



St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

December 31, 2023



Reading I: Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14

Here we read “the cornerstone of biblical ethics”:
Fear of the Lord embraces our duties to others,
first of all to our parents.

Reading II: Colossians 3: 12-21

St. Paul offers a true formula for living family life
on the Lord. He lists several virtues and then
adds: “Over all these put on love.”

The Gospel: Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23

Referencing the Exodus, Matthew has Joseph
tasked with taking the Child Jesus and His
mother to Egypt to escape Herod’s death order.
When he returns home, Joseph settles in Galilee
rather than Judea, where Herod’s son holds forth.

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.



Sunday December 31, 2023
7:30AM Deacon Myron Moskowitz
(Joseph 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)

Monday January 1, 2024
9:00AM Bob Gervasio (Carol Gervasio)

Tuesday January 2, 2024
9:00AM John Brennan (Ed and Eileen Borger)

Wednesday January 3, 2024
9:00AM Holy Souls in Purgatory
(Ed and Eileen Borger)

Thursday January 4, 2024
9:00AM John Conlon / living
(Ed and Eileen Borger)

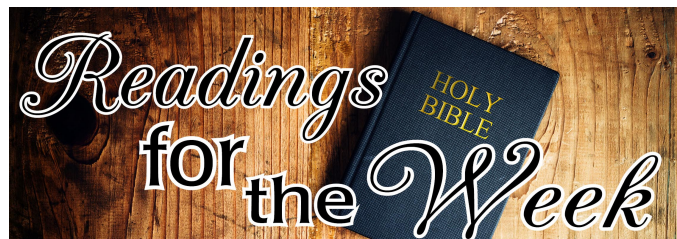
Friday January 5, 2024
9:00AM Deceased Members of the Kick and Webster Families (Fred Webster)

Saturday January 6, 2024
5:15PM Deacon Myron Moskowitz
(Mary Moskowitz)

Sunday January 7, 2024
7:30AM Parishioners of St. Ignatius
9:30AM Rosemary Buerke
(Loretta and Bill Amerine and Family)
11:30AM Richard and Marie Green
(Jean Green and Ray Wilhoft)
6:00PM Timothy, Emma, and John Breslin
(Bernadette Breslin and Family)

SANCTUARY CANDLE

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



Sunday, December 31, 2023 Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22, 39-40

Monday, January 1, 2024 Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday, January 2, 2024 1 Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4 Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday, January 3, 2024 1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Ps 98:1, 3CD-4, 5-6 Jn 1:29-34

Thursday, January 4, 2024 1 Jn 3:7-10 Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 Jn 1:35-42

Friday, January 5, 2024 1 Jn 3:11-21 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 Jn 1:43-51

Saturday, January 6, 2024 1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or Lk 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Sunday, January 7, 2024 Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12



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, 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

Counting our Blessings	12/18/22	Env	12/17/23	Env
Sunday Offering	\$12,834.00	253	\$16,475.00	224
Online Parish Giving	\$11,255.52		\$13,559.76	
Total Weekly Contribution	\$24,089.52		\$30,034.76	

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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, Julie Roach, 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 Floral Creek.



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

Dec. 26 was the feast day of St. Stephen, the first martyr, the very first person who died for his faith. Is your faith strong enough that you would die for it? If not, why not? Stephen was a Deacon in the early Church in Jerusalem who aroused the enmity of members of various synagogues

by his teachings. He was accused of blasphemy at his trial where he made a speech denouncing the Jewish authorities who were sitting in judgment of him and was then stoned to death. He was one of seven Deacons assigned by the Apostles to distribute food and charitable aid to poorer members of the community of the early Church. The Greek speaking Jewish widows were being discriminated against in preference to the Hebrew speaking. Acts chapter 7 gives his testimony at his trial. His martyrdom was witnessed by Saul of Tarsus (St. Paul). He died between 33-36 AD at the age of 28-32. At the moment of his death it is said that he looked up and cried 'Look! See heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' He prayed that the Lord would receive his spirit and his killers be forgiven and sank to his knees and fell asleep. He is known as a patron saint of altar servers. Dec. 26 is also the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Let us read on stories of the Holy Family and pray for their intercession for peace and wholeness in our own families and follow their example. Blessed and joyous New Year to all and let us hope 2024 will be a better year.

St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.



RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY



“Like Our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus, we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance.”

This past week, 12/28, we celebrated the feast of the Holy Innocents which commemorates the children slaughtered by King Herod in his attempt to destroy the infant Jesus (Matt. 2:16). When Herod heard that a child had been born who would become King of the Jews, he had every male child under the age of two in Bethlehem destroyed. Since 1973, our country has slaughtered over 60 million children, both boys and girls through surgical abortions and perhaps another 500 million chemically through the hormonal contraceptive pill/IUD and abortion pills. Why did Herod wish to kill any child that may interfere with his 'kingship'? The answer may be the same for why all the children were killed through abortion that may 'interfere with people's 'lordship' over their lives???? We really need to pray and meditate on what we have done in the past, what we are doing now and why it is that we are doing it? And then ask ourselves, is this what God would want us to do with His children that He created? Of course, Mary and Joseph fled to Egypt for 7 years until Herod died; we have no place to flee and even though our laws may 'die,' we will still have abortion with us, so, we need to change to a culture of Life.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

Intercessory Prayer: For all Christians:

That the wondrous birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ will awaken our hearts to the priceless gift of every child;
We pray to the Lord:

Rose of Life Intention: For a new culture of life for all, born and unborn.



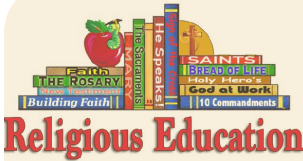
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Mr. George Meade, Principal
mrmeade@sischool.org

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.

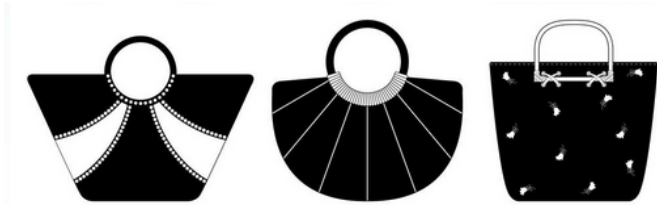
RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation for Teens and Adults) is now called OCIA (The Order of Christian Initiation for Teens and Adults). If you know of anyone who may be interested in becoming a Catholic OR has not received all the Sacraments, please give them my phone number so we can talk. They can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

ST. IGNATIUS
DESIGNER

Handbag Bingo

SAVE-THE-DATE
Friday, February 2, 2024



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



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

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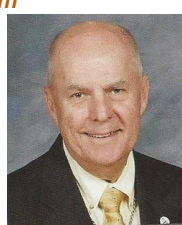
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Father Joseph Ita
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Father Rafal
Walczyk



Deacon Bob
Skawinski



Bruce Kean



Father Stephen Delacy



Father Carl
Braschoss

LENTEN RETREAT

Save the Date !

Hope and the Church in America
A Lenten Retreat with Francis X. Maier
Senior Fellow, Catholic Studies Ethics
and Policy Center

Saturday, February 3rd beginning with
Mass at 8:30AM.

Retreat will conclude at noon.



**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.





Many Thanks from Social Action Committee for 2023 Support

On behalf of all the people helped in 2023 through the Social Action Committee, THANK YOU!

You have helped so many with weekly food collections for Mary’s Cupboard, monthly “shared meals” feeding the homeless and others in need, the School Supply Drive, Coat & Sweater Drive, the Turkey/Food Drive, and financial contributions.

In 2023, we gifted more than \$19,000 to help six families in need as well as three organizations (Catholic Social Services, Mother of Mercy House, Advocates for the Homeless & Those in Need) and the Emergency Fund set up to respond to last year’s unprecedented flooding.

Next Collection on January 6 & 7...And Join us for Coffee!

As always, you can donate through the parish on-line collection or with the envelopes marked Social Action Committee.

AND, please stop by to learn more about the Social Action Committee (SAC) at the coffee (with fruit and danish) that we are hosting on January 7 after the 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 AM Masses. SAC members look forward to meeting and informing all interested how we work together to help those in need. We hope to see you then!

INTRODUCING



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