

St. Ignatius of Antioch Alumni Newsletter

Summer 2011



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Update on Parish Response to the Bishop's Directives

Terry Gravens, '65

We have completed two years of the time period to respond to the Bishop's directives to demonstrate the viability of our parish. We have made great progress, but we still face serious challenges.

The most important directive is to continue the Catholic Ministry of our parish. With our meaningful liturgies to a diverse congregation, the Share-A-Meal Program, the Catholic education we provide to 300+ students and many other varied programs, we have demonstrated the viability of this Catholic presence in the heart of the west side of Cleveland.

Second, the roster of parishioners has grown, as has attendance at mass. This is a significant directive and we all need to actively encourage new members and regular mass attendance. All alumni are asked to please join with us in liturgy as often as possible.

Third, a very dedicated and competent Facilities Response Committee has developed an updated plan for capital improvements, reports have been submitted to the Diocese and we are prepared to move forward to

restore this Sacred Landmark, see *Facilities Update* on page 4.

Fourth, all have been so generous with their increased contributions to the weekly collections, the special collections, and most importantly, by making their pledge payments. However, the directive as to the financial viability of the Parish continues to be a critical area for improvement. Through your generosity, we have made great progress. However, we all need to continue to support this parish financially through the regular collections, by making our pledge payments or whenever we are able to make additional donations to Saint Ignatius of Antioch Parish. Moreover, all are encouraged to reach out across the Catholic Community and to ask fellow Catholics to support our mission, which is so important to the west side of Cleveland.

We know how important this parish is and it is now our responsibility to demonstrate the same.

Save the Date: Upcoming Events

- Golf Outing, Wednesday, July 27, 2011
- Boulevard Bash, Saturday, October 15, 2011
- 9th Annual Clambake, Sunday, November 6, 2011

The Tree of Life

Pastor Father James R. McGonegal

Summer movies are not my favorite pastime since outdoor activities are more fun. But during the recent rainy season I saw THE TREE OF LIFE an epic film and Palm d'Or prize at Cannes Film Festival by Terrence Malick starring Brad Pitt, Sean Penn, and Jessica Chastain. It is a movie lover's film but not a Blockbuster. It's the story of a Texas family in the 1950's with a loving mother and an overbearing father. Three brothers endure the affection and wrath of parents who struggle with their marriage. The movie begins with spectacular creation scenes of the universe and the planet earth. The sun dappled landscapes with wind, rain, volcanoes, and ocean tides are enough to change a skeptic's mind about the existence of God. The joys and sorrows of this particular family pose questions about the meaning of life, love, betrayal, and death. The three brothers eventually grow up and experience the same questions in their adult life. Why are we here? Where is God? Is love stronger than death? Is creation benign or cruel?

For believers the world is God's footprint and the stamp of all things spiritual. When we live, love, laugh, cry, accept responsibility, stand up for truth, help those in need, and refuse to be embittered by the stupidity of daily life—this is where grace occurs, because all this leads a person into the infinity and victory of God.

THE TREE OF LIFE is a work of art, a gesture of reality. The opening dialogue of the mother tells it all... *"the nuns told us there are two ways through life, the way of Nature and the Way of Grace."*

For me, this film is **A m a z i n g G r a c e**. If it's no longer in a theatre near you, it will soon be available on DVD. Don't miss it.

The McIntyre Center Restored (or Remember The "Glory Days"

How many alumni recall gym classes, Niagara v. Marquette in basketball, or all the many parish events held in the gym of the McIntyre Center? This location has been so important to our Parish Community for so many years. It has been the home to one of our most important Community Outreach Programs, the I.B.A. (Ignatius Basketball Association).

This summer, due to sheer necessity and safety reasons, the gym of the McIntyre Center is under renovation. Volunteers gave it a fresh coat of paint, and the gym floor and windows are being replaced.

WE NEED YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO HELP PAY FOR THESE RENOVATIONS. Funds raised through the pledge campaign are already committed to other church renovations. Please help us restore this vital Community Center. For more information on making a contribution, call the Parish House at (216) 251-0300.

Celebrating Religious Anniversaries

Pastor James R. McGonegal celebrated 40 years of priestly ordination at a Festival Eucharist on Pentecost Sunday with family and friends. We thank Father for his dedication and commitment to the parishioners and community of Saint Ignatius of Antioch.

Congratulations to those celebrating 60 years as a Sister of St. Joseph who taught at Saint Ignatius of Antioch.

- Sister Juanita Shealey (Nativa), 1953-1966
- Sister Edward Marie Ryan, 1970-1972
- Sister Betty McCafferty, 1946
- Sister Mary Ann Andrews, 1946, celebrating 60 years as a Sister of Charity of St. Augustine.



Altar and Rosary Guild Seeks Members

The Altar and Rosary Guild of Saint Ignatius of Antioch invites all women of its Parish community to become members. The Guild helps to maintain the altar and articles used for Mass including candles and altar linens. We support Parish activities. Meetings are held the third Thursday in October, December, March, and May at 6:30 p.m. Dues are \$5 per year. Join us in the McIntyre Center on Sept. 15, at 6:30 p.m. for our annual potluck dinner meeting.

A Letter from Our Principal

Dear Alumni, Family and Friends,

As I work to prepare this last news letter for the school year, I can't help but think that this has truly been a productive year. The time has flown, and so many events took place. We watched as students learned that education was not only important for their future lives but that it was also fun. Many students earned the honor of being recognized on the "Effort Board," First honors and Second honors. We watched and learned as terrific boys and girls participated and brought back honors to our school in the Spelling Bees, Math Challenges and Classroom of Champions. Our many Mission Club and Student Council projects were fun and challenging.

Our students enjoyed many field trips to the Apple Farm, Beck Center, Playhouse Square, Ski trips, Camp Christopher, The Cleveland Museum of Natural History, Great Lakes Science Center, Progressive Field, Metroparks Zoo, Severance Hall, Nautica Queen, and many more. The children performed a beautiful Christmas Musical, a reverent Living Stations of the Cross and our wonderful Spring Musical, *We Are United*. Our school choir, readers and servers have done a beautiful job leading us in the Liturgy.

Our 8th grade students are ready to move on to high school. We wish them well! Our other students have grown a little taller, grown a little

smarter and grown a little more in their faith and love of God. It has been a successful time and we are anxious to move to the future.

At this time I would like to thank our students, faculty, staff and parents for the wonderful year that we have had. You have enriched our lives by showing us how everyone working together as a team can certainly produce well rounded students. I know this is a terrific school because you have helped to make it successful. You have believed in me as your principal and trusted me to guide all the children who enter it. I thank you all for that and wish you a most happy and relaxing summer ready to come back in the fall for another great year.

God bless you and your families for a safe and fun filled summer!

Margaret G. Ricksecker
Principal



Students left to right: Marvin Perkins, Makayla Corrado, Jeremiah Harper, Aliyah Bolden

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Please notify us if you have a change in name or address so we can update our records.

Saint Ignatius of Antioch Class of 2011

Congratulations to the Class of 2011, we wish them the best of luck as they start their high school career! Da'von Aaron; Cristal Arenas; Qammar Attallah; Chamar Bright; Chazz Burgess; Dominador Cacho; Ciara Caraballo; Craig Carter; Zayvier Cintron; Amber Lee Constant; Eric Dalbah; Darius Daniel; Luz Dominguez; Marquise Ferrell; Carielle Gray; Deyhana Greene; Devon Gresham; Moonya Hammad; James Hardin; Trevon Hoover; Dylan Kilpatrick; Emily Kokal; Brandon Kramer; Anisha Lee; Marilyn Licon; James MacCarthy; Jasmine Malave; Meghan Moore; Alysha Mueller; Christian Musto; Lina Nguyen; Angel Ortiz; Ashley Owens; Elizabeth Rodriguez; Rashi Rose; Ian Samarin; Demetrius Sampson; Winston Scuba; Gianni Sims; Anthony Torres; Arlin Wallace

Saint Ignatius of Antioch graduates will be attending the following high schools in the Fall

Benedictine, 7; St. Joseph Academy, 4; Holy Name, 2; Cleveland Central Catholic, 8; Trinity, 2; Villa Angela, 1; St. Martin de Porres, 3; St. Ignatius, 3; Magnificat, 1; Public schools, 6; Undecided, 4

Congratulations to scholarship winners, current students completing their education at Saint Ignatius of Antioch

The McCafferty Scholarship, 2
Antioch Alumni Scholarship, 11
St. Anthony Scholarship, 8
The Robert and Adele Darrah Scholarship, 6

Facilities Update

In 2011 the Facilities Response Committee has been active in acquiring proposals and estimates for projects. The committee works with and seeks approval from Catholic Charities Facilities on all construction projects. Some final repairs and inspections of the roof will continue to wrap up that project. Current estimates for structural engineering services to inspect the church tower are being acquired and will be prioritized. Replacement of front sidewalk is scheduled for the Fall.

Significant effort has been put toward the planning of two major projects tentatively scheduled for late 2011 and during 2012, the first being repairs and replacement of the existing coal bin roof and surrounding asphalt paving. This project will address drainage and waterproofing issues in addition to reopening the walkway between the Church and existing primary building. The project is in the conceptual design phase.

The second major project is the inclusion of ADA compatible facilities currently proposed for the western side of the Church.

Special thanks to Judge Peter Sikora and his team of volunteers who developed several conceptual designs. Upon approval the committee will move forward with professional design services that lie within the existing footprint of the Church and will be in strict keeping with the architectural design and aesthetics of the original Church.

Sincere thanks to volunteers: Dan Mullen, Kevin Horchy, '68; Sr. Dianne Piunno; Judge Peter Sikora, '66; John Desmone; Tom Jurcisin, '75; Dan Vanek; Mark Von Duhn; Vito Cimino, '91; and Terry Gravens, '65, who continue to play key roles in the completion of these projects.

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