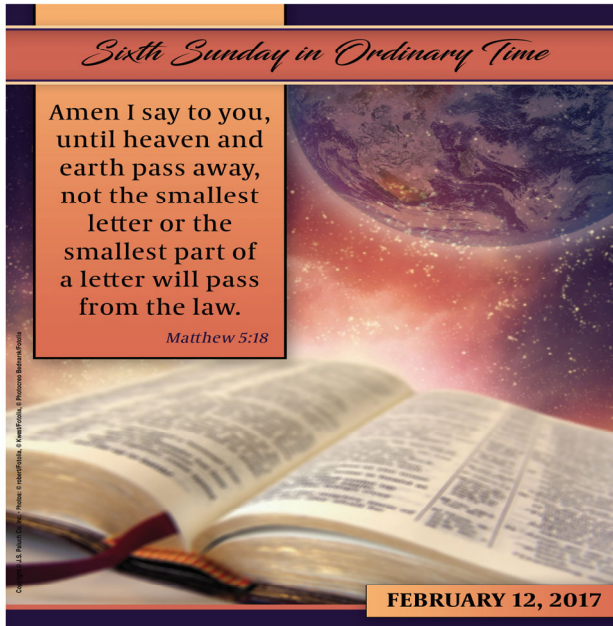


St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

999 Reading Avenue Yardley, PA 19067

February 12, 2017 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



CHOICE

"If you choose you can keep the commandments," Sirach tells us. God "has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand" (Sirach 15:15, 16). This is a great mystery: God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. We have certain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our way within those boundaries.

In today's reading from Matthew's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments, all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior.

Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves, and to choose a path through our part of the world that helps make life possible and more abundant for others as well.

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NEW PARISHIONERS

New to the parish? Please call the rectory for an appointment to register.

WEDDINGS

Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance. Please call the rectory to make an appointment with one of the parish priests.

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: 8:00 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.
Eves of First Fridays: 7:00 to 7:30 P.M.
Confessions will also be heard at any reasonable time on request.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the rectory at 215-493-3377 ext. 211 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 7:30 PM in room 2B on the 2nd floor of the Meeting Center. Parents, please call the rectory to register for the class.

SATURDAY MASS SCHEDULE



Over the past few months we have been looking at ways to increase our Mass attendance; not only at our weekend Masses, but our daily Masses as well. Our 9AM daily Mass is very well attended; and we are looking to increase the attendance at our Saturday morning Mass. Towards that end, **beginning Saturday, March 4th, we will be moving the 8:00AM Saturday morning Mass to 8:30AM.**

SUNDAY SOCIALS



Join us on March 5th 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!



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. Deacon Bob Skawinski is our spiritual Prayer Group Director.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

For those who would like to inquire about 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.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness (Sirach 15:15-20).
 Psalm -- Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Psalm 119).
 Second Reading -- God's wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).
 Gospel -- Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37).
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
 Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
 Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26
 Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
 Friday: Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 -- 9:1
 Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
 Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday	February 12, 2017
7:30AM	Rose Barker (Phyllis Atkins)
9:30AM	Richard Begley (The Wismer Family)
11:30AM	Michael Downs Jr. and Michael Downs Sr. (Lorraine Downs)
6:00PM	Joseph Coffey (Ross and Deborah Ruriani)
Monday	
9:00AM	All Living and Deceased Members of the Parish
Tuesday	
9:00AM	The Charles and Barber Families/living (Tara Charles)
Wednesday	
9:00AM	Diane Mays (The Mays Family)
Thursday	
9:00AM	Patricia Ann Trigg (Robert Trigg)
Friday	
9:00AM	Michael Herlihy (Margaret Herlihy)
Saturday	
8:00AM	Elsie Mullen (Bill and Katie Pasko)
5:15PM	James and Marie Pryor (Joseph W. and Lesia Pryor)
Sunday	February 19, 2017
7:30AM	Richard Coletta (Brenna Twomey)
9:30AM	Bessie Getz, Lou, and Norma Gunkel (Lou and Ruth Gunkel and Family)
11:30AM	John Hagan (Royal Family)
6:00PM	Deceased Members of the Brignola Family (The Petrucco Family)

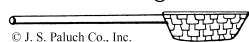
FISCAL CORNER

Our Parish Appeal for this past week totaled \$3,550 with 10 families contributing. As of 2/6/17, 427 out of 2549 families have contributed and pledged \$140,047 toward our goal of \$150,000. We are at 93.3% of this year's goal and need to raise \$9,953 to meet this year's target. We are still collecting appeal donations through the end of the month that will count towards this year's goal. We are very close and can do it with your help!!! If you have not yet contributed, we hope we can count on your support.

In other fiscal news, we will be holding our first annual "Night at the Races" on Friday February 24, 2017. For this inaugural event, we will only have 200 tickets available, so please be sure to obtain your tickets early if you would like to attend! Tickets are \$10.00 and are available at the rectory, through the school, and after Masses. Any questions, please give us a call! Hope to see you there!

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

Christian Giving



February 7, 2016

February 5, 2017

Sunday

\$ 18,519.50 430 Env.

\$ 14,624.73 408 Env.

Registered Households: 2,565—Percentage of households using envelopes: 15.90%

We are very grateful for the support of our parish!

Pray For

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WE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR COMMUNITY that they return to the comfort of good health: Elizabeth Alvino, Loretta Amerine, Sabrina Amerine, Ann Birchler, Lucille Brantl, Ruthann Carroll, Gloria Cheeseman, Brynn Clare Connor, Cliff Conway, Mary C. Crawford, Linda Crosby, Louie DiTanna, Mark Maholick, Marlene Drainville-Spillene, Olga Fleming, David Fry, Michael G., Sherry Golden, Rose Ann Grall, Madeline Guarnieri, Paul Hahn, Meryl Jacobson, Andrew Kelly, Diane Kelly, Fr. Lawrence Kozak, Ellen Masterson, Vincent Masterson, Lily Murphy, Robert Murphy, Christine Nassar, Daniel O'Brien, Thelma Pisano, James Reynolds, Alicia Simon, Darwin Stout, Jonathan Sutton, Jeanne Tobin, Sara Ulrich, Jane Wallace, Donald Weston, 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.)**

WE PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED, especially Jenee Dwyer, and 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.

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY :

Cameron Armstrong, Matthew Bauer, Melissa Bishop, Christian Blydon, Sara Brill, Mark Buckley, Michael Joseph Buckley, Brad Bullman, Evan Cumming, Brent Cummings, Kevin O'Brien Darby, Staten DeTample, 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, 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, Laura Perazzola, Gregory B. Procaccini, Jason Propst, Matthew Rieser, James Tams, Scott Toro, John Worman.

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**St. Ignatius of Antioch
Presents
Our First Annual**

**WINTER
FUNTIME!**
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Night at the Races

Friday, February 24, 2017

Doors open at 6:15pm Races begin at 7:00pm

Ticket Donation: \$10 in advance

Tickets available after Mass and at the Rectory

Call 215-493-3377 for more information.

Admission includes:

Beer, Wine, Coffee, and Soda

**Hotdogs and snacks will be available
for purchase**

What: A night of Horse Races and fun!

Where: St. Ignatius Church Auditorium

Why: Fun night out while supporting our Parish

Who: This is a 21 years of age and older event

CELEBRATE 20 YEARS OF PERPETUAL ADORATION



Yes, 20 years have gone by! It's hard to believe but we are in our 21st year of faithful adorers praying around the clock! We want to give all Praise and Glory to our Triune God for such a great blessing! Mark your calendar for March 25, 2017. We begin with our 5:15 Mass and follow with a celebration in our Church Auditorium. There will be food and an opportunity to express what Adoration has meant to you. Assistance will be provided to those who have difficulty with stairs. Please add your name to the list in our Adoration Chapel or call Marianne Kloc at 267-346-0152, Rosemary Overberger at 267-503-0278, or Frances Tarrallo at 215-493-4153 or email us at siparishadoration@gmail.com if you plan to attend so we can accommodate everyone. We are looking forward to a special time to pray, remember our deceased adorers and celebrate our blessings. We hope you plan to join us, may God continue to bless you and your families.

ADORATION CHAPEL

Come let us Adore Him

Looking for something new in 2017? How about spending some time in our Adoration Chapel. In our busy world, this is a tranquil place where you can sit quietly away from all outside distractions. The Chapel is open 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

Parishioners and others in our surrounding area have committed time to adoring Jesus at a set hour each week. Visitors come in and out daily to spend 5,10,15 minutes or whatever time their schedule allows. So, won't you consider visiting when you are in the area? Perhaps you would like to set aside an hour a week on a regular basis. Our open hours that substitutes are presently covering are: Monday 12pm, 1pm, 3pm Weds 2am, 3pm Thurs 3am, 4pm Friday 1am, 3pm and Saturday 8am (the last 2 Saturdays of the month).

For more information about Adoration, kindly call Marianne Kloc at 267-346-0152. May God continue to bless you and your families in 2017!

***Please call 215-493-6245 and press option 4, to check for chapel closings during inclement weather.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



Many people use the word 'happy'. Think about all the people you know- is there anyone who doesn't wish to be happy? There is probably a week that doesn't go by that one does not use that word... 'happy'. Yet, what does that mean? How happy are you? Would you like to be more consistently happy? Did you know there were four levels of 'happiness'? Come learn about it all from one of the most brilliant speakers ever (video), Fr. Robert Spitzer of the Magis Institute on Feb 25 at 9 AM in the Religious Education Center- coffee and refreshments...bring a friend...it will make you happy, and, it will probably make God happy too J.

Our Adult Faith Formation committee meets the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 PM in the Antioch meeting center. We welcome new members; we welcome new ideas. We are forming our programs for next year and will seriously consider any recommendations; we want you, we need you. Join us. Bring a friend. Come to our programs, you will be glad you did!

St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.



ROSE OF LIFE INTENTION

For all who mourn loss of life, that they may be comforted.

The Respect Life Committee of St. Ignatius has a goal of promoting life and life affirming issues and to visibly make St. Ignatius an obvious prolife parish. The committee distributes over \$10,000 per year of generous donations to prolife groups, crisis pregnancy centers and homes and tries to contribute to the visual prolife aspects of our parish including the Holy Innocents Memorial outside the Antioch center, the Guadalupe grotto in the narthex of the Church, the vigil lights, the Christ with Children statue and the prolife altar frontals. We will also be having the St. Gianna gloves this Mother's day and we just completed our Rose procession in honor of aborted children around the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe; we also sponsored a prolife writing award contest for our 7th and 8th grade students. The biggest event this past year was our October Babies shower which gave amazing numbers of gifts to the Legacy of Life Foundation. We meet the first Monday of every month at 8 PM in the Antioch center. All are invited; send us your ideas and prayers.

"Jesus is with us every step of the way, giving us the grace we need. God invites us to embrace the lives we have been given, for as long as they are given. Every life is worth living." All of us have been graciously and freely given a truly precious gift- one that we did not earn nor merit, but have never the less. We should cherish it, love it and honor it...because we are created in His image and likeness and if we love ourselves we love God.

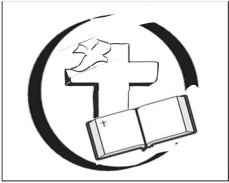
Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

Intercessory Prayer: For all Christians: May God grant us courage to embrace the precious gift of life, even in the most difficult of circumstances; We pray to the Lord:

COLLECTION COUNTERS



We are looking for volunteers to help count our weekly collections. We count on Monday mornings after the 9am Mass. If you can spend an hour or two, your assistance would be appreciated. Please contact the rectory (215-493-3377) and let us know you would like to be added to the schedule. Any questions or if you want to know more about it, please do not hesitate to reach out!



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

Get FORMED

How to Access:
Simply Visit: www.formed.org
Enter Our Parish Code: **40742e**
Register yourself and enjoy the content available to you and your family!

February 11th is also the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Make time this week to draw closer to our blessed Mother – the one who is best at drawing us closer to her Son. The CDs/books/booklets in our Resource display make it easy...and there's sure to be something specific to Mary! Thank you for your generous donations to our display that help to support the mission of Stewardship: A Mission of Faith and Lighthouse Catholic Media to bring these resources to more parishes.

THEOLOGY ON TAP



ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO SEMINARY
100 East Wynnewood Rd. Wynnewood, PA 19096
DATE: Friday, February 17th
TIME: 7PM
TOPIC: Becoming Fire
SPEAKERS: Dr. Jessica Murdoch, Ph.D and Mr. Steven DiMassimo

Adults ages 21-35 welcome! Beer, wine, soft drinks, and snacks will be served! Live music! Must have a valid phot ID. Evening ends with Night Prayer.

Please like us and RSVP on Facebook!

BOOK n' BEAN

Our group is growing and we are always adding new members. How about joining us on the last Tuesday night of each month beginning in September (except December and summers) to discuss our selected book of the month? We meet in the Religious Education Office across from the School Cafeteria from 7:30 - 8:45pm for a relaxed discussion. Bring your own beverage.

Contact Linda Stewart
at: dremom@verizon.net or call me at 215-968-3577 with questions. Our schedule is:

Tuesday, Feb. 28 The Road from Coorain ~ Jill Ker Conway
Tuesday, Mar. 28 - NO MEETING-
Tuesday, April 25 Black Flags: The Rise of Isis (Joby Warrick)
Tuesday, May 23 Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet ~ Jamie Ford
Tuesday, September 26—Nightingale (Kristen Hannah)

LEGION OF MARY PROGRAMS

PRESENTING FATIMA FILMS



2017 First Saturday Matinee
Upcoming Show~times in St Ignatius Auditorium
11:15am Saturday February 4th
11:15am Saturday March 4th
11:15am Saturday April 1st
May~ (no showing)
11:15am Saturday June 3rd
All ages welcome! Refreshments/ Lunch too
Our Lady, Queen of Heaven, Pray for us! Queen of Peace, Pray for us!

THE BIBLE AND THE VIRGIN MARY 12 WEEK SERIES

FRIDAYS (Jan-Apr)
Beginning January 20th ...
7:00 -8:00 pm
St Ignatius Antioch Meeting Center 2nd Floor
"Mary's greatness...she wants to Magnify God,not herself"
....Pope Benedict XVI's book, "An Invitation to Faith"
**** REFRESHMENTS ****

LENTEN FAITH SHARING



Registration for Lenten Faith Sharing has begun. We invite you to join us in the Community of Disciples small group discussion program, exploring the Sunday Lenten readings in preparation for Easter.

The various weekly sessions, held both in homes and on parish grounds, are scheduled to accommodate the particular needs of the participants of each group.

Register by **Thursday, February 23** www.stignatius.church/spirit.html#s6 or return the registration form below in the collection basket or to:

St. Ignatius Rectory / Attn: Lenten Programs
999 Reading Avenue, Yardley, PA 19067.

For questions, contact Anna Matteoda (215-321-1674) or ANNAMATTEO@MSN.COM.

Community of Disciples Faith Sharing Registration

(6 meetings in Lent, starting the week of Feb. 29)

Name: _____
Phone: _____
Address: _____
Email: _____
City: _____ Zip: _____

NEW Participant -
(fill in below)

Preferred Meeting Day(s):
 M T W Th F Sa Su

Preferred Meeting Time: Morn Aft Eve

I can: Be a group Leader
 Host a group
 Rotate Hosting with others in the group

Returning Group -
(fill in below)

Leader Name _____

Youth and Young Adult



ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH SCHOOL
"A Blue Ribbon School of Excellence"
"A Community of Faith, Academics and Service"

As we approach Presidents' Day let us look back at the words of former president Jimmy Carter: "We become not a melting pot but a beautiful mosaic...different people, different beliefs, different yearnings, different hope, different dreams."

We recognize our Disciple of the Month recipients. These students have displayed the virtue of Courage: Sophia Bontempo, Charles Longino, Julianna Codispoti, Gabriel Rego, Grace Horan, Billy Tierney, Jack Longino, Shane Irons, Caitlin Patrick, Sharron Shipp, Shane Swan, Nora Fleming, Jack LaMorte, Julianna Burke, Marissa Stauff, Henry Ingles, Eric Stradling, and Hannah Rogers

Future city is a national competition where students create a futuristic city based on a theme. Our team won the award for Innovation in Work Place Design. Our representing team was: Emmet Young, Anthony Bonds, Nathan Swan, and Michael Carroll

Our Annual Religion Bee is always an exciting event during Catholic Schools Week. The following students represented their class in the competition: Thomas Aschenbrenner, Drew Stauff, Margaret Fronheiser, Caitlin Patrick, Meredith Czyn, Isabelle Glunz, Sophia de Jesus, Anna Racz, Juliana Burke, Maggie McVan, Madeline Patrick, Braeden Choo, Gianna Fiduccia, and Kiera Fleming.

Look and Listen! St Ignatius will be live streaming with Mayor Hardin on Wednesday, February 8th. Go to WBCB 1490 AM or online to www.wbcbl490.com. Tune in from 1:00 to 2:00pm.

Register now for: "An education that lasts a lifetime." Forms are available online at www.sischool.org or by calling the office at 215-493-3867. Your child belongs in our community of Faith, Academics and Service.

ST. IGNATIUS STUDENTS EXCEL



We congratulate the following students who received honors at

Mount Saint Joseph Academy:

First Honors

Katherine Greed, Sarah Rothenberg, Callie Shinkle

Villa Joseph Marie High School

High Honors:

Olivia Glunz, Jillian Hunter, Keeley Connor, Lauren Borda, Julia Caravello, Catherine Kuchma, Allison Mazzitelli, Sara Schultze

Honors:

Sarah Abdalla, Catherine Goldner, Emily Keehfuss, Caitlin Ushkowitz, Alexandra Both, Samantha DelViscio, Alana Rago, Nicole Trzaska

From the Religious Education Office



The Religious Education Office opens on Sunday at 7:00 a.m. and from Monday through Thursday at 9:30 a.m. The office is closed on Friday, but I do check phone and email messages.

CONFIRMATION: All paperwork (name form, works of charity, information sheet, sponsor's letter of eligibility, and robe envelope) is past due.

Our Confirmation Retreat is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21, at 10:00 a.m., in the auditorium.

FIRST PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION: We congratulate our school and PREP students who received God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation last Tuesday.

PREP CLASSES:

Parents of students in grades 7-12: 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 God. We all know how much we need God in our lives. It's not too late to come to the class.

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.

FAMILY MINISTRY



We are here to serve families with children of ALL ages. Raising a family can be hard, but with God and the support of your parish, the job is easier. Our Church is made up of more than people who worship together; we are one family in Christ. To help one another, we need to get to know one another! So let's have a monthly FAMILY DINNER. Did you hear that?!

- 1) No cooking, no dishwashing
- 2) No worrying that your kids won't sit quietly at a restaurant
- 3) You might walk out with a new friend

Our first dinner will be MARCH 4th after the 5:15 Mass in the church auditorium.

If you know people who haven't been here in a while invite them to join us. Dinner won't be the same without you.

Contact the rectory to volunteer: lite cooking, setup, & greeting guests. No monthly commitment necessary. Great option for teens needing hours!

FATHER McCAFFERTY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

A suggestion to our parishioners - see if the company you work for might consider a matching gift to your donation to our Scholarship Fund. We are in need of several donations to the fund in order to assist needy families with school tuition.