



# St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

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December 10, 2017 Second Sunday of Advent



## MINISTERIAL STAFF

Rev. Andrew C. Brownholtz, Pastor

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Mary Ann DiTommaso, School Principal

Annmarie C. Flanagan, Director of Religious Education

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Lee F. Milhous, Music Director

Trevor Dooley, Youth Minister

## RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Sunday—CLOSED

Monday—Friday 9am—4pm

Saturday—CLOSED

## SCHEDULE OF MASSES:

Saturday: 5:15 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30AM, 6:00PM

Children's Liturgy of the Word: at 9:30 Mass

Daily, Monday to Friday: 9:00 AM

Saturday: 8:30 AM

Holy Day Schedule: 7:00PM Vigil Mass, 7:00AM, 9:00AM, and 7:00PM.

Special Schedules for Christmas, New Years & Easter

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays: 4:00 to 5:00 P.M.

Confessions will also be heard upon request. Please call the rectory to make an appointment.

## NEW PARISHIONERS

New to the parish? Please call the rectory to register.



## Daily Readings and Mass Intentions

### Sunday December 10, 2017

*Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8*

**7:30AM** Mary Claire McIntyre  
(Maryann & Jim Shannon)

**9:30AM** Gus Kuhlman (Lou & Ruth Gunkel)

**11:30AM** Ann & Joe Noto (RoseAnn & Tom LaFisca)

**6:00PM** Giuseppa Covello (The Covello Family)

### Monday December 11, 2017

*Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26*

**9:00AM** Close Family Members of the Servants of Mary  
at St. Ignatius (Charles Koerner)

### Tuesday December 12, 2017

*Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19;  
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47*

**9:00AM** Special Intention (Loretta & Bill Amerine)

### Wednesday December 13, 2017

*Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30*

**9:00AM** All Living and Deceased Members of the  
Parish

### Thursday December 14, 2017

*Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15*

**9:00AM** Martin T. Brennan (Terry & Kathy Brennan)

### Friday December 15, 2017

*Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19*

**9:00AM** Antoinette Mundenan (Len & RoseAnne Fusco)

### Saturday December 16, 2017

*Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a,  
10-13*

**8:30AM** Eleanor Edinger (The Parsons Family)

**5:15PM** Joseph Pedrick (Kathleen Pedrick)

### Sunday December 17, 2017

*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*

**7:30AM** Guiseppa Covello (The Covello Family)

**9:30AM** Michael Septer (The Septer Family)

**11:30AM** Lauren Nicole Young (The Young Family)

**6:00PM** John Roberts (The Sassaman Family)

**\*PRAYER REQUESTS**—The receptacle for prayer requests is a wooden box located on the wall under the First Station of the Cross. All are welcome to place prayer requests in the box. A member of the parish prayer group will intercede for your request for 7 days.

### RECTORY OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Friday 12/15/16 – Open 9:00am - 11:30am

Friday 12/22/16—Open 9:00am -12:00pm

Monday 12/25 – Closed

Tuesday 12/26 Closed

Monday 1/1– Closed



**ADORATION CHAPEL**—Thank you to our new adorers who have agreed to cover a weekly hour. Also, our thanks to those who help out by substituting. We truly appreciate the generous gift of your time. As we know, time spent with Jesus is one of our greatest spiritual gifts. Won't you consider substituting or covering one of our open hours each week? The current hours in need of an adorer are: Sunday 6pm and 1am, Monday 6am, 3pm and 1am, Saturday 1am, 6am (the last 2 Saturdays of each month). We are also in need of a partner for Monday 8am and 7pm. Kindly call Marianne Kloc at 267-346-0152 if you are interested. May God bless you!

**ANNOINTING OF THE SICK**—Please call the rectory if someone is sick. The Holy Eucharist will be brought to anyone homebound.

**BAPTISMS**—The Sacrament of Baptism is normally administered on Sundays at 12:45P.M. Pre-Jordan class, for the first child only, is required for parents. Class is held on the first Monday of the month at 7:00 PM 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.

**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).

**FOOD COLLECTION**— We will collect our usual items for Mary's Pantry on the second Sunday of each month. Please bring your canned and boxed items, paper goods and baby needs to Mass and place them in the designated places

**RCIA**—For those who are considering becoming a member of the Catholic Faith information is available. Please contact the Director of Religious Education, Annmarie Flanagan, at 215-493-5204 or 215-370-5701.

**ROSARY**—All are invited to recite the rosary after the 9:00am Mass. For those who can stay longer, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is also recited. The rosary is also recited before the 5:15pm Saturday Mass starting at 4:45pm.

**WEDDINGS**—Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance. Please call the rectory to make an appointment with one of the priests.

## FISCAL CORNER

Night at the Races tickets are now on sale! Our 2nd annual event will be held on January 19th. Tickets are \$15 and include hotdogs, chips, beer, wine, soda and coffee! We will also sell horses this year. You may purchase a horse for \$10. This will give you naming rights to the horse, and a \$50 cash prize if your horse wins! More details to follow.

"Monday Morning Madness" raffle tickets are still available. If you can take a few tickets to sell, you can help us reach our sales goal! Please contact the rectory if you can help with this parish fundraiser. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased after mass, at the rectory or through the school. There will only be 1,000 tickets available and can be purchased through the end of December. Makes a great stocking stuffer!

As of our eight week of the Parish appeal, 266 families have contributed \$96,392 toward our goal of \$150,000. We are at 64.26% of this year's goal. We have \$53,608 to raise to meet our goal. There are appeal envelopes located in the entrances of the church for those who need them. 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

## COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

	December 4, 2016	December 3, 2017
<b>Sunday Offering</b>	<b>\$14,770.50 429 env</b>	<b>\$17,403.00 394 env</b>
<b>Online Parish Giving</b>	<b>\$1,569.75*</b>	<b>\$4,056.64</b>
<b>Total Wkly Contribution</b>	<b>\$16,340.25</b>	<b>\$21,459.64</b>
<b>Retirement Fund for Religious</b>	<b>\$2,299.00</b>	<b>\$1,825.00</b>
*November 2016 Weekly Average <i>We are very grateful for the support of our parish!</i>		



## St. Ignatius of Antioch

Catholic Cemetery  
& Columbarium

## St. Ignatius of Antioch Columbarium

Our Outdoor Columbarium Niches, located in the memorial circle in the center of our cemetery, are now available for sale. Double granite front niches are intended to be used by two cremated remains of two persons behind a marble shutter. If you have any questions, or are interested in purchasing a niche, please visit our parish website at [www.stignatius.church](http://www.stignatius.church) or call the Rectory at 215-493-3377.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome Leila Elizabeth Bagliaeri, Madison Nicole Hornyak, Riley Marie Flanagan, Isla Gray Mergard, Mary Cecilia Bridget Fucich, Brady Stephen Covely, and Adelina Maria LaMantia. These children were recently baptized into our Catholic Faith.

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## FOR THE SICK IN OUR

**COMMUNITY** that they return to the comfort of good health: Loretta Amerine, Sabrina Amerine, Eileen Burke, Ruthann Carroll, Brynn Clare Connor, Cliff Conway, Gabrielle Cordisco, Mary C. Crawford, Alex Dobzanski, Olga Fleming, David Fry, Sherry Golden, Rose Ann Grall, Madeline Guarnieri, Philip Hasall, Denise Hiel, Charles Jacobson, Myrna Kane, Andrew Kelly, Jake Lindahl, Ellen Masterson, Donna McCarthy, Christine Miller, Eileen Murphy, Lily Murphy, Christine Nassar, Nabil Nassar, Daniel O'Brien, James O'Brien, Thomas O'Brien, Francisco Pepito, Thelma Pisano, Jeffrey Poe, Madison Ritter, Millie Robbins, Janet Sassaman, Mark Sassaman, Sue Saxton, Marlene Spillane, Darwin Stout, Catherine Torres, Jane Wallace, Sabrina Wooding, Barbara Zenno. (Please call the rectory to submit prayer requests for the sick, and also to remove a name from the list. Names will be removed after a month, unless you request otherwise.)

## FOR OUR BELOVED

**DECEASED, especially Sally Anne Giordano**, all of our service personnel killed while serving our country, those who have no one to pray for them, and the Holy Souls in purgatory.

## FOR THOSE SERVING OUR

**COUNTRY** : Cameron Armstrong, 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, Kevin Frawley, Anthony Fuscarello, Joe Galle, Jessica Garcia, Shane Gibbons, Stephen Greene, Jonathan Grubb, Edward Hill, David & Christine Kawoczka Krueger, Matthew Krall, Justin Kumor, Daniel LaMorte, Matt Leonardo, James Limer, Matthew Listner, Michael Lowe, W. Kyle Magrisi, Joseph Marchand, Greg Marolo, Matthew McGurk, Phil Melandez, Chris Merrick, David Morgan, Kevin Nash, Stephen Neder, Fred Olivari, John O'Rourke, John Parente, J.C. Peabody, Laura Perazzola, Gregory B. Procaccini, Jason Propst, Matthew Rieser, James Tams, Scott Toro, John Worman.



### SAVE THE DATE

Our 2nd annual Night at the Races will be held on Friday, January 19th. More information to follow.

### MONDAY MORNING MADNESS RAFFLE

We are looking for volunteers to help sell raffle tickets. Our weekly Monday morning madness raffle will be drawn every Monday morning January through March for a fixed cash prize. Tickets are \$10 each and are available at the rectory, the school, and also available after Mass. If you are able to take 10 tickets to sell to your friends and family please contact the rectory. We need your help to make this parish fundraiser a success!

### H.O.P.E. (Helping Other People Everyday)

**H.O.P.E.** is a group of concerned parishioners who are willing to help anyone in the geographical boundaries of our parish.

**What we do:** Visit shut-ins; prepare meals in a crisis situation; grocery shop or run errands for shut-ins; take others to the grocery store; take people to Mass one day a month; drive to medical appointments, bank, post office, etc.

**What we CANNOT do:** Transport people in wheelchairs, be called as an emergency ride, do personal care (feeding, bathing, toileting, house cleaning, or respite care), respond on short notice. (If possible, please give us 2 weeks notice). To volunteer for **H.O.P.E.** or to use **H.O.P.E.**, call Pat Furst at 215-801-0820.

### ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

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 which will take place after a brief Scripture Service. 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, Penn del.

### CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULES

The following schedule is provided to help both new and long-time parishioners make plans for attending Christmas liturgies this year:

**CHRISTMAS EVE:** 4:00 PM (Children's Liturgy), 8:00 PM, and 12:00 Midnight (Once the church is full at the 4:00 PM Mass, parishioners will be directed downstairs to the auditorium for an overflow Christmas Mass.)

**CHRISTMAS:** 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM

**NEW YEAR'S EVE:** December 31st - 5:15 PM Vigil Mass

**NEW YEAR'S DAY:** January 1st—9:00AM



In addition to our afternoon program on the Letter of St. James, will be offering a very timely program offered via DVD by Dr. Edward Sri called "Who am I to Judge"? As we all know, those who speak the Truth are sometimes accused of being 'judgmental' and Dr. Sri tells us why and how to respond. This will also be a 4- week series to be held on Saturdays from 9:30 to 11 AM in the Religious Ed center. Refreshments will be offered, bring a friend or two, it will be a way of evangelizing. This series will begin on January 13th and run through four weeks. Again, these programs are for you and your friends and family. Join us.

Further, we welcome new members to our team. We meet the first Wednesday of every month from 7:30 to 8:30 PM in the Antioch meeting center. St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.



Rose of Life: For all healing both physical and spiritual.

"If you know someone who has had an abortion, express your sympathy for her loss. Assure her of God's unconditional love, and encourage her to seek healing and forgiveness." We all sin and we all have need for forgiveness. As we approach the celebration of the birthday of Jesus who came to save us and forgive us and restore us to our original created state of being created in His image and likeness with gifts of eternal life and joy with no suffering. All we need to do is accept His gifts and say yes as Mary said yes.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

Intercessory Prayer: For those grieving after abortion: May they trust in God's patient mercy and find healing through his Church; We pray to the Lord:



# GET FORMED



**Take courage;  
get up, he is  
calling  
you.  
Mk 10:49**

Simply Visit: [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)  
Enter Our Parish Code: **40742e**  
Register yourself and enjoy the content  
available to you and your family!

## FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

### PREPARE THE WAY OF THE KING

DR. SCOTT HAHN

Dr. Scott Hahn, one of the most eminent Catholic theologians in our country today, reveals what scholars now know about the shepherds, the mysterious Magi, and King Herod. Your Advent journey will take on new meaning as you prepare your heart for the birth of our Lord. This illuminating presentation is sure to help you grow in appreciation of the greatest gift ever given to mankind—Jesus Christ.



## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

As Christmas draws near, many of our thoughts are turning toward our preparations for the annual celebration of Our Lord's birth. Many are involved in travel plans to be with family, trimming the Christmas trees, getting the right gifts for those we love, preparing special family recipes, etc... Our St. Ignatius family is also beginning preparations for this celebration. One thing that adds so much to our annual celebration is the special care with which the church is decorated to enhance the festivities. Each year, the church is beautifully decorated through the generosity of our parishioners' contributions to the Christmas Flower Fund. We ask that you consider making your Christmas flowers donation in honor of or in memory of loved ones (living or deceased). You may place the Christmas Flower envelope in the regular Sunday collection or send it to the rectory any time in December.

## AID FOR FRIENDS

Aid for Friends provides free meals for the elderly, ill and homebound in the greater Philadelphia area. Our next meeting to assemble meals will be held on Thursday, December 14th from 9 am – noon in the church auditorium kitchen. We are truly blessed, but more helping hands are always needed and welcome. Our annual Christmas potluck will be held immediately after our meeting. Please bring food to share as we all reconnect and take a few moments to enjoy each other's company. Your gifts and talents are always appreciated. If you would like additional information on how you can help, please call Kathy, 215-321-0116 or Jayne, 215-321-5739. See you on December 14th!

"To change the world we must be good to those who cannot repay us." -- Pope Francis

## BOY SCOUTS CHRISTMAS WREATHS

The Boy Scouts of Troop 230 have sold all of their inventory of Christmas Wreaths. Thank you for your support!

Merry Christmas!

## DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS



Please join us on Sunday, December 17th at 12:30PM, to help decorate the church for Christmas. Confirmation candidates are welcome to help. If you can help, please call the rectory at 215-493-3377 extension 211, and leave your name and phone number. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

## AID FOR FRIENDS GIFTS OF WARMTH

Gifts of Warmth are invaluable to our homebound friends during the cold, winter season. Please use the Aid for Friends donation boxes at any of the church entrances to leave your unwrapped gift. Some suggestions for donation include: men's or women's robes and pajamas, blankets, socks, sheets, sweat suits, toiletries, Ensure or Boost, etc. Thank you! Your kindness and generosity are always appreciated.

## SUNDAY SOCIALS

Join us on the first Sunday of each month after the 7:30AM, 9:30AM and 11:30AM Masses in a festive atmosphere as we share stories with one another while enjoying fresh brewed coffee, delicious donuts, and a healthy selection of fruit and juices. We look forward to seeing everyone!

# Youth and Young Adult



**ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH SCHOOL**  
 "High Achievement ~ Higher Purpose"



O Emmanuel, Jesus Christ, desire of every nation, Savior of all peoples, come and dwell among us.



*Sounds of the Season*

Grow your Christmas Spirit! Come hear our students sing their way to the Season of Preparation. St. Ignatius School Annual Christmas Concert will be held on Monday, December 11th at 7:00pm in the auditorium.



Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Tuesday, December 12th. There is no school for the students this day.



Youth Group "First Annual Barn Mass" for students in grades 3 and 4 will be celebrated on Friday, December 15th at 7:00pm behind the Antioch Center. (old rectory) Refreshments will be served in the auditorium following Mass. Come

prepare your hearts for the coming of Jesus.



Registration for the new school year for new and current families is now open. Look for information on our web site [www.sischool.org](http://www.sischool.org) for information on a Tuition Incentive in honor of our 60th Anniversary. Do not lose out. The Incentive ends January 5, 2018. Call the school office at 215-493-3867 for more information or to schedule a tour.

Open House – Tuesday, January 9th – 9:00-11:00 and 6:00-8:00PM

## FAMILY MINISTRY

### Advent Small Group Discussion

Dec 10th Church basement  
 ~10:30-11:30 AM

Join friends to discuss ways to make Advent a more faith-focused time.

Before the conversation, try to check out:

<http://ascensionpresents.com/video/waiting-for-christmas/> &

<http://www.catholicicing.com/10-meaningful-advent-traditions-for-catholic-families-with-little-to-no-prep-work/>

Lite refreshments & kids activities!



## From the Religious Education Office ...

The PREP Office is open on Sunday from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and on

Monday through Thursday from 9:30 a.m. on.

**CONFIRMATION:** A Reminder: All robe envelopes are due in the PREP Office by December 15. The Information Sheet, Name Form, Works of Charity, and Sponsor's Letter of Eligibility are due by January 15.

**ADVENT GIFT-GIVING MASS:** We thank all of you who contributed a gift to the children of St. Katharine Drexel and Sacred Heart Parishes at our annual Advent Gift-Giving Mass.

**PREP CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:** Please come and join us for our little Christmas Pageant in Church, on Thursday evening, December 14, at 6:30 p.m. We will sing traditional, religious carols, and the Pageant will remind us of the true meaning of Christmas. All are welcome.

Christmas and PREP classes:

**Because of the Christmas holidays, there are NO PREP classes on the following dates:**

Sunday, December 24, Sunday, December 31

Monday, December 25, Monday, January 1

Wednesday, December 27

**CLASSES RESUME ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3.**

**CATECHETICAL AWARDS:** At the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday, January 6, 2018, Archbishop Charles Chaput will recognize Parish Religious Education Programs throughout the Archdiocese and present awards to many generous Catechists and Aides who give their time and talent to PREP all year long. Here at St. Ignatius we have several Catechists and Aides who will be honored for their years of service to the young people of our Parish.

### WE CONGRATULATE...

Helene LaRosa 20 years

Ashley Haas 5 years

Jacqueline Scharko 10 years

Michael Phinney 5 years

Yolima Gray 5 years

**Parents of students who are in grades 7-8:** Please encourage your sons and daughters to continue their Religious Education after Confirmation. Confirmation is a beginning, not an end. Don't deprive your older kids the chance to learn more about who God is and what he is all about. We all know how much we need God in our lives.

**"Special Needs" PREP class:** Parents, are you aware that we have a PREP class for students with special needs? This class meets on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. If we could help to give your child a religious education in a small group environment, please give Annmarie a call at 215-493-5204.