



# St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 17, 2025

## I HAVE COME TO SET THE EARTH ON FIRE.

LUKE 12:49



### Reading I: Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10

Jeremiah angered the princes and so he is thrown into a cistern as punishment for his preaching. His speeches were hampering soldiers in their duty and people in their daily lives. But the king's servant led a rescue effort and Jeremiah was freed.

### Reading II: Hebrews 12: 1-4

The author imagines the faithful to be runners in a stadium race, watched by the heroes of biblical history. They must look to Jesus and not grow faint-hearted as they race to the ultimate victory.

### The Gospel: Luke 12: 49-53

Jesus wants to "cast a fire," meaning not only to bring forth God's presence and love into the world, but also His judgment of sinners and divine purification. Loyalty to Him He says is more important than family unity. True peace only comes if we embrace Him in faith.

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES

**Saturday: 5:15PM Vigil Mass**

**Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM**

**Daily, Monday to Friday: 9:00AM**

**\*Special Schedule for Holy Days**

### RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

**Sunday - CLOSED**

**Monday- Thursday 9:00AM—4:00PM**

**Friday - CLOSED**

**Saturday—CLOSED**

### ROSARY

**The rosary is said Monday - Friday after the 9AM Daily Mass and 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, 10 AM until Wednesday 9 PM, Thursday 9am until 12 midnight, Friday 10 AM until 8 PM, Saturday, 10 AM until 4 PM. 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

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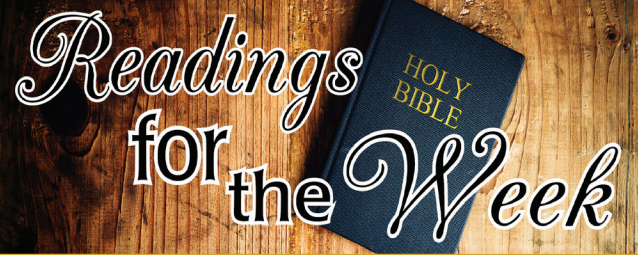
- Saturday August 16, 2025**  
**5:15PM Harry and Jenny Bowman**  
**(The Andreev Family)**
- Sunday August 17, 2025**  
**7:30AM Ellen and Frank Lyons**  
**(Jim and Barbara Frawley)**  
**9:30AM Louis and Jean Glunz**  
**(The Glunz Family)**  
**11:30AM Parishioners of St. Ignatius**
- Monday August 18, 2025**  
**9:00AM The Donovan Family**  
**(Jean Green and Ray Willhoff)**
- Tuesday August 19, 2025**  
**9:00AM Joan and William Tisdall**  
**(James and Monica Walsh)**
- Wednesday August 20, 2025**  
**9:00AM The Branin Family / living**  
**(Bob and Sue Mrazik)**
- Thursday August 21, 2025**  
**9:00AM Ed Mizerek (Alison Montemarano)**
- Friday August 22, 2025**  
**9:00AM Bennie McConnell**  
**(John and Debbie McConnell)**
- Saturday August 23, 2025**  
**5:15PM Thomas and Ruth Humphrey**  
**(Tom and Lorraine Humphrey)**
- Sunday August 24, 2025**  
**7:30AM Parishioners of St. Ignatius**  
**9:30AM Fady El-Adem**  
**(Emil and Najat Abinader)**  
**11:30AM Robert J. Russo (Joanne Russo)**



# Sanctuary Candle Intentions

## Church Sanctuary Candle

The church sanctuary candle burns this week to the glory of Almighty God and for Sister Agnes St. Joseph Bresnen OSF requested by Bill and Loretta Amerine and Family.



- Sunday Jer 38:4-6, 8-10 Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18**  
**Heb 12:1-4 Lk 12:49-53**
- Monday Jgs 2:11-19 Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44 Mt 19:16-22**
- Tuesday Jgs 6:11-24a Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14**  
**Mt 19:23-30**
- Wednesday Jgs 9:6-15 Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7**  
**Mt 20:1-16**
- Thursday Jgs 11:29-39a Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Mt 22:1-14**
- Friday Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22 Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 Mt 22:34-40**
- Saturday Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17 Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 Mt 23:1-12**
- Sunday Is 66:18-21 Ps 117:1, 2 Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 Lk 13:22-30**

## 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.

We also welcome those couples who are civilly married and desire to receive the Sacrament of Marriage. Contact the Parish Office to arrange for a sacramental convalidation of your marriage.

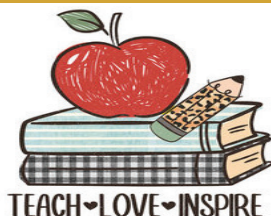
## Parish Giving

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

Counting our Blessings	8/11/24	Env	8/10/25	Env
Sunday Offering	\$10,793.00	204	\$9,321.00	197
Online Parish Giving	\$11,549.45		\$11,378.82	
Total Weekly Contribution	\$22,342.45		\$20,699.82	
Catholic University	\$830.00		\$942.00	

*We are thankful for your consistent stewardship.* ©JPPC



**St. Ignatius School is looking for a Part-Time Religion Teacher. Catechetical formation preferred, but not required. If you would like to be considered or know someone you would like to recommend, please reach out to:**

**Mr. George Meade, Principal**  
**mrmeade@sischool.org**

**THANK YOU!!!!**



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 having you as part of our Flock

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 via email and text!



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 to 84576

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**stignatiuschurch.flocknote.com**

Text STOP to 84576 to stop txt notifications at any time. Text HELP for help. There is no charge for this service, but your carrier message and data rates may apply. View full privacy policy & terms at flocknote.com/txt.

# Pray FOR THE SICK

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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, Lorraine C., Maria Cane, Ruthann Carroll, Stephen Cesareo, Brynn Clare Connor, Kathleen Cook, Gloria Coyne, JoAnne Cumming, Shellie D., Susan Dwyer, Judith Green, Jonathan Grubb, Lou Gunkel, Ruth Gunkel, Marge Heriley, Julia Horvath, Tom Humphrey, Michaeline Hynoski, Judith Kearney, Marge Kenney, Olivia Kraemer, Amy Layden, Tina Lippolis, Michelle Mahle, Kevin McBeth, Kevin McBeth Jr., Kevin McCarthy, Toni McConnell, Janet Miller, , Walter Miller, Susan Mockenhaupt, Michele Mulholland, Michael Murphy, Sharon Murphy, John Murray, Nancy Paravecchia, Carol Patterson, Margaret R., Christine Rogers, Mary Claire Rossi, Marco Scotti, Maria Scotti, Peter Sidoti, Theresa Sortino, Elsie Stolic, Darwin Stout, Kyle Stout, AJ Tantala, Nick Tarallo, Gideon Thomas, Mark Waldinger, Lora Warner, Brendan Weisinger, Fred Wise, Patricia Yorkus, Vincent Yorkus, and all the residents of Sunrise, Artis, and Floral Creek.



God our Father, Thank you for calling Griffen Schlaepfer, JD McEwing, Juan Builes, Jude Opara, Matthew Pace, Jacob Sanz, Jonathan Amgott, Pasquelge Don Sandun Tharuka, and Camilo Abedrop-Escobosa 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>



**A Huge Thank You From The Parish Social Action Committee**

**With your help, our recent backpack drive was a huge success! The collection began during VBS in late June, collecting 21 backpacks and \$146. We continued parishwide in July and August with additional donations of \$155 in cash/gift cards and many backpacks. In the end, we as a parish, donated a total of 198 backpacks and countless additional school supplies for our 2025 collection! Special thanks to all those parishioners who contributed as well as Maureen, Kim, Katelyn, J.D., Tom, Andrew, Stephanie, and Ken, whose help in varied ways was invaluable with this project! We appreciate the support of our DRE, Connie Liebreich, our parish staff including Maria LaMantia and Joyce Bradley as well as Fr. Brownholtz!**

**You've made it possible for 198 children to have a brighter start to the school year carrying a new backpack!!!**



## Faith Formation

This past week we celebrated the feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe. Most know the story about how he offered himself for death over another prisoner with family and how he led those who were to die with him in prayer, song, and praise until death. He is the patron saint of drug addicts, prisoners, families, and the pro-life movement. He died Aug. 14, 1941. He is also known as the Apostle of Consecration to Mary as he was strongly influenced by a vision he had of the Virgin Mary when he was 12!. After his martyrdom his body was cremated on the feast of the Assumption of Our Lady. We also celebrated the feast of the Assumption of Our Lady. Many postulate that Mary never suffered the wages of sin, i.e. death, but was thought to be dead (actually, in a state of dormition) and when the Apostles went to prepare for her funeral her body and soul were ‘assumed’ into heaven. Since Mary was without sin, there was no reason for her to suffer death. Finally, we also celebrated the feast day of St. Stephen of Hungary. King St. Stephen was the first King of Hungary around 1000 AD. He worked throughout his Kingship to establish the Church in Hungary and his feast day is also a national holiday in that country.

While many of these saints have remarkable stories and are great examples to all of us, we are ALL called to be saints. So, what is a saint: ‘a person acknowledged as holy or virtuous and typically regarded as being in heaven after death’. Are we ‘working’ toward sainthood? Are we holy or virtuous? Will we be in heaven after death? These are all questions that we should ask ourselves and then find out what it is that God is calling us to do for His Kingdom here on earth...and then ‘just DO IT’!

St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.



“In times of suffering, the human person should be able to experience a solidarity and a love that takes on the suffering, offering a sense of life that extends beyond death... In the family a person can count on strong relationships, valued in themselves apart from their helpfulness or the joy they bring. It is essential that the sick under care do not feel themselves to be a burden, but can sense the intimacy and support of their loved ones”. Let us reflect on how Mary supported Jesus in His ministry, suffering, death and Resurrection. She is the epitome of love and acceptance of suffering. On August 15 we honor her Assumption into her Heavenly Queenship as Mother of God and Queen of Angels and Mother of our Church here on earth. Mary’s Assumption into heaven reminds us that life on earth is a pilgrimage to our ultimate destination. We prepare in hope for our own passage into eternal life by the choices we make today. When we choose to love and follow God in our daily lives, we strengthen our relationship with Him, and this relationship is the true meaning of heaven: “To live in heaven is ‘to be with Christ’” (CCC, 1025 citing St. Ambrose, In Luc.,10,121:PL 15 1834A.).

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

**Intercessory Prayer:** For those who are gravely ill or dying: May our Blessed Mother ease their pain and fears, and by her glorious Assumption, console them with the hope of eternal life; We pray to the Lord.

**Rose of Life Intention:** For Mary, Mother of God, pray for us and those who suffer.



Fr. James J. McCafferty Council #11013 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). Our General Membership meeting is at 7 PM in the Wise Meeting Room next Thursday July 24 in the basement of the Antioch center to be followed by food/beverage/ fellowship.



**St. Ignatius of Antioch Catholic School**  
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**mrmeade@sischool.org**



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.

**LOOK WHO'S BACK...**



**A MONTHLY DRAWING  
 WHERE YOU CAN WIN  
 UP TO \$900 EACH MONTH  
 WHILE SUPPORTING  
 ST. IGNATIUS SCHOOL**

# SIS 500 CLUB

## HOW IT WORKS

**TICKETS:  
\$100 EACH**

A NUMBER IS ASSIGNED TO EACH TICKET, WHICH IS ENTERED IN EACH DRAWING.

\*ACT NOW, ONLY 500 TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE\*

**DRAWINGS:  
1ST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH**

FROM OCTOBER-JUNE IF YOUR NUMBER IS DRAWN, YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED BY PHONE/EMAIL AND A CHECK WILL BE MAILED DIRECTLY TO YOU!

\*YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN\*

**PRIZES:  
\$500, \$250, \$100 & \$50**

YOUR NUMBER IS ELIGIBLE FOR ALL 4 DRAWINGS EACH MONTH EVEN IF YOU JUST WON

## QUESTIONS?

PLEASE CONTACT: [SIS500CLUB@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SIS500CLUB@GMAIL.COM)

## HOW TO ENTER

1. COMPLETE THE DIGITAL FORM OR THE FORM BELOW.
2. REMIT PAYMENT ONE OF TWO WAYS:

- VENMO: @IGNATIUS-FAMILY
- CHECK PAYABLE TO ST. IGNATIUS SCHOOL AND MAILED C/O HELENE CROZIER 995 READING AVE YARDLEY, PA 19067

SCAN FOR DIGITAL FORM:



SCAN FOR VENMO:





## 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). \*For the summer we will be meeting on the following dates instead of every Thursday. Our next meeting is on August 21st We will update the schedule in September.



Join your fellow seniors for lunch on Thursday, August 28 at 12 PM at the Continental Tavern on Main Street in Yardley. RSVP to [maryrosemoskowitz@gmail.com](mailto:maryrosemoskowitz@gmail.com). <https://share.google/bIJkcLVAQ9k7c3gby>



## 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/>



# OCIA

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

## INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

You're invited to begin a journey of faith through the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

Whether you are:

- Not baptized
- Baptized in another Christian tradition
- A baptized Catholic who has not received First Communion or Confirmation

We warmly welcome you to explore the Catholic faith with us.

What is OCIA?

OCIA is a process of prayer, learning, reflection, and community that leads to full initiation into the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Baptism (if needed), Confirmation, and Eucharist.

Come as you are. All are welcome.

Sessions begin: September 10, 2025 at 7:00 PM  
Location: St. Ignatius Antioch Center

Contact: [OCIA@siparish.org](mailto:OCIA@siparish.org) | 215-493-3377

“Come and see.” – John 1:39





We are still in need of a few more people in our Religious Ed program starting in September. You do not need to have a child or grandchild in the program to volunteer! This is a wonderful opportunity to deepen your own faith and increase your joy as you share your faith with others.

**Here are our needs:**

**Sundays (10:35-11:50 AM)**

- Kindergarten PREP Teacher
- Second Grade PREP Aide
- PREP Door Monitor

**Mondays (6:30PM-7:45PM)**

- Second Grade PREP Aide

In addition, we are continuing to use Parish Giving's online registration for all PREP classes! Look for the link to register on the parish Website under PREP and register for classes by August 15th.



**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:**

Monday, October 6th at 7 p.m.

Maria Hall

Villa Joseph Marie High School

1180 Holland Avenue, Holland PA

*Our featured speakers will be from the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, the religious order founded by St. Katharine Drexel, still serving in our community.*

<https://www.katharinedrexel.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

# LIGHT THE LOT EVENT

## Join us for Youth Kickoff Night!

Sunday, September 7 | 6-8 PM

St. John the Evangelist Church Parking Lot

Games

Food

Prayer & Worship

Kick off the school year with a night filled with faith, friends, and fun!

All middle and high school students (7th-12th grade) are welcome to hang out, connect, and light up the lot with joy and Jesus.

Bring your squad.

Bring your energy.

Let's light it up!



RSVP HERE

Email [flame.ym19067@gmail.com](mailto:flame.ym19067@gmail.com) for questions and to RSVP! Can't wait to see you there!



**Little Sisters of the Poor**  
Holy Family Home

## Saint Jeanne Jugan Gala

**JOIN US AS WE HONOR...**

**Rev. Andrew C. Brownholtz**

In appreciation of Father's priesthood and continuous efforts promoting awareness and support for Holy Family Home.

**Chris Scarduzio**

In honor of the sincere dedication and love of the Scarduzio Family for the Little Sisters of the Poor and Residents expressed through continuous support of Holy Family Home.

**Intech and Craig Sabatino (Sab)**

In gratitude for the dynamism, craftsmanship and sincere efforts to construct the 'new' Holy Family Home, enhancing the lives of many elderly.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025**

1:00-3:30pm

**The Drexelbrook**  
4700 Drexelbrook Drive  
Drexel Hill, PA 19026

Dinner | Cash Bar | Wine Rack |  
Virtual Silent Auction

All proceeds directly benefit Holy Family Home.

**RSVP BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

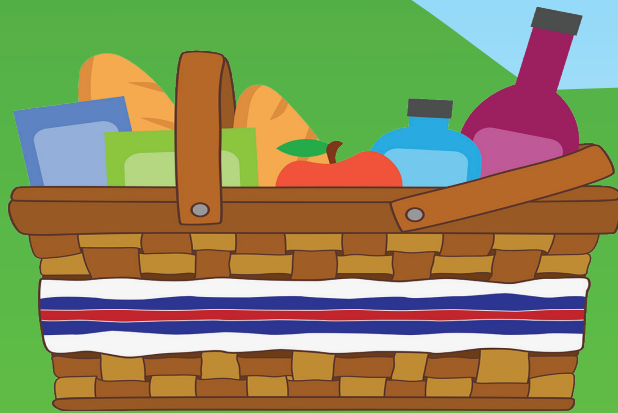


**\*Tickets are \$150 each, and includes dinner for 2. They can be purchased at the rectory during office hours Monday - Friday 9AM - 4PM. Cash or Check only.**



# St. Ignatius 2025 Parish Picnic

Saturday, September 20th  
following a 4PM Vigil Mass  
Great food, good company, fun for  
the kids and live music!  
Please bring a shareable dessert  
for our dessert table.



The event is free, but please RSVP by Friday, September 12th - You can RSVP online through our parish website, by completing the form below, or just calling the rectory at 215-493-3377.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

