



St. Ignatius of Antioch Church
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Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024



The **WORD** of **GOD**

Reading I: Baruch 5: 1-9

The setting here is the ceremony whereby Jerusalem mourns her lost children while in exile. The speaker offers hope and comfort because they are still the Lord's people. He will lead them in joy out of their captivity.

Reading II: Philippians 1: 4-6, 8-11

The community has a share in the joy of the gospel through their conversion, and their support of the Apostle. They have good standing with the Lord that comes through Christ.

The Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6

The story of the beginning of John the Baptist's ministry as prophet opens with a list of the major rulers at the time. St. Luke uses this to illustrate that John's announcement of the Messiah will have worldwide impact.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday: 5:15PM Vigil Mass
Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM, 6:00PM
Daily, Monday to Friday: 9:00AM
***Special Schedule for Holy Days**

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Sunday - CLOSED
Monday- Thursday 9:00AM—4:30PM
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.

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

Adoration Hours : Monday 10AM through Wednesday 8PM, Thursday 10AM-9PM Friday 10AM - 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.



Saturday December 7, 2024
5:15PM Carol Ann Matuska
(Joe and Sue Bednarski)

Sunday December 8, 2024
7:30AM Grace Zyck (Kathy and Rich Moore)
9:30AM Michael Septer (Loretta and Bill Amerine)
11:30AM Parishioners of St. Ignatius
6:00PM John - Warriio Jimenez
(The Young Family)

Monday December 9, 2024
9:00AM Edward Biasi (John P. Corra)

Tuesday December 10, 2024
9:00AM Ted Condo (Women at the Cross)

Wednesday December 11, 2024
9:00AM Steve Cereby (Renee Cereby)

Thursday December 12, 2024
9:00AM Kathleen Madden
(Martin and Jackie Madden)

Friday December 13, 2024
9:00AM Special Intention
(Loretta and Bill Amerine)

Saturday December 14, 2024
5:15PM Humphrey and Keefe Family
(Tom and Lorraine Humphrey)

Sunday December 15, 2024
7:30AM Martin T. Brennan (The Brennan Family)
9:30AM Parishioners of St. Ignatius
11:30AM Winnifred Fugowski
(Kathy Signorelli - Petrat)
6:00PM Harry and Jenny Bowman
(Mary Ellen and Tim)

The church sanctuary candle
 burns this week to the glory of Almighty
 God and for The Deacon Family
 Living and Deceased requested by
 Karen Zewe and Family.



Sunday Bar 5:1-9 Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Lk 3:1-6

Monday Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday Is 40:1-11 Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 Mt 18:12-14

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

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

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

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

Sunday Zep 3:14-18a Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18



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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.

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.

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.



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

Parish Giving

In the spirit of embracing modern technology to foster a sense of community and ease in giving, St. Ignatius of Antioch utilizes E-Giving, a digital platform designed to streamline the process of making donations and supporting the parish's missions and operations. This innovative approach to stewardship not only simplifies the act of giving for parishioners, allowing for contributions to be made anytime and from anywhere, but also ensures a consistent flow of support for the church's many vital programs. E-Giving offers a secure, flexible, and efficient way for members of the community to uphold their commitment to the church, enhancing our ability to carry out charitable works, maintain our facilities, and expand our outreach initiatives. By adopting E-Giving, St. Ignatius of Antioch takes a significant step forward in ensuring the sustainability and growth of our beloved parish, fostering a culture of generosity and accessibility for all. Please visit our parish website to sign up or to get more information on this program.

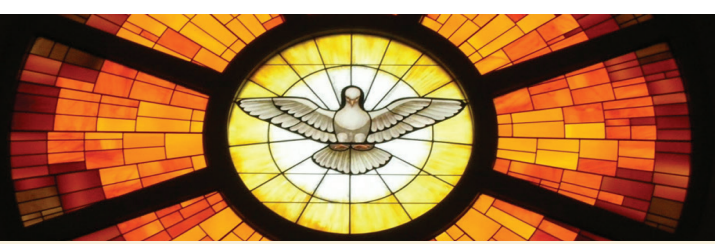
Weekly Collection

Counting our Blessings	11/26/23	Env	11/24/24	Env
Sunday Offering	\$10,497.00	213	\$15,348.00	237
Online Parish Giving	\$8,346.18		\$10,916.22	
Total Weekly Contribution	\$18,843.18		\$26,264.22	

We are thankful for your consistent stewardship. ©JPPC



The Social Action Committee thanks our generous parish for its continued contributions to Mary's Cupboard. While all donations of non-perishable food and household items are greatly appreciated, the Cupboard is currently in need of condiments, cooking oils, shelf-stable milk and juice boxes. Our efforts directly impact the lives of Lower Bucks families; your support is a blessing.



ST. IGNATIUS CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

All are invited - as we sing God's praises and share in His Word and His Love in a community of faith. We meet every Thursday from 7:00-8:30PM in the Antioch Center Room 2F. For more information, please contact our spiritual prayer group director: Deacon Bob Skawinski at rjcs1219@verizon.net.

Pray FOR THE SICK ©JPPC

Lord hear our prayer for the sick in our community that they return to the comfort of good health: Baby Kayden Hledik, Emil Abinader, Angelo Alvarez, Loretta Amerine, Sabrina Amerine, Paula Azara, Jeff Bacon, Dolores Barrett, Joseph Bednarski, Susan Bednarski, Lorraine C., Jean Caldwell, Maria Cane, Ruthann Carroll, Stephen Cesareo, Brynn Clare Connor, Mary C. Crawford, Shellie D., Susan Dwyer, John Flahive, Judith Green, Jonathan Grubb, Lou Gunkel, Ruth Gunkel, Raymond Hofelder, Michaeline Hynoski, Bob Jamieson, Roger Kehoe, Marge Kenney, Eleanor Koerner, Tina Lippolis, Michelle Mahle, Kevin McBeth, Kevin McBeth Jr., Kevin McCarthy, Toni McConnell, Janet Miller, , Walter Miller, Susan Mockenhaupt, Michele Mulholland, John Murray, Nancy Paravecchia, Carol Patterson, Joe Prince, Christine Rogers, Mary Claire Rossi, Theresa Sortino, Elsie Stolic, Darwin Stout, Kyle Stout, AJ Tantala, Nick Tarallo, Mark Waldinger, Lora Warner, Fred Wise, Patricia Yorkus, Vincent Yorkus, 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, Matthew Pace, Jacob Sanz, Jonathan Amgott 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>



Justin Kumor



The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Mass will be celebrated at 9AM on Monday, December 9th and the rectory will be closed in observance of the Feast Day.



Singing and Instrumental Volunteer Opportunity

First Light is the St. Ignatius music ensemble that provides music for the 9:30am Mass. We are looking to include students from 7th to 12th grade who sing or play a musical instrument in our ensemble. This is a terrific opportunity to learn more about music, play in an ensemble and accrue community hours. Participation is flexible from weekly, monthly, quarterly or seasonal. Please contact Amy Hail at amyhailqom@gmail.com or Larry Perini at lperini@verizon.net, or simply come by after a 9:30am Mass for more information.



Faith Formation

Our parish of St. Ignatius has been blessed for over 25 years with our committee members who have given of their time, talent, and treasure to create and sponsor over 200 programs on morality, ethics, religion, bible study, faith sharing, and Catholic education for adults in our parish. These programs average about 6-8 per year, some a one-time event; some 24-weeks ongoing like our Walking with Purpose and our men's bible studies; some DVD; some live 'in person' speakers; some speakers from our parish like our priests, Deacons, and those with special expertise in certain areas; some guest speakers; some retreats. All programs have been offered as 'free will offerings' with refreshments. Programs have 'moved' from time-to-time based on availability of space. There is much effort going into planning, preparing, shopping, set-up, clean-up and sometimes personal funding. The topics are varied and some have been repeated with updated information. Most topics are current and relevant on how to address one's life from a faith-based perspective whether it be in marriage, employment, family, child-rearing, personal self-development, even politics and yes, death. The current committee members are working hard to come up with new ideas, new energy, and new ways of continuing to have programs for our parish. Time is of the essence in having some new volunteers step up. Are you being called to share? Are you being called to serve? Let us know. Now is the time to start preparing for programs for next year. Don't let this resource go by the wayside. If interested contact mmphinney28@gmail.com or hlar1118@gmail.com. St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.



"Jesus calls each of us to 'care for the other as a person for whom God has made us responsible' (EV 87). ...The encyclical The Gospel of Life recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. Particular emphasis, however, is placed on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers' wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the 'least of these' in our world's estimation." *Excerpt from Evangelium vitae, © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana.. When Jesus uttered His words from the Cross 'Forgive them Father, for they know not what they do,' these very words could be applied to how we here in the U.S. approach life from its beginning at conception until natural death. As we approach the Nativity of our Lord Jesus, we also need to reflect on the Incarnation... Jesus becoming human, for what reason and purpose? We need to understand that the 'Word became flesh and dwelt among us' and that our humanity has been elevated by His divinity. We need to see the 'Christ' in others and love our neighbor as ourselves because we all have the same heavenly Father and we are all brothers and sisters in Christ. Holidays can bring out the 'worst' in us as family, or, it can bring out the 'best'.... this year...let it be the best. Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us. **Intercessory Prayer:** May God help us prepare the way of the Lord by acting with tenderness and compassion, especially toward the most vulnerable among us; **We pray to the Lord:** **Rose of Life Intention:** May we respect Baby Jesus and all babies.



Fr. James J. McCaffety Council #11013 Our council meets regularly the fourth Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM in the Wise Meeting room in the Antioch Center. We begin with the rosary at 7 PM. We are looking for new members always. We have many activities and charities, fun gatherings and fellowship and events along with prayer and study. If interested in joining us contact Tom Kearney at thomasfkearney@verizon.net.



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

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 17th at 7:00 PM in our church. Several priests will be present to assist in hearing confessions. 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 16th at St. John the Evangelist, Makefield and Big Oak Roads, Lower Makefield and on December 18th at 7:00PM at Our Lady of Grace, 225 Bellevue Avenue, Penn del.



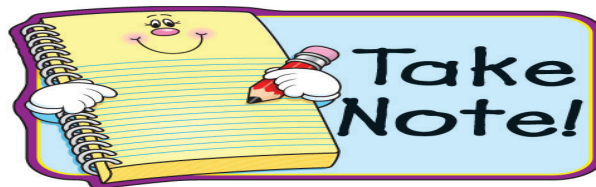
CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve - Tuesday, December 24th
4:00PM Vigil in the Church
(4:05pm Auditorium for overflow)
8:00PM Vigil

Christmas Day - Wednesday, December 25th
7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM

SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD MASS SCHEDULE

December 31st - 5:15PM
January 1st - 9:00AM



RECTORY OFFICE **HOLIDAY CLOSURES**

Wednesday, 12/11 – Open 9am to 11am
Tuesday, 12/24 - Closed
Wednesday, 12/25 - Closed
Thursday, 12/26 - Closed
Tuesday, 12/31 - Closed
Wednesday, 1/1 - Closed



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please join us in decorating our church for Christmas on Sunday, December 15th at 1:00PM. This is a great opportunity for service hours! Your assistance is greatly appreciated.



YOUNG ADULT CHRISTMAS DINNER



St. Ignatius will be holding its 2nd annual Young Adult Christmas Dinner and Holy Hour on January 3rd, 2025! The evening will begin with catered dinner at 5:30pm in the church auditorium. At 7pm there will be a Holy Hour with Solemn Evening Prayer. The celebrant and homilist will be Fr. David Friel S.T.D. All Young Adults ages 18-30 are welcome! There is a \$15 suggested donation, any questions and RSVP to joedom2003@gmail.com by 12/22/24.



Caring for Friends provides free meals for the elderly, ill, poor, homebound, and/or homeless in the greater Philadelphia area. We only ask for a few hours, one day per month of your time and you will be helping so many needy people! Our next meeting to assemble meals will be held on Thursday, December 12th from 9 am – noon in the church auditorium kitchen. We are truly blessed, but more helping hands are always needed and welcome. If you can't stay to help assemble the meals, a main dish or starch can be delivered on the morning of the meeting or a donation can be given to help us buy supplies. Your gifts and talents are always appreciated.

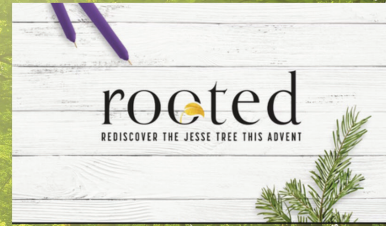


Our annual Christmas luncheon will be held immediately after our meeting. Caring for Friends will provide the food. Please stay for a bit as we all reconnect and take a few moments to enjoy each other's company.

If you would like additional information on how you can help, please call Kathy, 215-321-0116 or Jayne, 215-321-5739. Hope to see you on December 12th!

“We are not asked merely to call ourselves Christians; we are asked to be Christians through our deeds.” – St. Ignatius of Antioch

*The Women at the Cross
invite you to get ...*



for Advent!

- Series guides Catholics through a daily Advent reflection using the Jesse Tree model.
- Each episode introduces the ancestors of Jesus Christ, shares a Scripture passage, and offers an engaging, practical reflection.
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The Catholic Women of Bucks (CWoB) Giving Circle is an initiative which funds local organizations in our area that reflect our Catholic faith and assist the community.

The giving circle provides the opportunity for women to gather, engage in the local community and grow stronger in our faith.

Please join us for our next meeting:

Tuesday, February 4th at 7 p.m.
St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
Religious Education Center
752 Big Oak Road, Morrisville, PA

Our featured speakers will be from the Reach Out Foundation, a drop-in center open daily for the homeless and those in need in lower Bucks County

<https://www.rofbucks.org/>

Refreshments Will be Served



*Bring a Friend
The More We Grow, The More We Give!*

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



St. Ignatius of Antioch Catholic School
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Mr. George Meade, Principal
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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 for more information.

St. Ignatius of Antioch School



St. Ignatius Bereavement Support Group

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? Perhaps you are grieving over changes in your life that are causing confusion and sadness. Whatever kind of grief you are experiencing we invite you to attend our Bereavement Support Group. We pray, read and share with each other our struggles and look for helpful guidance and solutions. Please join us on Friday mornings at 10:00 AM in the Antioch Center (2nd Floor.) if you have any questions, please call Mary at 267-566-1435.



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.

Adoration Hours : Monday 10AM through Wednesday 8PM, Thursday 10AM-9PM Friday 10AM - 8PM and Saturday 10AM - 4PM.

Please call Marianne (267-346-0152) or Rosemary (267-799-3951) for chapel information.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE (SAC)



The Turkey Drive was an amazing success thanks to the generosity and support of our parish community. A special thanks to the PREP students and Scouts from Troops 10 & 230, and all the families who volunteered, hauling 236 turkeys plus accompanying groceries. These efforts enabled 12 organizations across Bucks County, Philadelphia, and New Jersey to distribute meals for hundreds of families to enjoy Thanksgiving. The Social Action Committee appreciates the continued support you give to our projects - **THANK YOU!**



SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE
St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish, Yardley PA

"For it is in giving that we receive." - St Francis of Assisi



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/>



Seniors Fellowship Christmas Lunch

Please join us for lunch at The Grey Stone Fine Food and Spirits located at 552 Washington Crossing Road in Newtown on Wednesday, December 11 at 12:30 PM. Email Mary at maryrosemoskowitz@gmail.com no later than Dec. 9 if you are interested in attending. Thanks!