



# St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

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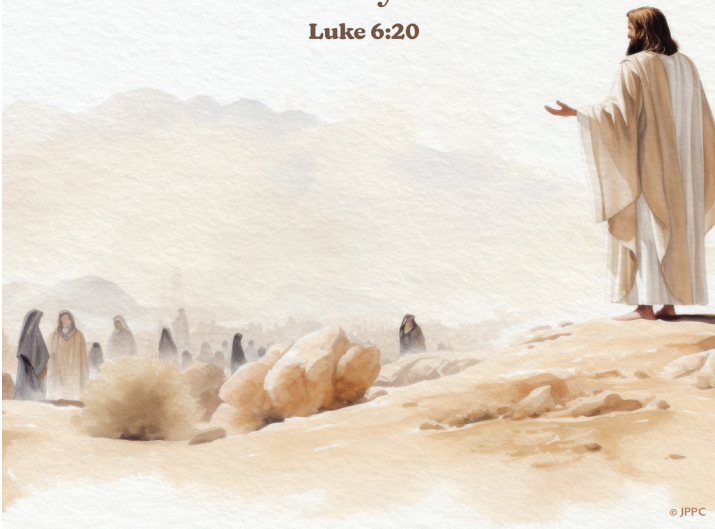
The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16, 2025

## The WORD of GOD

Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours.

Luke 6:20



### Reading I: Jeremiah 17: 5-8

The prophet contrasts the wicked of Judah, who resemble a desert shrub, with the righteous, who are like a thriving fruit tree drawing life from a nearby stream.

### Reading II: I Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20

Corinthian skepticism about Christ's resurrection and the future of our bodies led to a decline of morality among the community. Paul teaches the truth of the resurrection and our true destiny of life eternal.

### The Gospel: Luke 6: 17, 20-26

Here is "The Sermon on the Plain," much like Matthew's "Sermon on the Mount." (Mt. 5-7) Jesus envisions the negative conditions of this life being overturned in the next. The blessed will experience lasting peace.

### 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 February 15, 2025**  
**5:15PM Lawrence and Bernadette Fawber**  
**(Wayne Fawber)**

**Sunday February 16, 2025**  
**7:30AM Marge Lantzy (Children)**  
**9:30AM Parishioners of St. Ignatius**  
**11:30AM John O'Rourke (The O'Rourke Family)**  
**6:00PM Richard Gagnier (The Beaudoin Family)**

**Monday February 17, 2025**  
**9:00AM Bernice Marcinkowski**  
**(The Aschenbrenner Family)**

**Tuesday February 18, 2025**  
**9:00AM John Walsh (James and Monica Walsh)**

**Wednesday February 19, 2025**  
**9:00AM Bernice Marcinowski**  
**(Amy and Marco Vietti)**

**Thursday February 20, 2025**  
**9:00AM Edmund Mizerek**  
**(Mizerek and Kearns Family)**

**Friday February 21, 2025**  
**9:00AM Elizabeth Chamberlain**  
**(Glenn Chamberlain)**

**Saturday February 22, 2025**  
**5:15PM Theodore Shennard**  
**(Joe and Dottie Shennard)**

**Sunday February 23, 2025**  
**7:30AM Matthew Olynick (Bob and Sue Mrazik)**  
**9:30AM Kim and David Teesdale**  
**(Raymond Hofelder)**  
**11:30AM Parishioners of St. Ignatius**  
**6:00PM Francesco Figlia (Loving Family)**

The church sanctuary candle  
 burns this week to the glory of Almighty  
 God and for Lauren Nicole Young requested  
 by The Young Family.



**Sunday Jer 17:5-8 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6 1 Cor**  
**15:12, 16-20 Lk 6:17, 20-26**

**Monday Gen 4:1-15, 25 Ps 50:1+8, 16bc-17,**  
**20-21 Mk 8:11-13**

**Tuesday Gen 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10 Ps 29:1a+2,**  
**3ac-4, 3b+9c-10 Mk 8:14-21**

**Wednesday Gen 8:6-13, 20-22 Ps 116:12-13,**  
**14-15, 18-19 Mk 8:22-26**

**Thursday Gen 9:1-13 Ps 102:16-18, 19-21,**  
**29+22-23 Mk 8:27-33**

**Friday Gen 11:1-9 Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15**  
**Mk 8:34 – 9:1**

**Saturday 1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 Mt**  
**16:13-19**

**Sunday 1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 Ps**  
**103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 1 Cor 15:45-49 Lk**  
**6:27-38**



## 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.

*We welcome the following children who have recently been baptized into our Roman Catholic Faith:*

*Ryan Linehan, William Mulholland, Vincent Vecchiolla,  
and Aurelia LaMantia*

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 Appeal

We are delighted to announce the successful conclusion of our 2024-2025 Annual Parish Appeal! This vital financial endeavor, which takes place from October through the end of January each year, plays a pivotal role in sustaining the daily operations of our beloved St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish. We wish to extend our deepest appreciation to all who generously contributed to this year's appeal.

Your unwavering support has made a significant impact on our parish community. This annual appeal, in addition to our regular Sunday collections, is a cornerstone of our financial stability, enabling us to continue our mission and serve the spiritual needs of our parishioners.

As of January 31, 2025, a remarkable 321 families have come together to contribute a total of \$178,175, surpassing our ambitious goal of \$175,000! This achievement is a testament to the dedication and generosity of our parishioners, who understand the importance of investing in the well-being of our faith community.

We wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you who participated in this year's Annual Parish Appeal. Your contributions, whether large or small, have made a significant difference. Your willingness to support our parish exemplifies the spirit of St. Ignatius of Antioch, who was known for his unwavering dedication to the Christian faith and his commitment to the community.

Although the official appeal has come to a close, we want to remind you that it's never too late to make a donation. You can still contribute by placing this year's appeal envelope in the collection basket during Mass or by mailing your contribution directly to the rectory.

In the spirit of St. Ignatius, may our faith continue to grow, and may our parish thrive as we journey together in Christ.

Father Brownholtz

## Weekly Collection

Counting our Blessings	2/11/24	Env	2/9/25	Env
Sunday Offering	\$15,071.00	265	\$11,014.00	203
Online Parish Giving	\$11,486.53		\$12,554.49	
Total Weekly Contribution	\$26,557.53		\$23,568.49	

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

# 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, Julia Horvath, Michae-line 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, 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.



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



## 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.

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

 We  love  
having you as part of our Flock

Keep in touch with us  
via email and text!

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**STIGNATIUS**  
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Connect with us online at:   
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## Faith Formation



We just celebrated Valentine's day, and as such probably celebrated some type of loving sign and gift of affection for those we love. Did we consider any act of love or gift to our God? Our Lord and Savior who created us and gives us all that we need (not all that we want or desire) but all that we need to fulfill His will for us on our journey. After all, He did suffer and die for us! Can we suffer and die for Him? It may not be a physical death; it may be a death of some vice, some habit, some sinful behavior, some personality trait perhaps learned earlier in life that is no longer necessary to sustain us and may even be destructive to thriving and relationships. It may be anger; it may be resentment; it may be jealousy; it may be envy; it may be an addiction; it may be unkindness; it may be insensitivity... oh, there are so many. When these things die, whether we 'put them to death' by willing them out of our lives or they die a 'natural death' of disuse we go through a metanoia, a change of heart, a change of behavior. This process is called kenosis in Greek... an act of self-emptying... an act of emptying oneself of one's own desires and becoming entirely receptive to God's divine will, obedient to the point of death, even a martyrdom similar to Jesus and the Apostles (all but John)! As we see in Phil. 2:7 "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who. Though He was in the form of God did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness, and being found in human form He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even death on the cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted Him and gave Him the name that is above every name...."

St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.

"We often assume parenthood happens easily after 'I do,' but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility". While many do suffer from infertility and subfertility, many do not know of options of Restorative Reproductive Medicine (RRM) which can actually diagnose most accurately the why of lack of ability to conceive and more often than IVF and other options for pregnancy (like surrogacy/egg donation/sperm donation, etc.) correct and allow the couple to conceive. While not always successfully RRM and the Creighton model of NaPro technology (Natural Procreative technology) espoused by the Pope Paul VI institute at Creighton University. Philadelphia is blessed with two female Ob/Gyns who practice these methods- Dr. Delia Laurriri and Dr. Monique Ruberu. Further, many others can be accessed through MyCatholicDoctor online. These specially trained physicians do their best to find the 'actual' problem with subfertility, be it in male or female, and can prescribe corrective procedures/medications to help remedy the situation. The one thing we must all keep in mind is that only God creates life- we are invite to be open to be co-creators with Him.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

**Intercessory Prayer:** For married couples struggling with infertility: May the Lord help them trust in His love and sustain them with His peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**Rose of Life Intention:** That all married couples be open to life and love and God's plan.

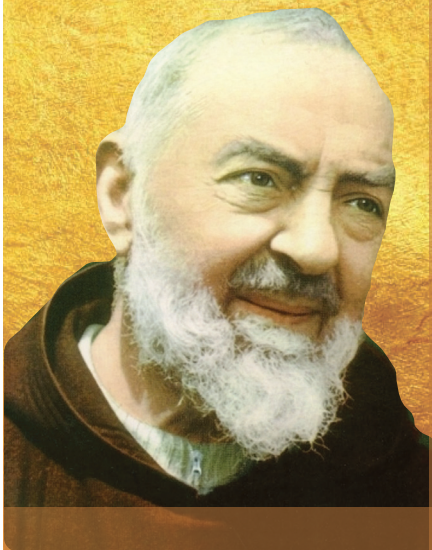


Fr. James J. McCaffety Council #11013 Our council meets regularly the fourth Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM in the Wise Meeting room in the Antioch Center. We begin with the rosary at 7 PM. We are looking for new members always. We have many activities and charities, fun gatherings and fellowship and events along with prayer and study. If interested in joining us contact Tom Kearney at [thomasfkearney@verizon.net](mailto:thomasfkearney@verizon.net). Join us next Saturday for our COR program- 7:30 AM in Antioch center with coffee/donuts/fellowship/prayer; the Mission of the Family is the topic.



Join us to venerate

# The Relics of St. Padre Pio



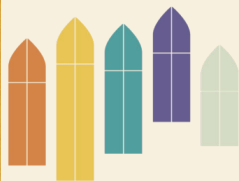
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Saturday, April 12th

Veneration  
11am - 8pm\*  
(\*except during Mass)

Confessions  
4pm

Mass  
5:15pm



# 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](http://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](mailto:JMBentzBC@proton.me) for more information.

### PREPARE FOR LENT

Attend this Inspirational Presentation

## “After Life” Experience by Mike Hagan

Saturday, March 1, 2025  
St. Ignatius Church Auditorium  
999 Reading Avenue  
Yardley, Pa

Please come and hear this moving presentation by Mike who is a Member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish in Moorestown, NJ. Mike is an active member of his parish as a Eucharistic Minister, a Third Degree Knight of Columbus, and a Secular Franciscan and Medical and Humanitarian Missionary.

Mike's explanation of his experience enhances the existence of the soul and the Perfection of God's Love.



8:30 AM Mass will be celebrated  
9:00 AM Refreshments will be served in the Auditorium  
9:30 AM Mike's Presentation



### Seniors Fellowship

Come and join your fellow seniors for a fun-filled lunch on Wednesday, Feb 19th at 12PM at Charcoal BYOB, 11 S. Delaware Ave in Yardley Borough. Please RSVP to [maryrosemoskowitz@gmail.com](mailto:maryrosemoskowitz@gmail.com).





**Dear St. Ignatius Parishioners,**  
**The weekend of March 1st and 2nd, we will have our first collection that goes to a fund to help those in need. In 2024 we were able to assist 7 families with a total of \$11,100. And also assisted two local agencies who help the homeless and those in need with \$2,500. In January of this year we have helped two families with a total of \$5,500.**

**When a person or family needs help, we receive a call to the parish office. The request is reviewed and shared with CSS, who can help with food, and counseling support.**

**If you know of someone in need, please contact the parish office. All information is held in strict confidence.**

**Please know that your donation makes a big difference to individuals and families who have nowhere else to turn.**

**Thank you,  
 Your Social Action Committee**



**Dear St. Ignatius Catholic Church and Social Action Committee,**

**Thank you for your generous donation of gift cards this holiday season. Our pantry has been able to provide help this Christmas because of neighbors like you all. 2024 saw our pantry stretched to capacity trying to help feed so many in need in our community. With support of organizations like yours, we are able to fulfill our mission to provide for those who need food assistance.**

**Thank you again,  
 Holy Redeemer Food Pantry Staff  
 M. Higgins**

**St. Ignatius GYM Renovations  
 Eagle Project**

I want to say thank you to the parish community and everyone who supported me in my Eagle project. Now that my Eagle project is complete, I want to give special thanks to everyone who donated money and time to make this possible. I am very grateful for you and couldn't have completed my project without you. Below are pictures of the before and after of the locker rooms. More renovations are coming to the gym this summer!!

Thank You and God Bless



*Pennsylvanians for*  
**Human Life**  
 PAforHumanLife.org



*St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish  
 and School Communities  
 extends joyful congratulations to*

*Dr. Lester Ruppertsberger*

*recipient of the  
 Pennsylvanians for Human Life  
 Lifetime Achievement Award*





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.  
 St. Ignatius of Antioch School



### 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. 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



COMPETITIVE SEASON  
**BOYS & GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL 9<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

SKILLS CLINICS  
**GIRLS MIDDLE SCHOOL 6<sup>TH</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

**NEW**  
**BOYS JV 5<sup>TH</sup>-6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE VARSITY 7<sup>TH</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

FRIENDLY GAMES  
**MEN & WOMEN ADULT LEAGUE**

Learn fundamental skills and join the fun!  
 For all skill levels - beginners welcome!



SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER! →

Registration is open to St. Ignatius parishioners.  
 Visit the [St. Ignatius CYO website](http://St. Ignatius CYO website) for more information and to register!

Questions? Contact: Michelle Mangapit, [stignatiuscyo.vball@gmail.com](mailto:stignatiuscyo.vball@gmail.com)

Fr. James McCafferty Knights of Columbus  
&  
Women at the Cross  
Invite You to

# Lenten Poor Man's Supper before Stations of the Cross

at  
St. Ignatius Auditorium  
999 Reading Avenue Yardley, PA

Fridays of Lent: 3/7, 3/14,  
3/21, 3/27. 4/4

Supper @ 6 PM

Stations of the Cross in  
Church  
@ 7 PM

Please email  
[WATC@yardleyknights.com](mailto:WATC@yardleyknights.com)  
with number of adults &  
children in preparation of the  
meal. Thank You!



The Children's Liturgy of the Word is in need of volunteers to help at 9:30 Mass. The commitment is 1 or 2 Sundays per quarter (your choice), the schedule is very flexible, and we pause during the summer months. We use SignUpGenius® for the schedule, so you can choose the Sundays that fit your family's schedule. Please consider giving this a try. You are welcome to join us downstairs any Sunday to observe and become more familiar with the Children's Liturgy of the Word. Email Mary Alice LaMorte at [malamorte@verizon.net](mailto:malamorte@verizon.net) or call 267-566-4128 to discuss further.



**THE RECTORY WILL BE CLOSED ON  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH IN  
OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENT'S DAY**



## St. Ignatius CYO Track & Field Registration

The St. Ignatius CYO Track & Field Team is excited and ready to kick-off a new season. A lot of fun and a great way to exercise. Children from 1st grade through 8th grade registered with the Parish are all welcome. Athletes will have an opportunity to compete in Track events such as 100 m, 200 m, 400 m, 1600 m, and various relay events. For Field events, athletes will be able to compete in long jump, high jump, triple jump and shot put.

Registration for the Spring program will be held on two evenings - Thursday February 20th and Tuesday February 25th 7:00 – 8:00 pm in the school cafeteria.

For more information, please contact Jorge Linares @ [jorge.linareslu@gmail.com](mailto:jorge.linareslu@gmail.com) or Shaun Sauer @ [spsauer@verizon.net](mailto:spsauer@verizon.net).