



# St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

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Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2023



### Reading I: Isaiah 61: 1-2a, 10-11

The prophet is anointed for preaching and enlightenment, so for example, the Israelites are like “prisoners led out of darkness to light.” A Jubilee year is proclaimed.

### Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24

The people are to rejoice, always with prayer and thanksgiving in their attitude. Paul blesses the community.

### The Gospel: John 1: 6-8, 19-28

The Baptist is not the Messiah, as he makes clear. But he is a witness for the Messiah, as he both points out Jesus as the “Lamb of God” and sends his disciples to meet Jesus and ask Him questions.

### 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 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)
- Monday December 18, 2023**  
 9:00AM Nancy Pesch (Karen Zewe and Family)
- Tuesday December 19, 2023**  
 9:00AM Alec Benjamin Boyers / living  
 (Lee Smith)
- Wednesday December 20, 2023**  
 9:00AM Ben and Alec Boyers / living  
 (Lee Smith)
- Thursday December 21, 2023**  
 9:00AM Lilliana LaMantia / living  
 (Mommy and Daddy)
- Friday December 22, 2023**  
 9:00AM Anthony Panero and Family  
 (Ann and Family)
- Saturday December 23, 2023**  
 5:15PM Dolores Kupiec  
 (Martin and Jackie Madden)
- Sunday December 24, 2023**  
 7:30AM John O'Rourke (Alice O'Rourke)  
 9:30AM Parishioners of St. Ignatius  
 11:30AM Theresa and Sam White  
 (Jean Green and Ray Wilhoft)  
 4:00PM The Bruce Smith Family / living  
 (Lee Smith)  
 8:00PM Francesco Figlia (Your Loving Family)



## SANCTUARY CANDLE

The church sanctuary candle burns for St. Ignatius Parishioners.



**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

**Monday, December 18, 2023** Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 Mt 1:18-25

**Tuesday, December 19, 2023** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a  
 Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 Lk 1:5-25

**Wednesday, December 20, 2023** Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 1:26-38

**Thursday, December 21, 2023** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 Lk 1:39-45

**Friday, December 22, 2023** 1 Sm 1:24-28 1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd Lk 1:46-56

**Saturday, December 23, 2023** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24  
 Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 Lk 1:57-66

**Sunday, December 24, 2023** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38



### 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 Gloria Garefino, Robert Bolger, 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 #11 of the Parish appeal, 258 families have contributed \$120,410 toward our goal of \$175,000. We are at 68.81% of this year's goal with \$54,590 to go! Thank you for your generosity!

### Weekly Collection

Counting our Blessings	12/11/23	Env	12/10/23	Env
Sunday Offering	\$22,046.00	252	\$12,583.00	239
Online Parish Giving	\$11,473.53		\$10,270.97	
Total Weekly Contribution	\$33,519.53		\$22,853.97	
Immaculate Conception	\$1,880.00		\$2,625.00	

*We are thankful for your consistent stewardship.* ©JPPC



# THANK YOU!

St. Ignatius Social Action Committee and the parishioners of our parish are major contributors of clothing to the Clothing Room at Jefferson Hospital in Center City, providing shirts, pants, underwear, footwear and jackets to those being discharged who lack these basic necessities. This is just one of the many groups helped throughout the year. Thank you for your continued support.





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, 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/>



**We will be starting our prayer lists over again in the January 7th bulletin. If you would like a name to stay on the sick or military lists, please contact the rectory at : 215-493-3377 or [contact@stignatius.church](mailto:contact@stignatius.church) .**

**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 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 no 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 do not 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 3600 babies in the past 15 years and are still doing so. We help transform families. We do not 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.



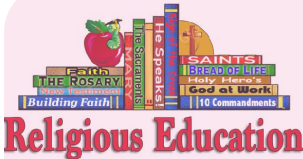
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**215-493-3867**



**Mr. George Meade, Principal**  
**mrmeade@sischool.org**

*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.

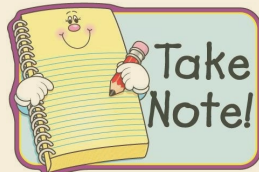




### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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**  
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  
*You don't want to miss these amazing speakers!*

*Grow deeper in your relationship with Jesus*

*Registration is Free*

*Call or email Renee' Cereby*

*267-357-5008*

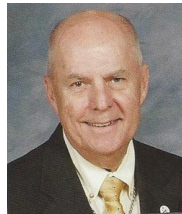
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Father Joseph Ita Sam



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, Penndel.

### 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/>

# THANK YOU!

Thank you to all those who donated gifts for our Annual Advent Gift Giving Mass !



## INTRODUCING



**A MONTHLY DRAWING  
WHERE YOU CAN WIN  
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### TICKETS: \$100 EACH

A NUMBER IS ASSIGNED TO EACH TICKET, WHICH IS ENTERED IN EACH DRAWING.

\*ACT NOW, ONLY 500 TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE\*

### DRAWINGS: 1ST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

STARTING JANUARY IF YOUR NUMBER IS DRAWN, YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED BY PHONE/EMAIL AND A CHECK WILL BE MAILED DIRECTLY TO YOU!

\*YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN\*

### PRIZES: \$500, \$250, \$100 & \$50

YOUR NUMBER IS ELIGIBLE FOR ALL 4 DRAWINGS EACH MONTH EVEN IF YOU JUST WON

## QUESTIONS?

PLEASE CONTACT: [SIS500CLUB@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SIS500CLUB@GMAIL.COM)

## HOW TO ENTER

1. COMPLETE THE DIGITAL FORM.
2. REMIT PAYMENT ONE OF TWO WAYS:

- VENMO: @FIVEHUNDRED-CLUB-1
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