



# St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

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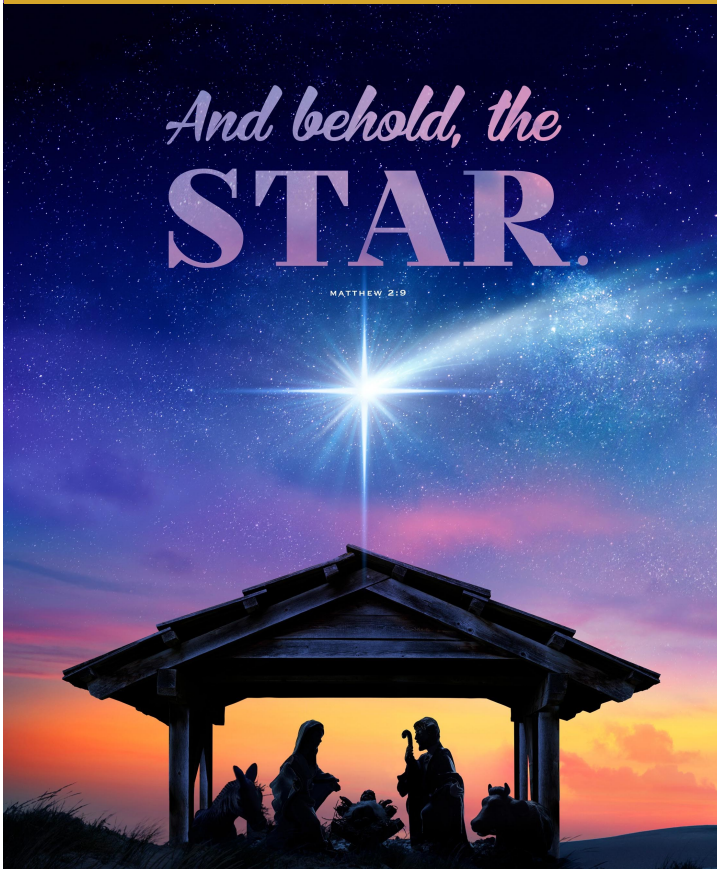
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*The Epiphany of the Lord*

*January 7, 2024*



### Reading I: Isaiah 60: 1-6

The prophet announces that all parts of the world will come to Zion to rebuild Jerusalem. Then throughout land the glory of the Lord will shine forth.

### Reading II: Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6

Paul's chief insight into the mystery of Christ is that Gentiles are to be recognized as full participants in the life of the Church.

### The Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

The special personages in this episode are the magi, or wise men, who come to visit Jesus. Over time, Christianity has made them into kings, numbering them as 3 because of the number of gifts they presented to the Child. Above all, they symbolize the Gentile world coming to the Jewish Christ.

### 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 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)

**Monday January 8, 2024**  
9:00AM Special Intentions of Webster Families  
(Fred Webster)

**Tuesday January 9, 2024**  
9:00AM Omelan and Daria Romanew  
(Joseph and Lesia Pryor)

**Wednesday January 10, 2024**  
9:00AM Holy Souls in Purgatory  
(Bernadette Breslin)

**Thursday January 11, 2024**  
9:00AM Rita Henry / living (Bernadette Breslin)

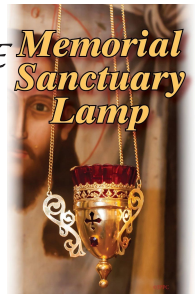
**Friday January 12, 2024**  
9:00AM Theresa Morris - Finnimore / living  
(Bernadette Breslin)

**Saturday January 13, 2024**  
5:15PM James and Julia Keefe  
(Tom and Lorraine Humphrey)

**Sunday January 14, 2024**  
7:30AM Rodman and Panero Families  
(Joe and Deb Linde)  
9:30AM James Costa (The Costa Family)  
11:30AM Harold "Buzz" Taylor (Joan Taylor)  
6:00PM Parishioners of St. Ignatius

*SANCTUARY CANDLE* **Memorial  
Sanctuary  
Lamp**

The church sanctuary candle burns  
for Deacon Myron Moskowitz  
requested by Mary Moskowitz.



**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

**Monday, January 8, 2024** Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1Jn 5:1-9 Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Mk 1:7-11

**Tuesday, January 9, 2024** 1 Sm 1:9-20 1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday, January 10, 2024** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday, January 11, 2024** 1 Sm 4:1-11 Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 Mk 1:40-45

**Friday, January 12, 2024** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday, January 13, 2024** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1 Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mk 2:13-17

**Sunday, January 14, 2024** 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 Jn 1:35-42



## 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:



## SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE COLLECTION

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!

## 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.

## WEDDINGS

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





## 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 #14 of the Parish appeal, 303 families have contributed \$159,910 toward our goal of \$175,000. We are at 91.38% of this year's goal with \$15,090 to go! Thank you for your generosity!**

### Weekly Collection

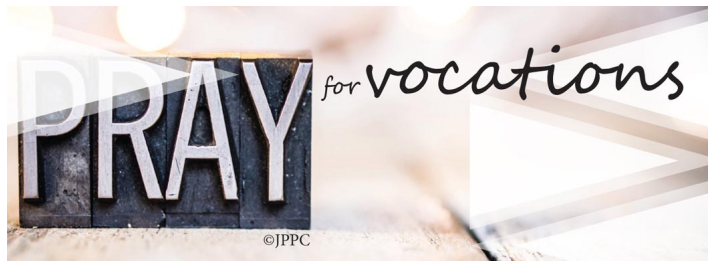
<b>Counting our Blessings</b>	<b>1/1/23</b>	Env	<b>12/31/23</b>	Env
Sunday Offering	\$13,580.00	198	\$15,079.00	191
Online Parish Giving	\$10,166.73		\$10,227.41	
<b>Total Weekly Contribution</b>	<b>\$23,746.73</b>		<b>\$25,306.41</b>	
<b>Christmas - As of 1/2/24</b>	<b>\$69,621.43</b>		<b>\$70,118.00</b>	
<b>Counting our Blessings</b>	<b>12/25/22</b>	Env	<b>12/24/23</b>	Env
Sunday Offering	\$12,093.00	127	\$8,788.00	154
Online Parish Giving	\$10,575.46		\$12,618.77	
<b>Total Weekly Contribution</b>	<b>\$22,668.46</b>		<b>\$21,406.77</b>	

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



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

Mary C. Crawford, Judith Green, Kevin McBeth, Kevin McBeth Jr., Janet Miller, , Walter Miller, Mary Claire Rossi and all the residents of Sunrise, Artis, and Floral Creek.



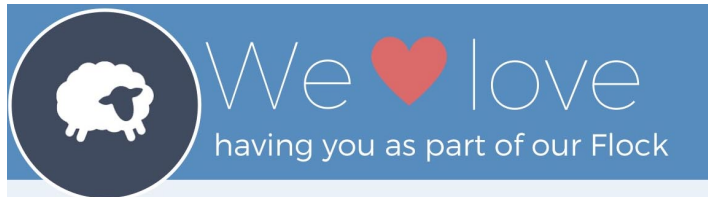
God our Father, Thank you for calling Griffen Schlaepfer, JD McEwing, Juan Builes, Jude Opara, Jacob Sanz, Luke Trombetta, and Pasquelge Don Sandun Tharuka to prepare for the priesthood. Grant them the grace to grow closer to You through daily prayer. Help them form their personalities as credible witnesses 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 pray for our beloved deceased especially Carol Ann Gurick, 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.*



Keep in touch with us via email and text!

Text **STIGNATIUS** to 84576  
**OR**  
Connect with us online at:  [stignatiuschurch.flocknote.com](http://stignatiuschurch.flocknote.com)

Text STOP to 84576 to stop txt notifications at any time. Text HELP for help. There is no charge for this service, but your carrier message and data rates may apply. View full privacy policy & terms at flocknote.com/txt.

### 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



*Faith Formation*  
LIFELONG AND ONGOING

As we enter a new calendar year, our Adult Faith Formation committee is

‘mid-season’ in their programs. Walking With Purpose continues every Tuesday morning and evening until May, 2024. Our Men of St. Ignatius has resumed a study on the Acts of the Apostles program on Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2024 at 7 PM in the Antioch center. We need your presence.

Also, we are in the planning phase for programs for next year; St. Ignatius is now in its 104th year and there will be some continuing great programs to attend. Join us either in the planning phase or the attendance phase, or both. Bring a friend, or two! We need your assistance.

Today is the feast of the Epiphany; also, “Three King’s Day”; when the Magi visited Jesus. Traditional dish is black beans with rice; we celebrate the revelation of God Incarnate as Jesus Christ; also, the Baptism of Jesus. Although normally on Jan. 6, we celebrate this weekend.

St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.



### 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/>



## RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY



On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court legalized abortion throughout the United States in its companion decisions Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton. Since that time, millions of children have lost their lives and millions of women and families have been wounded by abortion. Estimates show about 62,000,000 surgical abortions since then. Abortion would be the number one cause of death if counted. There are more abortions performed in the U.S. every year than combat deaths in ALL of our wars from 1775 to 2020! These numbers do NOT include chemical abortions secondary to the hormonal pill and IUD which also cause abortions! Praise God that Dobb’s has overturned Roe, but the battle rages on!

“Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with him... Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect his glory in the world.” Our U.S. Constitution in the bill of rights grants the ‘right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness’ and one cannot be free or pursue happiness if one is never born. Further, each of those children aborted were willed by God for a specific purpose in His plan for the world and salvation and they will exist for ALL of eternity despite never having been physically born.

As we begin a new year and we are inundated with death stats from crimes/overdoses/disease/suicides surround us almost daily, let us realize that there are 4 times as many elective abortions performed in the U.S. for no disease and no pandemic, other than our culture of death. We know not what we do!

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

#### **Intercessory Prayer:**

On this Feast of the Epiphany, may we be given the grace to always see in others the face of Christ our Savior; We pray to the Lord:

**Rose of Life Intention:** For an end to all abortion.



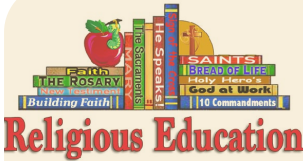
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**Mr. George Meade, Principal**  
**mrmeade@sischool.org**

*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.

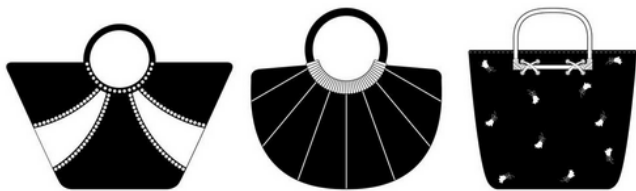


ST. IGNATIUS  
DESIGNER

# Handbag Bingo

SAVE-THE-DATE

Friday, February 2, 2024



*We Invite you to Enthroned Your Home to the Sacred Heart of Jesus!*

*Inviting Jesus & Mary into your homes takes on a great meaning in these troubled times and becomes a source of daily devotion and grace!*



*"Always keep your eyes on the Sacred Heart of Jesus, King and Center of all hearts. From Him, you will learn the great lessons of love, of goodness, of sacrifice, of piety, so necessary for every Christian family." Saint John Paul II*

*"I will bless the homes in which an image of My Heart shall be exposed and honored." Jesus to St. Margaret Mary*

- We have the prayers, image, & instructions for your Enthronement.
- Choose a date & time that is convenient.

Contact us for more information:

Email: [Enthronement@yardleyknights.com](mailto:Enthronement@yardleyknights.com)

Phone: St. Ignatius Rectory 215-493-3377

**LIFE** in the **Spirit** SEMINAR

ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

7 CONSECUTIVE WEEK NIGHTS Starting Feb 8<sup>th</sup> AT 7:00PM

FATHER JOSEPH ITA SAM    FATHER RAFAL WALCZYK    FATHER STEPHEN DELACY    FATHER BRASCHOSS

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Grow deeper in your relationship with Jesus

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## 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.





## 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.



### THANK YOU FROM CARING FOR FRIENDS

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers and benefactors who make Caring for Friends a success! Through the generosity of St. Ignatius parishioners, in 2023 we prepared over 8,000 meals, soups and snack bags to help the homebound and homeless in the greater Philadelphia region! Thank you again to all of our dedicated members who help us every month and a special thank you to Father Brownholtz for his continued support. As always, we continue to welcome new volunteers to this worthy ministry. Our next meeting to assemble meals will be held in the church auditorium on Thursday, January 11th from 9 am to noon. If you have questions or would like more information about Caring for Friends please call Kathy, 215-321-0116 or Jayne, 215-321-5739.

“For it is in giving that we receive.” –St. Francis of Assisi

**PANCAKE  
BREAKFAST**

*Sponsored by - Knights of Columbus  
Fr. James J. McCafferty Council 11013*

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024**  
**ST. IGNATIUS AUDITORIUM**

Following 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 am Masses

BREAKFAST INCLUDES PANCAKES, BACON, SAUSAGE,  
SCRAMBLED EGGS, JUICE, TEA, AND COFFEE

Free for St. Ignatius Parishioners

**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.

# THANK YOU!

## 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!



*Instruct them to do good,  
to be rich in good works,  
be generous and ready to share  
1 Timothy 6:18*

The Catholic Women of Bucks giving circle provides the opportunity for Catholic women to gather, engage in the local community and grow stronger in our faith!

Please join us for our next meeting:  
Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.  
St. John the Evangelist Church (School Cafeteria)  
752 Big Oak Road, Morrisville PA

Our featured speakers will be from Little Sisters of the Poor, an international congregation of Roman Catholic women religious, serving the elderly poor in our community.

<https://littlesistersofthepoorphiladelphia.org>

Refreshments Will be Served

RSVP to [cwobgc@gmail.com](mailto:cwobgc@gmail.com) or Jen Sullivan at (609)947-6480



Bring a Friend



## 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](mailto: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