



St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2023



Reading I: 2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Here we have both an oracle of Nathan the prophet and a prayer of David the king, The throne of David shall endure forever.

Reading II: Romans 16: 25-27

This section is a doxology, or prayer of praise to the “only wise God”, as the author puts it, who acts through Jesus Christ.

The Gospel: Luke 1: 26-38

The wonderful mystery of the Annunciation of Mary, the First Joyful one of the Holy Rosary. Mary’s Son will be, according to Archangel Gabriel, “the Most High” He will take the throne of David forever.

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 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)

Monday December 25, 2023
7:30AM The Geist Family/ living (
9:30AM Joey Monaghan (The Lucas Family)
11:30AM Giuseppa Covello (The Covello Family)

Tuesday December 26, 2023
9:00AM Dorothy Paullin (The Miller Family)

Wednesday December 27, 2023
9:00AM Gary P. Cook / living (Sue Ann Cook)

Thursday December 28, 2023
9:00AM Dorothy Miller (The Miller Family)

Friday December 29, 2023
9:00AM Jillian Goodwin
(Martin and Jackie Madden)

Saturday December 30, 2023
5:15PM Bill and Sue Mattern / living
(Joe and Lesia Pryor)

Sunday December 31, 2023
7:30AM Deacon Myron Moskowitz
(Joesph and Mary Claire Rossi)
9:30AM Martin McNeela (Jon and Nicole Kloc)
11:30AM Parishioners of St. Ignatius
5:15PM Cynthia King (Joseph and Dawn
Schoen)



SANCTUARY CANDLE

The church sanctuary candle burns for Giuseppa Covello requested by The Covello Family.



May this Christmas season bring you and your families happiness and joy. As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, may this moment in time reassure us of God's love for each of us.

On behalf of our deacons and staff, I wish you a Holy Christmas and a new year filled with joy, happiness, and peace.

~Father Brownholtz

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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 James Perry, 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.

Weekly Collection

Due to the Christmas Holy Day,
this weekend's collection will be reported
in next weekend's bulletin.

We are thankful for your consistent stewardship. ©JPPC

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NOTE:**

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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, 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

Happy birthday Jesus. Thank you, Mary. Thank you, Joseph. Thank you, God, for sending your only begotten Son to us to show us how to live and how to pray and how to love and how to give and how to die. What great gifts HE gave us on HIS birthday. How opposite of what

we usually practice and know. The one who is being celebrated giving gifts to those who come to celebrate HIM! What kind of gift are you giving Jesus today? What would you deem worthy to give to the Son of God? Fr. Henri Nouwen tells us in his book 'With Burning Hearts' that we are to live a Eucharistic life, a life of thanksgiving to He who has given us life. We are to see in others the Christ in them; we are to bring the Christ in us to others. We are to be like those disciples on the road to Emmaus listening to Jesus recount all that the Scriptures have brought us and have our hearts burning with fire, even though the disciples didn't recognize Jesus until the breaking of the bread. We all get to 'recognize Jesus' at the consecration of the Mass, we get to share a meal with Him and receive Him and like the disciples on the road, we are to 'run back with burning hearts' out to others to tell them that Jesus is risen and is with us!!! THAT is the message of the mass, the Eucharist, and our communion with Jesus. Let us today have burning hearts on fire with the love of Jesus and then go out and tell others how we were 'touched' and 'saw Him' in the breaking of the bread! Happy birthday Jesus.

St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.



RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY



"The infant Christ 'came into our world in a state of great vulnerability. He needed to be defended, protected, cared for and raised by Joseph' (PC 5). The humble and often hidden carpenter of Nazareth accompanied Mary in her pregnancy, assisted at the birth of the Messiah in a stable, presented Jesus in the Temple, fled with his family far from their homeland to protect them, and lovingly raised Jesus as his own son in the years to come... Joseph's devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us." *Excerpts from Patris corde

Can you be like Joseph? Could you find out your 'fiancé' has become pregnant and stay? Could you support both mother and child throughout their lives? Could you nurture and care and protect them with your very life? Could you love them? Could you love the child as your 'own'? Could you be open to receive a message from 'on high' as to how to proceed? Are we receiving those very angelic messages now? Are we being called to 'come let us adore Him' and show Him reverence and give gifts of our time, talent and treasure? Are we being led/called? Tomorrow, we celebrate God becoming a human being to save us and show us how to live, how to love and how to die and how to be gift. Let us all give of ourselves as gift to Him, of ourselves to our spouses, family, friends and neighbors and let us all do a better job in the coming days, weeks and months to make this a more loving and giving world. Blessed feast of the Nativity and Incarnation to all. Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

Intercessory Prayer: For all Christians: May the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ awaken in our hearts wonder at the precious gift of every child; We pray to the Lord

Rose of Life Intention: For all children, may they be loved and given care by "Josephs".



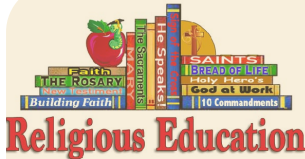
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St. Ignatius of Antioch School, a National Blue Ribbon School Awardee in 2021, is a small private Catholic school founded by the Sisters of St. Francis in 1958. As part of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, we provide an academically rigorous, core curriculum,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

Book 'n Bean

This year we are meeting in person except for January and February when we will meet via Zoom. Newcomers are welcomed to join us on the indicated Tuesday evening of each month in the ground floor meeting room of the Antioch Center at 7:30pm. We will be discussing books which we have chosen for the coming year (2023-2024.) All are invited to come whenever you can. For more information and the Zoom link, please email Linda Stewart at: dremom@verizon.net Our reading schedule is:

Tuesday, Jan. 30

The Wager - David Gann

Tuesday, Feb. 27

Remarkably Bright Creatures - Shelby Van Pelt

Tuesday, Mar. 26

Ordinary Grace - William Krueger

Tuesday, April 30 The Tobacco Wives - Adele Myers

Tuesday, May 21 Horse - Geraldine Brooks

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE 2023



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.*



Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God Mass Schedule

Vigil - Sunday, December 31st

5:15PM

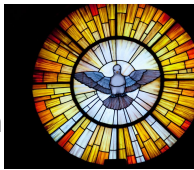
**There will be no 6PM Mass on New Year's Eve.*

Monday, January 1st

9AM



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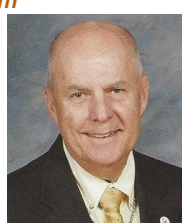
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**The Adoration Chapel is open. Come, spend
quiet time with Our Lord Jesus.**

"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.



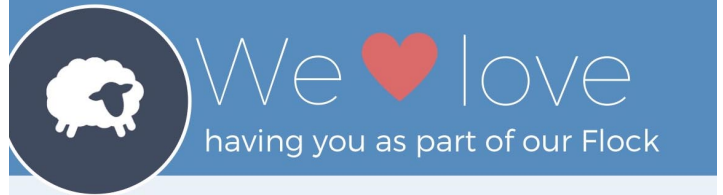


SERVANTS OF MARY

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/>



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