



St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

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215-493-3377

www.stignatius.church



Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 24, 2025

Strive to enter through
the narrow gate.

Luke 13:24



Reading I: Isaiah 66: 18-21

The Lord will gather all the nations to Mount Zion, and He will reveal His glory to them. This glad event is expected to happen in stages.

Reading II: Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13

Without divine wisdom, one might mistake the trials of life for signs of God's anger. But, like an athletic coach, imagined by the author as encouraging his runners, He summons our energies, and we easily head to the finish line.

The Gospel: Luke 13: 22-30

Our salvation depends first and foremost on God's grace. It then comes about by our cooperation and obedience. Christ invites His family from the four corners of the compass, both Jews and Gentiles, to celebrate with Him and the patriarchs of the 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

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)

Monday August 25, 2025
9:00AM Kathryn Ballabio
(Deacon Bob and Connie Skawinski)

Tuesday August 26, 2025
9:00AM Samia and Paul Jordens
(Emil and Najat Abinader)

Wednesday August 27, 2025
9:00AM Ronald Wolverton (Linda Chamberlain)

Thursday August 28, 2025
9:00AM Walter Kloc/ living
(Nicole and John Kloc)

Friday August 29, 2025
9:00AM Herb Roberts
(Deacon Bob and Connie Skawinski)

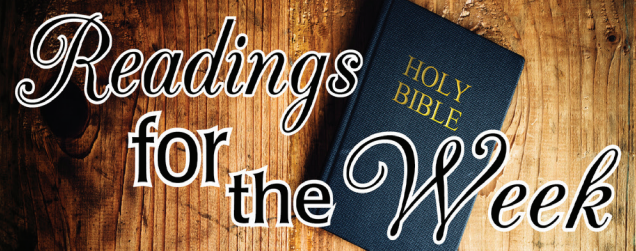
Saturday August 30, 2025
5:15PM Marjorie DeFelice
(John and Debbie McConnell)

Sunday August 31, 2025
7:30AM Parishioners of St. Ignatius
9:30AM Intentions of Anne and Fred Webster
11:30AM Antoinette and Stephen Arcade
(Emil and Najat Abinader)



Church Sanctuary Candle

The church sanctuary candle burns this week to the glory of Almighty God and for Abraham Ramirez requested by Cherry Ann Kelly .



Sunday Is 66:18-21 Ps 117:1, 2 Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 Lk 13:22-30

Monday 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10 Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday 1 Thes 2:1-8 Ps 139:1-3, 4-6 Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday 1 Thes 2:9-13 Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab Mt 23:27-32

Thursday 1 Thes 3:7-13 Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 Mt 24:42-51

Friday 1 Thes 4:1-8 Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 Mk 6:17-29

Saturday 1 Thes 4:9-11 Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 Mt 25:14-30

Sunday Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11 Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a Lk 14:1, 7-14

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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.

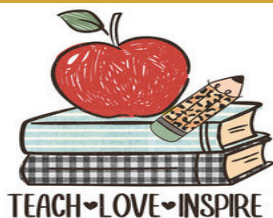
Parish Giving

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	8/18/24	Env	8/17/25	Env
Sunday Offering	\$11,533.00	190	\$13,879.00	215
Online Parish Giving	\$11,320.54		\$12,144.97	
Total Weekly Contribution	\$22,853.54		\$26,023.97	

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!!!!



We love
 having you as part of our Flock

Keep in touch with us
 via email and text!



Text
STIGNATIUS
 to 84576

OR

Connect with us online at:



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, Debbie Neal, Nancy Paravecchia, Carol Patterson, Margaret R., Christine Rogers, Mary Claire Rossi, Marco 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>

Euthanasia in Our Country Today!
 What You Need to Know!

Saturday, 10/18/2025 **SAVE the DATE!**

Sr. Deirdre "Dede" Byrne*
 in Person on

Saturday, October 18, 2025
 St. Ignatius of Antioch Church
 999 Reading Avenue, Yardley, PA

Stay Tuned for Final Schedule and Seat Reservation Info!!!



Featuring:

- Sister's riveting documentary on euthanasia in our country
- Protecting the handicapped, sick, and dying
- Discussion and Q & A to follow.

*Sr. Deirdre Byrne is a Roman Catholic religious sister, missionary, renowned surgeon, and retired U.S. Army Colonel who is dubbed "the Mother Teresa of D.C." as depicted in her best-selling biography, Soldier, Sister, Surgeon.

There Is No Charge For this Event



Saturday, September 13, is the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. The Knights of Columbus will lead a prayer service centered on the Patriotic Rosary in remembrance of these children at 10AM at Our Lady of Grace Cemetery in Langhorne, Pa.

The service lasts approximately one hour.



Faith Formation

This past week we celebrated the feast of Our Lady, Mother and Queen and all of us should know a lot about Mary and who she is and what she did. We also celebrated the feast of St. Rose of Lima who is known for her piety and chastity. She was born in Lima, Peru and although her birth name was Isabel, she was so beautiful that she was nicknamed 'Rose' because of her beauty! Since she wished to be a nun and yet was attractive to many suitors, she marred her face by rubbing it with pepper to make it blister and cropped her hair short. She is patroness of embroiderers, gardeners, florists, and those who suffer ridicule for their piety and people who suffer family problems. Next, we celebrated St. Bartholomew who was one of the twelve apostles of Jesus according to the New Testament. Most scholars identify him as Nathanael who appears in the Gospel of John. He preached in India and Greater Armenia where he was flayed and beheaded. He also preached in Mesopotamia, Persia, and Egypt. When one ponders the times that he lived, modes of transportation and how long it may take to get from one place to another, it is a wonder how these saints 'got around' to preach the Gospel to every nation! Do we spread the Gospel? At least to our family members, friends, and co-workers? If not, why not?

St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.



“God’s love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather whose we are. Because His love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives.” We are all created in the image of likeness of God. We need to reflect on that fact; since God does not have a body or physical appearance (other than the Incarnated Jesus) how exactly is it that WE can be an ‘image/likeness’ of God? Is it our soul? Our spirit? His love, since God ‘is love’? Regardless of our understanding or belief of this mystery, we have dignity and worth and we are loved! Unconditionally to the point of death on the Cross as He carried the burden of all sin of all persons for all time. Hence, the value and meaning of life!!! We are to respect life, love life, both ours and that of others (our neighbor) and care for all life, born and unborn, similar to Mother St. Teresa of Calcutta. So, the meaning of ‘respect life’ is the meaning of life and the meaning of the life of God within us and should be revered above all else.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

Intercessory Prayer: For all persons: That we may steadfastly proclaim and uphold the dignity of all human life, in all stages and circumstances; We pray to the Lord.

Rose of Life Intention: For all life, both born and unborn, regardless of intent or circumstance.



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.

We have need for volunteers for upcoming events... contact Dave Baker at davebaker01@yahoo.com



St. Ignatius of Antioch Catholic School
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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.

LOOK WHO'S BACK...



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

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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

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

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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.

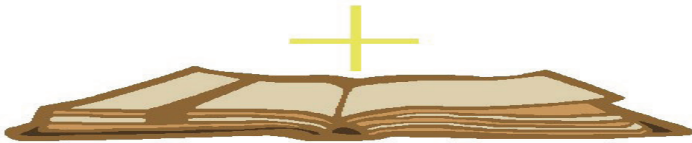
The Servants of Mary will lead the prayer of the Holy Rosary in the grotto at 7PM during the month of September - weather permitting.

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/>



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.
<https://share.google/bIJkcLVAQ9k7c3gby>

Mass Intentions



The 2026 Mass Book will open on Tuesday, September 9th. If you would like to reserve Masses, please come to the rectory between the hours of 10am and 3pm. In order to accommodate the requests of as many parishioners as possible, we will limit the number of Masses to 5 per person for the first week that the book is open.



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 or a baptized Catholic who has not received First Communion or Confirmation, we warmly welcome you to explore the Catholic faith with us.

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 | 215-493-3377
"Come and see." – John 1:39



Registration for CYO Cross Country will be held in the school cafeteria the following nights:
Thursday, September 4th 7-8 PM
Tuesday, September 9th 7-8 PM
Any St Ignatius or Prep student in grades K-8th grade are welcome to join!

If anyone can't make either of these nights and has questions, please reach out to Vince Twomey (vtwomey64@gmail.com) or Shaun Sauer (spsauer@verizon.net).

PREP

Parish Religious Education Program

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 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 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

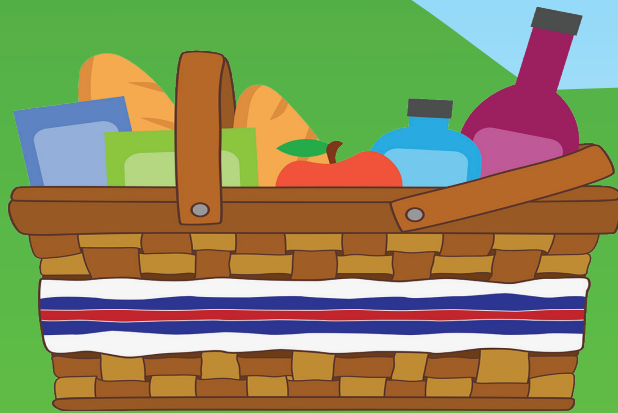


***Tickets are \$150 each, and includes dinner for 2. They can be purchased at the rectory during office hours Monday - Friday 9AM - 4PM. Cash or Check only.**



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: _____

