



St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

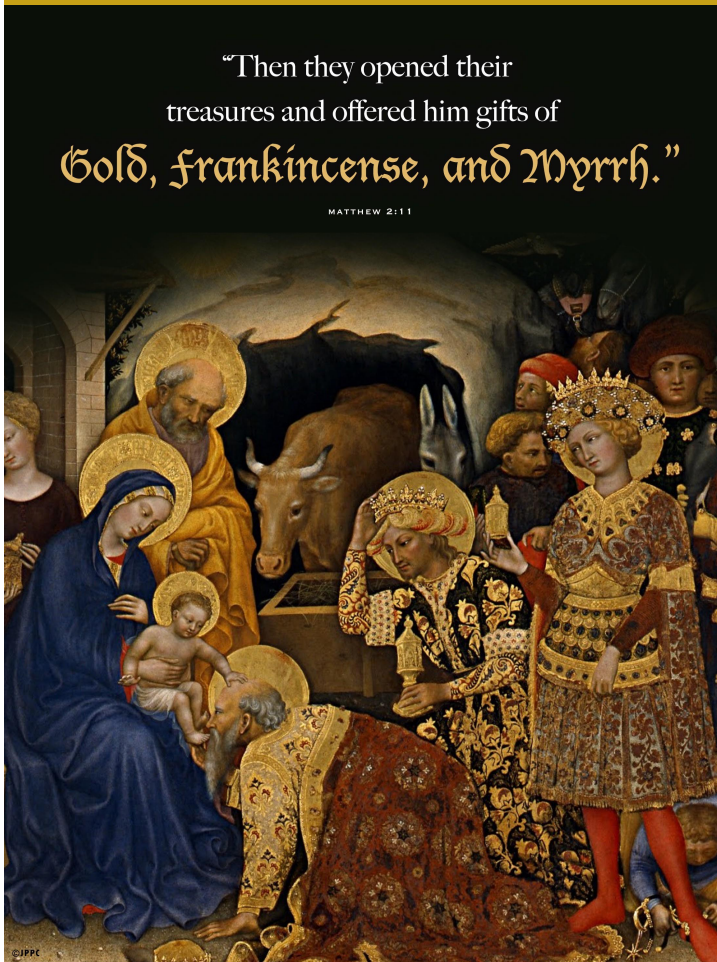
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Epiphany of Our Lord

January 2, 2022



"Then they opened their
treasures and offered him gifts of

Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh."

MATTHEW 2:11



Reading I: Isaiah 60: 1-6

A wonderful introduction leads into a description of a procession of all the world coming to Mt. Zion to rebuild Jerusalem.

Reading II: Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6

Paul interprets the revealed mystery of Christ, namely that Gentiles are full participants in the Church.

The Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

The wise men represent the Gentile world in all its racial diversity coming to worship Christ. "The East" in this case could be Persia, Syria, or Arabia. They acknowledge Jesus as a royal Messiah.

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 Schedules for Holy Days

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Sunday - CLOSED

Monday- Thursday 9:00AM—5:00PM

Friday - 9:00 AM - 4:00PM

Saturday—CLOSED

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. 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 January 2, 2022

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

7:30AM *Veronica Wisniewski
(Barbara and Barry Deacon)*

9:30AM *Teresa DeLuca (Lorraine Downs)*

11:30AM *Harold "Buzz" Taylor (Joan Taylor)*

6:00PM *All Living and Deceased Parishioners*

Monday January 3, 2021

1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a and 2-8

9:00AM *Stephen Konsowitz
(Barbara and Barry Deacon)*

Tuesday January 4, 2021

1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

9:00AM *Hilda, Millie, and Genevieve Rizzo
(Joe and Claire Borda)*

Wednesday January 5, 2021

1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

9:00AM *Sam and Catherine Paglianite (Ann Ciocco)*

Thursday January 6, 2021

1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40

9:00AM *Helen and Al Barber (The Charles Family)*

Friday January 7, 2021

1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18

9:00AM *John Lista / living (Jody and Tim Malloy)*

Saturday January 8, 2022

Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

5:15PM *George Furst (Lauretta and Larry Perini)*

Sunday January 9, 2022

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

7:30AM *All Living and Deceased Parishioners*

9:30AM *Diane Freitas (Tara and David Charles)*

11:30AM *Richard and Marie Green
(Jean Green and Ray Willhoft)*

6:00PM *Eileen Eagan (Ted and Pat Larr)*

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The church sanctuary candle burns for Bob Gervasio requested by Carol Gervasio.



What is the Epiphany blessing?

In years past, priests would often visit their parishioners during the Christmas season to bless their homes. Since this is virtually impossible for most priests today, someone in the family—ideally the father or head of household—sprinkles holy water in each room of the house and says a blessing prayer, such as this one:

Bless, O Lord, almighty God, this home so that in it there may be health, chastity, victorious strength, humility, goodness and mildness, obedience to God's laws and acts of thanks to God the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, and may this Blessing remain upon this house and upon all who dwell in it. Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Normally, the house blessing is coupled with the blessing of the doorway. Some churches will provide parishioners with blessed chalk after the Epiphany Masses. Otherwise, the faithful can bring chalk to their parish, asking the priest to bless it.

With the blessed chalk, the priest or head of the household writes the year and the initials CMB above the door as illustrated for 2021:

20+C+M+B+21

The initials have two meanings. Historically, they refer to the names traditionally attributed to the Magi, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. Spiritually, they refer to the blessing itself, represented by the Latin prayer: "Christus mansionem benedicat" (May Christ bless this house); the crosses recalling our salvation in Christ.

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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/nregister.html> to register online.



We pray for our beloved deceased especially Dave Maclay, 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.



Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance. Please call the rectory to make an appointment with one of the priests.



FISCAL CORNER

2021-2022 Annual Parish Appeal Update:

Our 2021-2022 Annual Parish Appeal is nearing its conclusion. 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.

As of week 12 of the Parish appeal, 279 families have contributed \$115,970 toward our goal of \$150,000. We are at 77.31% of this year's goal. Thank you for your generosity!

Weekly Collection

	<u>12/21/2020</u>		<u>12/19/2021</u>	
Sunday Offering	\$ 12,633.00	183	\$ 15,286.00	244
Online Parish Giving	\$ 8,844.27		\$ 9,462.21	
Total Weekly Contribution	\$ 21,477.27		\$ 24,748.21	

We are thankful for your consistent stewardship. ©JPPC

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE COLLECTION

The first collection of the Social Action Committee will be held the weekend of January 8th and 9th, 2022. We are all called upon to continue the work of Jesus. The world's problems often appear overwhelming and we ask ourselves "What can I do?" The Lord tells us to "love one another as I have loved you. When I was hungry you fed me; when I was naked you clothed me."

The Social Action Committee is one way we can help and love one another. The coat drive, turkey drive, weekly food donations, back to school collections, and feeding the homeless are just some of our activities. When a person or family is in need, a call to the rectory activates a series of events eventually leading to help. Catholic Social Services is usually involved. Recently, a significant donation was made to them to help 60 families in need. Many of our parish families in dire situations have turned to us during the year for help and we have purchased food, paid rents, provided energy costs and more. Recently, when a community family lost their home due to a fire, we helped them the very next day.

On-line giving, the yellow collection envelope, a simple envelope marked SAC, or a donation mailed to the rectory are all methods used to donate. We are most appreciative of your financial support and sincerely wish you a Happy New Year.

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, Patricia Broderick, Lorraine C., Ruthann Carroll, Brynn Clare Connor, Ebby Conway, Mary C. Crawford, Shellie D., John Flahive, Rose Ann Grall, John Grubb, Lou Gunkel, Ruth Gunkel, Charles Jacobson, Sheila Christy Kelly, Nathan Kilgore, Charlie Koerner, Michael Kotwicki, James Malley, Sean Marriott, Toni McConnell, Dorothy McMullen, Katherine McSorley, Kathy Merlo, Connie Moredich, Christine Nassar, Nabil Nassar, Nancy Parravecchia, Joseph Pittore, James Perry, Anne Proctor, Gregory Rossi, Mary Claire Rossi, Carolyn Rupperecht, Barbara Stettner, Darwin Stout, Kyle Stout, Catherine Torres, Edward Torres, and Anne Warchol.

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.



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 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, 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, 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.

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation for 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.



PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

God our Father, Thank you for calling Griffen Schlaepfer, Andrew Lane, Philip Cheung, Erik Reyes, Anthony Albanese, Juan Builes, and Jacob Sanz, to prepare for the priesthood. Grant them the grace to grow closer to You through daily prayer. Help them form their personalities as credible witnesses to others. Bless them while they study Your word and the teachings of the Church, and give them generous hearts to serve Your people. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our great High Priest. Amen

To learn more about our seminarians visit

<http://heedthecall.org/poster/>



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St. Ignatius of Antioch School, a National Blue Ribbon School 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.

We have started to look ahead to the 2022-2023 school year. At this time we have limited availability in our National Blue Ribbon School. Tours are being given by appointment only during December after school hours. Please call the school at 215-493-3867 or email Mrs. Helene Crozier at hcrozier@sischool.org for more information.

Holy Hour for Vocations

**Wednesday,
January 5, 2022
7:00-8:00 PM**

**St. Ignatius of Antioch
999 Reading Avenue,
Yardley**

**For more information:
Contact the Vocation Office
at 610-667-5778**



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



Congratulations!

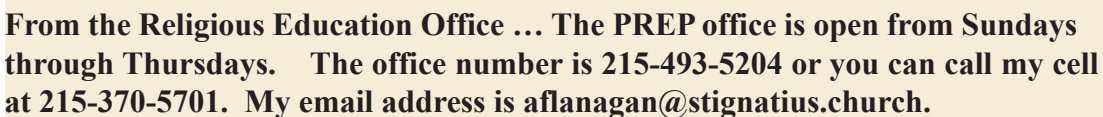
**Congratulations to the following
students who have received honors
at:**

**Conwell Egan Catholic High
School:**

First Honors: John Moyer, Sara
Aschenbrenner, Matthew Badman,
Katherine Brennan, Kelly Larr, Alex-
andra Machek

Second Honors: Juliana Burke, Tyler
Marriott

Archbishop Wood High School:
First Honors: Braeden Choo



SACRAMENT INFORMATION:

ALL CONFIRMATION PAPERWORK, including Sponsor's Letter of Eligibility is due by the week of January 16.

FIRST PENANCE will be on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. The children should sit with their parents until they are called to form a line for Confession. Families are invited to go to Confession as well.

FIRST COMMUNION is scheduled for Saturday, April 30, 2022. St. Ignatius School students and Sunday PREP students will be at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Monday and Wednesday PREP students and those who are Homeschooled will be at the 12:00 noon Mass.

FIRST COMMUNION REHEARSAL for 9:30 Mass is on Tuesday, April 26, 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.
REHEARSAL for the 12:00 noon Mass is on Thursday, April 28, 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.
FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT is scheduled for Tuesday, April 5, from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.

THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.



Faith Formation
LIFELONG AND ONGOING

As we enter a new calendar year, our Adult Faith Formation committee is 'mid-season' in their programs. Walking With Purpose continues every Tuesday morning and evening until May, 2022.

Our Men of St. Ignatius just completed a study on the Book of 1 Corinthians and will begin a new program on Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2022 at 7 PM in the Antioch center on "Be a Man: Becoming the Man You were created to Be" offered by Fr. Larry Richards on DVD. On Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022 at 9 AM in the Antioch Center- second floor, we will be showing the movie "Roe v. Wade" showing the actual debates going on when the Supreme Court ruled to approve abortion in the U.S. We try to bring discussion on topics of current interest. Also, we are in the planning phase for programs for next year; St. Ignatius is now in its 102nd year and there will be some continuing great programs to attend. Join us either in the planning phase or the attendance phase, or both. Bring a friend, or two!

This week is the feast of the Epiphany; also, "Three King's Day"; when the Magi visited Jesus. Traditional dish is black beans with rice; we celebrate the revelation of God Incarnate as Jesus Christ; also, the Baptism of Jesus. Although normally on Jan. 6, we celebrate this weekend.

St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.



RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY



On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court legalized abortion throughout the United States in its companion decisions Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton. Since that time, millions of children have lost their lives and millions of women and families have been wounded by abortion. Estimates show about 62,000,000 surgical abortions since then. Abortion would be the number one cause of death if counted. There are more abortions performed in the U.S. every year than combat deaths in ALL of our wars from 1775 to 2020! These numbers do NOT include chemical abortions secondary to the hormonal pill and IUD which also cause abortions!

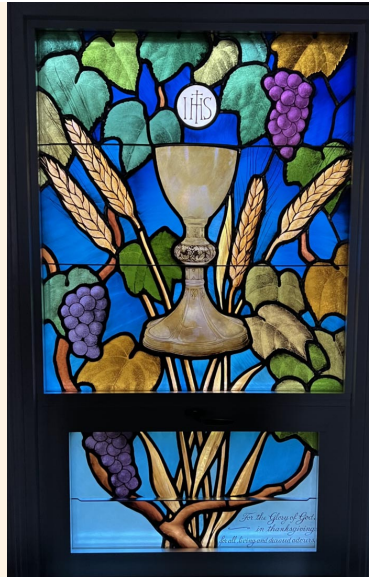
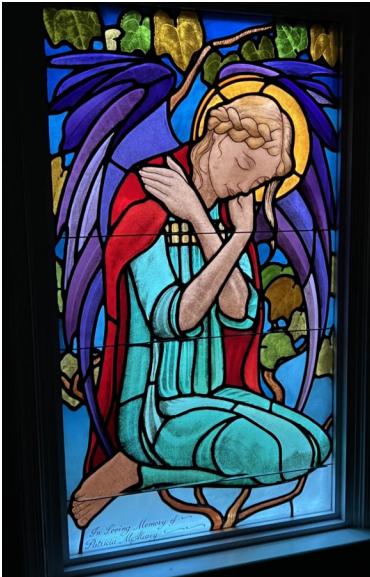
"Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with him... Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect his glory in the world." Our U.S. Constitution in the bill of rights grants the 'right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness' and one cannot be free or pursue happiness if one is never born. Further, each of those children aborted were willed by God for a specific purpose in His plan for the world and salvation and they will exist for ALL of eternity despite never having been physically born.

As we begin a new year and we are inundated with death stats of the pandemic from COVID 19 let us realize that there are 4 times as many elective abortions performed in the U.S. for no disease and no pandemic, other than our culture of death. We know not what we do! Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

Intercessory Prayer:

On this Feast of the Epiphany, may we be given the grace to always see in others the face of Christ our Savior; We pray to the Lord:

Rose of Life Intention: For an end to all abortion.



ADORATION CHAPEL STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

Our Adoration Chapel has re-opened and the new stained glass windows have been installed! The windows were designed and created under the direction of Patricia McAleavy (may she rest in peace) and Marianne Kloc. Thank you to all who contributed to this special project!

The Chapel is currently open Monday through Friday 10am - 8pm. We are still in need of adorers to open our chapel for 24 hours a day / 7 days a week as it was for so many years before the pandemic. If you are interested in taking an hour to sit with Our Lord, please look at the chart in the adoration chapel vestibule for open hours.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Please join us in taking down our Christmas decorations on Sunday, January 9th at 12:45PM. This is a great opportunity for service hours! Many hands make light work! Your assistance is greatly appreciated.



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. Thank you!

**St. Ignatius of Antioch School
Part Time Health Room Aide**

**Monday - Tuesday-
Thursday- Friday
9am- 3pm**



FREE FAMILY MINISTRY DINNER

JAN 8

After 5:15 Mass

St. Ignatius Auditorium/basement

RSVP required by Friday 1/7 at

Tinyurl.com/JanuaryFMdinner

or on

FACEBOOK PAGE:

ST. IGNATIUS YARDLEY FAMILY MINISTRY

Easygoing, casual gathering with other young families!

***We are decorating posters for the March for Life -
we have a different family orientated
activity each dinner***

Pizza, drinks, and treats

Dinner won't be the same without you!

