



# St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

999 Reading Avenue Yardley, PA  
contact@stignatius.church

215-493-3377

www.stignatius.church



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2025



## The WORD of GOD

### Reading I: Isaiah 7: 10-14

The name of the Savior to come, “Immanuel,” is Hebrew for “God is with us.” It signifies both of His natures in one person.

### Reading II: Romans 1: 1-7

These introductory verses of Paul’s Letter finds him calling himself a “slave” for Christ. What this means is that he has made his whole life a gift to Christ. For Paul, the gospel bears a message long prefigured in the Hebrew Scriptures, which we Christians call “The Old Testament.”

### The Gospel: Matthew 1: 18-24

The birth account of Jesus includes the betrothal period of Joseph and Mary, a time more meaningful than our modern engagement understanding, which could only be ended by divorce. We see Joseph as a man of sterling moral character, committed to the Law of Moses and to Mary.

### 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.



# Mass Intentions

- 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**
- Monday December 22, 2025**  
**9:00AM Dolores Kupiec (Martin & Jackie Madden)**
- Tuesday December 23, 2025**  
**9:00AM Cristiano Tarallo/ living (Momma & Dada)**
- Wednesday December 24, 2025**  
**9:00AM Bradley & Robb Families (Mom & Dad)**  
**4:00PM Theresa and Sam White (Jean Green & Ray Willhofft)**  
**8:00PM Helen & Winnie Moore (James Hosgood)**
- Thursday December 25, 2025**  
**7:30AM Catherine O'Neill (The O'Neill Family)**  
**9:30AM Barbara Borsch (Fiori Family)**  
**11:30AM Kelly Nigra (Helene Hellwarth)**
- Friday December 26, 2025**  
**9:00AM The O'Rourke's - 69th Anniversary**  
 (The O'Rourke Family)
- Saturday December 27, 2025**  
**5:15PM Parishioners of St. Ignatius**
- Sunday December 28, 2025**  
**7:30AM Joseph G. Donadieu (The Baker Family)**  
**9:30AM Dorothy and Peter Kelly**  
 (Diane & Bill Costello)  
**11:30AM Lauren Nicole Young (The Young Family)**  
**6:00PM John - Warrijo Jimenez**  
 (The Young Family)



## Church Sanctuary Candle

The church sanctuary candle burns this week to the glory of Almighty God and for Giuseppa Covello requested by The Covello Family.



*May this Christmas season bring you and your families happiness and joy. As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, may this moment in time reassure us of God's love for each of us.*

*On behalf of our deacons and staff, I wish you a holy Christmas and a new year filled with joy, happiness, and peace.*

*~Father Brownholtz*

## Ministerial Staff

Rev. Andrew C. Brownholtz, Pastor	215-493-3377
Rev. Charles J. Kennedy, In Residence	215-493-3377
Deacon Robert J. Skawinski	215-493-3377
Deacon Michael Cibenko	215-493-3377
George Meade, School Principal	215-493-3867
Connie Liebreich, Dir. of Religious Ed.	215-493-5204
Gregory Lucidi, Business Manager	215-493-3377
Dorothy Aschenbrenner, Tuition Coordinator	215-493-3377
Maria L. LaMantia, Parish Secretary	215-493-3377
Lee F. Milhous, Music Director	267-205-0174
Maria Shadle, Youth Minister	

fracb@stignatius.church

contact@stignatius.church

contact@stignatius.church

mrmeade@sischool.org

connie@stignatius.church

glucidi@stignatius.church

daschenbrenner@sischool.org

mlamantia@stignatius.church

leefmilhous@verizon.net

youth@stignatius.church



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 Thomas J. Humphrey III, 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.

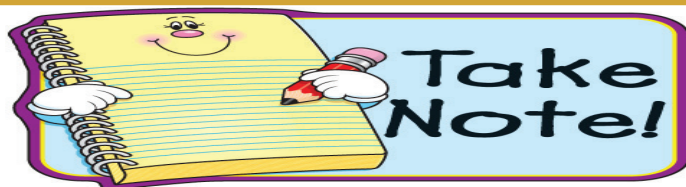
Our goal for this year's Parish Appeal is to raise \$175,000. These funds will be dedicated to a range of important initiatives that will help us enhance the spiritual, educational, and communal aspects of our parish. We are counting on everyone to help us reach this year's goal. Thank you for your generosity!

As of week #11 of the Parish appeal, 253 families have contributed \$134,385 toward our goal of \$175,000. We are at 76.79% of this year's goal. Thank you for your generosity!

### Weekly Collection

Counting our Blessings	12/15/24	Env	12/14/25	Env
Sunday Offering	\$17,681.00	239	\$11,492.00	146
Online Parish Giving	\$10,647.52		\$13,707.01	
Total Weekly Contribution	\$28,328.52		\$25,199.01	

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



#### RECTORY OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURES

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



**Come and enjoy lunch with fellow seniors as we get-together on Tuesday, December 30th at Firebirds in Yardley at 12:30 PM.**  
<https://firebirdsrestaurants.com/yardley>  
**RSVP to [maryrosemoskowitz@gmail.com](mailto:maryrosemoskowitz@gmail.com)**



**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 Tantalala, Nick Tarallo, Gideon Thomas, Mark Waldinger, Lora Warner, Brendan Weisinger, Patricia Yorkus, Vincent Yorkus, and all the residents of Sunrise, Artis, and Floral Creek.




**Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 21, 2025**

***“They shall name him Emmanuel, which means ‘God is with us.’” (Matthew 1:23) Mary’s trust in God’s plan is a model for all vocations. Could God be inviting you to priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony, living fully for Him to bring His presence to others? Embrace His call with courage. Talk to Fr. Brownholtz or reach out to the Vocation Office at 610-667-5778 [vocationdirector@archphila.org](mailto: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 that the McCafferty Fund at St. Ignatius is open at any time for anyone to memorialize a deceased loved one’s dedication to Catholic education. This can be a generous gift in lieu of flowers at a time of death and will provide a periodic Tuition Assistance Award to a deserving St. Ignatius family. Take joy In the words of Pope St. John Paul II, that your action to educate a child in the truth of faith is the highest form of charity, (A reminder from your local Knights of Columbus.)**



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



## Faith Formation

We are now several days before Christmas. By now, many of us have decorated our homes, purchased our gifts, bought our trees, shopped for our groceries, planned our activities, visits and menus for Christmas. Have we gone to confession? Have we thought of those who don't have what we have? Have we thought of a gift for Jesus? After all, it IS His birthday? It is a celebration about His coming! Hmmm! What type of gift could we give? Gold? Frankincense? Myrrh? What can be so 'valuable' as to be 'worthy' of giving as a gift to God? What is the most valuable possession we ALL have? LIFE! It is the greatest gift we have ALL received because without it, we would not be here. So, how about if we give ourselves to God? Our will to God? Our unconditional love to God? After all, that is what HE gave us so we could live. But, as we wrap gifts we give to family, friends, and neighbors, let us 'wrap' the gift of ourselves in the grace of the Lord through a thorough confession and penance and firm purpose to sin no more, receive Him in the Eucharist (meaning thanksgiving) in communion where the 'two become one' and resolve in the upcoming year to be more like Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. How about we all consider giving ONE HOUR to Jesus per week in the Adoration Chapel as we try to bring back our 25 yr. old tradition of a 24/7 adoration chapel???

St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.



**"Perhaps one of your friends or relatives has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who knows those who have been there, I encourage you to support your friend or relative in her new journey of being a mother." Learn ten tips at [respectlife.org/support-her](http://respectlife.org/support-her). USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities. We are all called to walk together and help each other. Many actions have unintended consequences. With an unplanned pregnancy, we do not have to end the life of the baby and harm the mother in the process. Crisis pregnancy centers walk with women and their children to help them throughout. The Legacy of Life Foundation has a mission to save babies and transforms families. They are local and have saved over 4500 babies in the past 15 years and are still doing so. We help transform families. We do not abandon them after the baby is born. Why not consider a tax-deductible Christmas gift to the Legacy of Life Foundation at [legacyoflifefoundation.org](http://legacyoflifefoundation.org) and click on the donate button. You can go visit and take a tour at any time. You can volunteer. They are even offering several job positions and need your prayers, your support, your help and perhaps even your expertise. Contact them at the above website. Become part of the solution rather than part of the problem or just not part at all!**

**Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.**

**Intercessory Prayer: For all parents awaiting the birth of their child: May they look to the Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph and follow their example of cherishing and protecting human life; We pray to the Lord:**

**Rose of Life Intention: For all mothers, especially those with unplanned babies like Mary, Mother of God.**



Fr. James J. McCafferty Council #11013 meets regularly every fourth Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM in the Wise meeting room in the Antioch center. We begin with rosary at 7 PM. We are looking for new members always. If interested in joining contact Tom Kearney at [thomasfkearney@verizon.net](mailto:thomasfkearney@verizon.net), Our Cor program continues Sat. Jan 24, 2026 at 7:30 AM with coffee/donuts/fellowship and prayer and the Search for the Meaning of Life. Our pancake breakfast for the parish will be coming up in January... stay tuned!

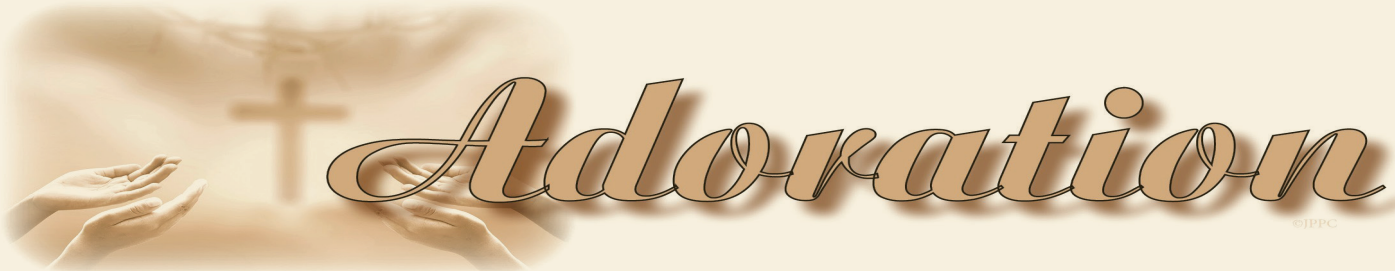


**St. Ignatius of Antioch Catholic School**  
**995 Reading Avenue**  
**Yardley, PA**  
**215-493-3867**  
**Mr. George Meade, Principal**  
**mrmeade@sischool.org**



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](mailto: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!

# Snowman Soup Service Project

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

YOUTH IN 7<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE WELCOME TO  
HELP WITH THE SERVICE PROJECT.

PLEASE REGISTER HERE!



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



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 3rd at 7 p.m.  
St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church  
Religious Education Center (Old School Cafeteria)  
752 Big Oak Road, Morrisville, PA

*Our featured speaker is from the Interfaith Food Alliance, a faith-based organization fighting hunger in Bucks County*  
<https://interfaithfoodalliance.com>

*Refreshments Will be Served*



*Please 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



*Merry Christmas*

## 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**



# HOLY HOUR

## 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](mailto:joedom2003@gmail.com) by 12/23/25.



**On Saturday, January 10th, Archbishop Nelson Perez, will present anniversary awards to honor catechists and aides for their years of dedication in the Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) at a Mass in the Cathedral at 11:00 AM. We congratulate the following catechists who will be honored for their years of service:**

- Eric Miller - 5 years**
- Alison Ratamess - 10 years**
- Greg Schwind -15 years**

**Well done, everyone! Congratulations!**



### **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 this year (2025-2026). 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).

- |               |   |
|---------------|---|
| Tues. Jan. 27 | The Frozen River - Ariel Lawhon                   |
| Tues. Feb. 24 | The Fox and I - Catherine Raven                   |
| Tues. Mar. 31 | The Pope at War - David Kertzer                   |
| Tues. Apr. 28 | The Secret War of Julia Child -<br>Diana Chambers |
| Tues. May 19  | Old God's Time - Sebastian<br>Barry               |

## **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**

<p><b>TICKETS:</b> \$100 EACH</p> <p>A NUMBER IS ASSIGNED TO EACH TICKET, WHICH IS ENTERED IN EACH DRAWING.</p> <p><small>*ACT NOW, ONLY 500 TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE*</small></p>	<p><b>DRAWINGS:</b> 1ST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH</p> <p>FROM OCTOBER-JUNE WINNERS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY PHONE/EMAIL. IF YOUR NUMBER IS DRAWN, YOUR CHECK WILL BE MAILED DIRECTLY TO YOU!</p> <p><small>*YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN*</small></p>
---	---

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

**Your number is eligible for ALL 4 drawings each month, even if you just won!**

### **HOW TO ENTER**

DIGITAL FORM:

1. COMPLETE THE DIGITAL FORM.
2. REMIT PAYMENT IN 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



### **QUESTIONS?**

Please contact:  
SIS500CLUB@GMAIL.COM

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ST. IGNATIUS SCHOOL!!**

*Congratulations!*

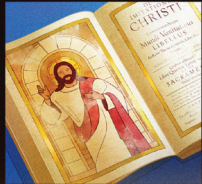
### **DECEMBER 500 CLUB WINNERS**

**#13 Carolyn McGovern (\$50)**

**#95 Ashley McAteer (\$100)**

**#218 Crystal Morson (\$250)**

**#176 Robert Pfender (\$500)**



# Find God's *Peace* in Prayer

**Hallow**



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](http://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](http://flocknote.com/txt).

## JOIN US AFTER MASS

FOR

*Doughnuts and Fellowship*

SUNDAY, February 1st \*  
AFTER THE 7:30AM, 9:30AM,  
and 11:30AM MASSES  
(\*We will not have a Doughnut Social in January)

*Get to know your fellow parishioners!*

*Find out how you can be more involved in our ministries!*

*Enjoy delicious doughnuts, fruit, and refreshments!*

\*Our doughnut socials are made possible by volunteers. Consider donating your time to help out once a month providing this wonderful event for our parishioners.



**formed**<sup>®</sup>  
Forming Catholics for *Life*.

**D**iving into the beauty  
of the Faith has  
never been easier!

Formed guides and supports you along your spiritual journey. With an immersive experience, new content added daily, and a community of like-minded individuals, at Formed, we're forming Catholics for life. So, start exploring today and discover the faith anywhere, anytime.

Over 4,000 titles - now available on almost any device!

Roku iOS

Dozens of new features - all to help you enjoy the best in Catholic content



Registering on Formed  
is easier than ever!

Scan QR code or go to [Formed.org/signup](http://Formed.org/signup)  
Enter your parish zip code or parish name  
Enter your name and email

FROM THE AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE