edward Lalor

(Jennifer and Steve Morello)

9:30AM Michael Septer (The Septer Family)

11:30AM Harry and Jenny Bowman

(Mary and Tim)

6:00PM All Living and Deceased Parishioners

Monday December 5, 2022

Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 5:17-26

9:00AM Dr. Evaristo Evangelista (Eva and Judith)

Tuesday December 6, 2022

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

9:00AM Robert Russin

Wednesday December 7, 2022

Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30

9:00AM Louise Leonetti

(Barbara and Jurgen Scherer)

7:00PM John Reick (The Pearce Family)

Thursday December 8, 2022

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

7:00AM Mary and Joseph McMullen

(Dorothy McMullen)

9:00AM Patricia Ann Trigg (The Trigg Family)

7:00PM Delphine Hawthorne

(Georgette and Steve Kornsey)

Friday December 9, 2022

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

9:00AM Special Intention (Michelle Madden)

Saturday December 10, 2022

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

5:15PM Special Intention (Loretta and Bill Amerine)

Sunday December 11, 2022

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

7:30AM Grace Rossi - Zyck

(Richard and Kathryn Moore)

9:30AM Michael Downs Jr. and Michael Downs Sr.

(Lorraine Downs)

11:30AM Lauren Nicole Young

(The Young Family)

6:00PM All Living and Deceased Parishioners

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The church sanctuary candle burns for Tom Stiver requested by his wife.



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2022



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 20th 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 19th at St. John the Evangelist, Makefield and Big Oak Roads, Lower Makefield and on December 21st at 7:00PM at Our Lady of Grace, 225 Bellevue Avenue, Penn del.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve - Saturday, December 24th

4:00PM Vigil in the Church

(4:05pm Auditorium for overflow)

8:00PM Vigil

Christmas Day - Sunday, December 25th

7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM

***Please note on Saturday, December 24th there will not be confessions at 4pm or a 5:15pm Vigil. There will be no 6PM Mass on Christmas Day.**

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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 pray for our beloved deceased especially, Nicole Macheck, Sharon Thomas, Barbara Deacon, Martin McNeela, 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.



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 Father Brownholtz.



FISCAL CORNER

As of week #9 of the Parish appeal, 196 families have contributed \$71,075 toward our goal of \$150,000. We are at 47.38% of this year's goal and are \$23,795 behind last year's pace. As of 11/28/22 we are projected to be \$24,250 short of our goal. If you can make a contribution towards this critical fundraiser, we would appreciate your support of this fundraiser!

As a reminder, this critical parish financial appeal will run from October through the end of January. This is one of our largest sources of income, aside from our normal Sunday collections, and is greatly needed for the daily operation of our parish. You should have received our appeals materials in the mail. If you have not, there are appeal envelopes located in the entrances of the church. Please return your donation by placing this year's appeal envelope in the collection basket at Mass. You may also mail your contribution or drop it off directly to the rectory. Thank you for your generosity!

Weekly Collection

Counting our Blessings	11/28/21	Env	11/27/22	Env
Sunday Offering	\$13,147.00	223	\$9,592.00	214
Online Parish Giving	\$8,921.64		\$9,729.53	
Total Weekly Contribution	\$22,068.64		\$19,321.53	

Counting our Blessings	11/21/21	Env	11/20/22	Env
Sunday Offering	\$13,240.00	224	\$12,660.00	232
Online Parish Giving	\$12,468.48		\$11,463.37	
Total Weekly Contribution	\$25,708.48		\$24,123.37	

We are thankful for your consistent stewardship. ©JPPC

Remember
Our Sick

Lord hear our prayer for the sick in our community that they return to the comfort of good health:

Emil Abinader, Ernest Aiello, Loretta Amerine, Sabrina Amerine, Carmelinda Belliza, Patricia Broderick, Alan Brutus, Lorraine C., William Cain, Ruthann Carroll, Dorothy Clark, Paul Clark, Brynn Clare Connor, Ebby Conway, Mary C. Crawford, Shellie D., Jerry Dennell, John Flahive, Pat Furst, Cindy L. Golden, Tommy Golden III, Jonathan Grubb, Lou Gunkel, Ruth Gunkel, Joanne Hutchins, Charles Jacobson, Mary Kelly, Charlie Koerner, Michael Kotwicki, Dick Linde, Sandy Lockhart, Kathleen Long, Amanda Loveman, James Malley, Sean Marriott, Kevin McBeth, Kevin McCarthy, Toni McConnell, Dorothy McMullen, Katherine McSorley, Kathy Merlo, Connie Moredich, Christine Nassar, Nabil Nassar, Rita Off, Nancy Paravecchia, Joseph Pittore, James Perry, Anne Proctor, Eric Rhineheimer, Paul Anthony Roppa, Sister Agnes St. Joseph, Cheryl Stabile, Darwin Stout, Kyle Stout, AJ Tantala, Frances Tarallo, Catherine Torres, Edward Torres, Brendan Weisinger, Howard Wildey, and all the residents of Sunrise and Rittenhouse Village.

REMEMBER TO
Pray FOR OUR
TROOPS

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 DeTemple, 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, David James Moruzzi II, 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.

SERVANTS OF MARY



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

The Flame of Love Rosary will be recited on Monday nights at 6PM. For more information on the Flame of Love visit: <https://flameoflove.us/>

JOURNEY
OF
Faith

PRAY FOR OUR
SEMINARIANS

God our Father, Thank you for calling Griffen Schlaepfer, Anthony Albanese, Juan Builes, Jacob Sanz, Luke Trombetta, and Pasquelge Don Sandun Tharuka 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/>

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.



Are you or a loved one in need of prayer? Please call our charismatic prayer ministry at 267-357-5008.

We would love to spend time and pray with you.

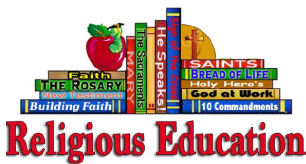


St. Ignatius of Antioch Catholic School
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St. Ignatius of Antioch School, a National Blue Ribbon School Awardee in 2021, is a small private Catholic school founded by the Sisters of St. Francis in 1958. As part of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, we 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.

At this time we have limited availability in our National Blue Ribbon School. Tours are being given by appointment only. Please call the school at 215-493-3867 or email Mrs. Helene Crozier at hcrozier@sischool.org for more information.



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. If you need information or want to register your child(ren), please stop in the Religious Education Office, which is in the school building through the blue doors under the canopy.

PREP Classes for the 2022 – 2023 school year are underway. Stop in the Religious Education Office if you need a registration form. Classes continue each week until early May. The next class for the Summer Week-long Program takes place on Sunday, December 11, at 10:35 a.m. until 12:25 p.m. The monthly Sunday classes are NOT optional for the Summer Program.

All PREP students will have the chance to receive the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation on Monday, December 12, at 6:45 p.m., in Church.

Students in grades 8 to 11 are invited to participate in a video and group discussion program, Decision Point, on Tuesdays, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. (Fee is \$50 per student).

If you are not presently on our PREP email list, and you would like information about Religious Education for any age group, please email Annmarie Flanagan at the address listed above or call 215-493-5204.

INFORMATION ABOUT SACRAMENTS: Penance/Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation: If you were unable to make the First Penance/Communion Parent Meeting and/or the Confirmation Parent Meeting, please stop in the PREP office for the information packet(s). This is especially important for parents of Confirmation Candidates.

SACRAMENT DATES: First Penance is scheduled for Tuesday, March 7, at 7:00 p.m. Bishop Michael Fitzgerald will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, March 25, at 10:00 a.m. First Communion will be celebrated on Saturday, April 29, at 9:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon.



Faith Formation
LIFELONG AND ONGOING

Our parish of St. Ignatius has been blessed for over 25 years with our committee members who have given of their time, talent and treasure to create and sponsor over 200 programs on morality, ethics, religion, bible study, faith sharing, and Catholic education for adults in our parish.

These programs average about 6-8 per year, some a one-time event; some 24-weeks ongoing like our Walking with Purpose and our men's bible studies; some DVD; some live 'in person' speakers; some speakers from our parish like our priests, Deacons and those with special expertise in certain areas; some guest speakers; some retreats. All programs have been offered as 'free will offerings' with refreshments. Programs have 'moved' from time-to-time base on availability of space. There is much effort going into planning, preparing, shopping, set-up, clean-up and sometimes personal funding. The topics are varied and some have been repeated with updated information. Most topics are current and relevant on how to address one's life from a faith-based perspective whether it be in marriage, employment, family, child rearing, personal self-development, even politics and yes, death. The current committee members are aging and some of the leaders are stepping aside to allow new blood, new ideas, new energy and new ways of continuing to have programs for our parish. Time is of the essence in having some new people step up. Are you being called to share? Are you being called to serve? Let us know. Now is the time to start preparing for programs for next year. Don't let this resource go by the wayside.

St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.



RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY



“Jesus calls each of us to ‘care for the other as a person for whom God has made us responsible’ (EV 87). ... The encyclical *The Gospel of Life* recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. Particular emphasis, however, is placed on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers’ wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the ‘least of these’ in our world’s estimation.”

*Excerpt from *Evangelium vitae*, © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved. When Jesus uttered His words from the Cross ‘Forgive them Father, for they know not what they do’, these very words could be applied to how we here in the U.S. approach life from its beginning at conception until natural death. As we approach the Nativity of our Lord Jesus, we also need to reflect on the Incarnation... Jesus becoming human, for what reason and purpose? We need to understand that the ‘Word became flesh and dwelt among us’ and that our humanity has been elevated by His divinity. We need to see the ‘Christ’ in others and love our neighbor as ourselves because we all have the same heavenly Father and we are all brothers and sisters in Christ. Holidays can bring out the ‘worst’ in us as family, or, it can bring out the ‘best’.... this year...let it be the best.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

Intercessory Prayer: May God help us prepare the way of the Lord by acting with tenderness and compassion, especially toward the most vulnerable among us; We pray to the Lord:

Rose of Life Intention: May we respect Baby Jesus and all babies.

**RCLA - RITE OF CHRISTIAN
INITIATION OF 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.

**CARING FOR FRIENDS
LOOKING FOR A WORTHY CHARITY?
PLEASE CONSIDER CARING FOR
FRIENDS...**

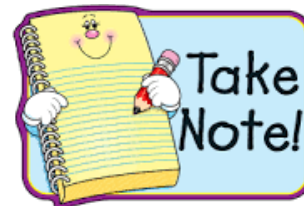
Caring for Friends provides free meals for the elderly, ill, poor and/or homebound in the greater Philadelphia area. Only one day per month of your time is required and you will be helping so many needy people! Our next meeting to assemble meals will be held on Thursday, December 8th from 9 am – noon in the church auditorium kitchen.

We are truly blessed, but more helping hands are always needed and welcome. If you can't stay to help assemble the meals, a main dish or starch can be delivered on the morning of the meeting or a donation can be given to help us buy supplies. Your gifts and talents are always appreciated. If you would like additional information on how you can help, please call Kathy, 215-321-0116 or Jayne, 215-321-5739. Hope to see you on December 8th!



**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

On Thursday, December 8th we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 7th at 7:00PM and Thursday, December 8th at 7:00AM, 9:00AM, and 7:00PM.



**RECTORY OFFICE
HOLIDAY CLOSURES**

Thursday, 12/8 - Closed
Wednesday, 12/14 – Open 9am to 11am
Monday, 12/26 - Closed
Monday, 1/2 - Closed



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please join us in decorating our church for Christmas on Sunday, December 18th at 12:45PM. This is a great opportunity for service hours! If you can help, please call the rectory, 215-493-3377 and leave your name and phone number.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated.



We  love
having you as part of our Flock

Keep in touch with us
via email and text!



Text
STIGNATIUS
to 84576

OR

Connect with us online at:



stignatiuschurch.flocknote.com

Text STOP to 84576 to stop txt notifications at any time. Text HELP for help.
There is no charge for this service, but your carrier message and data rates
may apply. View full privacy policy & terms at flocknote.com/txt.



December 5th or December 10th, 2022
Are You Called to Be a Deacon in the
Archdiocese of Philadelphia?

We invite Catholic men (and wives if married) between the ages of 29 and 55 to join us an in-person presentation with a panel of clergy about discerning a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate and admittance to the School for Diaconal Formation program.

Two options:

December 5 at 7:00 PM: Saint Mary Magdalene Parish, St. Francis Hall, 2400 North Providence Road, Media, PA 19063

December 10 at 10 AM: Holy Innocents Parish, 1337 East Hunting Park Avenue - Philadelphia, PA 19124

More information:

Please visit <https://archphila.org/deacon>.


Springs of Love
CATHOLIC FOSTER & ADOPTION SUPPORT



Springs in the Desert
Support for Couples
Struggling with Infertility

Springs in the Desert accompanies those struggling with infertility by offering a place of respite and solidarity where they can know God's love for them and discover His unique call to fruitfulness. Firmly rooted in the anthropology, ethics and spirituality of the Catholic Church, and our shared experiences of infertility, Springs in the Desert affirms the goodness of marriage, upholds the giftedness of the child, and advocates for a broader understanding of what it means to be life-giving.

Learn more on the website:

<https://springsinthedesert.org/>

Springs of Love
Catholic Foster and Adoption Support

Springs of Love encourages, educates and equips Catholics to discern and live out the call to foster and adopt, while creating communities of support to help cultivate a culture of foster care and adoption in our parishes. Springs of Love hopes to convey both the beauty and the challenges of fostering and adoption with attention to such issues as adoption after infertility, the impact of trauma on children, parenting a special needs child, the adoption triad, navigating relationships with birth families, the language surrounding fostering and adopting, the role of the Church in caring for children in need of parents, and more.

Learn more on the website:

<https://springsoflove.org/>

JOIN BOY SCOUTS TROOP 230 TODAY

CALLING ALL 11-17 YEAR OLDS

Meeting are held weekly at St. Ignatius Auditorium Tuesdays, 7-8:30 pm



UPCOMING RECRUITING EVENTS

Friday, December 16th 7-9:00 pm Lock-In held at St. Ignatius Auditorium

Tuesday, February 21st 7-8:30 pm Annual Pancake Flip held at St. Ignatius Auditorium



Lots of fun adventures planned throughout the year such as hiking, camping, snow skiing/boarding, fishing, zip lining, canoeing, summer camp, Klondike derby



Do you have students attending St. Ignatius School, our PREP program, or another private school? If you are paying tuition, we have a great way to save you money towards your tuition or PREP! SCRIP is a gift card fundraising program that allows you to buy gift cards for the places you already shop, all while earning money back towards your tuition or PREP costs. In addition to over 750+ retailers, we also offer some local grocery stores such as Shop-Rite, McCaffrey's, Giant, and some local restaurants as well.

Start saving today at shopwithscrip.com or download the RaiseRight App and use our enrollment code: C26FCDC63135 when registering. Many stores offer e-gift cards while others use physical gift cards that can be sent home through school or you can arrange pick up with our coordinator. Please contact Nicole Kloc at 609-954-2248 or nicolekloc@gmail.com with any questions.



The Children's Liturgy of the Word ministry is looking for volunteers to help at 9:30 Mass. The commitment is 1 or 2 Sundays per quarter, and the schedule is very flexible. We use SignUpGenius®, so you can choose the Sundays that fit your family's schedule. If a conflict should arise on one of your scheduled Sundays, it is easy to switch with another volunteer.

Please consider giving this a try. You are welcome to join us downstairs any Sunday to become more familiar with the Children's Liturgy of the Word. Training of new volunteers will begin in early fall. Email Mary Alice LaMorte at malamorte@verizon.net or call 267-566-4128 to discuss further.

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.

******There is a specific need recently for paper and personal products.***

Thank you!