

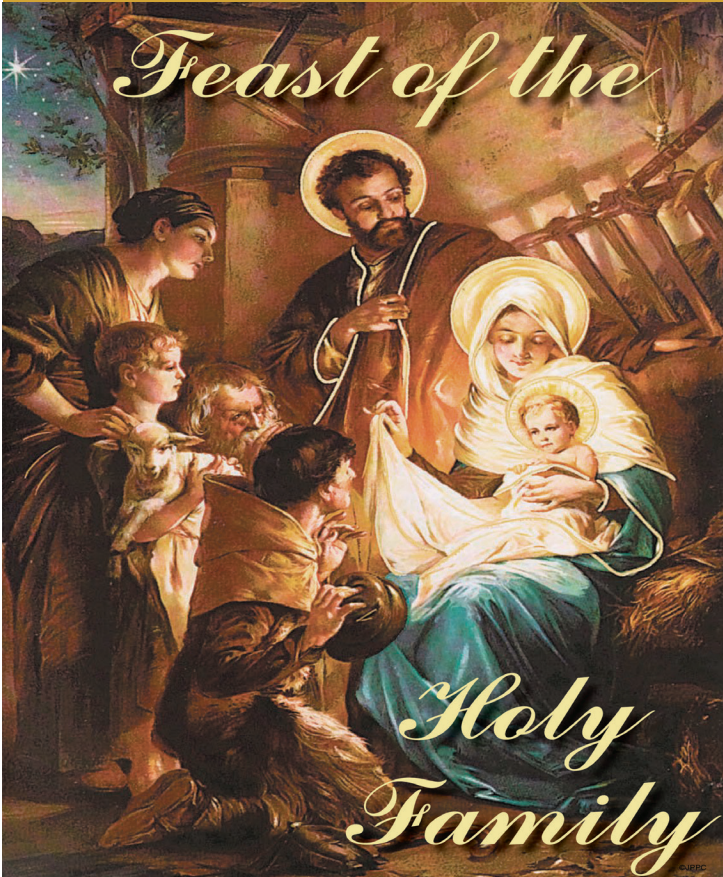


**St. Ignatius of Antioch Church**  
 999 Reading Avenue Yardley, PA 215-493-3377  
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*Feast of the Holy Family*

*December 29, 2024*



**Reading I: 1 Samuel 1: 20-22, 24-28**

With reminders of Sarah's situation, the story of Hannah is again that of the barren woman once scorned. She also gives her child back to God.

**Reading II: 1 John 3: 1-2, 21-24**

Being "God's children now," urges us to realize that we do not belong to this world, which has rejected Christ. In the next life, we shall see God "as He is."

**The Gospel: Luke 2: 41-52**

This selection is a "bridge passage" from the stories of Christ's childhood to His adult ministry. In it, we see present such concepts as "cross, faith, fatherhood, must, temple and way/journey."

**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 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)**

**Monday December 30, 2024**  
**9:00AM Eileen Brett Flynn (Mr. and Mrs. Michael Rafferty)**

**Tuesday December 31, 2024**  
**9:00AM Holy Souls (The LaMantia Family)**  
**5:15PM Marian M. Murphy (Kathryn A. Murphy)**

**Wednesday January 1, 2025**  
**9:00AM Bob Gervasio (Carol Gervasio)**

**Thursday January 2, 2025**  
**9:00AM Terry Darby (Marianne and Walter Kloc)**

**Friday January 3, 2025**  
**9:00AM Marian M. Murphy (Kathryn Murphy)**

**Saturday January 4, 2025**  
**5:15PM Parishioners of St. Ignatius**

**Sunday January 5, 2025**  
**7:30AM The Fucich Family / living**  
**9:30AM Deacon Myron Moskowitz (Mary Moskowitz)**  
**11:30AM Richard and Marie Green (Jean Green and Ray Willhoft)**  
**6:00PM Jack Stehle (Ted and Pat Larr)**

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



**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**

**Monday 1 Jn 2:12-17 Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Lk 2:36-40**

**Tuesday 1 Jn 2:18-21 Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 Jn 1:1-18**

**Wednesday Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21**

**Thursday 1 Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Jn 1:19-28**

**Friday 1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 Jn 1:29-34**

**Saturday 1 Jn 3:7-10 Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 Jn 1:35-42**

**Sunday Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12**



## Ministerial Staff

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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 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 #11 of the Parish appeal, 241 families have contributed \$118,390 toward our goal of \$175,000. We are at 67.65% of this year's goal. Thank you for your generosity!

## Weekly Collection

Counting our Blessings	12/10/24	Env	12/8/24	Env
Sunday Offering	\$12,603.00	239	\$11,634.00	207
Online Parish Giving	\$10,270.97		\$14,127.24	
Total Weekly Contribution	\$22,873.97		\$25,761.24	

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](mailto: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, 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 Tantalala, 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](mailto: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

December 28th honored the memory of the infants who were slaughtered by King Herod following the birth of Jesus. Remember, after the birth of Jesus the magi saw the star in the East and followed it. They interacted with Herod who desired to have them 'report' back to him so he could carry out the killing of Jesus as an infant. The tragic event demonstrated the need for a true and righteous king for God's people. Desperate to cling to power, Herod ordered the death of all children of Bethlehem under the age of two. It was a threat to Herod's way of life, his power, his authority, his autonomy. Isn't that what is happening every day in the U.S with the killing of almost 3,000 babies every day through abortion. And now, even more sinister, the abortion pill is more widely available to not only kill more babies to create more harm to women with increase risks of surgery, infections, death as well as increased risks of breast cancer and future preterm deliveries. There was a holocaust in Mexico when Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared and ended it; we need the intercession of Mary more than ever and we need prolife people to stand up and shout ... no more... and through Mary end the current holocaust.

St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.



**Dearest St. Joseph...help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life- especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Remember, St. Joseph was betrothed to Mary but not living with her; she finds out she is pregnant ... at 14... and decides to quietly divorce her since the punishment for same was stoning to death. He receives an angel in his dreams to relate that she has conceived of the Holy Spirit. He embraces the relationship; he escorts her pregnant self to Bethlehem; he cannot find room in the inn; he escorts her laboring self to a stable; he attends her delivery of our Savior Jesus; he protects them both as they escape to Egypt and lives there 7 years. He speaks not a word in the entire Bible. Facts about his death are unknown. Yet, as the foster father of our Lord and Savior, he does all through love as the heavenly Father does for all of us! We seem to have lost the sense of fatherhood in our culture; we seem to have lost the sense of manhood and seem to be in the process of 're-defining' traditional language to accommodate our fallen tendencies to degrade sex, marriage and manhood and womanhood and parenthood. Let us reverse course as we are about to enter a new year with a new sense of factual Truth... which is given to us by the Magisterium of the Catholic Church. Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.**

**Intercessory Prayer:** For all parents, that they may live up to their calling as parents; may the examples of Joseph and Mary guide us; we pray to the Lord.

**Rose of Life Intention:** For the True meaning of family and parenthood.

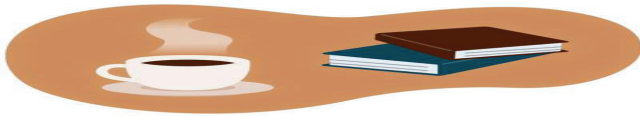


**Fr. James J. McCaffety Council #11013** Our council meets regularly the fourth Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM in the Wise Meeting room in the Antioch Center. We begin with the rosary at 7 PM. We are looking for new members always. We have many activities and charities, fun gatherings and fellowship and events along with prayer and study. If interested in joining us contact Tom Kearney at [thomasfkearney@verizon.net](mailto:thomasfkearney@verizon.net).



### Singing and Instrumental Volunteer Opportunity

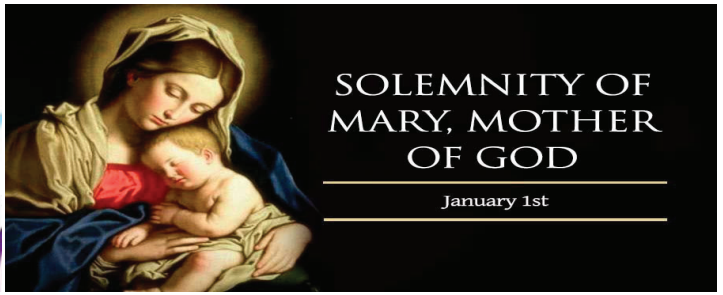
First Light is the St. Ignatius music ensemble that provides music for the 9:30am Mass. We are looking to include students from 7th to 12th grade who sing or play a musical instrument in our ensemble. This is a terrific opportunity to learn more about music, play in an ensemble and accrue community hours. 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

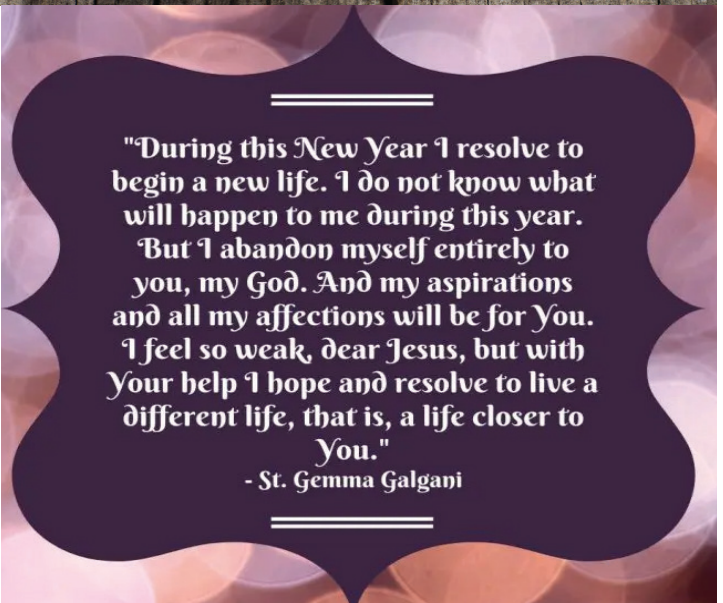
We welcome newcomers to join us as we meet on the last Tuesday evening of most months to discuss books which we have chosen for the year (2024-2025). We gather in the ground floor meeting room of the Antioch Center at 7:30pm. Please come when you can, even if you haven't read or completed the book. For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



### SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD MASS SCHEDULE

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



"During this New Year I resolve to begin a new life. I do not know what will happen to me during this year. But I abandon myself entirely to you, my God. And my aspirations and all my affections will be for You. I feel so weak, dear Jesus, but with Your help I hope and resolve to live a different life, that is, a life closer to You."

- St. Gemma Galgani



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](mailto:cwobgc@gmail.com) or Jen Sullivan at (609) 947-6480





St. Ignatius of Antioch Catholic School  
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Mr. George Meade, Principal  
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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



### 500 Club Winning Numbers for December

**Congratulations to the following winners!**

**\$50: Fitzgerald-Sommer Funeral Home (Ticket #350)**

**\$100: Tara Loeper (Ticket #275)**

**\$250: Emily Rogers (Ticket #284)**

**\$500: Lora Ann McBride (Ticket #420)**

**We hope you'll stay engaged with us and learn more about our other school initiatives on our website or through social media. We're grateful for your ongoing support! Thank you for participating in the SIS 500 Club!**

**God Bless,  
SIS 500 Club Committee**



## Adoration

### 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.

ST. IGNATIUS  
DESIGNER

# Handbag Bingo

SAVE-THE-DATE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2025



## THANK YOU !!

Dear St. Ignatius Social Action Committee,

On Behalf of Catholic Social Services, volunteers,  
and clients that we serve

Many thanks to you for the generous donation of  
four turkey certificates, \$100 in McCaffrey's gift  
cards and \$700 in Giant gift cards.

Because you chose to think of others,,,  
Because you opened your heart in generosity,,,  
Because of you,,,  
CSS was able to help many families in need, not  
only this holiday season but all throughout the  
coming year as well.

We will keep you in our prayers.  
Gratefully yours,  
Beth Wood,MSW  
Administrator  
Catholic Social Services  
Bucks County Family Service Center



Fr. McCafferty Council #11013

Is pleased to host the St. Ignatius

## ANNUAL PARISH PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025

AFTER the 7:30, 9:30 AND 11:30 MASSES IN THE  
CHURCH AUDITORIUM  
ALL ARE WELCOME- COMPLIMENTS OF ST. IGNATIUS  
PARISH



## 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.