



St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

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Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2022



JOY



Reading I: Isaiah 35: 1-6a, 10

The prophet speaks of the flowering of the southern desert, as Nature itself prepares for God's return to His people. It will bring them salvation.

Reading II: James 5: 7-10

The writer asks for patience from his readers. He actually urges them to practice this not only because of the awful injustice they have suffered, but also for the many ordinary trials that come into their lives.

The Gospel: Matthew 11: 2-11

John the Baptist sends his disciples to inquire of Jesus just who He is, and what is His mission? Jesus identifies Himself with the coming Messiah announced by Isaiah the prophet, a person who will bring blessings of all kinds to the world.

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.



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

Monday December 12, 2022

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt

13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

9:00AM Kathleen Madden

(Martin and Jackie Madden)

Tuesday December 13, 2022

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23; Mt

21:28-32

9:00AM Dorothy Wolverton (Linda Chamberlain)

Wednesday December 14, 2022

Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14;

Lk 7:18B-23

9:00AM Ernest Zima (The Sullivan Family)

Thursday December 15, 2022

Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Lk

7:24-30

9:00AM Antoinette Mundemar

(Roseanne and Leonard Fusco)

Friday December 16, 2022

Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36

9:00AM Alice and John Walsh

(James and Monica Walsh)

Saturday December 17, 2022

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

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

Sunday December 18, 2022

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

7:30AM Myron and Pauline Komarnitsky

(Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Villari)

9:30AM Michael Septer (Loretta and Bill Amerine)

11:30AM Antoinette Mundemar

(Roseanne and Leonard Fusco)

6:00PM Charles and Erne Hofelder

(Raymond Hofelder)

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The church sanctuary candle burns for Michael Downs Jr. and Michael Downs Sr. requested by Lorraine Downs.



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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Welcome

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.

In Loving Memory

We pray for our beloved deceased especially, Dorothy Clark, 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.

WEDDINGS

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 #10 of the Parish appeal, 206 families have contributed \$73,475 toward our goal of \$150,000. We are at 48.98% of this year's goal and are \$26,945 behind last year's pace. As of 12/05/22 we are projected to be \$27,350 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	12/5/21	Env	12/4/22	Env
Sunday Offering	\$13,482.00	280	\$10,562.00	224
Online Parish Giving	\$10,652.12		\$10,452.78	
Total Weekly Contribution	\$24,134.12		\$21,014.78	
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$1,835.00		\$2,043.00	

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Emil Abinader, Ernest Aiello, Loretta Amerine, Sabrina Amerine, Carmelinda Belliza, Patricia Broderick, Alan Brutus, Lorraine C., William Cain, Ruthann Carroll, 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, Amanda Loveman, James Malley, Sean Marriott, Kevin McBeth, Kevin McCarthy, Toni McConnell, Dorothy McMullen, Katherine McSorley, Kathy Merlo, Connie More-dich, 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.



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/>



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/>

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.

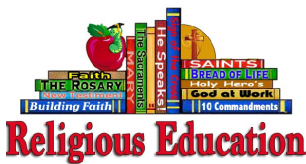


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St. Ignatius of Antioch School, a National Blue Ribbon School Awardee in 2021, is a small private Catholic school founded by the Sisters of St. Francis in 1958. As part of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, we provide an academically rigorous, core curriculum, 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 this weekend 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

We just finished celebrating the feast of the Immaculate Conception, the teaching of the Catholic church where Mary, Mother of God, was conceived in her mother's womb without sin. Being without sin allowed her to be worthy of conceiving Christ within her womb through the intercession of the Holy Spirit but only through her yes/her 'fiat' from her free will.

Tomorrow, we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe- that miraculous appearance of the pregnant Mary to a simple farmer, St. Juan Diego, to stop the massacre of infants in Mexico. The miracle of the image of the appearance on the tilma of St. Juan still survives to this day to remind us of this appearance and this miracle. Now, we are in 'another' time of massacre of the innocents (we celebrate the feast of the Holy Innocents on Dec. 28) as the battleground for the sanctity of life has shifted from the 'national' level (Dobbs decision overturning Roe v. Wade) to the states and local governments. We need Mary's intercession more than ever. We need the rosary. We need devotion to Mary. We need to understand the meaning of the human body and its sacramentality and holiness as a 'temple of the Holy Spirit' as many of we older people learned from the Baltimore catechism. Also, this month we celebrate on Dec. 25 the 'giving' of Mary as a 14-year-old virgin with an unplanned pregnancy her 'yes' to the will of God, her life, her body and her sacrifice of love to her child who was the Son of God and our Lord and Savior. How can we know how many of those babies aborted would have served in God's plan for salvation? We cannot! We need to turn to Mary and her example. We need you on our committee.

St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.



RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY



"O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free."

USCCB, "Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita". St. Josephine is patron saint of Sudan and slavery. Are we 'enslaved'? do we have a 'master' of this world rather than the next? Why is it that we 'do' things that are 'not our will' if we were 'free'? How can we be free to live our lives according to that for which we were created? Did Jesus come to set us free? Did He show us how to live 'free lives'? Did He not give all of Himself, including His very own life to set us free? What enslaves us? Sin, sin, sin. How can we be set free over and over? The Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist are our ever-lasting elements of freedom helping us undo the chains to which we may be bound giving us the keys of grace to unlock our slavery to allow us to live our 'free wills' by joining them with the will of God so we may know true freedom. We can do this! How about we all give ourselves the gift of freedom by going to confession, doing penance and receiving the Eucharist and joining ourselves with Jesus, if not day to day, at least weekly.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

Intercessory Prayer: For all victims of human trafficking: That they may find hope and healing in the Lord who proclaims liberty to captives and release to prisoners; We pray to the Lord:

Rose of Life Prayer: For all those enslaved, may they be set free.

RCIA - 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.

FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

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Helps couples at all stages of life to understand and live God's plan for happy, holy marriages.

THANK YOU!

The recent Turkey/Food Drive was an amazing success because of the wonderful support we received from our parish community, both in donations and in volunteering. A special thank you to Annmarie Flannagan and the many PREP students and their families who volunteered and to the Boy Scouts from Troops 230 and 10 who worked tirelessly to make this drive a success.

This drive allowed us to share more than 200 turkeys plus groceries and gift cards to help needy families in Morrisville, Bristol, Levittown, Burlington, Hamilton and Philadelphia through 11 organizations who distributed these goods to their clients. These efforts enabled many people to enjoy Thanksgiving.

We continue to help Catholic Social Services weekly by collecting and delivering non-perishable food items in the vestibules of church weekly. The Social Action Committee appreciates very much the continual support you give to our projects. Thank you!

2023 Sign-Ups

\$30 per person; \$60 per family

MARCH FOR LIFE

JANUARY 20, 2023

Please join Saint Andrew parish on Friday, January 20, 2023, for the National MARCH FOR LIFE in Washington, D.C.

This peaceful demonstration will bear witness to the dignity of human life to our elected officials in Congress.

St. Andrew Respect Life Ministry has reserved a 54-passenger bus. We will depart St. Andrew at 7am, returning by 8pm.

If you have school-age children, consider bringing them. Many schools and children join the March for Life!

Cost is \$30 per person or \$60 max per family. A check payable to "St. Andrew Respect Life Ministry" may be dropped off at St. Andrew Rectory to reserve a seat. For more information, contact Mike Phillips (267-797-0186 or mikeflips@yahoo.com).



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Keep in touch with us
via email and text!



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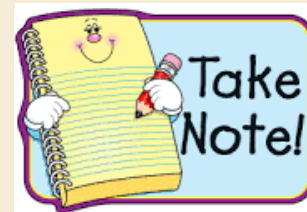
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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.



RECTORY OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURES

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

Book 'n Bean

We are meeting "in person" again this year after our long Covid isolation and we welcome newcomers to join us once a month on the last Tuesday evening in the ground floor meeting room of the Antioch Center at 7:30pm. We will be discussing books which we have chosen for the coming year (2022-2023.) Please come when you can. Our schedule is:

Tuesday, Jan. 31	Survival in Auschwitz - Primo Levi
Tuesday, Feb. 28	The Lincoln Highway - Amor Towles
Tuesday, Mar. 28	Hamnet - Maggie O'Farrell
Tuesday, Apr. 25	The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell - Robert Dugoni
Tuesday, May 23	Unsheltered - Barbara Kingsolver

HELP TO COPE WITH POOR PRENATAL DIAGNOSIS

If a Prenatal Diagnosis is poor, you are not alone. Lily's Gift, is a network of concerned parents and professionals who have experienced or worked closely with issues surrounding poor prenatal diagnosis. This ministry can provide a peer support team to assist couples during this critical time.

Email: LilysGiftLuke12.27@gmail.com for support. You can also call 215-587-3530 or submit a request at www.LilysGift.org.

For more information about a Catholic response to PPD visit:

www.LilysGift.org or www.BeNotAfraid.net.

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!