



St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

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The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time October 4, 2026



Reading 1: Isaiah 5:1-7

“The Song of the Vineyard” is a parable that condemns Israel for resisting the Lord’s will. God’s attention to His people was ignored.

Reading II: Philippians 4: 6-9

Paul insists that if we pray about our problems rather than worry about them, God will post a guard around our minds to protect them from destructive doubts.

The Gospel: Matthew 21: 33-43

The Parable of the Wicked Tenants is an allegory, which means that each detail in the story is symbolic. For example, the householder is God. The vineyard is Jerusalem and the servants are the Old Testament prophets. Jesus is the cornerstone.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday: 5:15PM Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM and 6PM

Daily, Monday to Friday: 7:00AM

***Special Schedule for Holy Days**

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Sunday - CLOSED

Monday- Friday 9:00AM—4:00PM

Saturday—CLOSED

ROSARY

The rosary is said 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 October 3, 2026
5:15PM Parishioners of St. Ignatius and Mike and Marge Herlihy

Sunday October 4, 2026
7:30AM David Zewe (Debbie and Joe Linde)
9:30AM Joseph A. Young
 (The Septer Family)
11:30AM Bartolo Calabrese (Lina Nivellini)
6:00PM Lauren Nicole Young
 (The Young Family)

Monday October 5, 2026
7:00AM James Perry (Lisa Perry)

Tuesday October 6, 2026
7:00AM Anne "Nancy" Catalano
 (Deborah and Ross Ruriani)

Wednesday October 7, 2026
7:00AM JoAnn Chase (The Tarallo Family)

Thursday October 8, 2026
7:00AM Walter Skawinski Jr.
 (Deacon Bob and Connie Skawinski)

Friday October 9, 2026
7:00AM Daniel McGovern
 (The McGovern Family)

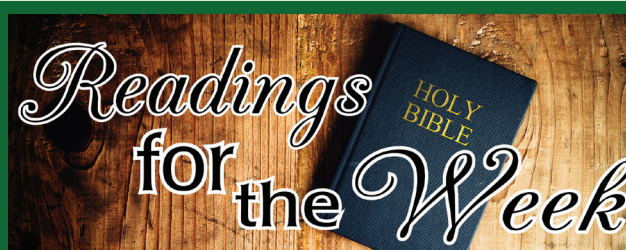
Saturday October 10, 2026
5:15PM Ann and Bob Edwards (Carol Foley)

Sunday October 11, 2026
7:30AM Parishioners of St. Ignatius
9:30AM Marge Kenney
 (The Amerine and Septer Families)
11:30AM Dolores Moruzzi (Helene LaRosa)
6:00PM Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus



Church Sanctuary Candle

The church sanctuary candle burns this week to the glory of Almighty God, and for James Perry requested by Lisa Perry.



Sunday Isaiah 5:1-7 / Psalms 80:9, 12-16, 19-20 / Philippians 4:6-9 / Matthew 21:33-43

Monday Galatians 1:6-12 / Psalms 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9, 10c / Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday Galatians 1:13-24 / Psalms 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 / Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14 / Psalms 117:1bc, 2 / Luke 11:1-4

Thursday Galatians 3:1-5 / Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 / Luke 11:5-13

Friday Galatians 3:7-14 / Psalms 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 / Luke 11:15-26

Saturday Galatians 3:22-29 / Psalms 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 / Luke 11:27-28

Sunday Isaiah 25:6-10a / Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 / Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 / Matthew 22:1-14 or Matthew 22:1-10

Fiscal Corner

NURTURE GROWTH

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Give Now! Scan this QR Code with your smartphone for easy, secure online giving. Thank you!



PHONE: 1.866.307.7140

eMAIL: info@parishgiving.org

WEB: www.parishgiving.org

Weekly Collection

Counting our Blessings	9/28/26	Env	9/27/26	Env
Sunday Offering	\$12,009.00	217	\$11,395.00	201
Online Parish Giving	\$11,055.04	209	\$10,323.62	222
Total Weekly Contribution	\$23,064.04	426	\$21,718.62	423

We are thankful for your consistent stewardship. ©JPPC

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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.

We welcome the Grace and Ellis Families who have recently registered in our Faith Community.



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 Jack Giannetti, Mackenzie Dougherty, Shane McLarnon, Kieran McCormick, and Theodore Stewart who were recently baptized into our Roman Catholic Faith.

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 Kathleen Cook, John Kerper, 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.

Pray For The Sick



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

Jeff Bacon, Dolores Barrett, Joe Bednarski, John Bednarski, Ruthann Carroll, Patricia Catalano, Lynda Collins, Shannon Friel, Joe Foley, Jim Gannon, Louis Gunkel, Ruth Gunkel, Sandy Johnson, Jack Kerper, Kathy Kintsch, Abelardo Leonardo, Domenic Licastro, Diane Mangini, Susan Mockenhaupt, Anna Monastero, Betty-Jo Prince, Stanley Raykovitz, Joe Robinson, Angie Rodak, Gabe Rosales, Jean Rosales, Joe Rossi, Joanne Russo, Maria Scotti, Frances Tarallo, Nick Tarallo, Barbara Ward, Patricia Yorkus, Vincent Yorkus, and all the residents of Sunrise, and Artis Nursing Homes.

Please email Maria at mlamantia@stignatius.church or call 215-493-3377 ext. 211 if you would like to add a name to the sick list. Be sure to specify if you would like a name added to the bulletin list and/or the oral intentions to be announced at Masses. All requests will be removed after four weeks.



God our Father, Thank you for calling JD McEwing, Juan Builes, Matthew Pace, Jacob Sanz, Jonathan Amgott, Pasquelge Don Sandun Tharuka, Camilo Abedrop-Escobosa, Alexander Cunningham, and Cody Hein 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>



**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 Sacra-
 ment".***

- 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:**

Monday- 11am	Tuesday- 3pm, 5pm
Wednesday- 10am	Thursday- 5pm
Friday- 4pm, 7pm	Saturday- 12pm

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

FAMILY
Holy Hour
 FOR OUR FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM
 IN THE ADORATION CHAPEL

All families
are welcome!

A family
friendly time
of prayer.

Children are
most welcome
with a parent/
guardian.



PLEASE SIGN YOUR FAMILY UP
 FOR A 10 MINUTE TIME SLOT.

Hallow

**Find peace
 with the
 #1 Catholic
 prayer &
 meditation app**





LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR HOLY FAMILY HOME

We greet the Little Sisters of the Poor this weekend. They wish to share the gift of their ministry and vocation founded by St. Jeanne Jugan in France to accompany the needy elderly of Holy Family Home through their journey guiding them toward eternal life with Christ! Their principle source of support is through donations - begging as their Foundress expressly discovered as the plan of God in 1839. In 1869 Archbishop Wood of Philadelphia invited the Little Sisters of the Poor from France to come and assist the vast numbers of elderly poor in the city regardless of race or religious beliefs. Serving the poorest in simplicity, humility and trust in Divine Providence for over 155 years in Philadelphia through their vows of poverty, chastity, obedience and hospitality while personally assisting the dying with the firm belief – “It is Jesus Himself whom you are serving in the Poor.” JJ.

They are visiting us, appealing for your financial assistance to support their work. Your support is GREATLY APPRECIATED and is God’s tangible providential assistance to the poor.



St. Ignatius of Antioch PREP Program

215-493-5204

Connie Liebreich

Director of Religious Education

connie@stignatius.church

Please note that in order to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in the Second Grade, students are required to begin religious education in First Grade.

There is still time for our first graders to enroll in PREP. See the registration link on the church website. Please register SOON!



St. Ignatius of Antioch Catholic School

995 Reading Avenue Yardley, PA

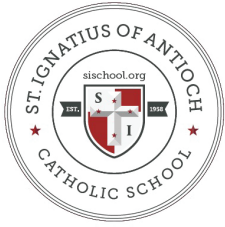
Mrs. Elisa Michel, Principal

emichel@sischool.org 215-493-3867

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.





Where Are They Now?

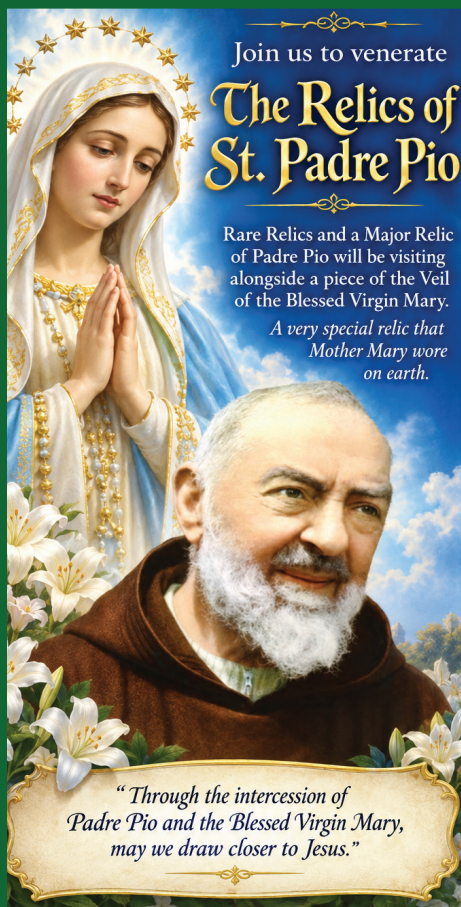
Help Us Find St. Ignatius School Alumni!

Since 1958, St. Ignatius School has had a rich history of shaping the minds of our youth. We would like to reach out and reconnect with our former students. Whether you graduated recently or ages ago, we would like to hear from you. Please take a minute to fill out our survey for yourself or your child/children. Help us keep you in the loop about all the exciting things happening at your school. Follow us on Instagram at sischoolofyardley



The Children's Liturgy of the Word ministry is earnestly seeking volunteers to help at 9:30 Mass. The commitment is 1 or 2 Sundays per quarter, and the schedule is very flexible. We use SignUpGenius®, so you can choose the Sundays that fit your family's schedule. If a conflict should arise on one of your scheduled Sundays, it is easy to switch with another volunteer.

Please consider giving this a try. You are welcome to join us downstairs any Sunday to become more familiar with the Children's Liturgy of the Word. Training of new volunteers will begin in early fall. Email Mary Alice LaMorte at malamorte@verizon.net or call 267-566-4128 to discuss further.



Join us to venerate The Relics of St. Padre Pio

Rare Relics and a Major Relic of Padre Pio will be visiting alongside a piece of the Veil of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
A very special relic that Mother Mary wore on earth.

"Through the intercession of Padre Pio and the Blessed Virgin Mary, may we draw closer to Jesus."



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Yardley, PA 19067

**Saturday,
October 17, 2026**

Veneration
11am - 8pm*
(*except during Mass)

Confessions
4pm

Mass
5:15pm

Provided by:



PRAY • VENERATE • BE INSPIRED

40 HOURS Devotions

Saint Ignatius Parish will celebrate our annual Forty Hours Eucharistic Devotion with three evenings of prayer, adoration, and reflection, Sunday through Tuesday, October 11th, 12th, 13th, beginning at 7:00 PM each night.

A candle light procession and reception in our school cafeteria will take place on the closing night.

GUEST HOMILIST

Father Griffen Schlaepfer

Father Schlaepfer is a Yardley and Saint Ignatius native—He was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia on May 16th of this year, celebrating his first Mass at Saint Ignatius the following day. He is currently the Parochial Vicar at Saint Ephrem Catholic Church in Bensalem.

THE THEME FOR 40 HOURS THIS YEAR WILL BE:

"JESUS:
Priest, Sacrificial Victim and Food for the Journey."



COME, ADORE, AND BE RENEWED.



Faith Formation

The Church's catechetical mission aims to help the faithful of all ages to grow in both human and Christian maturity, enriching the whole of life with the leaven of the Gospel. Consequently, appropriate goals and content will embrace all the faith dimensions of an adult life—for example, understanding and communicating the faith, skills needed for personal growth, the experience of family life, relationships, public service, and concern for the common good.

Our adult faith formation ministry must engage the particular needs and interests of the adults in each local community. To be faithful and effective it will offer, over time, a comprehensive and systematic presentation and exploration of the core elements of Catholic faith and practice—a complete initiation into a Catholic way of life.

It will do so in a way that is accessible to adults and relates to their life experiences, helping them to form a Christian conscience and to live their lives in the world as faithful disciples of Jesus. This integration of actual life experience, diverse adult learning needs, the study of Scripture, and the teaching of the Church's tradition will create a vibrant learning environment. It will also challenge the creativity of those who establish the direction, plan the content, and provide programs of adult faith formation. Meeting the challenge will be both demanding and rewarding. Here at St. Ignatius, our committee has been presenting programs for over 25 years with over 225 programs, live speakers, retreats and DVD presentations with discussions. We are in need of new blood on our committee with some younger members. We have new leadership on our committee, Join us the first Tuesday of each month as we prepare programs for 2026/27. Pray for us. Join us.

St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.



“When we meet Jesus in the Eucharist, this encounter has the power to change us. The Eucharist has the power to transform the depths of our hearts and the heart of our culture. United to the power of His Eucharistic Presence, may we work to ensure that each person has life—and has it in abundance.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect Life Reflection: **“I Came So That They Might Have Life”**

Today is Respect Life Sunday and October is Respect Life month. As such, we need to remember that we are **ALL** created in the image and likeness of God. We become human persons at the moment of conception with 46 unique chromosomes and either male or female. We are embodied souls that are created through the Holy Spirit... ‘the Lord, the Giver of life’; who proceeds from the Father and the Son’... and all children proceed from the love of parents, whether they intend it or not... God **INTENDS** their being and thus brings these children into the world to achieve His plan for salvation. Science gives us the answer to when life begins, what life is and, if allowed to progress, such life will grow, mature, develop and be born to exist for all of eternity, especially when the Second Coming gives us back **OUR** resurrected bodies! Just as Jesus is in the Eucharist, the Holy Spirit is **IN** us and we are not to desecrate that being by killing them in abortion, regardless of reason or circumstance. Today's biggest challenge is the medical abortion pill available via mail order/telehealth interstate. Since Roe v. Wade was repealed the numbers of abortions have actually increased! Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

Intercessory Prayer: For all Catholics: that on this

Respect Life Sunday, the Lord will strengthen our resolve to protect the gift of every human life; We pray to the Lord:

Caring for Loved Ones at Life's Ends of Life: For all life from the moment of conception to natural death.



**Fr. James J. McCafferty
Council #11013**

Fr. James J. McCafferty 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 Brian Flatley at flatleyb@gmail.com. Our next general meeting will be October 22, 2026; our Golf Outing was on Sept. 28. Our National Day of Remembrance of the Unborn was Sat. 9/12 at Our Lady of Grace Cemetery. Our new soccer Kick Challenge was a big success. Our Fatima rosary is 10/10/26 at noon at Veterans Park on Edgewood Rd.



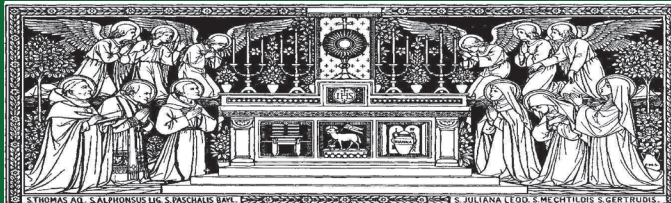
**Caring
for Friends™**

Caring for Friends provides free meals and friendly visits to assist the homebound and homeless in the greater Philadelphia region. Thank you to all our volunteers who work so hard every month to provide meals to the less fortunate. As always, we continue to welcome new volunteers to this worthy ministry. More helping hands are always needed and appreciated!

Please join us at our next meeting from 9 am to noon on October 8th to assemble meals in the church auditorium. 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 October 8th!

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



**October 4th, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Holy Orders**

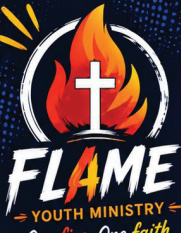
The Sacrament of Holy Orders is the Sacrament by which Christ conforms men for service at His altar and to His people. The priest acts in the person of Christ, the Head: “In the ecclesial service of the ordained minister, it is Christ himself who is present to his Church as Head of his Body, Shepherd of his flock, high priest of the redemptive sacrifice, Teacher of Truth” (CCC 1548). In the liturgy of Ordination, Chrism is used to anoint the hands of the Priest, signifying them being set apart for sacred service, especially in the celebration of Mass and pardoning of sinners in Confession. The Bishop also asks each priest for a promise of obedience which mirrors the obedience of Christ on the Cross. Christ was obedient to the Father’s will in sacrificing Himself on the Cross, so too is the priest in sacrificing His own will for that of the Lord’s made known through the person of the Bishop.

St. Ignatius *Charismatic Prayer Group*



***A community of Faith Sharing,
Prayer, and Praise***

Meetings are held Fall through Spring
every Saturday 10AM to 11:30 AM
Antioch Center 2nd fl. Room 2F
Deacon Bob Skawinski – spiritual director
For more information
Contact Deacon Bob at rjcs1219@verizon.net



WHAT'S NEXT AT FLAME?

YOUTH MINISTRY FOR GRADES 7-12
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST • ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

COME ONCE. COME OFTEN. BRING A FRIEND



YOUTH GROUP BEGINS!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1
5:00 – 6:30 PM

Come hang out, have some fun, grab a snack, and grow in faith together!



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2
5:30 – 6:30 PM

Adoration with music
PIZZA TO FOLLOW!

Take an hour away from the craziness of the week to spend time with Jesus.



YOUTH MASS + PIZZA & FIRE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11
6:00 PM • ST. IGNATIUS

Join us for Youth Mass followed by pizza, a fire & youth group!

YOUTH LECTORS AND USHERS NEEDED!



SLEEPY HOLLOW NIGHT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

Bonfire + Sleepy Hollow attractions!

\$22 | ONE ATTRACTION
\$45 | ALL THREE ATTRACTIONS

Haunted Hayride • Haunted House • Haunted Field



PB&J SERVICE NIGHT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24
5:30 – 7:00 PM

Help us make peanut butter & jelly sandwiches for Mother of Mercy House.

Come serve others, hang out with friends, and put your faith into action!

AND MORE THIS FALL!

- Pizza Nights
- Service Projects
- Social Events
- Prayer & Adoration
- Christmas Activities
- and more!

YOU BELONG HERE.

RSVP REQUIRED – TICKETS WILL SELL OUT!

FAITH FRIENDSHIP FUN SERVICE

Questions? Contact Maria
flame.ym19067@gmail.com

JOIN US AFTER MASS Doughnuts and Fellowship

FOR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

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!



We Need You!

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.



Thank you for helping build our parish community!

CELEBRATING Over 5,000 LIVES SAVED!

For over 15 years, we have been reaching women who are seeking abortions and helping them choose life through our three women's centers in Bucks County and Philadelphia.




Our Services:

- Free pregnancy testing & ultrasounds
- Compassionate information session & advocacy
- Comprehensive aftercare program that provides ongoing support for at least 3 years

Together, we can save lives!

Oct. 31- Nov. 8, 2026

Please make a gift to support women, children & families during our annual baby bottle drive at St. Ignatius of Antioch.



215-788-4051 | legacyoflifefoundation.org

All are Welcome! YOUTH MASS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

6:00 PM

ST. IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Yardley, PA

Come Encounter Christ!

FOLLOWED BY YOUTH GROUP PIZZA & FIRE



PIZZA



FIRE



FAITH FRIENDS FUN



Let your light shine.
MATTHEW 5:16

FAITH FRIENDS PIZZA A BRIGHTER TOMORROW