



St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

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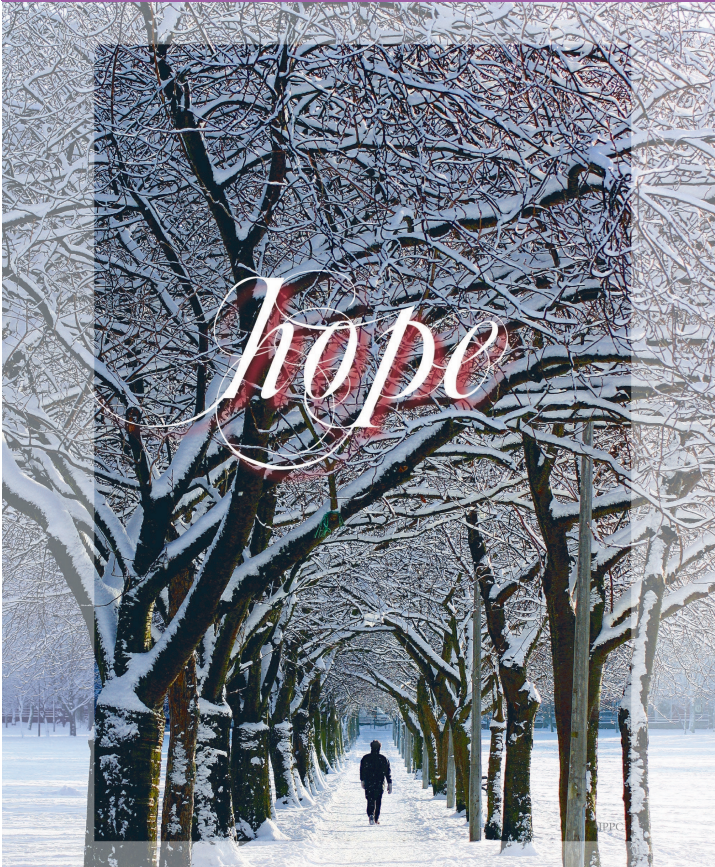
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First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023



Reading I: Isaiah 63:16b-17; 64: 2-7

A wish for Yahweh to come down from heaven and help cleanse the nation of its guilt and sins.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Paul thanks the Lord for all the gifts the community has received. He asks for His help in keeping them firm in the faith.

The Gospel: Mark 13: 33-37

Jesus warns His listeners to be alert, for no one knows the time of the Lord's return. Watchfulness regarding the Kingdom of God is essential.

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, on Saturdays before the 5:15PM Mass.,
and on Sundays before the 6:00PM 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 - 4PM.
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 3, 2023**
7:30AM Kathy Long
(Dennis and Bernadette O'Brien)
9:30AM Alice and Vernon Ralph
(Claire and Joe Borda)
11:30AM Albert J. Greto
(Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rossi)
6:00PM Thomas Reardon
(Greg and Kaye Sargent)
- Monday December 4, 2023**
9:00AM Connie Tweedie *(The Harman Family)*
- Tuesday December 5, 2023**
9:00AM Dr. Evaristo Evangelista
(Eva and Judith)
- Wednesday December 6, 2023**
9:00AM Bridget and Bryant Hosler / living
(Colleen and Bill Fucich)
- Thursday December 7, 2023**
9:00AM Carl Sposato *(Jim and Nancy Kazior)*
7:00PM Dorothy Wolverton *(Linda Chamberlain)*
- Friday December 8, 2023**
7:00AM John Irwin MD *(Sheila and Ralph Kelly)*
9:00AM Patricia Ann Trigg *(Robert H. Trigg)*
7:00PM Joseph S. Kohalmi
(Joseph and Mary Claire Rossi)
- Saturday December 9, 2023**
5:15PM St. Ignatius Parishioners
- Sunday December 10, 2023**
7:30AM Grace Zyck *(Richard and Kathy Moore)*
9:30AM Michael Septer *(The Septer Family)*
11:30AM Harry and Jenny Bowman
(Mary and Tim)
6:00PM Lauren Nicole Young *(The Young Family)*

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The church sanctuary candle burns for all living and deceased parishioners.



Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Monday, December 4, 2023 Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 5, 2023 Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 6, 2023 Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 7, 2023 Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 8, 2023 Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38

Saturday, December 9, 2023 Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday, December 10, 2023 Is 40:1-5, 9-11 Ps 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14 2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8



AED MACHINES



We have 3 AED Machines located in the following areas:

CHURCH: Stairwell leading into the Priest Sacristy

ANTIOCH CENTER: Foyer of the chapel

SCHOOL: Inside the Blue Canopy Entrance

Ministerial Staff

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Welcome

Whether it's your first time here or you have been coming to Mass for years, we welcome you to join our parish. Please contact the rectory to register.

We welcome the following families who have recently registered in our parish faith community:

Balerno, Bertoli, Briggs, Corcoran, Deane, Evangelista, Ferraro, Janka, Lee, Maus, Nelson, O'Brien, O'Neill, Oleary, Pappadakis, and Varallo

In Loving Memory

We pray for our beloved deceased especially, Eleanor L. Driber, 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.*

WEDDINGS

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

BAPTISM



We welcome the following children who have recently been baptized into our Roman Catholic Faith:

Brady Alan Deane, Liam James Lamendola, Tatum Elizabeth Whitehouse, Camila Maria Marchione, Lachlan James McIntire, Emerson Koa Olivera, Jacob Rhys O'Neill, Josephine Lee Palumbo, Hunter Ciro Fattorusso, Tyler Stephen Hope, Brooks Dean Brenner, Leonardo Homan Formica, and Arch Ignatius Formica



PARISH APPEAL

Our 2023-2024 Annual Parish Appeal is underway! 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.

As of week #9 of the Parish appeal, 222 families have contributed \$102,610 toward our goal of \$175,000. We are at 58.63% of this year's goal. Thank you for your generosity!

Weekly Collection

Counting our Blessings	11/27/22	Env	11/26/23	Env
Sunday Offering	\$9,610.00	214	\$10,497.00	213
Online Parish Giving	\$9,729.53		\$8,346.18	
Total Weekly Contribution	\$19,339.53		\$18,843.18	
Thanksgiving - Caring for Friends	\$1,902.00		\$8,148.00	

We are thankful for your consistent stewardship. ©JPPC



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS SCHEDULE

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH
7:00PM**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH
7:00AM, 9:00AM, 7:00PM**

Please note:

The rectory will be closed on Friday, December 8th in observance of the Holy Day.



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

Emil Abinader, Cleo Allen, Loretta Amerine, Sabrina Amerine, Ronald Ardeni, Nicholas Bolton, Julia Brandt, Marie Brady, Patricia Broderick, Alan Brutus, Lorraine C., William Cain, Ruthann Carroll, Stephen Cesareo, Paul Clark, Brynn Clare Connor, Ebby Conway, Mary C. Crawford, Shellie D., Andrea Derassouyan, Jerry Dennell, Mary DiMattia, Baby Callum Dixon-Merz, Tom Duess, John Flahive, Mary Fucich, Pat Furst, Simon Galapo, Mary Giacobbi, Cindy L. Golden, Margaret Golden, Jonathan Grubb, Lou Gunkel, Ruth Gunkel, Kevin Horn, Joanne Hutchins, Charles Jacobson, Mary Kelly, Olivia Kraemer, Linda Korenick, Michael Kotwicki, Dick Linde, Tina Lippolis, Sandy Lockhart, Amanda Loveman, James Malley, Isabella Mannino, Sean Marriott, Kevin McBeth, Kevin McBeth Jr., Kevin McCarthy, Toni McConnell, John McGowan, Dorothy McMullen, Katherine McSorley, Kathy Merlo, Janet Miller, Walter Miller, Connie Moredich, Christine Nassar, Nabil Nassar, Kelley Nigra, Rita Off, Nancy Paravecchia, Joseph Pittore, Leslie Perrill, James Perry, Anne Proctor, Paul Anthony Roppa, Sharon Schaeffer, Irene Scotti, Marco Scotti, Joyce Spera, Sister Agnes St. Joseph, Cheryl Stabile, Darwin Stout, Kyle Stout, AJ Tantara, Frances Tarallo, Kathleen Tollen, Baby Tollen, Catherine Torres, Edward Torres, Shelby Wagner, Lora Warner, Mary Wilcox, Howard Wildey, and all the residents of Sunrise, Artis, and Rittenhouse Village.



PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

God our Father, Thank you for calling Griffen Schlaepfer, JD McEwing, Juan Builes, Jude Opara, 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/>

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY
And Their Families

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, Daniel LaMorte, Thomas LaMorte, Marty Alexie Leonard, Nels Alexie Leonard, James Limer, 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, 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.



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 Thursday from 7:00-8:30PM in the auditorium. For more information, please contact our spiritual prayer group director: Deacon Bob Skawinski at rjcs1219@verizon.net.



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 based 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 working hard to come up with new ideas, new energy and new ways of continuing to have programs for our parish. Time is of the essence in having some new volunteers 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. If interested contact mmphinney28@gmail.com or hlar1118@gmail.com.

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.



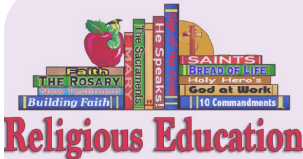
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Mr. George Meade, Principal
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St. Ignatius of Antioch School, a National Blue Ribbon School Awardee in 2021, is a small private Catholic school founded by the Sisters of St. Francis in 1958. As part 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.

The Summer PREP Classes will meet again on Sunday, December 10, beginning at 10:35 a.m. and ending at 12:30 p.m. These monthly classes are not optional.

The weekly Sunday PREP Classes begin at 10:35 a.m. and end at 11:50 a.m. Monday PREP Classes begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 7:45 p.m.

NOTE: It is very important that all students register for PREP classes. This includes those who homeschool their children. Contact Annmarie if you need a registration form or download the form from the Parish Website under PREP.

** If your child is older than 2nd grade age and has not received his/her First Penance or First Communion, please contact Annmarie as soon as possible.

*** If you are a St. Ignatius Parish Homeschool Parent and your child is entering grade 2 or grade 7 in September, please contact Annmarie ASAP (215-493-5204) to let her be aware that your child will be part of the First Penance and First Communion Class of 2024 or the Confirmation Class of 2024.

Our First Communion/Penance Parent Meeting took place on Wednesday, October 25. If you did not get your packet, please come in to see Annmarie.

Our Confirmation Parent Meeting took place on Wednesday, October 18. If you did not get the packet for your child, please stop in Annmarie's office to pick it up. ALL packets are due in the PREP Office by January 8.

RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation for Teens and Adults) is now called OCIA (The Order of Christian Initiation for Teens and Adults). If you know of anyone who may be interested in becoming a Catholic OR has not received all the Sacraments, please give them my phone number so we can talk. They can call me even if they are not 100% sure yet.

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



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please join us in decorating our church for Christmas on Sunday, December 17th at 1:00PM. This is a great opportunity for service hours!

Your assistance is greatly appreciated.



RECTORY OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Friday, 12/8 - Closed

Wednesday, 12/13 – Open 9am to 11am

Monday, 12/25 - Closed

Tuesday, 12/26 - Closed

Monday, 1/1 - Closed

ADVENT GIFT GIVING MASS



On Tuesday, December 5th, at 7:00 p.m., our parish will celebrate our annual Advent Gift - Giving Mass for the children of St. Laurence Church in Upper Darby, PA and Sacred Heart Church in Camden, NJ. Please come to celebrate Mass with an unwrapped Christmas gift for a child who otherwise would not get very much for Christmas. Representatives from both parishes will be present. There will be light refreshments for all after Mass in the Church basement. If you are unable to attend the Mass, you can drop off your gift(s) in the sacristy during that day.

Thanks so much.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2023



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 19th 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 18th at St. John the Evangelist, Makefield and Big Oak Roads, Lower Makefield and on December 20th at 7:00PM at Our Lady of Grace, 225 Bellevue Avenue, Penn del.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve - Sunday, December 24th

4:00PM Vigil in the Church

(4:05pm Auditorium for overflow)

8:00PM Vigil

Christmas Day - Monday, December 25th

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

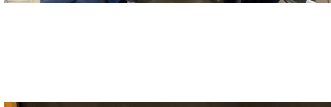
***Please note: There will be no 6PM Mass on Christmas Eve.**



Many Thanks for Turkey/Food Drive Success
 This year's turkey/food drive was a huge success because of the wonderful support we received from our parish community, both in donations and volunteering. A special thank you to Annmarie Flanagan and the many PREP students and families who volunteered, and to the Boy Scouts from Troop 10 who worked tirelessly to make this drive successful. This drive allowed us to share 230 turkeys, plus groceries and gift cards to help families in Morrisville, Bristol, Levittown, Burlington, Hamilton, Camden, and Philadelphia through 12 organizations who distributed these goods to their clients. The 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. The Social Action Committee appreciates very much the constant support you give our projects.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? Whether your loss is relatively new, or further along, we invite you to join with others for comfort, courage and direction. We will meet every Wednesday from 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM in Room 1C in the Antioch Meeting Center. The first meeting is scheduled for Jan. 3rd. Please call Mary Moskowitz to Register at 267-566-1435.



St Ignatius Parish faith formation hosted another successful annual Advent Retreat thanks to our guest speaker Deacon Bill Palmisano from St Raphaels-Holy Angels parish. Deacon Bills talk on preparing for Advent was inspiring and heartfelt. He also presented all attendees with a packet to take home with bible verses and other readings to keep us prepared and spiritually ready for the season. Thank you, Deacon Bill, and all those who attended

YOUNG ADULT CHRISTMAS DINNER

St. Ignatius will be holding its **first annual Young Adult Christmas Dinner on January 3rd, 2024!** The evening will begin with Volleyball at 6pm in the school gym and move into the Church auditorium at 7pm for dinner, catered by Ben's Deli. All Young Adults ages 18-30 are welcome! There is a \$15 suggested donation, Any questions and RSVP to joe-dom2003@gmail.com by 12/22/23.





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/>



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 14th 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 14th !

INTRODUCING



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QUESTIONS?

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HOW TO ENTER

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