



# St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

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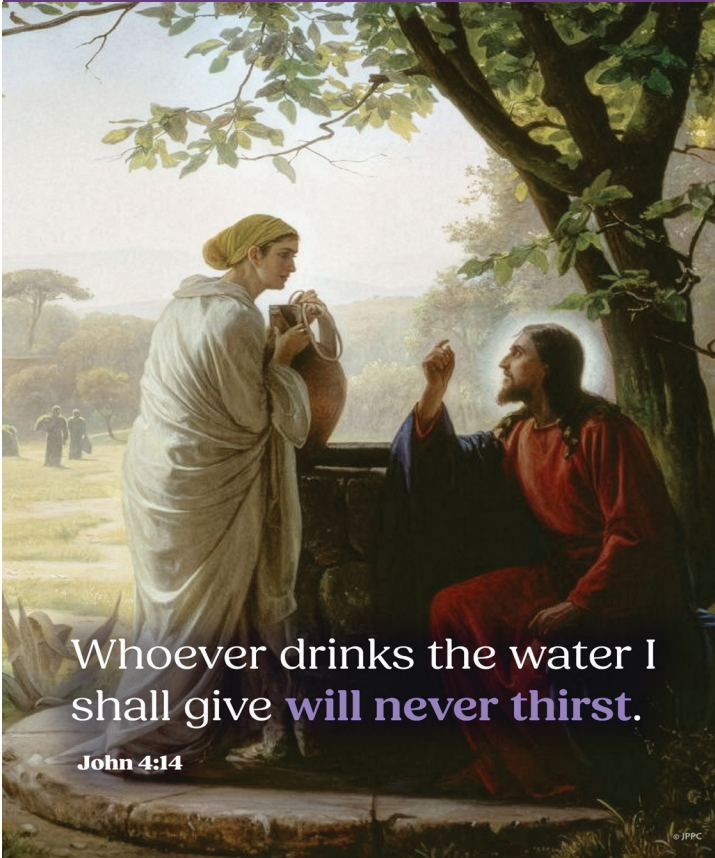
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The Third Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2026



Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst.

John 4:14

## The WORD of GOD

### Reading I: Exodus 17: 3-7

For the third time, the Israelites gripe and whine about their discomforts since leaving Egypt and blame Moses. The rock of Horeb that miraculously pours out water is, according to St. Paul, a sign of Christ giving us the living water of Baptism.

### Reading II: Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8

Justified people are endowed with virtues, and so they are able to become more like Christ through suffering. The dying of Christ shows us the depths of God's unconditional love.

### The Gospel: John 4: 5-42, or 4: 5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42.

Centuries of hate between Jews and Samaritans is the background of this famous episode. Jesus breaks tradition in order to speak to the unnamed woman about His identity and the Good News of salvation. We receive a short course in what evangelization is all about.

### 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: 7:00AM, 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 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 March 7, 2026**

**5:15PM Parishioners of St. Ignatius and  
Mike and Marge Herlihy**

**Sunday March 8, 2026**

**7:30AM Frances Petruzelli  
(Christina Mahan & Family)**

**9:30AM Vincent Gallagher (The Fucich Family)**

**11:30AM Clara Sikorski (Joe & Sue Bednarski)**

**6:00PM Lauren Nicole Young (The Young Family)**

**Monday March 9, 2026**

**7:00AM Donald Stewart (James and Monica Walsh)**

**9:00AM John H. Flahive  
(Mariann Flahive and Family)**

**Tuesday March 10, 2026**

**7:00AM Alice and Richard Whitney  
(James and Monica Walsh)**

**9:00AM Eric and Scott Storjohann  
(Charles and Eleanor Koerner)**

**Wednesday March 11, 2026**

**7:00AM Robert Gervasio (Carol Gervasio)**

**9:00AM Antoine Adem (Najat and Emil Abinader)**

**Thursday March 12, 2026**

**7:00AM Jonathan Cowley (James and Monica Walsh)**

**9:00AM Thomas LaGrutta  
(Anthony and Maria LaGrutta)**

**Friday March 13, 2026**

**7:00AM Bob Wilson (Wife and Children)**

**9:00AM Robert Dalton (The Costa Family)**

**Saturday March 14, 2026**

**5:15PM Michele Rynceiwicz/ living (Christina Mahan)**

**Sunday March 15, 2026**

**7:30AM Patrick and Theresa Frawley  
(Jim and Barbara Frawley)**

**9:30AM Dorothy and Frank Young  
(The Young Family)**

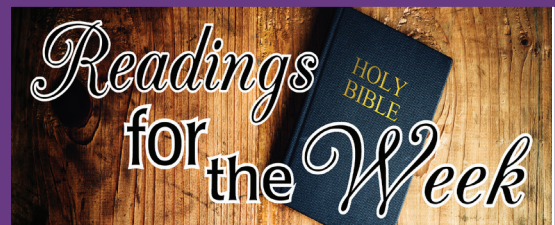
**11:30AM Harold "Buzz" Taylor (Joan Taylor)**

**6:00PM Floyd Keeler (Connie Liebreich)**



### Church Sanctuary Candle

The church sanctuary candle burns this week to the glory of Almighty God, and for Robert Gervasio, requested by Carol Gervasio.



Sunday Ex 17:3-7 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9  
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15,  
19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday 2 Kgs 5:1-15b Ps 42:2, 3;  
43:3, 4 Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday Dn 3:25, 34-43 Ps 25:4-5ab,  
6 and 7bc, 8-9 Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday Dt 4:1, 5-9 Ps 147:12-  
13, 15-16, 19-20 Mt 5:17-19

Thursday Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7,  
8-9 Lk 11:14-23

Friday Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6c-8a,  
8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 Mk 12:28-  
34

Saturday Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4, 18-  
19, 20-21ab Lk 18:9-14

Sunday 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Ps  
23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Eph 5:8-14 Jn  
9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

# Fiscal Corner



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eMAIL: info@parishgiving.org

WEB: www.parishgiving.org

## Weekly Collection

Counting our Blessings	3/2/25	Env	3/1/26	Env
Sunday Offering	\$11,641.00	230	\$12,079.00	233
Online Parish Giving	\$10,000.73		\$11,565.12	231
<b>Total Weekly Contribution</b>	<b>\$21,641.73</b>		<b>\$23,644.12</b>	<b>464</b>
Church in Latin America	\$1,040.00		\$2,151.00	

Counting our Blessings	2/23/25	Env	2/22/26	Env
Sunday Offering	\$13,673.00	256	\$9,947.00	259
Online Parish Giving	\$11,961.68		\$11,604.83	233
<b>Total Weekly Contribution</b>	<b>\$25,634.68</b>		<b>\$21,551.83</b>	<b>492</b>

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

### 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.



# 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.

# 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.

# FLAME SCHEDULE

MARCH & APRIL

## MARCH

- 5 - Youth Group 4:30-6 SJE
  - 12 - No youth group
  - 13 - Passion Path and Pizza 5-6:30
  - 19 - Youth Group 4:30-6 SJE
  - 26 - No youth group
  - 27 - Passion Path and Pizza 5-6:30
  - 28 - Easter egg stuffing party AND open gym SJE
- Easter candy donation drive all of March
  - Easter flower sale at St. John's - 3/28-29
  - Easter candy fundraiser from Gertrude Hawk due March 22

## APRIL

- 2 - Three Churches pilgrimage and pizza night leaving from SJE
- 3 - Operation Resurrection leaving from SJE
- 9 - Youth Group 4:30-6 SJE
- 16 - Youth Group 4:30-6 SJE
- 19 - Bowling outing! 2:30-5 Lucky Strikes
- 23 - Youth Group 4:30-6 SJE
- 26 - Mass & Mission 6pm Mass and dinner St. Ignatius
- 30 - Youth Group 4:30-6 SJE



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.*

# Gertrude Hawk Easter Candy FUNDRAISER!



To view catalog, scan here!

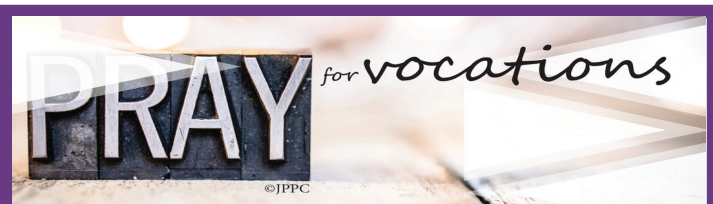
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***Lord hear our prayer for the sick in our community that they return to the comfort of good health:***

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, Eamon Rodriguez, 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.



***Third Sunday of Lent - March 8, 2026***

***"Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst." (John 4:14)***

***Only Jesus can satisfy the deepest desires of our hearts. When we encounter Him, our lives overflow with the living water of grace. Some are called to share that grace as priests, religious brothers or sisters, or consecrated virgins. Could God be inviting you to share His living water with others? 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. If interested in joining us contact Tom Kearney at [thomasfkearney@verizon.net](mailto:thomasfkearney@verizon.net).



## Faith Formation

Today is “kick-off” weekend for the Capital Campaign for “Restoring Our Home/Renewing our Mission” to replace the roof/HVAC/school windows at our precious parish home. What does this announcement have to do with Faith? Well, Lent is all about prayer/repentance/almsgiving and most, if not all, of us “give something up”... so, in that vein let us consider how we may give? Time/talent or treasure. Almsgiving is one of the three pillars of Lent. It involves voluntarily donating money/goods/or time to help the needs of the Church community. Our parish has over 34 ministries which provide not only faith/education/services and outreach to our parishioners but also to the surrounding community. Our recently revised Mission Statement is “As a Catholic faith community, we strive to live the mission of Jesus Christ through the Word and Eucharist, spiritual growth, education, stewardship, and advocacy. Inspired by our Patron, St. Ignatius of Antioch, we dedicate ourselves to building a parish community centered in Christ and ministering to the needs of others with love, compassion, respect, and support”. Our Vision Statement is “United by Jesus Christ, inspired by the Spirit, we know, love and serve God in our community”. As the hymn we often sing states... “let us build the City of God” beginning with a roof on His Home, our second home, our parish church. Please prayerfully consider giving generously. Please pray.

St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS NEEDED

We are in need of extraordinary ministers to visit our local nursing homes and hospitals. If you are interested in becoming an extraordinary minister or are already one and are interested in this ministry, please contact Maria LaMantia at [mlamantia@stignatius.church](mailto:mlamantia@stignatius.church).



***“We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the ‘culture of death’ and the ‘culture of life.’ We find ourselves not only ‘faced with’ but necessarily ‘in the midst of’ this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life” (The Gospel of Life 28).***

As we pass through this Lenten season and we reflect on Jesus’ 40 days in the desert and His direct temptation to the world, the flesh, and the devil by Satan himself we need to also observe that Jesus’ response was all Scriptural and that He prayed and faster away from worldly distraction. If we are having personal difficulty accepting Catholic Church teaching on respecting life, we need to go to prayer, fast, read Scripture and get away from some worldly distractions that tempt us to “relativize” reasons for “accepting” that at certain times and in certain circumstances, regardless of how difficult or sad, that abortion may be acceptable, if not necessary... which it NEVER is! So, let us pray and fast and work tirelessly to realize and understand that our physical bodies, all integrated with an immortal soul will be returned to us at the Second Coming and we will exist forever in that state. Our bodies are Sacramentals, holy and given to us by God, including unborn babies.

***Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us***  
***Intercessory Prayer: For those nearing the end of life: May they be given the grace to persevere in faith and place their trust in God as they prepare in hope for eternity with Christ, let us pray to the Lord:***

***Rose of Life Intention: For all those in hospice or with terminal illness***



**St. Ignatius of Antioch Catholic School**  
**995 Reading Avenue**  
**Yardley, PA**  
**215-493-3867**



**Mr. George Meade, Principal**  
**mrmeade@sischool.org**



**February 500Club Winners:**

- \$50 Henry Zerella (#298)**
- \$100 Jenna Salzano (#99)**
- \$250 Leah Sneddon (#248)**
- \$500 Gerardo Melendez (#26)**

**HOW TO ENTER**

1. COMPLETE THE DIGITAL FORM.
2. REMIT PAYMENT IN ONE OF TWO WAYS:
  - VENMO: @IGNATIUS-FAMILY
  - CHECK PAYABLE TO ST. IGNATIUS SCHOOL AND MAILED C/O HELENE CROZIER 995 READING AVE YARDLEY, PA 19067

**DIGITAL FORM:**



**VENMO:**



**QUESTIONS?**

Please contact:  
 SIS500CLUB@GMAIL.COM

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ST. IGNATIUS SCHOOL!!**



**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 home-bound 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.

Our next meeting to assemble meals will be held in the church auditorium on Thursday, March 12th 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. See you on 3/12!

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



**On Saturday, March 7th, our parish was blessed to have 73 students confirmed by Bishop Cooke. Congratulations to our students and their families!**

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.



**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 3am and 9am.**

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



**Social Action Committee Collection**

We will have an SAC collection the weekend of March 7/8. Donations can be made on-line and also by envelope during collection. The funds collected are used to assist parishioners and local residents who are in significant financial needs.

We work with Catholic Social Services, who helps to identify agencies who may also assist, and then if needed, they recommend if the family needs our assistance. This past year we were able to help 7 families, as well as Advocates for the Homeless and Those in Need.

This is just one of our ministries that enable all of us to assist people in need. And, a way to live our faith by “Loving one another as I have loved you.” John 15:12

**TIME FOR SPRING CLEANING!!!!**

**Clothing Drive Fundraiser**

8th Grade Fundraiser - Clothing Drive

Items will be accepted the week of March 9th-15th. Bagged items can be dropped off at school. We will be accepting items during afternoon pick up, and before and after 5:15 pm Mass on 3/14 & before and after 9:30 am & 11:30 am Mass on 3/15

**Items We Accept**

Clothing for men, women and children.

Shoes.

Clothing accessories: belts, hats, scarves, handbags, gloves etc.

We take small toys (2 ft. or less).

Stuffed animals, towels, sheets & pillowcases.

Bikes & Strollers.

**Items we don't accept:**

Quilts, comforters, pillows, blankets, tablecloths and curtains.

Sport equipment (bikes are OK).

No board games, books, puzzles, pots, CAR SEATS.

No electrical devices or glass.

No large toys, highchairs or baby cribs or scooters.

VCR tapes, furniture and outdoor play sets.

Bric and brac (picture frames, school supplies, phone cases, candles, cosmetics, greeting cards, plastic cups, food containers, baking accessories).

Home and holiday decorations / pet accessories.

**Questions?**

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Michel at [emichel@sischool.org](mailto:emichel@sischool.org).

Thank you for supporting our Collection Fundraiser! Your kindness truly makes an impact!



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# PARISH EASTER EGG HUNT

Presented by the



Join us!  
Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:35 pm  
at the playground

Rain date: March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:35pm

[Click this link](#)  
or scan the QR code below to register



Bring your baskets! Photos with the Easter Bunny!

Please help our collection for **Mary's Cupboard** food pantry by bringing non-perishable food items. Thank you!



Join us for Stations of the Cross at  
2PM and 7PM on Fridays  
3/13, 3/20, 3/27  
(There will not be Stations at 7PM on 3/27)



You are invited to join your fellow Seniors for a fun lunch.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, March 18th  
at 12 Noon

**WHERE:** La Stalla  
18 Swamp Rd  
Newtown, PA

RSVP to [maryrosemoskowitz@gmail.com](mailto:maryrosemoskowitz@gmail.com)

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!



## BEEF & BEER FUNDRAISER

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SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026  
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TICKETS: ADVANCE \$30 @ DOOR \$35

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(VENUE NOT WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE)

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# CAMPAIGN KICKOFF WEEKEND SOCIAL

March  
7-8

Come celebrate and learn how  
we'll be *Restoring Our Home*  
and *Renewing Our Mission!*



After each Mass, including Saturday  
and Sunday evening Mass

**Saturday, March 7 : 5:15pm**

**Sunday, March 8: 7:30am,  
9:30am, 11:30am and 6:00pm**



Auditorium



Light refreshments

