



# St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

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The Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2026

I was blind and *now I see.*

JOHN 9:25



## Reading I: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

The Lord often bypasses the world's choice for some tasks and instead selects His own. This is because "He sees the heart." Thus, David is chosen from all Jesse's sons and is anointed king of Israel.

## Reading II: Ephesians 5: 8-14

We are freed from spiritual darkness by the divine light that comes our way by the sacrament of Baptism.

## The Gospel: John 9: 1-41, or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

The blind man's disease was part of God's plan. So, when Jesus gave him physical sight, it was a sign that He also gives us all the spiritual sight that enables us to see everything as He does.

### 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 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)**

**Monday March 16, 2026**

**7:00AM William and Joan Tisdall  
(James and Monica Walsh)**

**9:00AM Mary Cordero / living (Christina Mahan)**

**Tuesday March 17, 2026**

**7:00AM Deceased Members of the Lantzy and Kirsch  
Families (Children)**

**9:00AM Patricia Ann Trigg (Robert H. Trigg)**

**Wednesday March 18, 2026**

**7:00AM Rev. Andrew C. Brownholtz / living  
(Parishioners and Staff)**

**9:00AM Silvio and Tina Lippolis (The Scotti Family)**

**Thursday March 19, 2026**

**7:00AM Paul Shubnell (James and Monica Walsh)**

**9:00AM Daniel McGovern (The McGovern Family)**

**Friday March 20, 2026**

**7:00AM John and Anna McCloskey  
(James and Monica Walsh)**

**9:00AM Joan Delaporte  
(Deacon Bob and Connie Skawiniski)**

**Saturday March 21, 2026**

**5:15PM Walt and Ruth Parsons  
(Tom and Debbie Parsons)**

**Sunday March 22, 2026**

**7:30AM Harry O'Toole (Patty O'Toole)**

**9:30AM Erne and Charles Hofelder  
(Raymond Hofelder)**

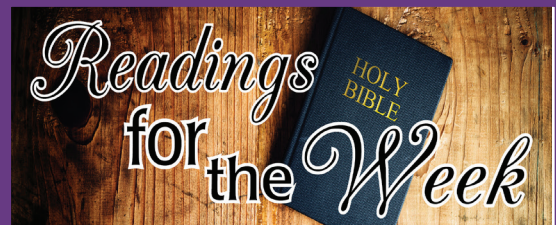
**11:30AM Joe Bednarski / living (Sue Bednarski)**

**6:00PM Elaine Birch (Sr. Claire)**



## Church Sanctuary Candle

The church sanctuary candle burns this week to the glory of Almighty God, and for Thomas Lee Carroll (former Chief of Police), requested by The Carroll Family.



**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

**Monday** Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday** Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday** Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**Friday** Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday** Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 Jn 7:40-53

**Sunday** Ez 37:12-14 Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 Rom 8:8-11 Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

## Fiscal Corner

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## Weekly Collection

<b>Counting our Blessings</b>	<b>3/9/25</b>	<b>Env</b>	<b>3/8/26</b>	<b>Env</b>
Sunday Offering	\$11,160.00	207	\$14,884.00	248
Online Parish Giving	\$15,302.58	258	\$16,482.92	293
<b>Total Weekly Contribution</b>	<b>\$26,462.58</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>\$31,366.92</b>	<b>541</b>
Social Action	\$2,890.00		\$2,732.00	

*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.



We pray for our beloved deceased especially Karen Kulesza and James W. McGowan 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.***



Our Outdoor Columbarium Niches located in the memorial circle in the center of our cemetery are available for sale.

**Granite Front Double Niche:** A space within a columbarium designed for the entombment of two cremated remains. Double granite front niches are intended to be used by two cremated remains of two persons behind a marble shutter. Maximum usable space of 11.5 inches by 11.5 inches by 13.5 inches. The urn will not be visible.

A standard plaque can be purchased for \$425 at the time of sale of the niche, or at market price at the time of interment of Cremated Remains.

**Pricing of Outdoor Columbarium Niches and Services: \$3,200**

The purchase of an Outdoor Columbarium Niche includes the following:

Burial rights in the niche  
Perpetual care

Opening and closing costs:

To be paid upon interment of Cremated Remains

Monday – Friday: \$550

Saturday: \$700



**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, Kathy Norris, 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.



**Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 15, 2026**

**"I am the light of the world." (John 9:5)**

**Christ's light shines through those who answer His call. In marriage, couples reflect that light by the way they love, forgive, and serve one another. Their faith-filled witness creates a home filled with love and grace, drawing others closer to Christ. How does your marriage reveal God's love to those around you?**

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). Our next meeting will be Thursday March 26, 2026 at 7 PM in the Antioch center. Our next COR program will be Sat. March 21, 2026 at 7:30 AM with coffee/donuts- NOTE DATE CHANGE. Women at the Cross will be holding their Lenten Caring Bag Experience Mar. 21, 2026.



## Faith Formation

Our Capital Campaign continues and by now most of you, if not all, have received your financial request letters along with pledge cards. In a short time, you will be contacted by one of our volunteer representative members of the parish community to answer any questions about the project and help secure return of your pledges. The current “plan” would be to have enough funds “up front” to seek contractor bids in May and perhaps construction of the roof in July... perhaps taking 3-4 months depending on damage found once shingles are removed (the shingles contain asbestos, so, yes, remediation of that is also required!). Lenten almsgiving is a response to Christ’s call to love, intended to purify the heart, foster generosity, and express gratitude to God’s gifts. It is considered a way to, as Scripture suggests, “purge all sin” and a practical, action-oriented way to love God by serving those in need”. Alms should be given from the heart, ideally anonymously, rather than receive praise as emphasized in Matt 6:1-4. Our parish community is in need. Our parish is 106 years old this year. The school and Church opened in 1965 and the roof and HVAC are original, as are the windows in the school. Lent asks us to sacrifice... what more perfect way to do so than contributing to our Capital Campaign. 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).



***“To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life... In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God’s glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ” (The Gospel of Life 84).***

In this Theology of the Body (TOB) Pope St. JPII presents an “adequate anthropology” that explores the meaning of being human through our embodied existence. The core meaning of the body is that it makes visible the invisible mystery of God- His love and the communion of Trinity- and reveals our purpose as human persons. This body of ours reveals that humans are not meant to live solely for themselves but are created to become a “sincere gift” to another. This “nuptial” or “spousal” meaning indicates that through our bodies, we are called to love in the image of God. The body possesses the capacity to make visible what is invisible; the spiritual and the divine. It is designed to transfer the mystery of God’s love into the visible, physical world. As such, we cannot destroy it... as our Creed states the “Holy Spirit is the Lord, the Giver of life” and we must not violate or transgress against it.

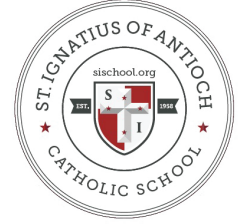
***Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.***

***Intercessory Prayer: For married couples considering adoption, may the Holy Spirit guide their discernment, grant them peace, and bring to fruition His holy will, let us pray to the Lord:***

***Rose of Life Intention: For all infertile couples.***



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



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.



# CAMPAIGN UPDATE

The ***Restoring Our Home, Renewing Our Mission*** Capital Campaign is officially underway!



Please be on the lookout for a campaign packet that includes a personalized letter from Father Brownholtz. Packets were mailed on **Tuesday, March 10.**

You may also receive a follow-up call from a campaign volunteer. If you have any questions in the meantime, feel free to contact the church office.

***THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT!***





**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**

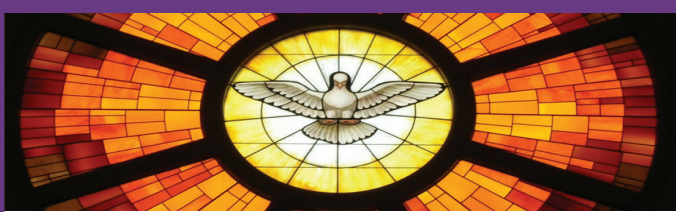
As you strive to deepen your relationship with Jesus, consider making time to be present to Him, the One who loves you the most.

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!



### **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 on Saturday mornings, from 10 am to 11:30 am in room 2F.***

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



### **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/>

# PARISH EASTER EGG HUNT

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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  
3/20, 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  
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with number of adults &  
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Thank You!



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# Holy Week



The Sacrament of *Reconciliation*

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on Saturdays from 4pm to 5pm and also upon request. We will also have multiple priests available to hear confessions on Tuesday, March 31st at 1:15pm and 7:00pm**



**7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper and Procession to the Repository**

## Good Friday



**9:00 AM Celebration of Morning Prayer  
3:00 PM Solemn Liturgical Service including Holy Communion**



**HOLY SATURDAY  
1:00 PM Mid-day Prayer  
7:30 PM Easter Vigil Mass of the Resurrection**

**EASTER SUNDAY MASSES  
7:30 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM  
(There will not be a 6PM Mass on Easter Sunday)**



### *Divine Mercy Sunday Devotion*

*Sunday, April 12th  
3:00pm to 4:00pm*

*Join us for a procession around the inside of the Church while praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet, exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and Reflections offered by Deacon Mike Cibenko.*

*Based on Jesus' promise, the church has given an opportunity for a Plenary Indulgence if the following conditions are met: On Divine Mercy Sunday, attend prayerful devotions, including prayers for our Holy Father, and receive Holy Communion in the state of grace. Also, go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation within 20 days of the Feast.*

*Light refreshments will be served in the auditorium below the Church (electric handicap chair available).  
Please bring a dessert.*



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.