



St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024



The WORD of GOD

Reading I: Micah 5: 1-4a

David, son of Jesse, will be the future ruler of Israel. He will be the long-awaited Messiah, and he will bring peace.

Reading II: Hebrews 10: 5-10

God prefers obedience to His commands to sacrifice. It is a simple statement about our priorities as well.

The Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Luke brings together the 2 mothers-to-be so that both might praise God. Elizabeth's child will be the precursor for Mary's Child.

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.



Mass Intentions



- 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
- Monday December 23, 2024**
9:00AM Ed and Jane Liwoch
(Joseph and Lesia Pryor)
- Tuesday December 24, 2024**
9:00AM Giuseppa Covello (The Covello Family)
4:00PM Theresa and Sam White
(Jean Green and Ray Willhoft)
8:00PM Helen and George Moore
(James Hosgood)
- Wednesday December 25, 2024**
7:30AM Bruce / Smith Family / living
(Lee Smith)
9:30AM Katherine Trigg Schmidt (Robert Trigg)
11:30AM Mae Oddo (Anthony and Maria LaGrutta)
- Thursday December 26, 2024**
9:00AM Joan Terc (The Terc Family)
- Friday December 27, 2024**
9:00AM Marianne Pope (The LaMantia Family)
- Saturday December 28, 2024**
5:15PM Dot Clark (Tom and Deb Parsons)
- Sunday December 29, 2024**
7:30AM Parishioners of St. Ignatius
9:30AM Jillian M. Goodwin (Mom and Dad)
11:30AM Krystel N. Adem
(Najat and Emil Abinader)
6:00PM Joseph Donadieu (The Baker Family)

The church sanctuary candle
 burns this week to the glory of Almighty
 God and for Giuseppa Covello requested by
 The Covello Family.



Sunday Mi 5:1-4a Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
 Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45
 Monday Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9,
 10 and 14 Lk 1:57-66
 Tuesday Morning 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 Lk 1:67-79
 Wednesday Vigil Is 62:1-5 Ps 89:4-5, 16-17,
 27, 29 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Mt 1:1-25 or
 1:18-25
 Wednesday Night Is 9:1-6 Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3,
 11-12, 13 Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14
 Wednesday Dawn Is 62:11-12 Ps 97:1, 6, 11-
 12 Ti 3:4-7 Lk 2:15-20
 Wednesday Day Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4,
 5-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
 Thursday Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Ps 31:3cd-4,
 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 Mt 10:17-22
 Friday 1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Jn
 20:1a, 2-8
 Saturday 1 Jn 1:5-2:2 Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8
 Mt 2:13-18
 Sunday Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-
 28 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10
 Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24
 Lk 2:41-52

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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

Due to the Christmas Holy Day, and our bulletin publisher's deadlines, last weekend's collection will be reported 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, 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



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.

Coffee and donuts

**WE WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO JOIN US
AT OUR NEXT MONTHLY
SUNDAY SOCIAL ON JANUARY 5TH
AFTER THE 7:30AM, 9:30AM, and 11:30AM
MASSES**



Faith Formation

We are now several days before Christmas. By now, many of us have decorated our homes, purchased our gifts, bought our trees, shopped for our groceries, planned our activities, visits and menus for Christmas. Have we gone to confession? Have we thought of those who don't have what we have? Have we thought of a gift for Jesus? After all, it IS His birthday? It is a celebration about His coming! Hmmmm! What type of gift could we give? Gold? Frankincense? Myrrh? What can be so 'valuable' as to be 'worthy' of giving as a gift to God? What is the most valuable possession we ALL have? LIFE! It is the greatest gift we have ALL received because without it, we would not be here. So, how about if we give ourselves to God? Our will to God? Our unconditional love to God? After all, that is what HE gave us so we could live. But, as we wrap gifts we give to family, friends, and neighbors, let us 'wrap' the gift of ourselves in the grace of the Lord through a thorough confession and penance and firm purpose to sin no more, receive Him in the Eucharist (meaning thanksgiving) in communion where the 'two become one' and resolve in the upcoming year to be more like Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. How about we all consider giving ONE HOUR to Jesus per week in the Adoration Chapel as we try to bring back our 25 yr. old tradition of a 24/7 adoration chapel???

St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.



“Perhaps one of your friends or relatives has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who knows those who have been there, I encourage you to support your friend or relative in her new journey of being a mother.” Learn ten tips at respectlife.org/support-her. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities. We are all called to walk together and help each other. Many actions have unintended consequences. With an unplanned pregnancy, we do not have to end the life of the baby and harm the mother in the process. Crisis pregnancy centers walk with women and their children to help them throughout. The Legacy of Life Foundation has a mission to save babies and transforms families. They are local and have saved over 4000 babies in the past 15 years and are still doing so. We help transform families. We do not abandon them after the baby is born. Why not consider a tax-deductible Christmas gift to the Legacy of Life Foundation at legacyoflifefoundation.org and click on the donate button. You can go visit and take a tour at any time. You can volunteer. They are even offering several job positions and need your prayers, your support, your help and perhaps even your expertise. Contact them at the above website. Become part of the solution rather than part of the problem or just not part at all!

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

Intercessory Prayer: For all parents awaiting the birth of their child: May they look to the Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph and follow their example of cherishing and protecting human life; We pray to the Lord:

Rose of Life Intention: For all mothers, especially those with unplanned babies like Mary, Mother of God.



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.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

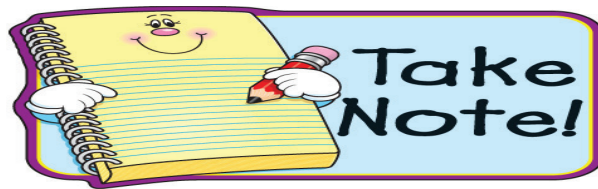


Christmas Eve - Tuesday, December 24th

**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



RECTORY OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURES

**Tuesday, 12/24 - Closed
Wednesday, 12/25 - Closed
Thursday, 12/26 - Closed
Tuesday, 12/31 - Closed
Wednesday, 1/1 - Closed**



Merry Christmas

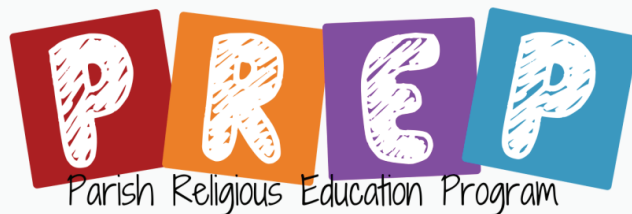
May this Christmas season bring you and your families happiness and joy. As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, may this moment in time reassure us of God's love for each of us. On behalf of our deacons and staff, I wish you a Holy Christmas and a new year filled with joy, happiness, and peace.

~Father Brownholtz



SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD MASS SCHEDULE

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



Prep parents are reminded that there are no prep classes on December 29th and December 30th for the Christmas and New Year's break. Classes resume on Sunday, January 5th.

On Saturday, January 11, Archbishop Nelson Perez, will present anniversary awards to honor catechists and aides for their years of dedication in the Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) at a Mass in the Cathedral at 11:00 AM.

We congratulate the following catechists and aides who will be honored for their years of service:

<i>Deborah Greco</i>	<i>15 years</i>
<i>Jacqueline Scharko</i>	<i>15 years</i>
<i>Christina Mahan</i>	<i>10 years</i>
<i>Michelle St. Pierre</i>	<i>5 years</i>
<i>Vincent Paravecchia</i>	<i>5 years</i>
<i>Regina Ivcic</i>	<i>5 years</i>

Well done, everyone! Congratulations!!



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

Opening and closing costs:

To be paid upon interment of Cremated Remains

Monday – Friday: \$550

Saturday: \$700

2025 MASS INTENTION BOOK IS NOW CLOSED

The Mass Intention Book for 2025 is now full as all the Masses have an Intention. The Mass Intention Book for 2026 will open in September of 2025.

Please come to the rectory if you would like to reserve an Unannounced Mass, or Sanctuary Candle for 2025.



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/>



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



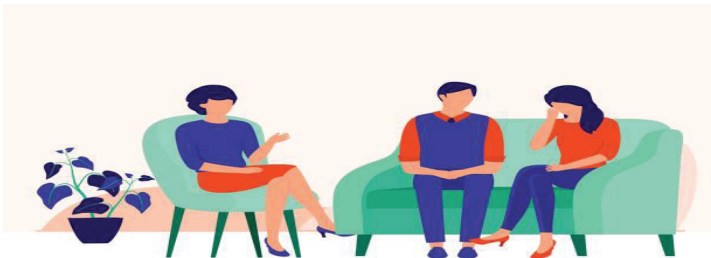
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St. Ignatius of Antioch School, a National Blue Ribbon School Awardee in 2021, is a small private Catholic school founded by the Sisters of St. Francis in 1958. As part of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, we provide an academically rigorous, core curriculum,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



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Keep in touch with us
via email and text!



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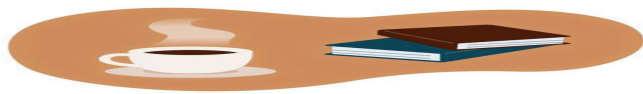
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Singing and Instrumental Volunteer Opportunity

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.



Book 'n Bean

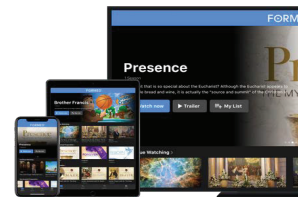
We welcome newcomers to join us as we meet on the last Tuesday evening of most months to discuss books which we have chosen for the year (2024-2025). We gather in the ground floor meeting room of the Antioch Center at 7:30pm. Please come when you can, even if you haven't read or completed the book. For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