



St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

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Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023



Reading I: Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11

In the prophet's vision, The Lord addresses a heavenly assembly that includes himself. Someone speaks up and says that the Lord will soon lead a new exodus through the desert.

Reading II: 2 Peter 3: 8-14

The author addresses any cynics who scoff at God's seeming delay in coming. This time actually allows for necessary repentance. Still, the day of His coming remains unknowable.

The Gospel: Mark 1: 1-8th

Mark relates the promise of the Old Testament prophets to John the Baptist, and also to his divine Cousin Jesus who actually is "the One to come," the 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 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 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)

Monday December 11, 2023
9:00AM Ann Mrazik / living (Bob and Sue Mrazik)

Tuesday December 12, 2023
9:00AM Michael Septer (Loretta and Bill Amerine)

Wednesday December 13, 2023
9:00AM Kathleen Madden (Martin and Jackie Madden)

Thursday December 14, 2023
9:00AM Barbara Deacon (Karen Zewe and Family)

Friday December 15, 2023
9:00AM Antoinette Mundemar (Leonard and Roseanne Fusco)

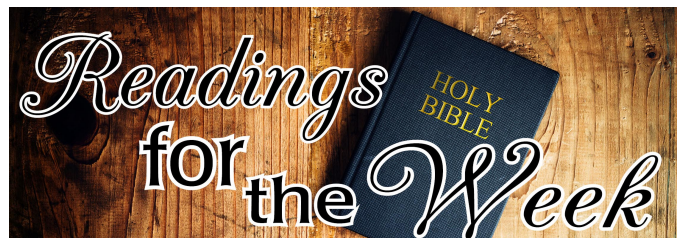
Saturday December 16, 2023
5:15PM Marta Olesnyckyj / living (Joe and Lesia Pryor)

Sunday December 17, 2023
7:30AM St. Ignatius Parishioners
9:30AM Peace for Nigeria (Christiana Gever)
11:30AM Joe Ridgway (The Septer Family)
6:00PM Richard Hetzel (Janice and Gary Lajiness)



SANCTUARY CANDLE

The church sanctuary candle burns for Karen Gray requested by Sue Ann Cook.



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

Monday, December 11, 2023 Is 35:1-10 Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday, December 12, 2023 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

Wednesday, December 13, 2023 Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 Mt 11:28-30

Thursday, December 14, 2023 Is 41:13-20 Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab Mt 11:11-15

Friday, December 15, 2023 Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Mt 11:16-19

Saturday, December 16, 2023 Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday, December 17, 2023 Is 61:1-2A, 10-11 Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 1 Thes 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



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. Or scan the following QR code:



In Loving Memory

We pray for our beloved deceased especially Ted Condo, Florence Cader, 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



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.

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 #10 of the Parish appeal, 236 families have contributed \$106,610 toward our goal of \$175,000. We are at 60.92% of this year's goal. Thank you for your generosity!

Weekly Collection

Counting our Blessings	12/4/22	Env	12/3/23	Env
Sunday Offering	\$10,592.00	224	\$13,992.00	220
Online Parish Giving	\$10,452.78		\$11,486.97	
Total Weekly Contribution	\$21,044.78		\$25,478.97	
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$2,043.00		\$2,011.00	

We are thankful for your consistent stewardship. ©JPPC

Congratulations!

St. Ignatius of Antioch School is proud to announce that we have a Class of 2024 Neumann Scholarship winner! We are very excited that Eloise Fronheiser has won this prestigious award. Eloise also earned the highest High School Placement Test Score in Bucks County. The Connelly Foundation announced 52 winners on Wednesday, November 29th. The scholarship winners receive a full four year tuition scholarship to a Philadelphia Archdiocesan high school of their choice. Eloise will be attending Conwell Egan Catholic High School in the Fall of 2024. Congratulations to Eloise and Mr. and Mrs. Fronheiser.



SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

The Social Action Committee is grateful for our parish's continued commitment to Mary's Cupboard. While any donations of non-perishable food, household items and personal hygiene projects are always appreciated, the Cupboard is currently low in canned pastas, like Spaghetti O's, and oral care products, especially toothpaste. We thank you for your generosity!



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 Fuchich, 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, Joyce Spera, Sister Agnes St. Joseph, Cheryl Stabile, Darwin Stout, Kyle Stout, AJ Tantala, Frances Tarallo, 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/>



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.

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 DeTample, 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, 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.



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' through her free will. In two days, 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 any 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. Join us if you can say 'yes' like Mary.

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 will' 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.



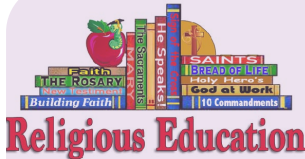
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St. Ignatius of Antioch School, a National Blue Ribbon School Awardee in 2021, is a small private Catholic school founded by the Sisters of St. Francis in 1958. As part of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, we provide an academically rigorous, core curriculum,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

Wednesday, 12/13 – Open 9am to 11am
Monday, 12/25 - Closed
Tuesday, 12/26 - Closed
Monday, 1/1 - Closed



2024
LIFE IN THE SPIRIT
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February 8th at 7:00pm for 7 consecutive weeks
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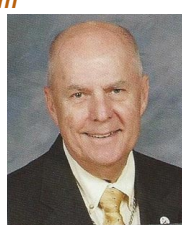
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Father Joseph Ita Sam



Father Rafal Walczyk



Deacon Bob Skawinski



Bruce Kean



Father Stephen Delacy



Father Carl Braschoss

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, Pennel.

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.**



EUCCHARISTIC *Adoration*

Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament Our Greatest Gift

The Adoration Chapel is open. Come, spend quiet time with Our Lord Jesus.

"Christians must be distinguished above all by the art of prayer. Spend time in spiritual discourse, in silent adoration, in heartfelt love before Christ present in the Most Holy Sacrament".

(St. John Paul the Great)

As you strive to deepen your relationship with Jesus, consider making time to be present to Him, the One who loves you the most.

Exposition Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 8pm
Saturday 10am to 4pm

The Eucharist remains in the chapel tabernacle at all other times.

Please call Marianne (267-346-0152) or Rosemary (267-799-3951) for chapel information.



On the third Sunday of each month, our parish will provide prayer teams in the Adoration Chapel after the 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 Masses. They will be there to pray with individual parishioners. Whether you're going through a challenging time, a crisis in faith, interceding for a special intention, or experiencing any form of need, we would be privileged to pray with you for God's grace. There is nothing like the power of prayer to bring peace.

All members of our prayer teams have been prepared to participate in this new ministry, and anything shared is strictly confidential. No prior reservation is needed.

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them" (Matt 18:20). Please note: Diocesan guidelines require that children under 18 years of age be accompanied by an adult.

Are you or a loved one in need of prayer? Please call our St. Ignatius Prayer Ministry at 267-357-5008. We would love to spend time and pray with you.

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 Thursday from 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM in Room 1C in the Antioch Meeting Center. The first meeting is scheduled for Jan 18th. Please call Mary Moskowitz to Register at 267-566-1435.

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 !

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