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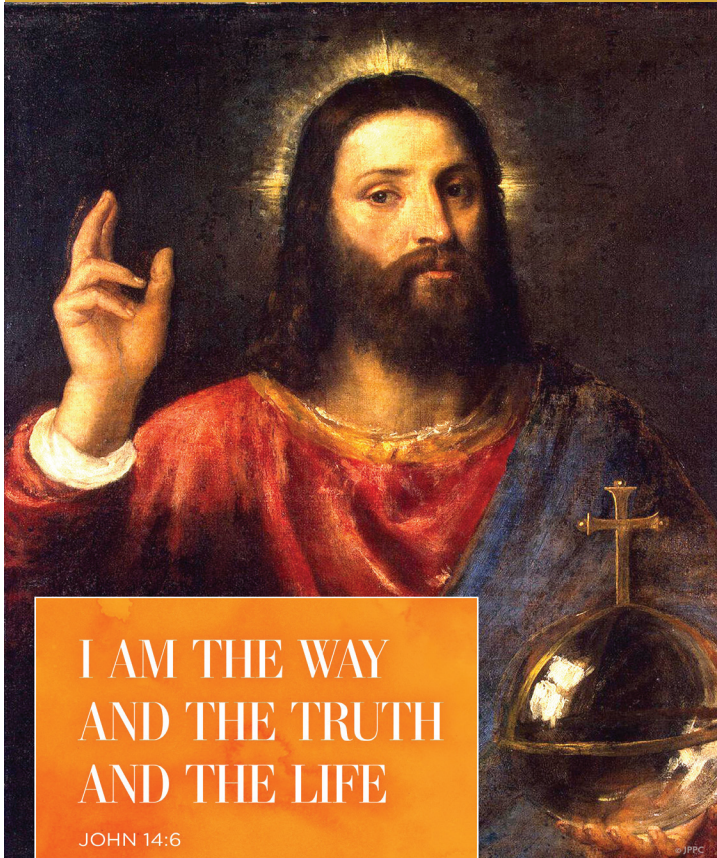
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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026



I AM THE WAY
AND THE TRUTH
AND THE LIFE

JOHN 14:6

The WORD of GOD

Reading I: Acts 6: 1-7

The selection of seven “good men” picked ultimately by the Holy Spirit but voted on by the community is a necessity brought about by the growth of the early Church. Their task would be to serve the material needs of the community. Meanwhile the Twelve will continue to serve the spiritual needs.

Reading II: 1 Peter 2: 4-9

The author pictures the Church as a spiritual temple built by believers as living stones. They in turn are built upon Christ as the foundation Stone. They also become a chosen race and royal priesthood of the faithful.

The Gospel: John 14: 1-12

Jesus wants to protect His disciples from discouragement and despair at His death. He makes His claim as the sole Savior of the world and the one Mediator between men and God. As such He will grant whatever we ask.

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 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.



- Saturday May 2, 2026**
5:15PM Paul and Helen McGrory
(Tom and Debbie Parsons)
- Sunday May 3, 2026**
7:30AM Margaret and George Lane
(Debbie and Joe Linde)
9:30AM Michael Septer (The Septer Family)
11:30AM Parishioners of St. Ignatius
6:00PM Frances Petruzelli
(Christina Mohan and Family)
- Monday May 4, 2026**
9:00AM The Holy Souls in Purgatory
(Susan and Ed Russell)
- Tuesday May 5, 2026**
9:00AM Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Statkus
- Wednesday May 6, 2026**
9:00AM Bernice Marcinkowski
(Jayne and Carl Marcinkowski)
- Thursday May 7, 2026**
9:00AM Special Intention
(Loretta and Bill Amerine)
- Friday May 8, 2026**
9:00AM David M. Zewe
(Karen Zewe and Family)
- Saturday May 9, 2026**
5:15PM Deceased Members of the Corbett and
Lyons Families (Jim and Barbara Frawley)
- Sunday May 10, 2026**
7:30AM Parishioners of St. Ignatius
9:30AM Erne and Charles Hofelder
(Raymond Hofelder)
11:30AM John - Warrio Jimenez
(The Young Family)
6:00PM Marianne Pope (The Kasper Family)



Church Sanctuary Candle

The church sanctuary candle burns this week to the glory of Almighty God, and for Angelo Badalamenti requested by The Covello Family.



Sunday Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
1 Pt 2:4-9 Jn 14:1-12

Monday Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-2, 3-4,
15-16 Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-11,
12-13ab, 21 Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-2,
3-4ab, 4cd-5 Jn 15:1-8

Thursday Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-
3, 10 Jn 15:9-11

Friday Acts 15:22-31 Ps 57:8-9, 10 and
12 Jn 15:12-17

Saturday Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1b-2, 3,
5 Jn 15:18-21

Sunday Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 Ps 66:1-3,
4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 1 Pt 3:15-18 Jn 14:15-
21

Maintenance Manager Needed

St. Ignatius of Antioch Church and School in Yardley, PA is seeking a qualified and dependable Maintenance Manager to oversee all aspects of parish facilities maintenance. This individual will be responsible for ensuring that the church campus, buildings, and grounds are well-maintained, safe, and fully operational to support parish activities and ministries. This is a full-time position, which includes a generous medical benefit, a 403B retirement plan, and paid vacation.

Key Responsibilities: Manage all maintenance operations for the parish campus, including preventative and corrective maintenance, perform hands-on maintenance tasks, including plumbing, electrical, and general repairs, coordinate and supervise third-party vendors and contractors as needed, maintain equipment, systems, and facilities to ensure compliance with safety standards, respond promptly to maintenance issues and emergencies, including after-hours situations, and develop and implement maintenance schedules and procedures

Qualifications: Demonstrated experience in plumbing, electrical work, and general facilities maintenance, Proven ability to manage maintenance operations and coordinate vendors, strong problem-solving and organizational skills, ability to work independently and prioritize tasks effectively, must be able to lift and carry over 50 pounds, willingness to be on-call and respond to after-hours emergencies and must have a high school diploma or equivalent.

How to Apply:

Interested candidates are encouraged to submit a resume and any relevant certifications or references for consideration to hr@stignatius.church.

Weekly Collection

Counting our Blessings	4/27/25	Env	4/26/26	Env
Sunday Offering	\$12,576.00	216	\$10,013.00	226
Online Parish Giving	\$9,062.43	210	\$10,632.35	223
Total Weekly Contribution	\$21,638.43	426	\$20,645.35	449

We are thankful for your consistent stewardship. ©JPPC

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.



We welcome the following families who have recently registered in our faith community:

*Chojnowski
and
Nester*



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 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 congratulate the following children who have been baptized into our Roman Catholic Faith:

*Olivia Rose Elrath
and
Lainey Grace Tamasis*

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.

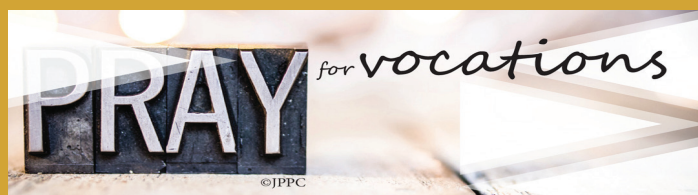
We congratulate the following couples on their recent marriage:

*Madison Bender and Dennis Begley
and
Kristen Morrison and Tommy Dainton*



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, Brynn Clare Connor, Kathleen Cook, Gloria Coyne, JoAnne Cumming, Shellie D., Michael Ennis, Mariann Flahive, Jim Gannon, Marykay Greco, Grace Griffin, Jonathan Grubb, Lou Gunkel, Ruth Gunkel, Julia Horvath, Michae-line 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, Nancy Paravecchia, Steven Pellegrino, Margaret R., Joe Robinson, Eamon Rodriguez, Christine Rogers, Dr. Gabe Rosales, Jean Rosales 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.



Religious Brothers Day - May 1, 2026

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life."

(John 14:6)

Jesus is the perfect guide for those who follow Him in consecrated life. Religious brothers dedicate themselves to His way, witnessing the truth of the Gospel through prayer, service, and community. Today, we honor their faithful witness and pray that more men may be inspired to answer His call. If you feel called to live this life centered on Christ, talk to Fr. Brownholtz or reach out to the Vocation Office at 610-667-5778 or vocationdirector@archphila.org

God our Father, Thank you for calling Griffen Schlaepfer, JD McEwing, Juan Builes, Jude Op-ara, 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. Our next general meeting will be May 28 at 7 PM. We need volunteers for our Car Show on July 17; our annual picnic on August 16 on our parish grounds; our Golf Outing on Sept. 28. We had a great turn out for our Special Olympics Beef and Beer and our March Madness Watch party.



Faith Formation

“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.

St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.

+ RELIGIOUS BROTHERS DAY +



“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.”

For those who may have seen Gibson’s “Passion of the Christ” movie from several years ago, one of the most poignant scenes was when Mary met Jesus on the way to Calvary and Jesus fell and Mary had a remembrance of once, when Jesus was a child and He fell and she ran to Him, and, now, He falls again under the weight of the Cross and Mary runs to Him again and Jesus tells her “see Mother, I make everything new”. He does that for us every day. As we approach Mother’s Day next weekend, let us honor our mothers and remember that they come running to us every day when we fall. Let us also know that Mary, our Heavenly Mother, will ‘run to her Son’ for us when we are in need and fall. For those mothers with unplanned pregnancies, let us remember Jesus was an unplanned pregnancy! Legacy of Life Foundation also “runs” to mothers in need for support and assistance with unplanned pregnancies. If you would like to donate please go to legacyoflifefoundation.org. Our Adoration chapel has openings... see the bulletin for details.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

Intercessory Prayer: May the Risen Christ grant us joy as we follow Him, embracing God’s gift of life;

We pray to the Lord:

Rose of Life Intention: That we honor mothers, especially Mary, our Heavenly Mother



Dear Parishioners of St. Ignatius,

With deep gratitude to God and great joy, I am pleased to share that I will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, May 16 at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in Philadelphia.

I warmly invite you to join me for my First Mass of Thanksgiving here at St. Ignatius on Sunday, May 17 at 4:00 PM. It would mean a great deal to have you there as I celebrate this special moment with the parish community that has been such an important part of my life and vocation. Following the Mass, all are welcome to a cocktail reception where I look forward to greeting you personally, offering a priestly blessing, and sharing a holy card with you as we celebrate together.

Later that evening, there will be a dinner reception in the lower church for family and close friends. Due to limited space, this portion of the celebration will be by invitation only. Thank you for your understanding.

Please know of my sincere hope to see many of you that weekend. Your prayers, support, and encouragement over the years have meant more than I can express.

**Gratefully in Christ,
Deacon Griffen Schlaepfer**



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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 3am and 9am.

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



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 5thgrade. The cost remains the low price of \$60 for the week. Registration is now open! Forms are available at all church exits, at the St. Ignatius School, at the PREP office and at the rectory. All registrations must be received by June 5th.

Online PREP registration began 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. We ask that all registrations be submitted online by May 15th. Please note that religious education is required starting in first grade. In addition, we do offer a wonderful kindergarten program at a reduced rate.

Priestly and Diaconate Ordination Anniversaries

On May 19th, Father Brownholtz will celebrate his 25th Anniversary of Ordination. ***Join us in celebrating Fr. Brownholtz' Anniversary of Ordination at our 4PM Vigil Mass and Parish Picnic that will follow on Saturday, September 19th.***

On May 21st, Father Kennedy will celebrate his 60th Anniversary of Ordination. ***Join us in celebrating Fr. Kennedy's Anniversary of Ordination at the 9:30AM Social on Sunday, June 7th.***

On May 29th, Deacon Bob Skawinski will celebrate his 38th Anniversary to the Permanent Diaconate.

On June 3rd, Deacon Michael Cibenko will celebrate his 14th Anniversary to the Permanent Diaconate.



MAY FLOWERS

Throughout the month of May, we honor Mary, our Queen and Mother. If you would like to donate flowers to be placed in the sanctuary to honor Our Lady, please contact Maria at mlamantia@stignatius.church or 215-493-3377 ext. 211. Donations for the floral arrangements are \$50.00.

MAY 3RD ALTAR FLOWERS

*In honor of Our 60th Wedding Anniversary
Requested by Loretta and Bill Amerine*

*Celebrating 60 years since honoring our Blessed Mother as May Queen
Requested by: Loretta Juston Halas (St. Ignatius Class of 1966)*

*In Memory of Denise Hiel
Requested by Peter Hiel*

*In Memory of Laura Matulis and Marjorie McGovern
Requested by Carolyn McGovern*

MAY PROCESSION

Please join us for our Annual May Procession honoring our Blessed Mother on Tuesday, May 5th 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.



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 8th at 7 p.m.
St. Ignatius of Antioch Catholic Church
Parish Auditorium (Church Basement)
999 Reading Avenue, Yardley, PA

Our featured speaker is from Betty's Blessed Bus, providing food, clothing and other necessities to those in need in our community.

Come early to tour the bus!

Refreshments Will be Served



*Please Bring a Friend
The More We Grow. The More We Give!*

RSVP to cwobgc@gmail.com or Jen Sullivan at (609) 947-6480



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Father Brownholtz is offering an additional altar server training this Spring:

Wednesday, May 6th, 4pm-5pm

These training sessions are for any child interested in becoming an altar server as well as anyone who would like a refresher course. The training will take place in the church and will include a tour of the church and sacristy, a lesson on all the items used in Mass, and step by step instructions on how to serve a Mass. RSVP for the training to Maria LaMantia at mlamantia@stignatius.church.



CAMPAIGN UPDATE

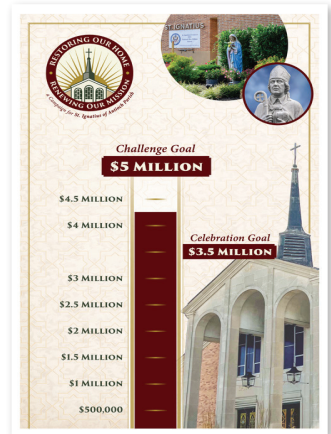
2 Corinthians 9:7 - Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give. Not reluctantly or under compulsion. For God loves a cheerful giver.

If you have already submitted a pledge to the *Restoring Our Home, Renewing Our Mission* campaign...**THANK YOU!** If not, now is a great time to participate!

An anonymous parishioner has generously pledged **\$1,000 for each of the next 100 campaign pledges received!**

Our goal is to have all parishioners feel connected to this stewardship call through sacrificial giving and participation in our various ministries.

For more information, please visit www.stignatius.church. You can also pledge through the Parish Giving portal by scanning the QR code to the right.



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