



# St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

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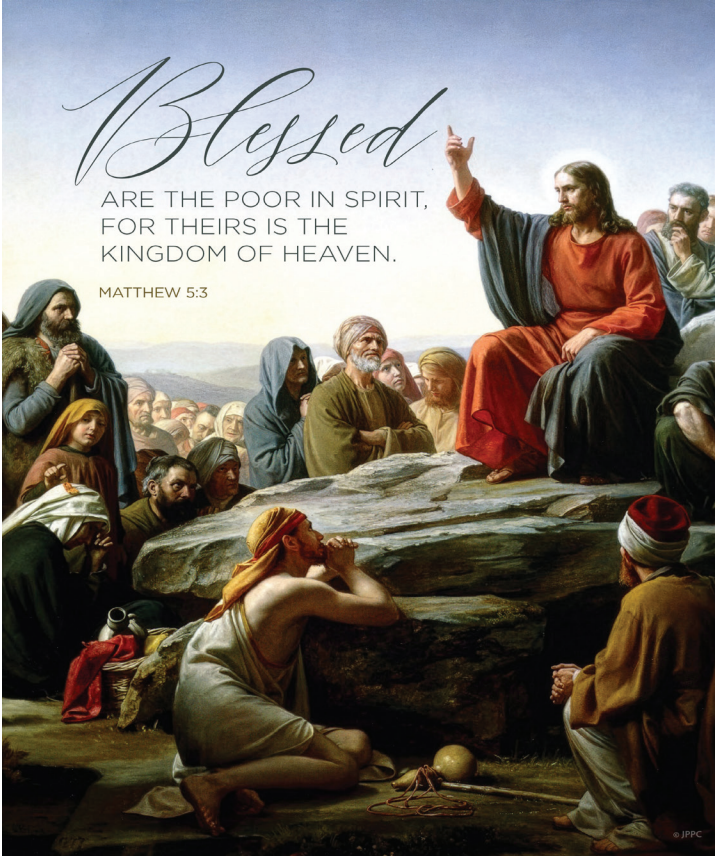
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The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 1, 2026



## The WORD of GOD

### Reading I: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

The prophet addresses the devout poor among the people and praises them for their fidelity to the Lord.

### Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1: 26-31

Paul tells us that “God chooses the foolish to shame the wise.” He favors the humble who confound the strong. We are to be careful when we are tempted to boast.

### The Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12a

Here begins the “Sermon on the Mount” whereby we learn that Jesus’ teachings fulfill, not abandon the Old Testament Law for the New.

### 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 January 31, 2026**  
**5:15PM Dorothy Farrell**  
**(Joe and Dottie Shennard)**
- Sunday February 1, 2026**  
**7:30AM Thomas Rocke**  
**(Mr. and Mrs. J. Stepnowski)**  
**9:30AM Joseph and Sarah Levins**  
**(The Miller Family)**  
**11:30AM Richard and Marie Green**  
**(Jean Green and Ray Willhoff)**  
**6:00PM Parishioners of St. Ignatius**
- Monday February 2, 2026**  
**9:00AM Lauren Nicole Young**  
**(The Young Family)**
- Tuesday February 3, 2026**  
**9:00AM Walter and Janet Miller / living**  
**(Eric Miller)**
- Wednesday February 4, 2026**  
**9:00AM Holy Souls in Purgatory**  
**(Susan and Ed Russell )**
- Thursday February 5, 2026**  
**9:00AM Kenneth R. Laker (Mary Ellen Laker)**
- Friday February 6, 2026**  
**9:00AM George and Helen Moore**  
**(James Hosgood)**
- Saturday February 7, 2026**  
**5:15PM Pete Andreev (Pat Andreev)**
- Sunday February 8, 2026**  
**7:30AM Parishioners of St. Ignatius**  
**9:30AM Rita and John Force (Susan Sposato)**  
**11:30AM Lukasz Dorozala**  
**(The Falkenstein Family)**  
**6:00PM Elizabeth Chamberlain**  
**(Glenn Chamberlain)**



## Church Sanctuary Candle

The church sanctuary candle burns this week to the glory of Almighty God, and for Ebby Conway, requested by Sue Ann Cook.



**Sunday** Zep 2:3; 3:12-13 Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 1 Cor 1:26-31 Mt 5:1-12a

**Monday** Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22-32

**Tuesday** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3 Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday** 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 Mk 6:1-6

**Thursday** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12 1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd Mk 6:7-13

**Friday** Sir 47:2-11 Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51 Mk 6:14-29

**Saturday** 1 Kgs 3:4-13 Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 Mk 6:30-34

**Sunday** Is 58:7-10 Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 1 Cor 2:1-5 Mt 5:13-16

## Fiscal Corner

Our 2025-2026 Annual Parish Appeal has officially concluded. This critical parish financial appeal runs from October through the end of January each year. This is one of our largest sources of income, aside from our normal Sunday collections, and is greatly needed for the daily operation of our parish. Even though the appeal has officially ended, you can still donate towards this important collection! Please return your donation by placing this year's appeal envelope in the collection basket at Mass. You may also mail your contribution or drop it off directly to the rectory.

As of 1/26/26, 321 families have contributed \$189,935 toward our goal of \$175,000. We are happy to announce; we have surpassed this year's goal! 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. Once again, thank you for your generosity, commitment, and devotion to St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish. Your support enables us to continue our mission of fostering faith, community, and service. Together, we are a testament to the enduring strength of our parish family.

### Weekly Collection

Counting our Blessings	1/26/25	Env	1/25/26	Env
Sunday Offering	\$14,494.00	238	\$6,921.00	135
Online Parish Giving	\$8,877.37		\$10,627.58	
<b>Total Weekly Contribution</b>	<b>\$23,371.37</b>		<b>\$17,548.58</b>	

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

#### Ministerial Staff

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# WELCOME

We are glad you are here

Whether it's your first time here or you have been coming to Mass for years, we welcome you to join our parish! Please scan the QR code or contact the rectory to register. We will mail you a welcome packet once your registration is processed.



# WEDDINGS

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.

# BAPTISM



The Sacrament of Baptism is normally administered on most 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 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.*

## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!



FLAME Youth Ministry invites you to help make soup for the homeless at **SOUPER Bowl Sunday!**

Please join us to serve your neighbors in need by volunteering to help prepare delicious soups for this important outreach event.



**Sunday, February 8** from 12-2 at St. John's Cafeteria

Volunteer as a **SOUPER Bowl** helper! 📦

Email Maria at [flame.ym19067@gmail.com](mailto:flame.ym19067@gmail.com) to RSVP.



**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, Lynda Collins, Brynn Clare Connor, Kathleen Cook, Gloria Coyne, JoAnne Cumming, Shellie D., Michael Ennis, Jim Gannon, Marykay Greco, Grace Griffin, Jonathan Grubb, Lou Gunkel, Ruth Gunkel, Julia Horvath, Michaeline Hynoski, Judith Kearney, Jack Kerper, 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., Joe Robinson, Christine Rogers, Mary Claire Rossi, Carole Sciorillo Peter Sidoti, Theresa Sortino, Elsie Stolic, Darwin Stout, Kyle Stout, AJ Tantala, Frances Tarallo, 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 in Ordinary Time – February 1, 2026**

**“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:3)**

**The Beatitudes guide us in living holy and generous lives no matter the vocation He has placed on our heart. We are all called to embody these virtues, serving God and His people with humble hearts. Pray for discernment and openness to where God might be inviting you to follow Him. Talk to Fr. Brownholtz or reach out to the Vocation Office at 610-667-5778 or [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>



**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. COAL (Chance of a Lifetime) tickets benefiting scholarships are available for sale-contact Rich May at [richmay43@yahoo.com](mailto:richmay43@yahoo.com). If interested in joining us contact Tom Kearney at [thomasfkearney@verizon.net](mailto:thomasfkearney@verizon.net).



# CYO VOLLEYBALL SPRING '26

REGISTER BY SAT, FEB 28TH!  
[stignatiuscyo.sportnojn.com/home](http://stignatiuscyo.sportnojn.com/home)

COMPETITIVE SEASON

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

SKILLS CLINICS

**GIRLS JUNIORS 3<sup>RD</sup>-5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE MIDDLE SCHOOL 6<sup>TH</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

SKILLS CLINICS FRIENDLY GAMES

**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](http://St.Ignatius.CYO) website for more information and to register!  
 Questions? Contact: Michelle Mangapit, [stignatiuscyovball@gmail.com](mailto:stignatiuscyovball@gmail.com)

## JOIN US AFTER MASS

FOR

# Doughnuts and Fellowship

SUNDAY, February 1st \*  
 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.



## KOC FREE THROW COMPETITION

**The Fr. James J. McCafferty Council 11013 will host the KoC Free Throw competition on Sunday Feb 1st in the Church Basement anytime from 2PM-5PM - all Boys/Girls ages 9-14 invited to participate. Registration is the day of and competition only takes about 10 minutes to complete.**



Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be the week of June 22-26 from 9:00 until noon. The theme this year will be Rainforest Falls-Exploring the Nature of God. VBS is open to all students ages 4 through 5th grade. The cost remains the low price of \$60 for the week. Sign-ups will begin in April.

Online PREP registration will begin on Monday, April 6th for all PREP sessions. We will once again be offering a Sunday Weekly Session, a Monday Weekly Session, and a Summer Plus Session. The Summer Plus Session will be held during the week of July 20th -24th from 9-noon PLUS one Sunday a month. Please note that religious education is required starting in first grade.



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



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN OPEN HOUSE**  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST 12:00PM - 2:00PM**

Part -Time CARES Assistants Needed  
**Hours available: 2:30PM – 6:00PM (Days times/negotiable)**  
**Accepting High School and College Applicants!**

- **Maintain a safe, organized, Christian environment.**
- **Assist with supervision of children, planning, and implementing activities, homework help, snack time, cleanup and more!**
- **May help with attendance and documentation as necessary.**

**For more information, or to apply, please contact Mr. Meade at [mrmeade@sischool.org](mailto:mrmeade@sischool.org)**



# CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Preparation for the  
**RESTORING OUR HOME, RENEWING OUR MISSION**  
 campaign is underway and we're off to a great start!

We are putting together an amazing team of volunteers, and I'd like to thank all of those who have already joined our campaign committee and our team of campaign ambassadors. Thank you for your sacrifice and commitment to this important effort.

Additionally, I'd like to thank those who are lending their expertise on our Building Advisory Team. This team is comprised of parishioners with expertise in engineering, construction, and facilities management. They have been

working hard to ensure that our process is in the best long-term interests of the parish.

If you're interested in serving as a volunteer, please contact Jason Eberly, our campaign manager at [jeberly@steiergroup.com](mailto:jeberly@steiergroup.com).

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Andrew C. Brownholtz  
 Pastor



**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



ST. IGNATIUS FAITH FORMATION  
COMMITTEE PRESENTS

## *Living Faith and Family in a challenging world*

Join us for an enlightening talk by

Dr. Margarita Mooney  
Clayton, Prof. at the  
Princeton Theological  
Seminary

**SAT. JAN. 31  
8:30AM MASS  
FOLLOWED BY THE  
TALK**



**MORE INFO:**

215-493-3377  
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Fr. James McCafferty Knights of Columbus  
&  
Women at the Cross  
Invite You to

## *Lenten Soup & Stations*

Join us for hot soup, bread, and fellowship  
before Stations of the Cross  
at

St. Ignatius Auditorium  
999 Reading Avenue Yardley, PA

Fridays of Lent: 2/20,  
2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20

Serving Soup @ 6 PM

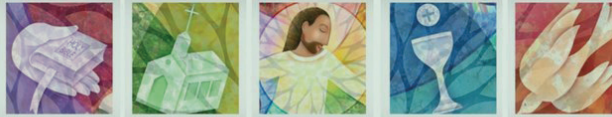
Stations of the Cross in  
Church  
@ 7 PM

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



### **PARISH FAITH FORMATION ST. VALENTINE'S DAY EVENT**

**Saint Ignatius Faith Formation Committee and the Knights of Columbus are hosting a Valentine Day's Dinner and Dance after the 5:15pm Mass on Saturday, February 14th. During the 5:15pm Mass there will be an opportunity for all married couples to renew their wedding vows, and we hope many of you will take this opportunity to invite God into your marriage once again. After the Mass, please join us downstairs in the auditorium for a catered dinner with drinks, music and dancing. Tickets will be available after Masses. The cost to attend is \$25.00.**



## Faith Formation

We have an exciting program of talks, meetings and events coming up in this new year and wanted to discuss a few of these that are happening soon.

On Saturday, January 31, we are offering an early Mass at 8:30am in the auditorium, followed by light refreshments, including coffee and tea and then an enlightening talk by a Princeton Theological Seminary Associate Professor: Dr. Margarita Mooney Clayton.

Dr. Clayton is a scholar in the fields of Theology, Education and Evangelization; she has authored a number of books and has been interviewed on various television shows and podcasts. In one of her recent books, "The Wounds of Beauty" she interviewed a number of artists and philosophers, including our own parishioner, Francis X. Maier. Her topic for this talk will be "Living Faith and Family in our Challenging World". We hope many of you would want to come and hear what she has to say about this and about the value of a good education grounded in the classical liberal arts.

In February we are co-sponsoring, together with the Knights of Columbus, a Valentine's Day dinner party that will be preceded by the regular 5:15pm Mass at St. Ignatius; at this Mass, married couples will be invited to renew their vows, and the dinner and dancing will commence at 6:30pm in the church auditorium. This will be a catered dinner, with soft drinks and water provided, but BYOB for wine or other drinks; we have hired a DJ for music and dancing and are selling tickets at most of the Masses during the next few weekends.

The tickets cost \$25 per person and will also be available for purchase at the rectory during business hours.



***"A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded, or abandoned."***

***-Pope Francis, Message for the 29th World Day of the Sick 2021***

One of the most frail and vulnerable are our babies in the womb. There is absolutely NO question that a blastocyst/embryo/fetus is a living human being with all the genetic material that identifies not only a living human being but either a male or female living human being. This is a fact of science. Another category of the 'most frail and suffering' are those suffering from various illnesses at the end of life, and, whether they are 'productive or sentient' is NOT the criteria that gives them 'value' but the fact that WE are ALL created in the image and likeness of God and therefore have inherent dignity. Beyond our inherent dignity, regardless of 'flaws or weaknesses or infirmities' is the fact of the Incarnation where Jesus, the Son of God, became a human being, starting out as a blastocyst growing to an embryo then fetus, being born a baby and growing through all stages of human growth to an adult. His Divinity has elevated our humanity, giving it even more value and that value is never lost regardless. We all need to educate ourselves in the meaning of life, the gift of life, the value of life and why we are here, where we are going and how we are going to get there.

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

***Intercessory Prayer: For the sick, especially those nearing life's end: May they be cared for with tenderness and compassion as they prepare to enter eternal life; We pray to the Lord:***

***Rose of Life Intention: For all life, from conception to natural death.***



# Caring for Friends™

## THANK YOU FROM CARING FOR FRIENDS

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers and benefactors who make Caring for Friends a success! Through the generosity of St. Ignatius parishioners, in 2025 we prepared over 8,000 meals, soups and snack bags to help the homebound and homeless in the greater Philadelphia region! Thank you again to all of our dedicated members who help us every month and a special thank you to Father Brownholtz for his continued support. As always, we continue to welcome new volunteers to this worthy ministry.

### **PLEASE NOTE OUR MEETING DATE FOR FEBRUARY IS THE FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH.**

Our next meeting to assemble meals will be held in the church auditorium on **Thursday, February 5th from 9 am to noon**. If you have questions or would like more information about Caring for Friends please call Kathy, 203-837-0519 or Jayne, 215-321-5739.

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



## **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, Saturday 3pm***

Please call Marianne (267-346-0152) or Rosemary (267-799-3951) for chapel information. Thank you Adorer's for your faithfulness!