



St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

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Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025



Reading I: Isaiah 35: 1-6a, 10

The prophet offers a message of encouragement meant to lift the spirits of the covenant people in exile.

Reading II: James 5: 7-10

An appeal for patient endurance in the midst of suffering. Encouragement comes from the example of farmers with their raising of their crops, as well as the life of prophets like Job.

The Gospel: Matthew 11: 2-11

Jesus performs the works and offers the credentials of the awaited Messiah. John the Baptist becomes His worthy forerunner praised by Jesus. Yet Jesus tells the delegation sent by John that the least New Testament saint outshines the most illustrious saints of the Old Testament.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday: 5:15PM Vigil Mass
Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:30AM (Children's Liturgy of the Word), 11:30AM, 6PM
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 and at 7PM (during the month of September), and also 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.



Church Sanctuary Candle

The church sanctuary candle burns this week to the glory of Almighty God and for Tom Stiver requested by his Wife

Saturday December 13, 2025
5:15PM Deceased Members of the Humphrey and Keefe Families (Tom and Lorraine Humphrey)

Sunday December 14, 2025
7:30AM Jim Fletcher Jr. (The Fletcher Family)
9:30AM Charles and Erne Hofelder (Raymond Hofelder)
11:30AM Parishioners of St. Ignatius
6:00PM Skip, Harry, and Jenny Bowman (Mary Ellen and Tim)

Monday December 15, 2025
9:00AM The Moore/Rossi/LaRoche Families Rich and Kathy Moore

Tuesday December 16, 2025
9:00AM Elizabeth Ann O'Donnell (Thomas O'Donnell)

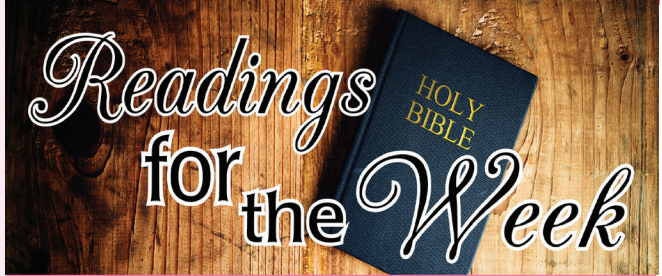
Wednesday December 17, 2025
9:00AM James Perry (Friend)

Thursday December 18, 2025
9:00AM Holy Souls in Purgatory (Ed and Susan Russell)

Friday December 19, 2025
9:00AM Dorothy Wolverton (Linda Chamberlain)

Saturday December 20, 2025
5:15PM Alice Perott (Bill and Mary Anne Galante)

Sunday December 21, 2025
7:30AM Porfirio Espinosa (Maggie and Rich Fuschetti)
9:30AM Lilliana LaMantia / living (Family)
11:30AM Giuseppa Covello (The Covello Family)
6:00PM Parishioners of St. Ignatius and Mike and Marge Herlihy



Sunday Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 18
 Rom 15:4-10 Mt 3:1-13

Monday Gen 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday Is 40:1-11 Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13
 Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10
 Mt 11:28-30

Thursday Is 41:13-20 Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab
 Mt 11:11-15

Friday Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab
 Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Saturday Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19
 Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday Is 35:1-6a, 10 Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10.
 Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11

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 parish office or scan the QR Code to register:



We pray for our beloved deceased especially Peter Mulcahy, 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.

Fiscal Corner

Our 2025-2026 Annual Parish Appeal is nearing its conclusion, and we need your help to reach this year's goal! 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 have received 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.

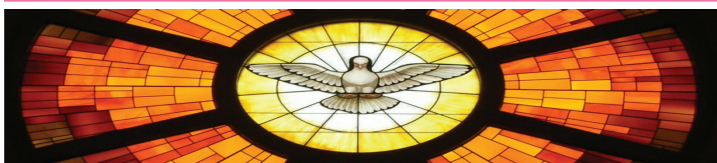
Our goal for this year's Parish Appeal is to raise \$175,000. These funds will be dedicated to a range of important initiatives that will help us enhance the spiritual, educational, and communal aspects of our parish. We are counting on everyone to help us reach this year's goal. Thank you for your generosity!

As of week #10 of the Parish appeal, 242 families have contributed \$128,135 toward our goal of \$175,000. We are at 73.22% of this year's goal. Thank you for your generosity!

Weekly Collection

Sunday Offering	\$11,634.00	207	\$14,115.00	235
Online Parish Giving	\$14,127.24		\$14,744.02	
Total Weekly Contribution	\$25,761.24		\$28,859.02	
Immaculate Conception	\$2,170.00		\$2,883.00	
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$2,018.00		\$2,058.00	

We are thankful for your consistent stewardship. ©JPPC



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. **Beginning, January 3rd, we will meet on Saturday mornings, from 10 am to 11:30 am (Same meeting room).**

For more information, please contact our spiritual prayer group director:
Deacon Bob Skawinski at rjcs1219@verizon.net.



On behalf of Mary's Cupboard, the Social Action Committee thanks our generous parishioners for the recent contributions to this invaluable resource for Lower Bucks families in need. If you feel called to give, baskets for donations are located at our 3 main entrances. While all gifts of non-perishables are appreciated, the organization currently is in need of cooking oils, condiments, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, facial tissue, bathroom tissue, and paper towels. We truly appreciate your kindness.



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, Maria Cane, Ruthann Carroll, Brynn Clare Connor, Kathleen Cook, Gloria Coyne, JoAnne Cumming, Shellie D., Michael Ennis, Marykay Greco, Grace Griffin, Jonathan Grubb, Lou Gunkel, Ruth Gunkel, Marge Heriley, Julia Horvath, Tom Humphrey, Michaeline Hynoski, Judith Kearney, Olivia Kraemer, Amy Layden, Don Lippolis, Tina Lippolis, Michelle Mahle, Steven Marcinkowski, Jean M. Maxian, Kevin McBeth, Kevin McBeth Jr., Kevin McCarthy, Toni McConnell, Janet Miller, Walter Miller, Susan Mockenhaupt, Anna Monastera, Michele Mulholland, Michael Murphy, Sharon Murphy, John Murray, Debbie Neal, Tom O'Donnell, Nancy Paravecchia, Steven Pellegrino, Margaret R., Christine Rogers, Mary Claire Rossi, Peter Sidoti, Theresa Sortino, Elsie Stolic, Darwin Stout, Kyle Stout, AJ Tantal, Nick Tarallo, Gideon Thomas, Mark Waldinger, Lora Warner, Brendan Weisinger, Patricia Yorkus, Vincent Yorkus, and all the residents of Sunrise, Artis, and Floral Creek.



Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) - December 14, 2025

“Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?” (Matthew 11:2-3) John’s question invites us to seek Christ’s presence in our lives. If you feel a spark of joy in serving others, God might be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life, sharing His healing love as a shepherd. Listen closely to His voice. Talk to Fr. Brownholtz or reach out to the Vocation Office at 610-667-5778 vocationdirector@archphila.org

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>



**PLEASE REMEMBER
DON'T PARK IN THE FIRE LANES!**



Faith Formation

We just finished celebrating the feast of the Immaculate Conception, the teaching of the Catholic church where Mary, Mother of God, was conceived in her mother's womb without sin. Being without sin allowed her to be worthy of conceiving Christ within her womb through the intercession of the Holy Spirit but only through her yes/ her 'fiat' through her free will. Two days ago, we celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe- that miraculous appearance of the pregnant Mary to a simple farmer, St. Juan Diego, to stop the massacre of infants in Mexico. The miracle of the image of the appearance on the tilma of St. Juan Diego still survives to this day to remind us of this appearance and this miracle. Now, we are in 'another' time of massacre of the innocents (we celebrate the feast of the Holy Innocents on Dec. 28) as the battleground for the sanctity of life has shifted from the 'national' level (Dobbs decision overturning Roe v. Wade) to the states and local governments. We need Mary's intercession more than ever. We need the rosary. We need devotion to Mary. We need to understand the meaning of the human body and its sacramentality and holiness as a 'temple of the Holy Spirit' as many of we older people learned from the Baltimore catechism.

Also, this month we celebrate on Dec. 25 the 'giving' of Mary as a 14-year-old virgin with an unplanned pregnancy her 'yes' to the will of God, her life, her body, and her sacrifice of love to her child who was the Son of God and our Lord and Savior. How can we know how any of those babies aborted would have served in God's plan for salvation? We cannot! We need to turn to Mary and her example. We need you on our committee. Join us if you can say 'yes' like Mary. St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.



"O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free."

USCCB, "Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita". St. Josephine is patron saint of Sudan and slavery. Are we 'enslaved'? do we have a 'master' of this world rather than the next? Why is it that we 'do' things that are 'not our will' if we were 'free'? How can we be free to live our lives according to that for which we were created? Did Jesus come to set us free? Did He show us how to live 'free lives'? Did He not give all of Himself, including His very own life to set us free? What enslaves us? Sin, sin, sin. How can we be set free over and over? The Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist are our ever-lasting elements of freedom helping us undo the chains to which we may be bound giving us the keys of grace to unlock our slavery to allow us to live our 'free wills' by joining them with the will of God so we may know true freedom. We can do this! How about we all give ourselves the gift of freedom by going to confession, doing penance, and receiving the Eucharist and joining ourselves with Jesus, if not day to day, at least weekly.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

Intercessory Prayer: For all victims of human trafficking: That they may find hope and healing in the Lord who proclaims liberty to captives and release to prisoners; We pray to the Lord:

Rose of Life Prayer: For all those enslaved, may they be set free.



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. Our General Membership meeting is at 7 PM in the Wise Meeting Room next Thursday Jan. 22m 2026 in the basement of the Antioch center to be followed by food/beverage/ fellowship. Our COR program continues Sat. Jan. 24, 2026 (note date change due to Christmas holidays) at 7:30 AM in the Antioch Center/ coffee/donuts- THE SEARCH: MEANING OF LIFE

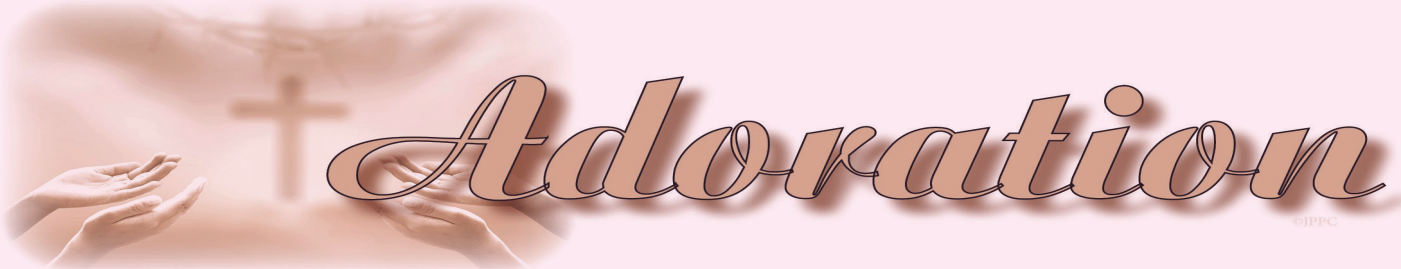


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St. Ignatius of Antioch School, a National Blue Ribbon School Awardee in 2021, is a small private Catholic school founded by the Sisters of St. Francis in 1958. As part of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, we provide an academically rigorous, core curriculum, 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.



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.

The Adoration Chapel is open:

Monday, 10 AM until Wednesday 9 PM, Thursday

9am until 12 midnight, Friday 10 AM until 8 PM,

Saturday, 10 AM until 4 PM.

We are in need of adorers for the following times:

Tuesday 8am, 12pm, Wednesday 4pm, Saturday 3pm

Please call Marianne (267-346-0152) or Rosemary (267-799-3951) for chapel information.

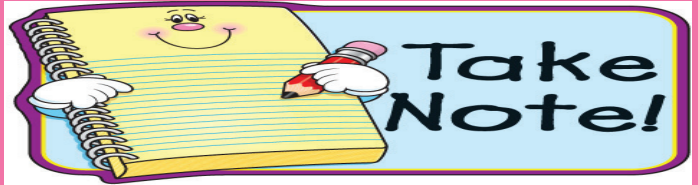
Thank you Adorer's for your faithfulness!



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

St. Ignatius Parish will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during our Advent Penance Service on Tuesday, December 16th at 7:00 PM in our church. Several priests will be present to assist in hearing confessions. Please take this opportunity to prepare yourself for the birth of the Savior.

For your convenience, our surrounding parishes will celebrate their Advent Penance Services at 7:00 PM on December 15th at St. John the Evangelist, Makefield and Big Oak Roads, Lower Makefield and on December 17th at 7:00PM at Our Lady of Grace, 225 Bellevue Avenue, Penn-del.



RECTORY OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Wednesday, 12/24 - Closed
Thursday, 12/25 - Closed
Friday, 12/26 - Closed
Wednesday, 12/31 - Closed
Thursday, 1/1 - Closed



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please join us in decorating our church for Christmas on Sunday, December 21st at 1:00PM. This is a great opportunity for service hours! Your assistance is greatly appreciated.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve - Wednesday, December 24th
4:00PM Vigil in the Church
(4:05pm Auditorium for overflow)
8:00PM Vigil

Christmas Day - Thursday, December 25th
7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM

SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD
MASS SCHEDULE

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



Young Adult Holy Hour and Vespers

St. Ignatius will be holding its 3rd annual Young Adult Christmas Holy Hour and Dinner on Monday, December 29th, 2025! The evening will begin with a Holy Hour at 5pm in the church, all in the parish are invited to join! Afterwards, there will be a catered dinner for young adults! **The celebrant and homilist will be Bishop Christopher Cooke.** All Young Adults ages 18-30 are welcome to the dinner portion! There is a \$15 suggested donation, any questions and to RSVP, email: joedom2003@gmail.com by 12/23/25.

Senior Ministry

Come and enjoy lunch with fellow seniors as we get-together on Tuesday, December 30th at Charcoals in Yardley at 12:30 PM.

<http://www.charcoalbyob.com/#yardley>

RSVP to maryrosemoskowitz@gmail.com

MILLIONS OF MONICAS

**Millions of Monicas –
Praying With Confidence For Our Children**

Many of us have children who are struggling to embrace their Catholic faith or have left the church entirely. Like St. Monica, as mothers we persevere in prayer for their joyful return to full unity with the Catholic Church. We are not a support group or a self-help group. No sensitive information is shared. We believe that by coming together weekly, uniting our hearts and voices praying together, we can bring strength and joy to each other. We want to encounter God through prayer for ourselves and our children.

Join with other mothers, grandmothers, step-mothers, Godmothers, etc., as we pray to grow in holiness and humility, and for our children's faithful return to the Catholic Church. We meet each Thursday at 7 PM in room 2E of the Antioch Center.

For more information please visit www.millionsofmonicas.com.

We are looking for a co-leader for this group, please contact Joanie Bentz at 267-291-4260 or JMBentzBC@proton.me for more information.



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/>

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CHRISTMAS

BABYSITTING

TAKE CARE OF YOUR LAST MINUTE ERRANDS WHILE
WE WATCH YOUR YOUNGEST!

CHILDREN 3 THROUGH 10 ARE WELCOME TO COME
HANG OUT WITH US.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST GYM
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20TH 8AM-NOON

REGISTER BY SCANNING THIS QR CODE!



Snowman Soup Service Project

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2025 10AM-NOON
ST. IGNATIUS AUDITORIUM (UNDER CHURCH)

YOUTH IN 7TH-12TH GRADE WELCOME TO
HELP WITH THE SERVICE PROJECT.

PLEASE REGISTER HERE!



INTERESTED IN DONATING TO OUR
SERVICE PROJECT? FIND OUR AMAZON WISHLIST HERE!



DECEMBER

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Immaculate Conception MASS and Mission at St. John TDM	9	10	11 Light in the Darkness youth group 4:30-6pm St. John	12	13 Poinsettia Sale after 4pm MASS St. John the Evangelist
14 Poinsettia Sale after all Masses St. John the Evangelist	15	16	17	18	19 Youth Group Christmas dinner and a movie at St. John	20 Christmas babysitting 8-12 at St. John's
21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas	26	27
28	29	30	31 Snowman Soup 10-12 St. Ignatius			