



St. Ignatius of Antioch Church
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Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2024



Reading I: Zephaniah 3: 14-18a

Here we have a summons for people to begin rejoicing, through the intervention of Yahweh, genuine victory is coming to end their present defeat.

Reading II: Philippians 4: 4-7

God's peace "surpasses all understanding," and so it is always cause for us to rejoice.

The Gospel: Luke 3: 10-18

John the Baptist preaches that the way to salvation is through service of others. He also insists that he is not the Messiah, but only his spokesperson.

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 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)

Monday December 16, 2024
9:00AM Marianne Pope
(Christine Murphy and Family)

Tuesday December 17, 2024
9:00AM Richard Loveman (Alice Loveman)

Wednesday December 18, 2024
9:00AM Roman and Irene Shchuka
(Maria Shchuka)

Thursday December 19, 2024
9:00AM Eileen Flynn (Matt and Sue Connor)

Friday December 20, 2024
9:00AM Alice Crane (Alice Loveman)

Saturday December 21, 2024
5:15PM Lilliana LaMantia / living
(Mommy and Daddy)

Sunday December 22, 2024
7:30AM Dolores Kupiec
(Martin and Jackie Madden)
9:30AM Lauren Nicole Young (The Young Family)
11:30AM Charles and Erne Hofelder
(Raymond Hofelder)
6:00PM Parishioners of St. Ignatius

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



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

Monday Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a Ps 25:4-5ab, 6
 and 7bc, 8-9 Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday Gn 49:2, 8-10 Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8,
 17 Mt 1:1-17

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

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

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

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

Sunday Mi 5:1-4a Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
 Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45

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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.

Annual Parish Appeal

Our 2024-2025 Annual Parish Appeal is underway! This critical parish financial appeal will run from October through the end of January. If you can help with this effort, it would be greatly appreciated! You should receive our appeal 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, mail your contribution or drop it off directly to the rectory.

Our goal for this year's Parish Appeal is to raise \$175,000. These funds will be dedicated to a range of important initiatives that will help us enhance the spiritual, educational, and communal aspects of our parish. We are counting on everyone to help us reach this year's goal. Thank you for your generosity!

As of week #9 of the Parish appeal, 212 families have contributed \$106,470 toward our goal of \$175,000. We are at 60.84% of this year's goal. Thank you for your generosity!

Weekly Collection

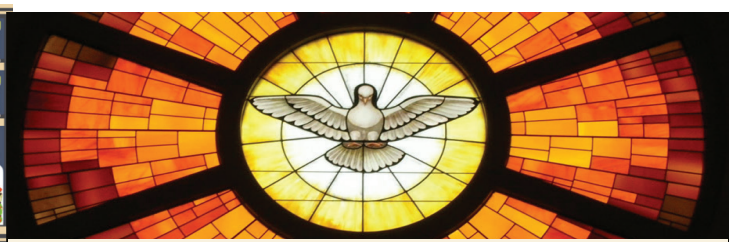
Counting our Blessings	12/3/23	Env	12/1/24	Env
Sunday Offering	\$11,417.00	239	\$13,024.00	256
Online Parish Giving	\$11,486.97		\$9,969.62	
Total Weekly Contribution	\$22,903.97		\$22,993.62	

Due to publishing deadlines last weekend's collection will be posted in next weekend's bulletin.

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.

PRAY for vocations

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



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.



HIGH CHAIRS NOW AVAILABLE!

We now have high chairs available for use in our auditorium! They are located next to the piano.



Faith Formation

We just finished celebrating the feast of the Immaculate Conception, the teaching of the Catholic church where Mary, Mother of God, was conceived in her mother's womb without sin. Being without sin allowed her to be worthy of conceiving Christ within her womb through the intercession of the Holy Spirit but only through her yes/her 'fiat' through her free will. Two days ago, we celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe- that miraculous appearance of the pregnant Mary to a simple farmer, St. Juan Diego, to stop the massacre of infants in Mexico. The miracle of the image of the appearance on the tilma of St. Juan still survives to this day to remind us of this appearance and this miracle. Now, we are in 'another' time of massacre of the innocents (we celebrate the feast of the Holy Innocents on Dec. 28) as the battleground for the sanctity of life has shifted from the 'national' level (Dobbs decision overturning Roe v. Wade) to the states and local governments. We need Mary's intercession more than ever. We need the rosary. We need devotion to Mary. We need to understand the meaning of the human body and its sacramentality and holiness as a 'temple of the Holy Spirit' as many of we older people learned from the Baltimore catechism. Also, this month we celebrate on Dec. 25 the 'giving' of Mary as a 14-year-old virgin with an unplanned pregnancy her 'yes' to the will of God, her life, her body, and her sacrifice of love to her child who was the Son of God and our Lord and Savior. How can we know how any of those babies aborted would have served in God's plan for salvation? We cannot! We need to turn to Mary and her example. We need you on our committee. Join us if you can say 'yes' like Mary.

St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.



"O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free."

USCCB, "Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita". St. Josephine is patron saint of Sudan and slavery. Are we 'enslaved'? do we have a 'master' of this world rather than the next? Why is it that we 'do' things that are 'not our will' if we were 'free'? How can we be free to live our lives according to that for which we were created? Did Jesus come to set us free? Did He show us how to live 'free lives'? Did He not give all of Himself, including His very own life to set us free? What enslaves us? Sin, sin, sin. How can we be set free over and over? The Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist are our ever-lasting elements of freedom helping us undo the chains to which we may be bound giving us the keys of grace to unlock our slavery to allow us to live our 'free wills' by joining them with the will of God so we may know true freedom. We can do this! How about we all give ourselves the gift of freedom by going to confession, doing penance, and receiving the Eucharist and joining ourselves with Jesus, if not day to day, at least weekly.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

Intercessory Prayer: For all victims of human trafficking: That they may find hope and healing in the Lord who proclaims liberty to captives and release to prisoners; We pray to the Lord:

Rose of Life Prayer: For all those enslaved, may they be set free.



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.



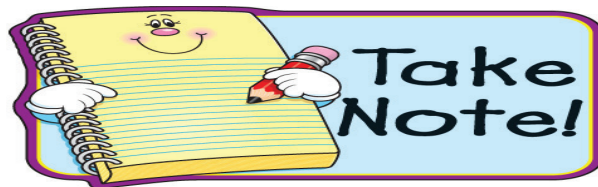
CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

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**

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.



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having you as part of our Flock

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via email and text!



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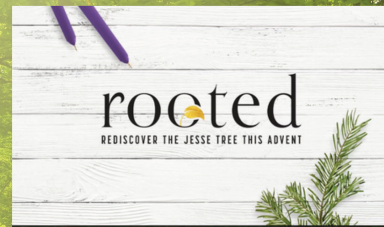
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Book 'n Bean

We welcome newcomers to join us as we meet on the last Tuesday evening of most months to discuss books which we have chosen for the year (2024-2025). We gather in the ground floor meeting room of the Antioch Center at 7:30pm. Please come when you can, even if you haven't read or completed the book. For more information, call Linda Stewart (215-603-5630). Our schedule is:

- Tues. Jan. 28 King: A Life - Jonathan Eig (via Zoom)**
- Tues. Feb. 25 Fever in the Heartland - Timothy Egan (via Zoom)**
- Tues. Mar. 25 Loyalty - Lisa Scottoline**
- Tues. Apr. 29 Life in a Jar - Jack Mayer**
- Tues. May 20 The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store - James McBride**

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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



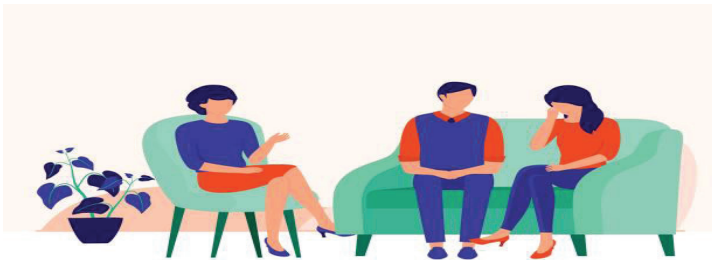
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St. Ignatius of Antioch School, a National Blue Ribbon School Awardee in 2021, is a small private Catholic school founded by the Sisters of St. Francis in 1958. As part of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, we provide an academically rigorous, core curriculum, 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.



A Reminder Regarding Phishing Scams

We will never request funds via email or text message from Fr. Brownholtz, Fr. Kennedy, Mr. Meade or any of our administrative staff, especially from a third party source. If someone tries to trick you into purchasing any gift cards through an email or text message, it is ALWAYS a scam. Important rule of thumb, when in doubt... ask someone before responding!



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/>

GROTTO BRICKS

One way to remember our departed friends and relatives may be to dedicate a visible monument to their memory. We are currently taking orders for personally inscribed bricks that will be permanently installed on the walkway to the parish grotto. The donation is \$100 per brick with personal messages allowed up to 15 letters on each of three lines. Please contact the rectory for more details.



Our Outdoor Columbarium Niches located in the memorial circle in the center of our cemetery are now available for sale.

Granite Front Double Niche: A space within a columbarium designed for the entombment of two cremated remains. Double granite front niches are intended to be used by two cremated remains of two persons behind a marble shutter. Maximum usable space of 11.5 inches by 11.5 inches by 13.5 inches. The urn will not be visible.

A standard plaque can be purchased for \$425 at the time of sale of the niche, or at market price at the time of interment of Cremated Remains.

Pricing of Outdoor Columbarium Niches and Services: \$3,200

The purchase of an Outdoor Columbarium Niche includes the following:

- Burial rights in the niche
- Perpetual care

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Saturday: \$700



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