



St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

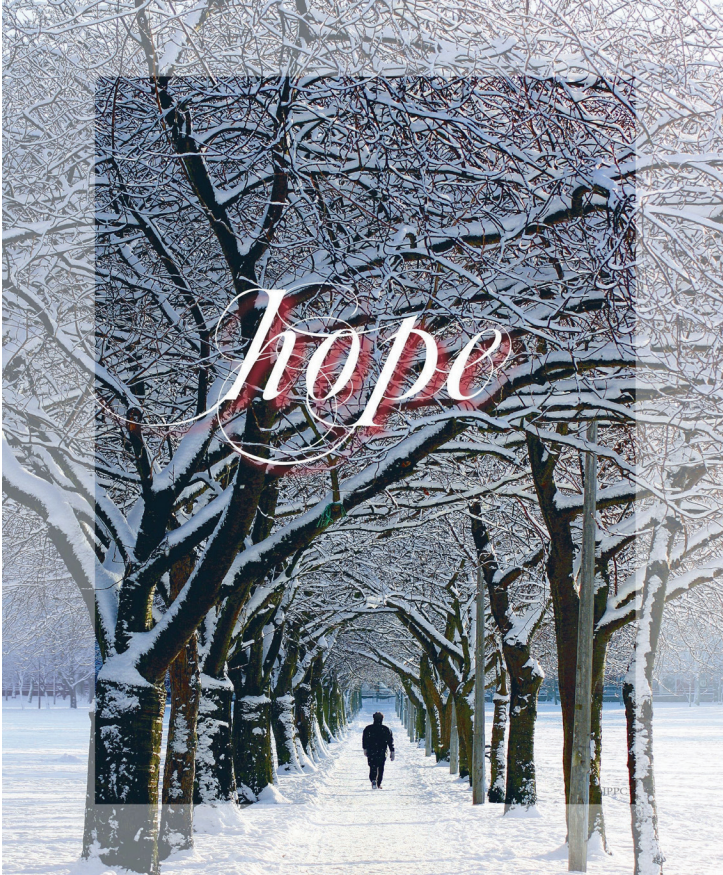
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First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025



Reading I: Isaiah 2:1-5

The prophet sees all nations converging as pilgrims on Jerusalem. At that time, the Lord administered His judgment, which will in turn lead to universal peace.

Reading II: Romans 13:11-14

The time has come for true conversion, as “darkness” (evil) will yield to daylight (goodness), All must then renew their baptismal commitments and put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel: Matthew 24: 37-44

Seated on Mt. Olivet, Jesus begins His instructions with a reference to Noah and the Great Flood story. He emphasizes our need for preparedness. It determines who will be spared and who will be lost. He adds a command to “Watch, therefore, for Christ’s coming. For us, here and now, He comes in the Holy Eucharist. For us and all the world, His second Coming will be on the Day of Judgment and the end of history.

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



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Saturday November 29, 2025
5:15PM David Geggis (Michelle Brennan)

Sunday November 30, 2025
7:30AM Nancy Pesch (Karen Zewe and Family)
9:30AM Dr. James Perry
(Loretta and Bill Amerine)
11:30AM Elizabeth DiRenzio
(Loretta and Bill Amerine and Family)
6:00PM Parishioners of St. Ignatius

Monday December 1, 2025
9:00AM Grace Zyck (Rich and Kathy Moore)

Tuesday December 2, 2025
9:00AM Joseph Lumpkin (The Joy Family)

Wednesday December 3, 2025
9:00AM Lou Martino (Maria and Tony LaGrutta)

Thursday December 4, 2025
9:00AM Frances and D'Ann Sposato
(Susan Sposato)

Friday December 5, 2025
9:00AM Joanie and Bobby Weick
(Jean Green and Ray Willhoff)

Saturday December 6, 2025
5:15PM Mike Septer
(Loretta and Bill Amerine and Family)

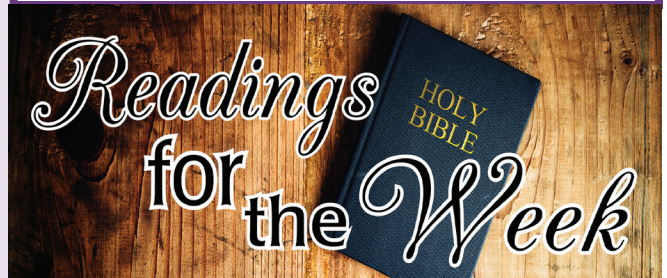
Sunday December 7, 2025
7:30AM Tom Stiver (Wife)
9:30AM Parishioners of St. Ignatius
11:30AM Peter R. Giovannini (Joanne Russo)
6:00PM Dorothy and Frank Young
(The Young Family)



Sanctuary Candle Intentions

Church Sanctuary Candle

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



Sunday Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Rom 13:11-14 Mt 24:37-44

Monday Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Mt 15:29-37

Thursday Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday Is 29:17-24 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Mt 9:27-31

Saturday Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

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

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Whether it's your first time here or you have been coming to Mass for years, we welcome you to join our parish. Please contact the parish office or scan the QR Code to register:



We pray for our beloved deceased especially 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.

St. Ignatius of Antioch

Parish Giving is our online giving solution.

SIMPLICITY

Go to **stignatius.church** and click on the Parish Giving logo to register or log in. In addition to recurring contributions, donations can be made as a one-time or an unplanned gift.

SECURITY

Security is our top priority - sensitive account information is not stored and is never shared with a third party.

CONVENIENCE

Online giving provides the account holder the ability to have Sunday be about our faith. If sickness, travel or weather prevents attendance, your contributions will continue uninterrupted from your bank account or credit/debit card.

PARISH BENEFITS

St. Ignatius of Antioch will see a substantial increase in stewardship while reducing administrative costs. In addition to regular online giving contributions, you can also donate by any amount at any time by any means.

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Weekly Collection

DUE TO THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY, LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION WILL BE REPORTED IN NEXT WEEKEND'S BULLETIN

We are thankful for your consistent stewardship. ©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, Maria Cane, Ruthann Carroll, Stephen Cesareo, 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, Marge Kenney, 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 Tantala, Nick Tarallo, Gideon Thomas, Mark Waldinger, Lora Warner, Brendan Weisinger, Patricia Yorkus, Vincent Yorkus, and all the residents of Sunrise, Artis, and Floral Creek.

JOIN US AFTER MASS

FOR

Doughnuts and Fellowship

SUNDAY, December 7th
AFTER THE 7:30AM, 9:30AM,
and 11:30AM MASSES

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.



First Sunday of Advent - November 30, 2025

“Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.”
(Matthew 24:42)

God calls us to be vigilant, ready to respond to His invitation. Could He be stirring your heart toward priesthood or consecrated life, to serve His Church with unwavering dedication? Talk to Father Brownholtz or reach out to the Vocation Office at 610-667-5778 or via email: vocationdirector@archphila.org

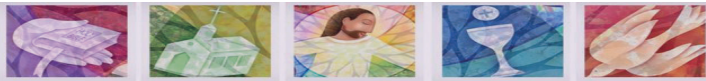
God our Father, Thank you for calling Griffen Schlaepfer, JD McEwing, Juan Builes, Jude Opara, Matthew Pace, Jacob Sanz, Jonathan Amgott, Pasquelge Don Sandun Tharuka, and Camilo Abedrop-Escobosa to prepare for the priesthood. Grant them the grace to grow closer to You through daily prayer.

Help them form their personalities as credible witnesses to others. Bless them while they study Your word and the teachings of the Church, and give them generous hearts to serve Your people. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our great High Priest. Amen

To learn more about our seminarians visit: <http://heedthecall.org/poster>



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



Faith Formation

Today is the first Sunday of Advent. The origin of the word is “adventus” which means “coming or arrival”. It originated in the 4th and 5th century as a period of preparation for baptism, and by the 6th century it became tied to the anticipation of Christ’s birth. It was also initially linked to the concept of Christ’s second coming, a tradition that influenced the season’s spiritual focus on both Christ’s first and second coming. The word “adventus” is a translation of the Greek word Parousia, which was used to describe both Christ’s birth and His second coming. With the four candles in the Advent wreath (3 purple and one pink) the first purple candle represents Hope and the anticipation of Christ’s coming. The second purple candle represents peace and reflects the preparation of Mary and Joseph’s journey to Bethlehem. The third pink candle represents joy and invites believers to rejoice as Christmas draws near and this Sunday is called Gaudete Sunday... the priest also wears pink vestments... and marks the halfway point of Advent. He is coming soon... and He will come again... He is our King, our God, our Creator and our Redeemer and Lover. Let us bow and be glad.

St. Thomas Aquinas pray for us.



“Having received the gift of the Gospel of Life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world. To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself. Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society.” Have you ever wondered how we got to having a “culture of death” as Pope St. JP II has stated? How people are leaving the Church? How so many Catholics do not believe in the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist? How abortion, transgender medicine and euthanasia have become almost everyday topics? Why so many children are estranged from their parents? It is said the evil is the absence of good; God is all good; so, evil is the absence of God in our lives! The celebration of Jesus’ coming is in 4 weeks; His Kingdom is here as promised. He has given us all the gifts we need to get to Heaven, including His very life! Let us prepare; let us celebrate; let us rejoice and be glad and welcome Him into our hearts, into our lives, into our families, into our culture... let us create a culture of life.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

Intercessory Prayer: Inspired by the example of the Blessed Mother, may we, like Mary, have the courage to say “yes” to God’s gift of human life, let us pray to the Lord.

Rose of Life Prayer: For all life from conception until natural death.



Fr. James J. McCafferty Council #11013 meets regularly every fourth Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM in the Wise meeting room of the Antioch center. We begin with rosary at 7 PM. We are looking for new members always. We have many diverse and fun activities. We serve the community. If interested in joining contact Tom Kearny at thomasfkearney@verizon.net. Our creche set up will be next Sat. Dec. 6 at 8 AM outside the front of the Church. Our annual Christmas party will be Dec. 13.

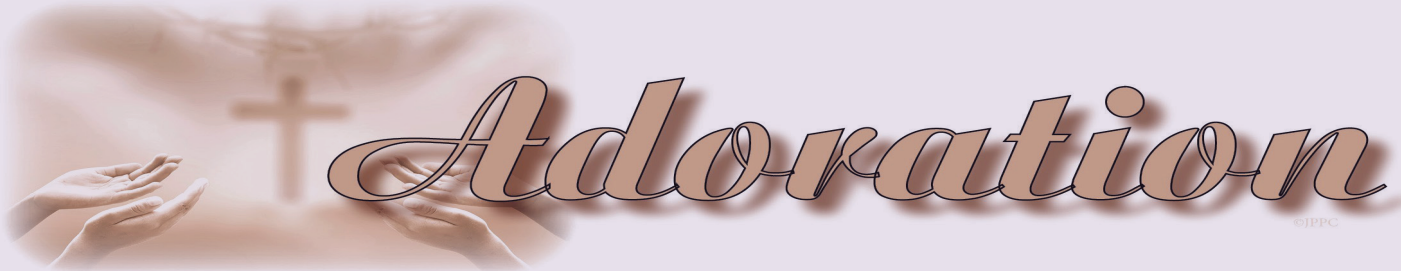


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St. Ignatius of Antioch School, a National Blue Ribbon School Awardee in 2021, is a small private Catholic school founded by the Sisters of St. Francis in 1958. As part of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, we provide an academically rigorous, core curriculum, faith-based education to the families of St. Ignatius of Antioch parish and the surrounding area. We emphasize academics, and the latest in classroom technology including SMART boards in all the classrooms. We achieve a close family environment where students are committed to Christian values, high academic skills and a desire to serve others.

At this time we have limited availability in our National Blue Ribbon School. Tours are being given by appointment only. Please call the school at 215-493-3867 or email Mrs. Helene Crozier at hcrozier@sischool.org for more information.



Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament
Our Greatest Gift

The Adoration Chapel is open. Come, spend quiet time with Our Lord Jesus. "Christians must be distinguished above all by the art of prayer. Spend time in spiritual discourse, in silent adoration, in heartfelt love before Christ present in the Most Holy Sacrament". (St. John Paul the Great)

As you strive to deepen your relationship with Jesus, consider making time to be present to Him, the One who loves you the most.

The Adoration Chapel is open:

Monday, 10 AM until Wednesday 9 PM, Thursday

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

Saturday, 10 AM until 4 PM.

We are in need of adorers for the following times:

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

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

Thank you Adorer's for your faithfulness!

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Advent



Join us in prayer this Advent!



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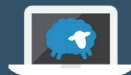
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*****IMPORTANT*****

A Reminder Regarding Phishing Scams

We will never request funds via email or text message from Fr. Brownholtz, Fr. Kennedy, Mr. Meade or any of our administrative staff, especially from a third party source. If someone tries to trick you into purchasing any gift cards through an email or text message, it is ALWAYS a scam. Important rule of thumb, when in doubt... call the office before responding!

ADVENT GIFT GIVING MASS

On Tuesday, December 2nd, at 7:00 p.m., our parish will celebrate our annual Advent Gift - Giving Mass for the children of Sacred Heart Parish in Camden and St. Laurence Church in Upper Darby. Please come to celebrate Mass with an unwrapped Christmas gift for a child who otherwise would not get very much for Christmas. Representatives from both parishes will be present. There will be light refreshments for all after Mass in the Church basement. If you are unable to attend the Mass, you can drop off your gift(s) in the sacristy during that day. Thanks so much!



St. Andrew Novena for the 83%



This Advent, all are invited to pray the St. Andrew Christmas Novena (Nov 30-Dec 24) for the intention of the reconciliation of our loved ones who are part of the 83% of Catholics who do not attend Mass. To participate, visit phillyevang.org/novena



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 by 12/23/25.



St. Andrew Christmas Novena

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born Of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother.
Amen

It is piously believed that whoever recites the St. Andrew Christmas novena prayer FIFTEEN times each day from the feast of St. Andrew (November 30th) until Christmas Eve will obtain the favor requested.



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.



The Boy Scouts of Troop 230, Chartered by St. Ignatius, will once again be selling holiday evergreen wreaths. The Frasier Fir wreaths are 22" with a red bow and cost \$20 each. They will be outside of church selling after Masses on Sundays, November 30th and December 7th. If you would like a wreath but cannot pickup at that time, please contact Danielle Frost at frostcha@verizon.net for payment and delivery options.



SERVANTS OF MARY

Do you have a devotion to Our Lady? We are a rosary-centered healing ministry that actively supports our parishioners and our pastor.

We meet weekly in the Antioch Center, 2nd. Fl.(Reading Ave. side) on Wednesday evenings from 6-7PM.

The Flame of Love Rosary will be recited on Monday nights at 6PM. For more information on the Flame of Love visit: <https://flameoflove.us/>



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.)



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. Dec. 2	Tom Lake - Ann Patchett
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 - Diana Chambers
Tues. May 19	Old God's Time - Sebastian Barry