



# St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

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Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025



## FOLLOW ME

John 21:19

## The WORD of GOD

### Reading I: Acts 5: 27-32, 40b-41

Here we find the foundational premise for civil disobedience in the stance that St. Peter takes before the accusing Sanhedrin. Believers like us can never submit to human authority if it contradicts God's laws.

### Reading II: Revelation 5:11-14

This wondrous vision presents us with a picture of countless angels gathered to praise the Lord and the Lamb who was slain for our sins.

### The Gospel: John 21: 1-19, or 21: 1-14

Peter is again featured in this epilogue section apparently added on to the text of the gospel. His profession of love to the Lord is set in reminders of his previous denial of Christ. Jesus offers His chosen "Rock of Ages" a second chance.

### 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, 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.



**Mass**



**Intentions**



*Sanctuary  
Candle  
Intentions*

**Church Sanctuary Candle**

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



Sunday Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 Rv 5:11-14 Jn 21:1-19 or Jn 21:1-14

Monday Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday Acts 7:51—8:1a Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday Acts 8:1b-8 Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a Jn 6:35-40

Thursday Acts 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 Jn 6:44-51

Friday Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Jn 6:52-59

Saturday Acts 9:31-42 Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 Jn 6:60-69

Sunday Acts 13:14, 43-52 Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 Rv 7:9, 14b-17 Jn 10:27-30

**Saturday May 3, 2025**  
**5:15PM Mike Septer**  
**(Loretta and Bill Amerine and Family)**

**Sunday May 4, 2025**  
**7:30AM Parishioners of St. Ignatius**  
**9:30AM Mary Schaeffer Wilcox**  
**(Loretta and Bill Amerine and Family)**

**11:30AM Angelo Badalamenti**  
**(The Covello Family)**  
**6:00PM Richard Grace (Glenn Chamberlain)**

**Monday May 5, 2025**  
**9:00AM Rev. Msgr. Francis Statkus**

**Tuesday May 6, 2025**  
**9:00AM Colby Fisher Jr. / living**  
**(Linda Chamberlain)**

**Wednesday May 7, 2025**  
**9:00AM Special Intention**  
**(Loretta and Bill Amerine)**

**Thursday May 8, 2025**  
**9:00AM David M. Zewe**  
**(Karen Zewe and Family)**

**Friday May 9, 2025**  
**9:00AM Agnes and Jack Riva (Katie Riva)**

**Saturday May 10, 2025**  
**5:15PM Deceased Members of the Corbett and**  
**Lyons Families**  
**(Jim and Barbara Frawley)**

**Sunday May 11, 2025**  
**7:30AM Parishioners of St. Ignatius**  
**9:30AM Charles and Erne Hofelder**  
**(Raymond Hofelder)**  
**11:30AM Gloria Mary Smith (Marianne Kloc)**  
**6:00PM Marianne Pope (The Kasper Family)**

## Ministerial Staff

Rev. Andrew C. Brownholtz, Pastor	215-493-3377
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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	4/28/24	Env	4/27/25	Env
Sunday Offering	\$11,045.00	240	\$12,576.00	216
Online Parish Giving	\$9,131.38		\$9,062.43	
Total Weekly Contribution	\$20,176.38		\$21,638.43	
	<b>2024</b>		<b>2025</b>	
<b>Easter</b>	<b>\$57,290.50</b>		<b>\$60,048.82</b>	

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



### CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!

At the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday, April 19th, the following 11 adults and high school students became full members of our St. Ignatius of Antioch Church Community. These are: Emary Harding, Paula Rosario, Amy Fedun, Stacey Harding, Lindsey Cummings, Madeleine Bufanio, Pdraig Conlon, Mark Irvin, Dr. James Kilcoyne, Jessica Isiadinso, and Raymond Werth.

We commend them for following through on all the lessons of our Catholic Faith during the past year on a weekly basis with Annmarie.

**WELCOME TO ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH PARISH !**



Lord hear our prayer for the sick in our community that they return to the comfort of good health:

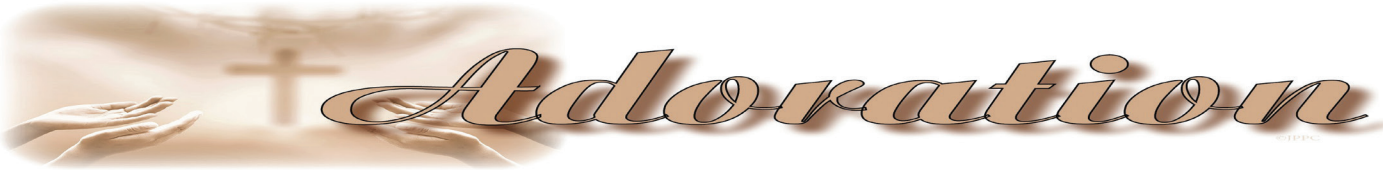
Baby Kayden Hledik, Emil Abinader, Angelo Alvarez, Loretta Amerine, Sabrina Amerine, Jeff Bacon, Dolores Barrett, Lorraine C., Jean Caldwell, Maria Cane, Ruthann Carroll, Stephen Cesareo, Brynn Clare Connor, Kathleen Cook, Gloria Coyne, Shellie D., Susan Dwyer, Judith Green, Jonathan Grubb, Lou Gunkel, Ruth Gunkel, Marge Heriley, Julia Horvath, Michaeline Hynoski, Judith Kearney, Marge Kenney, Eleanor Koerner, Olivia Kraemer, 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, Catherine Riva, Christine Rogers, Mary Claire Rossi, Maria Scotti, 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>



### **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. 4am and 2pm
- Wednesday. 11am, 12 noon, 4pm, 6pm
- Thursday. 3pm
- Saturday. 3pm

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



## Faith Formation

The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The entire month falls within the liturgical season of Easter, which is represented by the color white- the color of light, joy, purity and innocence (absolute or restored). Once the feast of Pentecost is celebrated (June 8) we begin Ordinary Time which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of the glorious resurrection. Our Walking with Purpose program will be ending this month and the men have completed their Winter program on the Symbolon. Both programs will resume in the Fall. Stay tuned for dates and announcements. Yes, after death we WILL get our resurrected bodies back. If you wish to know more just read the Scriptures revealing the Risen Christ after His resurrection and before the Ascension... you will get a glimpse of just some of the qualities given back... no aging, no work, no disease, no death... something to really look forward to. Do not forget your faith life during the summer months, it is not a time to take a vacation from God, prayer or the Sacraments... it may be a time we need the graces given even more! Join us and bring a friend- JUST ONE MORE! It will be YOUR way of evangelizing.

St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.



**“The Lord says to us, ‘Do not fear: I am with you’ (Isaiah 41:10). He speaks these words not as one who merely observes our pain, but as one who experienced immense suffering. And the very wounds that bear witness to his suffering indicate the essence of our identity and worth: we are loved by God. Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new.”**

**Our lives were ‘renewed’ with the Resurrection of the Lord. While it may not seem that too many things have changed in our current day to day existence, we need to see that our hope is given and renewed that this life, like the suffering and death of Jesus, will pass away but we will continue to live on for all eternity. This is one of the very essences of recognition of the dignity of life... being created in the image and likeness of God to exist for all eternity. Yes, we must travel this ‘valley of tears’ and yes we must leave this world some day whether we want to or not, but we also need to look to Mary our mother and the mother of God for graces to sustain us in this arduous journey of suffering we all must endure in one way or another and look to the hope that we will rise again. Life is the greatest gift we have all received. Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.**

### Intercessory Prayer:

**For all Christians: May our example give witness to the precious gift of human life and our responsibility to protect it until its natural end; let us pray to the Lord:**

**Rose of Life Prayer: For ALL life from conception to natural death, regardless.**



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 May 22 at 7 PM. We need volunteers for our Special Olympics event on May 10; our Car Show on July 18; our annual picnic in August on our parish grounds; our Golf Outing on Sept. 29. We had a great turn out for the St. Padre Pio relics and our March Madness Watch party.



**Congratulations to the 81 children in our Parish who received Jesus for the first time on Saturday, May 3rd. It was a very special First Communion Day!**

**We are continuing to use Parish Giving's on-line 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!**



Caring for Friends provides free meals for the elderly, ill, poor, homebound, and/or homeless in the greater Philadelphia area. Only one day per month of your time is required and you will be helping so many needy people! Our next meeting to assemble meals will be held on Thursday, May 8th from 9 am – noon in the church auditorium kitchen. We are truly blessed, but more helping hands are always needed and welcome. If you can't stay to help assemble the meals, a main dish or starch can be delivered on the morning of the meeting or a donation can be given to help us buy supplies. Your gifts and talents are always appreciated. If you would like additional information on how you can help, please call Kathy, 215-321-0116 or Jayne, 215-321-5739. Hope to see you on May 8th!

“We are not asked merely to call ourselves Christians; we are asked to be Christians through our deeds.” – St. Ignatius of Antioch



### MAY PROCESSION

Please join us for our Annual May Procession honoring our Blessed Mother on Tuesday, May 6th at 6:30pm. All of our children who received their First Holy Communion, or were Confirmed, are encouraged to wear their dresses/suits or robe. To walk in the procession, please meet at the Blue Canopy entrance of the school at 6:15pm. If you do not plan on walking in the procession, please be seated in the church.



## MAY FLOWERS

During May, if you would like to donate flowers to honor Our Lady, please contact the rectory at 215-493-3377 ext. 211. We are in need of four \$50.00 donations for the weekends of May 11th, 18th, and 25th.

***The flowers on the altar for May 4th were donated:***

***In Memory of James J. Perry  
Requested by: His Loving Wife***

***For the Deceased Members of The Perry Family  
Requested by: Lisa and Matthew Perry***

***In Memory of Amelia and Luigi DeGregorio  
Requested by: Lisa and Matthew Perry***

***For Eleanor O'Reilly and Regina Taylor  
Requested by The O'Reilly Family***



## Priestly and Diaconate Ordination Anniversaries

**On May 19th Father Brownholtz will celebrate his 24th Anniversary of Ordination.**

**On May 21st Father Kennedy will celebrate his 59th Anniversary of Ordination.**

**On May 29th Deacon Bob Skawinski will celebrate his 37th Anniversary to the Permanent Diaconate.**

**On June 3rd Deacon Michael Cibenko will celebrate his 13th Anniversary to the Permanent Diaconate.**



### Our Annual "Baby Bottle" Drive Fundraiser is This Weekend!

Many of the women who come through our doors believe there is no other choice but abortion. They are scared, confused, and feel they have no support. Because of caring people like you, **over 4,200 lives have been saved!**

Our advocacy program gives women a community of support and empowers them through mentoring and hands-on life skills classes throughout their pregnancy and **for at least three years after** their babies are born.

**Please support the 2025 Legacy of Life Foundation "Baby Bottle" Drive Fundraiser by donating now!** Envelopes will be distributed after each Mass.

Make your check payable to the **Legacy of Life Foundation**. Note *Baby Bottle Drive* and your *parish name* along with all of your information so we can report back about the success of the Baby Bottle Drive, then:

1. Return to the church OR
2. Mail to: 25 S. Main Street, #217, Yardley, PA 19067 OR
3. Go to [www.legacyoflifefoundation.org](http://www.legacyoflifefoundation.org) or scan the QR code to make a secure online gift.



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**THANK YOU** for your prayerful and generous support!

*"Each one of them is Jesus in disguise"* - St. Mother Teresa



**St. Ignatius of Antioch Catholic School**  
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**Mr. George Meade, Principal**  
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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](mailto:hcrozier@sischool.org) for more information.



**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**  
**999 Reading Avenue, Yardley, PA**

*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



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL

**Knights of Columbus Council 11013**  
**Richard Green Memorial Scholarship**  
**for Post-Secondary Education**

The Fr. James J. McCafferty Council 11013 of Yardley, PA and St. Ignatius Parish are pleased to offer the Richard Green Memorial Scholarship for students accepted to a college, university, or post-secondary vocational school. One \$2,000 Scholarship will be awarded in the name of the late Richard Green.

As a Korean War Veteran, retired NYPD Detective, 4<sup>th</sup> degree Knight, Council Officer, and devout Catholic husband and father of three daughters, Richard Green was a man of service to his country, community, family, and faith. This Scholarship has been established to continue his legacy.

To qualify for this year's \$2,000 Scholarship, applicants must be a registered full-time student at an accredited college, university and/or vocational school for the fall of 2025 or winter 2026. For Scholarship Application and additional information, please go to <https://www.yardleyknights.com/scholarships/> Applications must be received by May 18, 2025.



From our soon-to-be Deacon:

Hello! My name is Griffen Schlaepfer. Many of you know me—or at least recognize me—as the parish seminarian at St. Ignatius for the past 8 years. I will now be ordained to the transitional diaconate for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia on Saturday, May 10th at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in Philadelphia. I will be serving the Church of Philadelphia as a deacon for the next year while finishing up my studies at the seminary. And next May (of 2026), I will be ordained to the priesthood. It's all very exciting!

Just a little bit about me: I was born in Connecticut, but grew up in Yardley with my parents Rob and Joann and my brother Ryan; we've lived here for the past 25 years. I graduated from Pennsbury High School in 2016 and briefly attended Penn State University before entering St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. God first drew me to the idea of the priesthood when I was about 16 years old. With the help of some good friends, the experience of some profound encounters with Jesus in the Adoration Chapel, and the aid of Father Brownholtz, I made the decision to apply to St. Charles Seminary and was accepted in the fall of 2017. For the past 8 years, God has been loving me and doing wonderful things in my life and in the lives of so many I have met. Now comes a new chapter in being able to serve you all as a deacon. My favorite saint along with the Blessed Virgin Mary is Saint Therese of Lisieux, the "Little Flower." Without the help of these two, I would certainly not be where I am now. My favorite way to pray personally is to make a "Holy Hour:" spending an hour in quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. It has changed my life! In terms of other interests, I am a big Philadelphia sports fan and still love to play the sports I played growing up, particularly baseball and basketball. We have various intramural leagues and tournaments at the seminary, so I still get some good exercise!

Please pray for me as I take this next step, that I may be able to serve you as Christ does. You will all be in my prayers!

In Christ,

Griffen Schlaepfer



**CELEBRATE GRIFFEN'S ORDINATION  
TO THE TRANSITIONAL DIACONATE !**



**Griffen will serve his first Mass as a deacon and preach his first homily during our 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 11th. A social will follow to celebrate him on his journey to the priesthood. All are welcome to attend!**