

St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

999 Reading Avenue Yardley, PA 19067

February 19, 2017 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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DIVINE WISDOM

The Lord's message, through Moses, was to "take no revenge and cherish no grudge . . . love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18). We might think,

"Great in theory, but not always realistic!"

Then Jesus in today's Gospel goes even further. Take a slap in the face and then turn the other cheek?

Treat enemies the same as friends? Again, we're tempted to think that those are nice ideals, but not very practical in the "real world."

Paul echoes Jesus when he tells the Corinthians that what passes for human wisdom is absurdity to God.

Divine wisdom casts sunshine on the good and the bad, showers rain on the honest and the dishonest--without distinction. We must examine our wisdom and common sense to see how they compare to the wisdom of God, and make adjustments accordingly.

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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

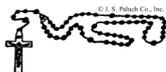
All are invited - as we sing God's praises and share in His Word and His Love in an intimate community of faith. We meet every Tuesday from 7:00-8:30PM in Room 2F in the Meeting Center. Deacon Bob Skawinski is our spiritual Prayer Group Director.



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 -- Take no revenge and cherish no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself.
(Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18).
Psalm -- The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).
Second Reading -- You are the temple of God, and holy (1 Corinthians 3:16-23).
Gospel -- Offer no resistance; love your enemies (Matthew 5:38-48).
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Thursday: Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50
Friday: Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12
Saturday: Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16
Sunday: Is 49:14-15; Ps 62:2-3, 6-9; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34



Mass Intentions for the Week

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)
Monday	
9:00AM	Marion W. Richards (Bill and Katie Pasko)
Tuesday	
9:00AM	Lawrence Higgins (Alice Higgins)
Wednesday	
9:00AM	All Living and Deceased Members of the Parish
Thursday	
9:00AM	John Hagan (Fred and Claire Roccosta)
Friday	
9:00AM	Gene Buerke (Janet Groome)
Saturday	
8:00AM	Donald O'Brien (Marianne Flahive)
5:15PM	Buddy Callan (Joseph W. and Lesia Pryor)
Sunday	February 26, 2017
7:30AM	Marge Lantzy (Children)
9:30AM	Rev. Msgr. Samuel E. Shoemaker (Lee and Pat Joy)
11:30AM	Sharon R. Hickey (Mary C. Crawford)
6:00PM	Joan A. Walls (Mike and Jackie DeMaio)

FISCAL CORNER

St. Ignatius 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. Proceeds from the event will go to our Parish School. Any questions, please give us a call at the Rectory! Hope to see you there!

As you may know, we are raising funds to install a power chair lift in the Church. This lift will be available to help those, who cannot navigate the stairs, attend events in the auditorium. The estimated cost for the lift, installation and permits is approximately \$25,000. To date, through your generosity, we have raised \$13,400 towards the project. If you would like to help, you may place your donation in the collection at church, or mail your donation to the rectory. Please be sure to label your donation "Church Stair Lift". Thank you to all who have already donated towards this endeavor.

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

Christian Giving



February 14, 2016

February 12, 2017

Sunday

\$ 12,400.00 335 Env.

\$ 17,452.00 400 Env.

Registered Households: 2,565—Percentage of households using envelopes: 15.59%

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, Terrence Francis Marotte, Ellen Masterson, Vincent Masterson, Donna McCarthy, 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 Joan Ellen Hartig, 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 Blyadon, 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.

DON'T MISS OUT!
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**St. Ignatius of Antioch
Presents
Our First Annual**

**WINTER
FUN TIME!**
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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



We have three more programs left for our Adult Faith Formation Year; In the last two weeks, we have mentioned "Four Levels of Happiness" by Fr. Robert Spitzer on Feb 25. We will be offering another program on Saturday, March 11- 'WHAT EVERY CATHOLIC SHOULD KNOW ABOUT HELL!' and then our final program of the year on April 22 - 'OCEAN OF MERCY: STS. KOLBE/FAUSTINA/JP-II' - three contemporary saints who reflect and define mercy. Seriously, what do you REALLY know about HELL? Do you believe in Hell? These videos will be fun, educational and promotional of community within our parish. Let everyone on your email lists know and join us and bring a friend.

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

RESPECT For all who may be disabled and those who love them



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. "Our son Charlie was born with Down syndrome in 2007. ...Labels could not describe how [his] smile lit up a room, or how the sweetness of his soul had captured our hearts so completely." — "A Perfect Gift"

All of life may not be perfect, but all life is a perfect gift not only to that one who possesses it, but to those who are touched by that one- again, in His image. Let us be a people open to all life; respectful of all life and honor all life. Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

NEW MEMBERS

Our parish welcomes the following new members who have joined our faith community:

David Bria
Robert Dantone
Sarah Darish
Jared, Stephanie, Cole, and Mila Sharp
Michael and Loretta Ennis
Curt and Rosanne Friehs
Gabriel, Lauren, and Nivena Gall
Todd, Angela, Ethan, Thomas, and Caitlyn McGrath
Brian, Leanne, Skylar and Madelynn Lavin

Henrique and Jessica Rodrigues
Anthony, Joann, and Mary Elizabeth Seiter
Howard, Sui, Brandon, and Christian Sun
Patrick, Erin, and Brin Markey
William, Gina, and Olivia Mack
Kevin, Anna, Olivia, Madeline, and Sarah Williams



**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!

This weekend is President's Day weekend – a time to be thankful for our country and to consider how our faith makes us better citizens. In this time when religious faith is sometimes under attack or marginalized, it's even more important to be able to explain our faith to others. An easy way to share our "good news" with others is to pick up a CD/book/booklet from our Resource display and give to someone you know who needs to hear Christ's saving message. Thank you for your generous donations that help to support the mission of Stewardship: A Mission of Faith and Lighthouse Catholic Media to bring these resources to more parishes.

Young Women of Grace Facilitator Training Session

Women of Grace® is hosting a training session for women interested in facilitating an exciting new program entitled *Young Women of Grace: Embrace Your Femininity* for Catholic girls ages 12-17. The course is designed to counter the toxic messages aimed at today's young women and help girls discover the unique genius of their femininity. Course has an imprimatur from Archbishop Charles Chaput and is suitable for private use, in schools and parishes, homeschool co-ops and after-school club settings. Study co-author Susan Brinkmann, OCDS, will lead the training session at St. Agnes Church, 445 N. Main Street, Sellersville, PA on Saturday, March 11, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Mass at 9:00 a.m.) Continental breakfast and lunch will be served. Pre-registration fee \$25 per person; clergy and religious free. For a preview of the Young Women of Grace program, visit www.young.womenofgrace.com. To register for the training session, click on the Events page at www.womenofgrace.com or call 800-558-5452

LENTE 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 _____

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 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)

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 ****

Youth and Young Adult



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

Did you know that in 1971, President Nixon combined the observation of Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays into one federal holiday called Presidents' Day? This day represents many things to each of us but let us not forget the sacrifices these men made for our country.

Thank you dads for showing your daughters a great time at the Father/Daughter Dance Saturday night.

Our students are selling milk chocolate candy bars for \$1.00. If you have a friend, relative or neighbor attending St. Ignatius please purchase a candy bar from them. We gratefully appreciate your support. Look for them after Masses in the coming weeks.

The Confirmation class of St. Ignatius Parish will be participating in a retreat to help prepare them for the reception of the Sacrament. It will be held on the 21st from 10:00 to 2:00pm. Please keep them in your prayers.

Home and School meeting for all school parents will be held on Thursday, Feb. 23rd at 7:00pm in the cafeteria. Come see samples of the new gym uniform.

Registration is open 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. Come shadow and see how Ignatius ignites the imagination.

ST. IGNATIUS STUDENTS EXCEL



We congratulate the following students who received honors at

La Salle College High School

Mateo Blanco, Sean Patrick Diehl, She Rittenhouse Diehl, Max Edward Flynn, Joseph Patrick LaMorte, Thomas McGinnis LaMorte, Matthew Hutman Law, James Michael Marek, Jack Rothenberg, Aidan Kevin Young, Desmond Joseph

5K RUN/WALK

Nativity of Our Lord in Warminster will host its annual 5K Run/Walk and 1K Kids' Fun Run on Saturday, March 11th. Runners and walkers of all ages are welcome, and prizes are awarded to top finishers in each age group! All runners receive a t-shirt, refreshments, and free entry for great raffle prizes. To register, please visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Warminster/nativity>. Race organizers are seeking local businesses to sponsor. Please contact Laura Lasky at LLasky@vjmhs.org if you are interested. Net proceeds benefit the upkeep and maintenance of the Nativity Parish Community Center.

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.

The Confirmation Test is scheduled for the week of March 12.

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. Please consider registering your son/daughter for next year's PREP.

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!

Gluten free option available.

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.