



St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

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December 17, 2017 Third Sunday of Advent



“ I am the voice
of one crying
out in the desert,
'MAKE STRAIGHT
THE WAY
OF THE LORD.'
JOHN 1:23 ”

MINISTERIAL STAFF

Rev. Andrew C. Brownholtz, Pastor
Rev. Anthony J. DiGuglielmo, Assistant Pastor
Deacon Robert J. Skawinski, Retired
Deacon Michael Cibenko
Mary Ann DiTommaso, School Principal
Annmarie C. Flanagan, Director of Religious Education
Gregory Lucidi, Business Manager
Maria L. LaMantia, Parish Secretary
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 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)

Monday December 18, 2017

Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

9:00AM Michael Herlihy (Margaret Herlihy)

Tuesday December 19, 2017

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

9:00AM Michael Septer (Loretta & Bill Amerine)

Wednesday December 20, 2017

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

9:00AM Rev. Msgr. John Miller

Thursday December 21, 2017

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

9:00AM Joseph & James Murphy (The Murphy Family)

Friday December 22, 2017

1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

9:00AM Patricia Ann Trigg (Robert Trigg)

Saturday December 23, 2017

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66

8:30AM Patricia Monigan (Edward Monigan)

**5:15PM Michael Downs Jr., & Michael Downs Sr.
(Lorraine Downs)**

Sunday December 24, 2017

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

***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 12/22/16—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.

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

As of our Ninth week of the Parish appeal, 274 families have contributed \$98,552 toward our goal of \$150,000. We are at 65.70% of this year's goal. We have \$51,448 to raise to meet our goal. So far we are \$3,094 behind last year's pace. Only with your help can we reach this year's goal. There are a few weeks left to donate in this tax year, so please consider a gift towards this year's most important collection!

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!

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

	<u>December 11, 2016</u>	<u>December 10, 2017</u>
Sunday Offering	\$16,078.33 437 env	\$16,439.00 327 env
Online Parish Giving	\$1,569.75*	\$4,314.48
Total Wkly Contribution	\$17,648.08	\$20,753.48
Immaculate Conception	\$3,106.00	\$3,130.63

*November 2016 Weekly Average
We are very grateful for the support of our parish!



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 or call the Rectory at 215-493-3377.

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



FOR THE SICK IN OUR

COMMUNITY that they return to the comfort of good health: Loretta Amerine, Sabrina Amerine, Eileen Burke, Kathy Carmody, 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 Peter Mays, 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 DeTemple, 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.

NAR- ANON FAMILY GROUP MEETING

"Morrisville Cares" is a new NAR-ANON family group meeting held on Monday evenings from 7-8:30 PM at the Morrisville United Methodist Church in Morrisville, PA, 501 Maple Ave., Morrisville PA (Entrance on right side of building) Visit www.nar-anon.org for more information. If you are in crisis, please call 215-218-2231.



We had a great success with our Fr. Spitzer program last year on the "Four Levels of Happiness", so we decided that we would complete the series with our three last programs for the season. The first will be on Saturday March 3, 2017 and is titled "Transcendance"- why we were created to rise above who and what we are. The second will be on Saturday March 10, 2017 and is titled "The Human Soul" and will speak to that spiritual part of who we are and why. The third will be on Saturday March 17 and is titled

"Resurrection" and speaks to our destiny and final disposition. Fr. Spitzer is extremely engaging and enlightening and you will truly be "HAPPY" if you attend these programs all of which will be on Saturday mornings from 9:30 to 11 in the Religious Ed center with refreshments. Bring a friend or two.



Rose of Life: For all who are lonely.

"He is always with us. Jesus promised this when he gave the disciples the same mission he gives to each of us: Go. ... Walk with each other. Do not be afraid to embrace God's gift of life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us."

Jesus not only comes to us once a year on Christmas, He come to us every day and every moment of every day in our neighbors, in our prayer, in the Mass Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, in His Word (the Bible) and in the sacraments and in His created world. We need to seek Him, we need to welcome Him, we need to say 'yes' to His invitation to receive Him and be received. We are all called to the same Mission.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

Intercessory Prayer: For those who feel lonely or abandoned: May their hearts be consoled by the genuine and loving care of others; We pray to the Lord:

GET FORMED



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

Simply Visit: 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.

NEW MEMBERS



Our parish welcomes the following new members who have joined our faith community:

**Brent, Jen, and Reese Bateman
Patricia, Caterina, and Joseph
Cilenti**

**Danielle and Brayden Cohen
Tara, Shawn, Lilly, and Riley
Flanagan**

John and Joanie Halajko

**Matthew, Laurie, Isabella and
Nicholas Marinelli**

**Alexander and Lauren Ockford
Aaron, Katie, Elliott and Maria
Ottagio**

**Michael, Tina, Deanna, and Rebecca
Schmidt**

HAVE FURNITURE TO DONATE?

Contact:
Goodwill Industries
215-822-2708 x 320 Attn: Patty
Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission
215-741-1010
Habitat for Humanity Re-Store
215-716-5006

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 "A Community of Faith, Academics and Service"



Joseph did as the angle of the Lord had commanded. Can you say the same?



We offer congratulations to the following students for being recognized as Disciple of the Month: Evan Karo, Alice Klukowski, Tessa Ruppensberger, Fallon Ulrich, Jacob Spado, Cameron Vanada, Sean Fleming, Billy Tierney, Cara McCarthy, Adelaida Velez, Grant Erickson, Isabelle Glunz, Tyler Marriott, Faith Sullivan, Jessica Padula, Danylo Mushynskyy, Stephen Cain and Maggie Sweitzer.



St. Ignatius School Christmas break will begin with the close of school on Thursday, December 21 and last through January 2, 2018.



Registration for the new school year for new and current families is now open.

Look on our web site 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

Sunday, January 28th – 12:30PM – 2:00PM

DESIGNER HANDBAG BINGO IS BACK!



Please join us for a fun filled night of bingo, raffles, handbags and fun!

When: Friday, January 12, 2018 (snow date January 13th)

Doors open at 6:30 pm – Bingo begins at 7:30 pm

Where: St. Ignatius Church Auditorium

Bring your own party – food and drink. Reserve a table for 8 or more

Tickets are \$25.00 in advance and \$30.00 at the door

For tickets call Nancy Patrick at 904-535-4869 or email sishandbagbingo@gmail.com

A benefit for St. Ignatius School's 8th Grade Class of 2018



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 were 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.

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

Monday, December 25

Wednesday, December 27

Sunday, December 31

Monday, January 1

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.