



# St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

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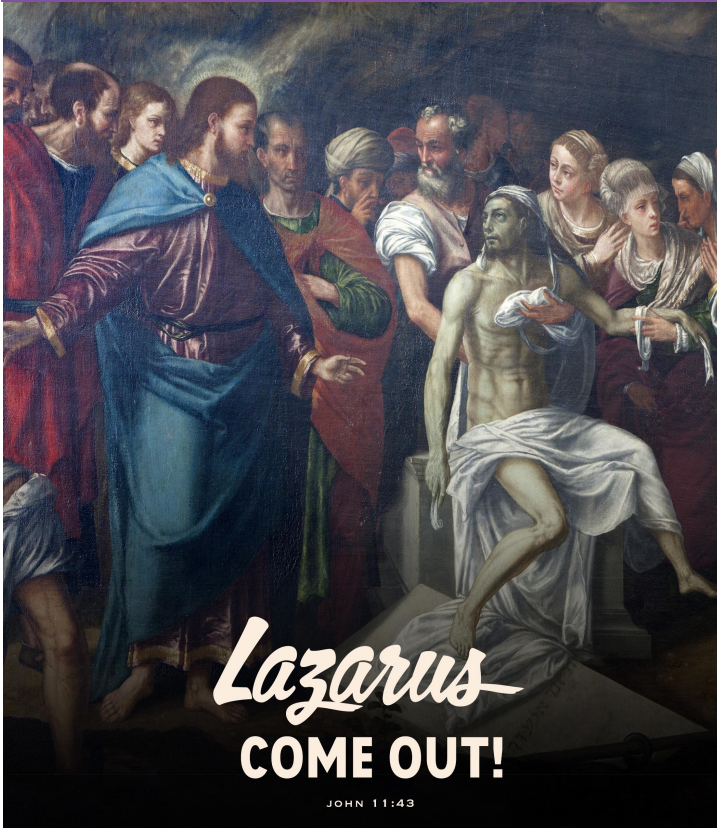
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Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 26, 2023



*Lazarus*  
**COME OUT!**

JOHN 11:43



## Reading I: Ezekiel 37: 12-14

The prophet's mission is to the exiles and it involved bringing new life to a dead Israel. God will take the initiative and He promises resurrection and new life to the people.

## Reading II: Romans 8: 8-11

Christian life is one that is lived in the spirit of Jesus. Therefore, the justified Christian is empowered to have his life restored after death, and this for his mortal body as well.

## The Gospel: John 11: 1-45, or 11: 3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Jesus' great miracle of restoring life to His friend Lazarus brings many Jews to believe in Him. Martha's faith throughout the event is outstanding. She is not at all divided, as were many of her fellow observers, over Jesus' identity.

### 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.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed on  
Fridays at 2PM and 7PM during Lent.



**Sunday** *March 26, 2023*  
 7:30AM *All Living and Deceased Parishioners*  
 9:30AM *Ana Ricardo (Joe and Lesia Pryor)*  
 11:30AM *Charles and Erne Hofelder*  
*(Raymond Hofelder)*  
 6:00PM *Francesco Figlia (Your Loving Family)*

**Monday** *March 27, 2023*  
 7:00AM *Rosemary Ovrberger / living (S. Gallagher)*  
 9:00AM *Elizabeth Meehan (Terry Meehan)*

**Tuesday** *March 28, 2023*  
 7:00AM *Amber Coyle / living (S. Gallagher)*  
 9:00AM *Irene Konsowitz (The Deacon Family)*

**Wednesday** *March 29, 2023*  
 7:00AM *Kathleen Long (Raymond Hofelder)*  
 9:00AM *Dot Clark (Lee Joy)*

**Thursday** *March 30, 2023*  
 7:00AM *Gilda Celini (Bob and Sue Mrazik)*  
 9:00AM *Sharon Thomas (Patti and Kevin Cox)*

**Friday** *March 31, 2023*  
 7:00AM *Francis LaRoche*  
*(Richard and Kathy Moore)*  
 9:00AM *Joseph Ridgway (The Floyd Family)*

**Saturday** *April 1, 2023*  
 5:15PM *Stephen Ehret (Jane Ehret)*

**Sunday** *April 2, 2023*  
 7:30AM *Martin T. Brennan*  
*(Marty and Michelle Brennan)*  
 9:30AM *All Living and Deceased Parishioners*  
 11:30AM *Porfirio and Josephine Espinosa*  
*(Maggie and Rich Fuschetti)*  
 6:00PM *Cheryl Stamato (The Stamato Family)*



## SANCTUARY CANDLE

The church sanctuary candle burns for Amy Nalli Roach Margulies.



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK



**Sunday:** Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

**Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or Dn 13:41c-62; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11

**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59

**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

**Sunday:** Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 or Mt 27:11-54

## PALM SUNDAY

*Blessed Palms will be available after all Masses next weekend.*

## Ministerial Staff

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Whether it's your first time here or you have been coming to Mass here for years, we welcome you to join our parish. Please contact the rectory to register in person or visit:  
<http://www.siforms.org/npregister.html> to register online.



We pray for our beloved deceased especially Dorothy T. Young, 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.*



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.



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





## E-GIVING

As you know, we are using Parish Giving for our online e-giving program. They are the leading provider of secure, user-friendly online giving systems specializing in religious and charitable organizations. St. Ignatius has been very fortunate to have so many parishioners participating in the program.

Those participating in online giving have found the program to be more convenient and allows them to maintain full control over their account. As a reminder, you can generate a giving report from the Parish Giving website to view all of your online contributions.

Our online giving program is a great success and our hope is that more parishioners will enroll. You may do so by going to the St. Ignatius of Antioch website at <http://www.stignatius.church> and clicking on the Parish Giving logo. For those participating in our Parish Giving program, you may print a participation receipt from the parish giving website to place in the weekly collection basket. Thank you all for your generosity towards our parish with your Sunday Gifts!

## Weekly Collection

Counting our Blessings	3/20/22	Env	3/19/23	Env
Sunday Offering	\$11,179.00	245	\$13,338.00	238
Online Parish Giving	\$9,628.52		\$11,957.70	
Total Weekly Contribution	\$20,807.52		\$25,295.70	

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

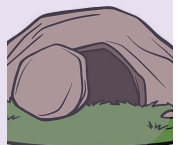


ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR THE  
2023 PERFORMANCE OF THE PASSION PLAY



BEING PRESENTED BY OUR SCHOOL'S 7TH AND 8TH GRADE STUDENTS  
ON FRIDAY, MARCH 31ST AT 7:00 PM  
THIS PERFORMANCE IS A BEAUTIFUL REENACTMENT  
OF OUR LORD'S PASSION, DEATH AND RESURRECTION  
AND A WONDERFUL WAY TO BEGIN HOLY WEEK  
PLEASE JOIN US.

TICKETS ARE \$5.00 AND CAN BE PURCHASED AFTER MASS  
OR AT THE DOOR ON THE NIGHT OF THE PERFORMANCE.



Remember  
Our Sick

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

Emil Abinader, Ernest Aiello, Cleo Allen, Loretta Amerine, Sabrina Amerine, Carmelinda Belliza, Nicholas Bolton, Patricia Broderick, Alan Brutus, Lorraine C., William Cain, John Philip Cannon, Ruthann Carroll, Stephen Cesareo, Paul Clark, Brynn Clare Connor, Ebby Conway, Mary C. Crawford, Shellie D., Jerry Dennell, John Flahive, Mary Fucich, Pat Furst, Cindy L. Golden, Jonathan Grubb, Lou Gunkel, Ruth Gunkel, Joanne Hutchins, Charles Jacobson, Mary Kelly, Charlie Koerner, Michael Kotwicki, Dick Linde, Sandy Lockhart, Amanda Loveman, James Malley, Isabella Manino, Sean Marriott, Kevin McBeth, Kevin McBeth Jr., Kevin McCarthy, Toni McConnell, Dorothy McMullen, Katherine McSorley, Kathy Merlo, Janet Miller, Connie Moredich, Christine Nassar, Nabil Nassar, Rita Off, Nancy Paravecchia, Joseph Pittore, James Perry, Anne Proctor, Paul Anthony Roppa, Marco Scotti, Joyce Spera, Sister Agnes St. Joseph, Cheryl Stabile, Darwin Stout, Kyle Stout, AJ Tantala, Frances Tarallo, Catherine Torres, Edward Torres, Lora Warner, Brendan Weisinger, Howard Wildey, and all the residents of Sunrise and Rittenhouse Village.



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, Justin Kumor, Daniel LaMorte, Thomas LaMorte, Marty Alexie Leonard, Nels Alexie Leonard, James Limer, Matthew Listner, 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, Kevin Nash, 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.

### 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/>

JOURNEY  
OF  
Faith

PRAY FOR OUR  
SEMINARIANS

God our Father, Thank you for calling Griffen Schlaepfer, Anthony Albanese, Juan Builes, 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/>

### CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

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 Tuesday from 7:00-8:30PM in Room 2F in the Meeting Center. For more information, please contact our spiritual prayer group director, Deacon Bob Skawinski, at [rjcs1219@verizon.net](mailto:rjcs1219@verizon.net).



*Are you or a loved one in need of prayer? Please call our charismatic prayer ministry at 267-357-5008.*

*We would love to spend time and pray with you.*



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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](mailto: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](mailto: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. Classes are held on Sunday mornings from 10:35 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. and on Monday evenings, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.**

**PREP Classes – The next class for the Summer Weeklong Plus Program takes place on Sunday, April 16, 2023, at 10:35 a.m. until 12:25 p.m. The Monthly Sunday classes are NOT OPTIONAL for these students.**

Students in grades 8 to 11 are invited to participate in a video and group discussion program, **Decision Point**, on Tuesdays, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

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

**INFORMATION ABOUT SACRAMENTS:** Bishop Michael Fitzgerald celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation for our seventh grade students today, Saturday, March 25, at 10:00 a.m.

**First Penance and Reconciliation:** If any student was unable to come to First Penance on March 7, please contact Annmarie to arrange another time for your child to receive the Sacrament.

We will celebrate **First Communion** on Saturday, April 29, at the 9:30 a.m. Mass and at the 12:00 noon Mass. Our First Communion Retreat Day is scheduled for Thursday, April 13, from 12:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.



*Faith Formation*  
LIFELONG AND ONGOING

Our parish 'life in the Spirit' series continues every Tuesday evening at 7 PM in the Antioch center. Living a life in the Holy Spirit means cooperating with the Holy Spirit already in us to be the Christians that we are or were meant to be! It means depending on Him and yielding ourselves to Him.

The Bible teaches that there are three kinds of man, namely; the 'Natural Man' - one who have not received Christ (1 Cor 2:14); the 'Carnal Man' - one who has received Christ, but who lives in defeat because he is trying to live the Christian life through his own strength (1Cor 3:1-3). He is either uninformed about, or has forgotten God's love, forgiveness, and power. He has an up-and-down spiritual experience. He cannot understand himself- he wants to do what is right, but cannot. He fails to draw upon the power of the Holy Spirit to live the Christian life. The 'carnal man' is ignorant of his spiritual heritage, disobedient, devoid of the love for God and man. He lacks desire for prayer and Bible study. He is legalistic and exhibits works of flesh (1 Cor 3:1-3; Rom 7:15-24; Gal 5: 16-18) . He does not live his life in the Holy Spirit but in the flesh; and the third, the 'Spiritual Man' - one who is directed and empowered by the Holy Spirit. The life of the Spiritual man is Christ-centered, in constant communion with God, empowered by the Holy Spirit and marked by godliness and the fruit of the Holy Spirit. He delights in God's word, trusts and obeys Him. The spiritual man is differentiated from the carnal man by the place the Holy Spirit occupies in his life. To be a spiritual Christian is to live the life in the Holy Spirit. IF you wish to learn what and how, come join this 'life in the Spirit' series. Our parish is blessed by having this ministry.

St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.



## RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY



“To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life... In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ” (The Gospel of Life 84).

“There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic culture of life... Part of this daily heroism is also the silent but effective and eloquent witness of all those 'brave mothers who devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves' ... We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life” (The Gospel of Life 86).

Without the sacrifices of mothers, we would not be! We also need to reflect upon the sacrifice of Mother Mary, our heavenly Mother, Mother of the Church and Mother of Jesus. She began her 'sacrifice' as a 14-year-old unmarried virgin who became with child through the Holy Spirit so she could bring to us Jesus, our Lord and Savior. She then sacrificed her life to raise Him and then gave Him up to the will of the Father to sacrifice the life of her Son out of love for us to expiate our sins. She witnessed the scourging, the carrying of the Cross, the Crucifixion and death and the Resurrection. She gave it all for her child. We need moms to give their all for their children to allow them to fulfill the life for which they were created as part of God's plan for salvation. We know not what we do with abortion and euthanasia.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

Intercessory Prayer: Inspired by the example of the Blessed Mother, may we, like Mary, have the courage to say “yes” to life from conception to natural death; We pray to the Lord:

Rose of Life Intention: For all mothers. Thank you.





**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL

**Knights of Columbus  
William C. Gibney Memorial Scholarship for High  
School Education**

The Fr. James J. McCafferty Council No.11013 of Yardley, PA and St. Ignatius Parish is pleased to offer the William C. Gibney Memorial Scholarship for students to assist with the cost of high school tuition. Two awards of \$1,000 each will be given in the name of the late William C. Gibney, who was a member of the Fr. James J. McCafferty Council No. 11013 and a 4<sup>th</sup> degree Sir Knight. He was a founding "Charter Member" and Officer of the Council.

William was a man of many deep convictions and exemplified a life of commitment to the Knights of Columbus' ideals of charity, faith, and service to others. He was a World War II U.S. Merchant Marine Officer, crossing the Atlantic several times during war times. He raised ten children as a member of St. Ignatius Parish. This scholarship has been established to honor and continue his legacy.

To qualify for the Scholarship, applicants must be a registered full-time student at a tuition-based high school or vocational school in the fall of 2023. For Scholarship Application and additional information, please go to [yardleyknights.com](http://yardleyknights.com). Applications must be received by April 15, 2023.



EUCCHARISTIC  
*Adoration*

**Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament  
Our Greatest Gift**

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

During Lent, 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.

**Legacy of Life Foundation  
Baby Bottle Drive Fundraiser**

**Thank you to everyone at St. Ignatius who gave generously helping to save lives and transform families! Your caring donation will ensure women receive the truth they need to make the choice for LIFE! THANK YOU for your prayerful and generous support!**

**Checks should be made payable to the Legacy of Life Foundation.**

~ [www.legacyoflifefoundation.org](http://www.legacyoflifefoundation.org) ~

**The Legacy of Life Foundation funds two crisis pregnancy centers, one in Bristol and one in Philadelphia. Our centers provide free pregnancy testing, counseling, ultrasound exams, and advocacy including life enrichment programs for 3 years after the baby is born! Last year more than 300 women and babies were spared from abortion and your donation helped make that happen!**



Please Join Us!

**St. Ignatius Parish  
Easter Egg Hunt**

*Presented by the St. Ignatius Social Action Committee*

**Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 3pm  
St. Ignatius Playground  
(Rain Date: April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3pm)**

**SCAN TO RSVP** with family name, number of children attending and ages:

**Special Appearance by  
the Easter Bunny!**



**Bring your  
baskets!**

**Find a  
GOLDEN EGG,  
win a prize!**

**Please help our collection for Mary's Cupboard** food pantry by bringing a non-perishable food item to the egg hunt. Urgently needed items include shelf-stable milk (e.g., Parmalat or powdered milk), coffee and juice boxes.



## BOOK N' BEAN

We will be meeting via Zoom for the months of January, February, and March due to the colder weather and our members' travel plans. We welcome newcomers to join us; please email Linda Stewart for the Zoom link at [dremom@verizon.net](mailto:dremom@verizon.net)  
Our book selections for the remainder of the year are:

Tuesday, March 28	Hamnet (Maggie O'Farrell)
Tuesday, April 25	The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell (Robert Dugoni)
Tuesday, May 23	Unsheltered (Barbara Kingsolver)

## SAC FOOD COLLECTION



The Social Action Committee thanks our parish for their generous contributions to Mary's Cupboard. Last year, we donated 5,995 pounds of much appreciated food and household items. Right now, they are asking for specific donations of coffee, tea, shelf-stable milk and juice boxes. Collection baskets are located at the church's three main doors. We are grateful for your continued support!



**The Women at the Cross would like to extend a sincere thank you to our brothers in the Knights of Columbus, and the over 30 volunteers from our St. Ignatius Family and community for our Lenten Almsgiving "Caring Bag Experience!" On March 12, we worked with the Community Outreach Department from Caring for Friends and gathered to assemble 796 snack bags to be delivered to the hungry on the streets and in shelters. Many thanks also to our Girl Scouts and the children who attended and created "Caring Notes" that were placed in the bags for the recipients to carry with them. While the food nourished the recipients' bodies, the notes nourished their hearts and souls. The event was as fun as it was heartwarming. The Women at the Cross is a Catholic women's ministry of faith and service. If you are a Catholic woman 18 years or older and are interested in our ministry, please email [watc@yardleyknights.org](mailto:watc@yardleyknights.org) for more information. We would love to hear from you!**



# THANK YOU!

Dear St. Ignatius Parish and Social Action Committee,

I am writing you today with a few highlights of how the generosity of the St. Ignatius Parish and Social Action Committee have contributed to meeting the needs of our clients here at Catholic Social Services, Bucks County Family Service Center. Thank you for your support!

CSS was able to facilitate 293 individual mothers with diapers for their children during the months of Oct, Nov and Dec 22. The total number of diapers that were distributed to our clients in Bucks County was 15, 568. Funds we received from the SAC help us ensure that we have diapers and wipes in stock at all times to help ensure the babies in our community have what they need.

From the coat drive in November we were able to help mothers and children stay warm. We set the coats and sweaters up like a boutique and the mothers came to our office to select their own coats. We had coats that were left over and we shared with our friends at CSS, Visitation Homes a program for 18 families experiencing homelessness in Kensington, Philadelphia.

The SAC also sent us funds to sponsor a Christmas Party for them. It was well attended and brought a lot of joy and further strengthened the fellowship among families. Homelessness separates people from their families for all kinds of reasons and can be a hard time for them, which is why events like this are so important. This event brought joy to the families of Visitation Homes.

Each year at the Bucks County Family Service Center works with local parishes, individual donors and community organizations to adopt families and provide gifts for the children. This year with funds provided by SAS we hosted an open house and for 3 days we invited our clients to come for a hot chocolate bar and breakfast. We also set up a wrapping room where mothers would gather and wrap the gifts provided for their children. The moms had a lot of fun together. This year 80 families were given gifts for their children.

St. Ignatius Parish donated a total of 5, 095 pounds of food in 2022 to Mary's Cupboard. Last year 1,500 families were served at Mary's Cupboard which breaks down to 5,500 total people in 2022. With the donations that are received by parishes like yours throughout the year helps to ensure that we continue to serve our neighbors here in Bucks County. Those food donations go right on the shelves of the cupboard that are sorted and stocked by volunteers. Mary 's Cupboard is operated solely on volunteers to serve the clients.

Thank you, our mission would not be possible without you!

Kate

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