



# St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

June 1, 2025



That they may all be  
one, as you, Father, are in  
me and I in you.

JOHN 17:21

## The WORD of GOD

### Reading I: Acts 7; 55-60

The feast of the deacon St. Stephen, our Church's first martyr, is annually celebrated the day after Christmas. Christians immediately learn that following Christ is not always "a walk in the park." So today we hear the full story of this saint's bravery.

### Reading II: Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17

In this "epilogue" to the vision story, Jesus gives Himself the title used to describe God, namely as the alpha and omega, the beginning and the end of all things. The Church, as a "bride," is wedded to Christ the "groom."

### The Gospel: John 17: 20-26

Jesus "great prayer" reaches into the future to bless believers in Him of every age. He also envisions a visible unity that will speak volumes to the observant world.

### 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—4:30PM

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, and at 7PM in the grotto (during the month of May).

### 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.



**Saturday May 31, 2025**  
**5:15PM Parishioners of St. Ignatius**

**Sunday June 1, 2025**  
**7:30AM Desiree Bertel (Kathryn Murphy)**  
**9:30AM Deceased Members of the Webster and Kick Families (Anne and Fred Webster)**  
**11:30AM Kenneth R. Laker (Mary Ellen Laker)**

**Monday June 2, 2025**  
**9:00AM Ann and Joseph Roslon (Linda Chamberlain)**

**Tuesday June 3, 2025**  
**9:00AM Maureen Bray (Kathryn Murphy)**

**Wednesday June 4, 2025**  
**9:00AM Matteo Tarallo / living (Momma and Dada)**

**Thursday June 5, 2025**  
**9:00AM Mary Ann and Jack Caldwell (Karen Zewe and Family)**

**Friday June 6, 2025**  
**9:00AM Agnes and Jack Riva (Katie Riva)**  
**John Mervin Jr. (Mom, Dad, and Drew)**

**Saturday June 7, 2025**  
**5:15PM Dorothy and Russell Houk (Jane Ehret)**

**Sunday June 8, 2025**  
**7:30AM Parishioners of St. Ignatius**  
**9:30AM Christine Carroll (Bill and Mary Anne Galante)**  
**11:30AM Dina M. Giovannini (Joanne Russo)**



**Church Sanctuary Candle**

The church sanctuary candle burns this week to the glory of Almighty God and for Jane DeWitt requested by Kate and Ed Quigley.



Sunday Acts 7:55-60 Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20 Jn 17:20-26

Monday Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 Jn 17:20-26

Friday Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab Jn 21:15-19

Saturday Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 Jn 21:20-25

Sunday Vigil Gen 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5 Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 Rom 8:22-27 Jn 7:37-39

Sunday Day Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/ Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

## 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

**Due to our publisher's deadline, last weekend's collection will be posted in next weekend's bulletin.**

*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. For more information, please contact our spiritual prayer group director: Deacon Bob Skawinski at [rjcs1219@verizon.net](mailto:rjcs1219@verizon.net).



### Rectory Hours Effective June 13, 2025

**New Summer Hours for the Rectory are as follows:**

**Monday-Thursday: 9am to 4:00pm**

**Friday: Closed**

**Evenings and Weekends: By Appointment**

# Pray FOR THE SICK



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, Michaeline Hynoski, Judith Kearney, Marge Kenney, Eleanor Koerner, Olivia Kraemer, Amy Layden, Tina Lippolis, Michelle Mahle, Maria Mannarino, 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, MaryBeth Rushforth, 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 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>

## JOB OPPORTUNITY

Are you interested in bringing Jesus and the Catholic faith to others? St. Ignatius of Antioch Church is looking for a new Director of OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults). This part-time ministry focuses on the journey of faith and conversion for adults, leading them to become full members of the Catholic Church. If you are interested or know someone who would be interested, please send a resume and introductory letter to [hr@stignatius.church](mailto:hr@stignatius.church).



To our Knights of Columbus, Women of the Cross, Fr. Brownholtz, Deacon Mike, Peter and Kristen, Jean, Helene, Sharon, and of course, our wonderful parish family at St. Ignatius:

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! for supporting Special Olympics/Bucks County with such love and generosity! Rock the "Knight" Away was a huge success, thanks to all of you!



## Faith Formation

This past Thursday we celebrated Ascension Thursday the forty days after Easter when Jesus ascended into Heaven body and soul as witnessed by the Apostles and Disciples present. His resurrected Body, similar to the one we received, was shining in all of its Heavenly glow. This marked the end of Jesus' earthly life, but NOT the end of His presence among us as He left us His Body/ Blood/Soul/ and Divinity in the Eucharist. You may visit that very Sacrament in its real presence in our Adoration Chapel as well as in the reception of the Eucharist at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. We have many hours open in our Adoration Chapel and with a parish of about 2500 families, or about 5000+ persons, we should easily be able to fill the 168 hours per week. Many miracles and Divine interventions were observed in our parish over the first 20 yrs. of our continuous presence. COVID temporarily interrupted our adoration.... Please consider an hour. Perhaps share one with a friend or friends? Perhaps consider being a sub? Jesus is calling, will you answer?

St Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.



If you or someone you know has had an abortion, be assured that it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Additionally, other confidential, compassionate help is available. Select "Find Help" from the menu on [www.hopeafterabortion.org](http://www.hopeafterabortion.org) to find the diocesan Project Rachel Ministry near you. There is no sin that cannot be forgiven if one has true repentance, and, while the life of the child cannot be recovered, the soul of the one who receives an abortion can and that of the one who provides the abortion or assists with one.

This is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and His Divine heart is full of love and compassion and mercy for ALL of His children and He desires ALL of His children to be with Him for all of eternity! That is why He sent His only Son to die for ALL sins, including those of abortion, and why He has given our Priests the ability to forgive sin in His name and mercy. Further, pregnancy resource centers like Legacy of Life Foundation and others offer help and assistance along with Rachel's Vineyard and Project Rachel after either abortion or saying yes to life for the children and families.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

**Intercessory Prayer;** For those suffering after abortion: May they know that the Lord desires to bring healing, and turn to Him for His mercy and peace; let us pray to the Lord

**Rose of Life Prayer:** May all who have had abortions receive the Mercy of the Lord.



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). Our next general meeting will be June 26 at 7 PM. We need volunteers for our Car Show on July 18; our annual picnic on August 10 on our parish grounds; our Golf Outing on Sept. 29. We had a great turn out for our Dance the Night Away event for Special Olympics.



**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 now!**

**True North Vacation Bible School is coming to St. Ignatius the week of June 23-27 from 9AM – Noon! If you are interested, please complete a VBS form found in the church vestibule, the St. Ignatius School Office, the PREP office, the Rectory or on the Church Website under PREP. The program is for all students entering PRE-K to and including Grade 5 in the fall. The cost is only \$60. We ask that all registration forms be turned in by June 1st. Please join us for a wonderful week of singing, snacks, arts & crafts, games and so much more!**



**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, June 9th at 7 p.m.

Parish Auditorium

St. Ignatius of Antioch Catholic Church

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*Our featured speakers will be from Christ in the City Philadelphia, a group of young adult Catholic missionaries working to help the homeless and those in need in our diocese.*

<https://christinthecity.org/philadelphia/>

*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



The Capuano and Coppola families invite you to dine in or take out at Villa Rosa all day,

**Tuesday, June 3, 2025**

Enjoy the whole menu and a portion of the proceeds will benefit St. Ignatius School.

Be sure to bring this flier or mention St. Ignatius School.

Special appearance from the Crusader Mascot from 5:30-6:30 PM.

## Pro-Life Essay Winners

### Why does the Catholic Church Teach that Abortion is Intrinsicly Evil?

The Catholic Church teaches that Abortion is intrinsicly evil. Intrinsicly means essentially or naturally. Abortion is when a pregnancy is ended so that it doesn't result in the birth of a child. The practice of abortion dates back thousands of years. The earliest known evidence of abortion dates to ancient Egypt, where it was mentioned in the Ebers Papyrus, a medical text from around 1500 BC. This process has been going on for so long and the Catholic Church teaches us why it is wrong. Three reasons why the Catholic Church thinks it's wrong are the murder and intentional killing of an innocent person, the moral law and the dignity of a human life.

Before explaining the reasons of the Church, we need to know a little more about abortion and why the Catholic Church believes it is wrong. The Catholic Church's Catechism states that abortion is a grave sin, stating that human life must be respected and protected from the moment of conception. It holds that every human has the right to live, which I completely agree with. What makes abortion intrinsicly evil is when an act is inherently wrong, regardless of the circumstances, intentions or consequences. This means that no situation or justification can make such an act morally permissible. Examples of acts considered intrinsicly evil include murder, rape, torture, and abortion.

First, abortion is murdering an innocent child and intentionally. The Catholic Church believes that human life begins at the moment of conception. From that point on, the unborn child is considered a human person with inherent dignity and the right to life, which I will explain. This belief is found in both Scripture and philosophical reasoning. While physical, human-like characteristics are not immediately visible in a fetus, many features are already set within hours of fertilization. This includes personality traits, eye color, hair and gender. External features like ears, fingers, toes and eyes begin to take shape within a month – before most women know they are even pregnant. Internally the foundation of the child's bones and ligaments has been laid. By 20 weeks gestation, female fetuses completely develop their reproductive system, replete with every egg they will carry throughout their lifetime. (This is an article I found on how science proves that a fetus is a living being.)

Secondly, the Catholic Church teaches that abortion is a violation of the moral law. Moral law is the natural law written on every human heart, guiding us to choose what is good and avoid what is evil. Choosing to end the life of an unborn child breaks this moral law because it contradicts the very foundation of what is right and just. In fact, the Ten Commandments state, "Thou shall not Kill" (Exodus 20:13), and the Church uses this to talk about abortion. No matter the reason, taking the life of an innocent human being cannot be morally justified. Even in difficult or tragic situations such as poverty, illness, or cases of violence, the Church teaches that we are called to protect and support both the mother and the child – never to eliminate one in order to help the other.

Lastly, the Church emphasizes the dignity of human life. Every person is made in the image and likeness of God (Genesis: 1:27), which gives each human being worth and value, from the moment of conception until death. The dignity of the unborn child is not based on size or development but on the fact that they are a human life that is just as important as yours. According to the Church, respecting life means protecting everyone, including those who cannot speak for themselves, like the unborn in the womb.

In conclusion, the Catholic Church's teaching on abortion is found in Scripture, philosophy and moral law from many years ago. Abortion is considered intrinsicly evil because it involves the intentional killing of an innocent human life, violates the moral law, and ignores the dignity of the human person. Even though abortion has existed for thousands of years, the truth is that every life matters.

Aaron Koehler

## Pro-Life Essay Winners

### Why Does the Catholic Church Teach that Abortion is Intrinsicly Evil?

The Catholic Church teaches that abortion is intrinsically evil because it believes that all human life is sacred from the moment of conception. This means that the Church sees abortion as always wrong, no matter the circumstances. The word “intrinsically” means something is wrong generally speaking, not just because of the situation or result. In this case, abortion is considered evil, because it directly ends an innocent human life.

One of the most important beliefs in the Catholic Church is the sanctity of human life. Catholics believe that life is a gift from God and that every person is made in the image and likeness of God. This belief comes from the Bible such as in Genesis 1:27, which says, “God created man in his own image”. Every human being has value, no matter how small, young, old, sick, or helpless they may be. In the Church’s point of view that includes unborn babies from the moment they are conceived.

The Catholic Church also teaches that life begins at conception. That means the tiny baby inside the womb is a human person, even before it is born. Since abortion is the ending of an infant’s life, the Church believes it is the same as killing an innocent person and just like killing an innocent person is always wrong, abortion is always wrong, too.

Another reason the Church teaches that abortion is intrinsically evil is because of the natural moral law. Basically, it is an idea that there are certain truths about right and wrong that all people can know through conscience. For example, everyone knows deep down that killing an innocent person is wrong. Abortion goes against this basic rule, which is why the Church says it is always evil.

Over the centuries, popes, bishops and Church councils have continued to teach the same thing. In the Catechism paragraph 2271 says, “Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable”. This shows that the Church’s view on abortion is not something new or based on modern day politics. It is a part of the Church’s moral teachings which have been taught for thousands of years.

Some people argue that abortion should be allowed in hard situations, such as when a woman has been raped/sexually assaulted or her life is in danger. These are very serious cases. However, the Church believes that even in difficult and tough situations, we can not do something evil like abortion to try to do something good. The Church does promote alternatives like adoption or better support for pregnant women. Catholic hospitals and charities often provide help for mothers in need.

In conclusion, the Catholic Church teaches that abortion is intrinsically evil because it goes against the sanctity of life, the natural moral law, and the commandment “You shall not kill”. The Church sees every unborn child as a human person with value and worth, no matter how small or undeveloped. This has been a part of the Church’s teaching from the very beginning and is based on both faith and reason. While the Church understands that some situations are very difficult, it still holds that we must protect life at all stages.

Vivien Zamorski



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*We are still accepting applications for the 2025-2026 school year!*

- *Before & After School CARES*
- *Additional classes including Gym, Art, Music, Library, Spanish and STEM*

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