



# St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2022



### Reading I: Isaiah 7: 10-14

The Lord tells King Ahaz to ask for a sign as to whether or not Isaiah is the one to believe or his advisers. Isaiah is proven right with his announcement of the virgin conception and birth of Emmanuel.

### Reading II: Romans 1: 1-7

Paul writes an introduction of himself to the Romans he is about to visit with a solemn opening. Then he presents a triple description of himself and his faith.

### The Gospel: Matthew 1: 18-24

Matthew's Nativity story. In keeping with his mission to the Jews, puts the spotlight on St. Joseph. The Spirit is the source of all life. Joseph's obedience is inspirational.

### 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 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 Mundenar**  
(Roseanne and Leonard Fusco)

**6:00PM Charles and Erne Hofelder**  
(Raymond Hofelder)

**Monday December 19, 2022**

*Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25*

**9:00AM All Living and Deceased Parishioners**

**Tuesday December 20, 2022**

*Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38*

**9:00AM Giuseppe Covello (The Covello Family)**

**Wednesday December 21, 2022**

*Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45*

**9:00AM Lilliana LaMantia/ living**  
(Mommy and Daddy)

**Thursday December 22, 2022**

*1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56*

**9:00AM Dolores Gote (Martin and Jackie Madden)**

**Friday December 23, 2022**

*Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66*

**9:00AM Elaine Patton (Michelle Madden)**

**Saturday December 24, 2022**

*2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79*

**4:00PM Theresa and Sam White**  
(Jean Green and Ray Willhoft)

**8:00PM Helen and George Moore (James Hosgood)**

**Sunday December 25, 2022**

*Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25. Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14*

*Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20. Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14*

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

**9:30AM John O'Rourke (Alice O'Rourke)**

**11:30AM Katherine Trigg - Schmidt**  
(The Trigg Family)

*SANCTUARY CANDLE*

The church sanctuary candle burns for David M. Zewe requested by Karen Zewe and Family.



**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.**

## Ministerial Staff

|   |              |                             |
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Whether it's your first time here or you have been coming to Mass here for years, we welcome you to join our parish. Please contact the rectory to register in person or visit:  
<http://www.siforms.org/npregister.html> to register online.



We pray for our beloved deceased especially, Grace M. McDade 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.*



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 #11 of the Parish appeal, 218 families have contributed \$77,525 toward our goal of \$150,000. We are at 51.68% of this year's goal and are \$29,645 behind last year's pace. **As of 12/12/22 we are projected to be \$30,050 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    | 12/12/21    | Env | 12/11/22    | Env |
|---------------------------|-------------|-----|-------------|-----|
| Sunday Offering           | \$13,830.00 | 231 | \$22,046.00 | 252 |
| Online Parish Giving      | \$9,667.70  |     | \$11,473.53 |     |
| Total Weekly Contribution | \$23,497.70 |     | \$33,519.53 |     |

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

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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](mailto: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.*

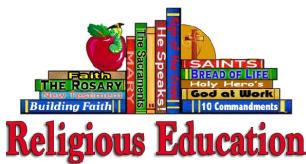


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*St. Ignatius of Antioch School, a National Blue Ribbon School Awardee in 2021, is a small private Catholic school founded by the Sisters of St. Francis in 1958. As part of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, we provide an academically rigorous, core 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](mailto: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](mailto: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. Classes are held on Sunday mornings and Monday evenings.**

**PREP Classes – The next class for the Summer Weeklong Plus Program takes place on January 8, 2023. These Sunday classes are NOT OPTIONAL for these students.**

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: Parents, please stop in the PREP office for the information packet(s) if you didn't pick it up yet. All Confirmation Candidates must bring in the completed Confirmation packet by January 12. This includes the sponsor's eligibility letter.

**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. We will celebrate First Communion on April 29 at 9:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon.



*Faith Formation*  
LIFELONG AND ONGOING

We are now one week before Christmas. By now, many of us have decorated our homes, purchased our gifts, bought our trees, shopped for our groceries, planned our activities, visits and menus for Christmas. Have we gone to confession? Have we thought of those who don't have what

we have? Have we thought of a gift for Jesus? After all, it IS His birthday? It is a celebration around His coming! Hmmm! What type of gift could we give? Gold? Frankincense? Myrrh? What can be so 'valuable' as to be 'worthy' of giving as a gift to God? What is the most valuable possession we ALL have? LIFE! It is the greatest gift we have ALL received because without it, we would not be here. So, how about if we give ourselves to God? Our will to God? Our unconditional love to God? After all, that is what HE gave us so we could live. But, as we wrap gifts we give to family, friends and neighbors, let us 'wrap' the gift of ourselves in the grace of the Lord through a thorough confession and penance and firm purpose to sin not more, receive Him in the Eucharist (meaning thanksgiving) in communion where the 'two become one' and resolve in the upcoming year to be more like Jesus, who is the way, the truth and the life.

St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.



## RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY



"Perhaps one of your friends or relatives has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend or relative in her new journey of being a mother." Learn ten tips at [respectlife.org/support-her](http://respectlife.org/support-her). USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities. We are all called to walk together and help each other. Many actions have unintended consequences. With an unplanned pregnancy, we don't have to end the life of the baby and harm the mother in the process. Crisis pregnancy centers walk with women and their children to help them throughout. The Legacy of Life Foundation has a mission to save babies and transforms families. They are local and have saved over 3000 babies in the past 15 years and are still doing so. We transform families. We don't abandon them after the baby is born. Why not consider a tax-deductible Christmas gift to the Legacy of Life Foundation at [legacyoflifefoundation.org](http://legacyoflifefoundation.org) and click on the donate button. You can go visit and take a tour at any time. You can volunteer. They are even offering several job positions and need your prayers, your support, your help and perhaps even your expertise. Contact them at the above website. Become part of the solution rather than part of the problem or just not part at all!

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

Intercessory Prayer: For all parents awaiting the birth of their child: May they look to the Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph and follow their example of cherishing and protecting human life; We pray to the Lord:

Rose of Life Intention: For all mothers, especially those with unplanned babies like Mary, Mother of God.

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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.



RECTORY OFFICE  
HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Monday, 12/26 - Closed  
Monday, 1/2 - Closed



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Keep in touch with us  
via email and text!



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**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](mailto:mikeflips@yahoo.com)).



THANK YOU!

Congratulations!

Dear Father Brownholtz,

What a joy to receive such a wonderful gift from you and your parishioners. Thank you for sharing the gift of our vocation and life of the Little Sisters of the Poor with your parishioners! Be assured of our daily grateful prayers both of the Sisters and the elderly residents, Father for you and your Parish's great gift of \$8,479.00. I ask you to remember us also in your prayers.

Sincerely in the Heart of Christ,  
Sr. Veronica

Dear Father Brownholtz,

On behalf of everyone at St. Katharine Drexel Parish, I personally and sincerely want to thank you, Annmarie Flanagan, and the parishioners of St. Ignatius for organizing the annual Advent Gift Giving Mass and your generous offering of Christmas toys to the St. Katharine Drexel Food Pantry! Many needy families in the Chester community will be helped through your generous donation. I am most grateful for your support. Please be assured of my prayers for you and all the parishioners of St. Ignatius.

Fraternally in Christ,  
Reverend Robert A. Tanelli  
Pastor

Conwell-Egan Catholic High School is pleased to announce that the following students have achieved Academic Honors for the First Quarter of the 2022-2023 school year:

First Honors:

Sara Aschenbrenner, Katharine Brennan, Alexandra Machek, Edward Larr

Second Honors:

Juliana Burke, Carter Kulak, Kelly Larr, Rebecca Bentz, Matthew Sheridan, and Lauren Sweeney

## 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 16<sup>th</sup> 7-9:00 pm Lock-In held at St. Ignatius Auditorium

Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> 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

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invites you to:

# A PATH OF HOPE: LENTEN RETREAT

*From the Cross to Resurrection*

**For Parents of Children with  
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*February 18, 2023 1pm-6pm*



## Retreat Day includes:

- Family Prayer Together
- Bilingual Session for Adults with  
*Bishop Bruce Lewandowski, C.Ss.R.*
- Activities for Youth
- Vigil Mass
- Dinner following Mass

**Holy Innocents Parish**

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**FREE RETREAT**

Please register to assist us  
with planning.

**REGISTER TODAY:**

Registration deadline: February 10  
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or go to [www.opdarchphilly.org](http://www.opdarchphilly.org)

