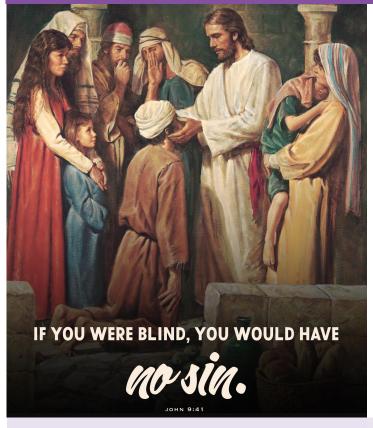


# St. Ignatius of Antioch Church 999 Reading Avenue Yardley, PA 215-493-3377 October 2001 Contact@stignatius.church www.stignatius.church

### Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 19, 2023





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

Samuel anoints young David, who is the clear choice of the Lord. Samuel has not seen as God sees in this important matter.

### **Reading II: Ephesians 5: 8-14**

Baptism brings us from darkness to light. This light in turn produces conduct that pleases the Lord. The section closes with what seems to be an early baptismal hymn.

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

Jesus cures a blind man, and there follows the question: "Is Jesus from God or not?" The Pharisees windup being the real "blind men" for refusing to see Jesus for whom He is.

### **SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

Saturday: 5:15PM Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:30AM (Children's Liturgy),

11:30AM, 6:00PM

Daily, Monday to Friday: 9:00AM \*Special Schedule for Holy Days

#### **RECTORY OFFICE HOURS**

**Sunday - CLOSED** Monday- Thursday 9:00AM—5:00PM Friday - 9:00AM - 4:00PM Saturday—CLOSED

#### **ROSARY**

The rosary is said Monday - Friday after the 9AM Daily Mass, on Saturdays before the 5:15PM Mass and, on Sundays before the 6:00PM 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**

**Exposition is held in the chapel Monday - Friday** from 10AM to 8PM and Saturday 10AM - 4PM. 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.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Fridays at 2PM and 7PM during Lent.



Sunday March 19, 2023

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

9:30AM William F. Yeager (Michelle Brennan)

11:30AM Giuseppa Covello (The Covello Family)

6:00PM Lauren Nicole Young

(The Young Family)

Monday March 20, 2023 7:00AM Jillian Goodwin

(Deacon Michael and Anna Cibenko)

9:00AM Dot Clark (The Charles Family)

Tuesday March 21, 2023

7:00AM Kathleen McElhatton (The Baker Family)

9:00AM Eugene Reed (The Morello Family)

Wednesday March 22, 2023

7:00AM Timothy Murnane / living (S. Gallagher)

9:00AM Barry and Barbara Deacon (Karen Zewe and Family)

Thursday March 23, 2023

7:00AM Rosemary Overberger / living (S. Gallagher)

9:00AM Erne Hofelder (Raymond Hofelder)

Friday March 24, 2023

7:00AM Angela Frusteri (Paul and Virginia Martin)

9:00AM Dot Clark (Bob and Sue Mrazik)

Saturday March 25, 2023

5:15PM Intention of Daniel Mrazik / living

(The Mrazik Family)

Sunday March 26, 2023

7:30AM All Living and Deceased Parishioners

9:30AM Ana Ricardo (Joe and Lesia Pryor)

11:30AM Charles and Erne Hofelder

(Raymond Hofelder)

6:00PM Francesco Figlia (Your Loving Family)



### SANCTUARY CANDLE

The church sanctuary candle burns for all living and deceased parishioners.



# READINGS FOR THE LAJEEK



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

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: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47

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

Saturday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

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



Helps couples at all stages of life to understand and live God's plan for happy, holy marriages.

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Whether it's your first time here or you have been coming to Mass here for years, we welcome you to join our parish. Please contact the rectory to register in person or visit:

http://www.siforms.org/npregister.html to register online.



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 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.



Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance. Please call the rectory to make an appointment with Father Brownholtz.



### E-GIVING

As you know, we are using Parish Giving for our online e-giving program. They are the leading provider of secure, user-friendly online giving systems specializing in religious and charitable organizations. St. Ignatius has been very fortunate to have so many parishioners participating in the program.

Those participating in online giving have found the program to be more convenient and allows them to maintain full control over their account. As a reminder, you can generate a giving report from the Parish Giving website to view all of your online contributions.

Our online giving program is a great success and our hope is that more parishioners will enroll. You may do so by going to the St. Ignatius of Antioch website at http://www.stignatius.church and clicking on the Parish Giving logo. For those participating in our Parish Giving program, you may print a participation receipt from the parish giving website to place in the weekly collection basket. Thank you all for your generosity towards our parish with your Sunday Gifts!



<b>Counting our Blessings</b>	3/13/22	Env	3/12/23	Env
Sunday Offering	\$11,515.00	190	\$13,793.00	207
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Brian Basheda, Daniel Basheda, Matthew Bauer, remember to Melissa Bishop, Christian Blaydon, Sara Brill, Mark FOR OUR Buckley, Michael Joseph Buckley, Brad Bullman, ITTOOPSEvan Cumming, Brent Cummings, Kevin O'Brien Darby, Staten DeTample, Andrew Dill, Ronald Ernst, Anthony Fuscarello, Rick Fuschetti, Jessica Garcia, Shane Gibbons, Stephen Greene, Edward Hill, David & Christine (Kawoczka) Krueger, Matthew Krall, Justin Kumor, Daniel LaMorte, Thomas LaMorte, Marty Alexie Leonard, Nels Alexie Leonard, James Limer, Matthew Listner, John Loveman, Michael Lowe, W. Kyle Magrisi, Joseph Marchand, Greg Marolo, Aidan Maxwell, Matthew McGurk, Phil Melandez, Chris Merrick, David Morgan, David James Moruzzi II, Kevin Nash, Stephen Neder, Fred Olivari, John O'Rourke, John Parente, J.C. Peabody, Laura Perazzola, Gregory B. Procaccini, Jason Propst, Matthew Rieser, Brett Ryan, Luke Stapleton, James Tams, Scott Toro, John Worman.

### **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/



### PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

God our Father, Thank you for calling Griffen Schlaepfer, Anthony Albanese, Juan Builes, Jacob Sanz, Luke Trombetta, and Pasquelge Don Sandun Tharuka 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

To learn more about our seminarians visit: http://heedthecall.org/poster/

### CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

All are invited - as we sing God's praises and share in His Word and His Love in an intimate community of faith. We meet every Tuesday from 7:00-8:30PM in Room 2F in the Meeting Center. For more information, please contact our spiritual prayer group director, Deacon Bob Skawinski, at rjcs1219@yerizon.net.



Are you or a loved one in need of prayer? Please call our charismatic prayer ministry at 267-357-5008.

We would love to spend time and pray with you.



### St. Ignatius of Antioch Catholic School 995 Reading Avenue Yardley, PA 19067 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.



From the Religious Education Office ---- The PREP Office is open from Sundays through Thursdays. The office number is 215-493-5204, or you can call my cell at 215-370-5701. My email address is aflanagan@stignatius.church. If you need information or want to register your child(ren), please stop in the Religious Education Office, which is in the school building through the blue doors under the canopy. Classes are held on Sunday mornings from 10:35 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. and on Monday

evenings, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

PREP Classes – The next class for the Summer Weeklong Plus Program takes place on Sunday, April 16, 2023, at 10:35 a.m. until 12:25 p.m. The Monthly Sunday classes are NOT OPTIONAL for these students.

Students in grades 8 to 11 are invited to participate in a video and group discussion program, **Decision Point**, on Tuesdays, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

If you are not presently on our PREP email list, and you would like information about Religious Education for any age group, please email Annmarie Flanagan at the address listed above or call 215-493-5204.

INFORMATION ABOUT SACRAMENTS: Bishop Michael Fitzgerald will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for our seventh grade students on Saturday, March 25, at 10:00 a.m.

**First Penance and Reconciliation:** If any student was unable to come to First Penance on March 7, please contact Annmarie to arrange another time for your child to receive the Sacrament.

We will celebrate **First Communion** on Saturday, April 29, at the 9:30 a.m. Mass and at the 12:00 noon Mass. Our **First Communion Retreat Day** is scheduled for Thursday, April 13, from 12:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.



This weekend is the celebration of Laetare Sunday. Do you know what this celebration is about? Laetare means to rejoice and the first known use was around 1870. It is the fourth Sunday in Lent (about half way) and in the Western Christian liturgical calendar is a day of celebration

withing the austere period of Lent. This Sunday gets it name from the first few words of the traditional Latin entrance for the Mass of the day where there are words such as rejoice, exult, sing for joy. Sometimes known as the 'Sunday of the Five Loaves' from the story of the miracle of the loaves and fishes. The priests usually wear 'rose/pink' colored vestments as a change from the 'usual purple/violet' colors. This day is considered a 'day or relaxation' from the rigors of Lenten fasts/abstinence/sacrifice and alms giving. Easter- the RES-URRECTION- is in sight! This day is selected because it is exactly 21 days before Easter. Strictly speaking the Thursday before Laetare Sunday is the middle day of Lent and was at one time observed as such but this celebration of joy is to encourage the faithful in their course through the season of penance so you will notice flowers on the altar, organ music during mass, rose-colored vestments. This Sunday is sometimes referred to as 'refreshment Sunday'. So, refresh, be joyful and continue your Lenten sacrifices because the 'end' celebration is near! If interested in joining our committee or perhaps 'leading' it please contact Les Ruppersberger at lruppersberger@gmail.com or call at 215-680-0141.

St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.



# RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY



"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).

God could have created new human life in any way He desired; His desire was to love us so much that HE bestowed upon us as humans the ability to 'co-create' new life through His Spirit- 'the Lord and Giver of life'-so, 'male and female He created them' so that the 'two become one flesh'. The very first commandment God gave to Adam and Eve was to 'be fruitful and multiply and have dominion...over all other forms of life'... making man and woman the pinnacle of his creations, all created out of love, by love, through love, for love to be in love and as that end result new life comes into being in the presence of the Holy Spirit. We need to 'see' things according to God's plan for salvation; we, like Paul, need to let the 'scales fall from our eyes' to see the meaning and blessing of life more clearly and spread the message far and wide. And, when confronted, we need to defend, explain and profess and pray. We know who wins in the end. We know the ending of the 'book' of the Bible- we know who 'wins' in this spiritual warfare with Satan, who wants to destroy us. We need to rise up and through Michael the Archangel, defeat Satan through Christ, the Sacraments, grace and prayer and our participation in the very Gospel of life!

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

Intercessory Prayer: May all who suffer from the wounds of abortion be filled with the hope that does not disappoint, and be healed by Christ; We pray to the Lord:

Rose of Life Intention: For all who support crisis pregnancy centers.



The Children's Liturgy of the Word ministry is looking for 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.



### Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament Our Greatest Gift

The Adoration Chapel is open. Come, spend quiet time with Our Lord Jesus.

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

Exposition Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 8pm Saturday 10am to 4pm

The Eucharist remains in the chapel tabernacle at all other times.

Please call Marianne (267-346-0152) or Rosemary (267-799-3951) for chapel information.



### PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH FEAST DAY: MARCH 19TH

O St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interest and desires.

O St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

O St. Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him close in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for me. Amen.

#### SAC FOOD COLLECTION



The Social Action Committee thanks our parish for their generous contributions to Mary's Cupboard. Last year, we donated 5,995 pounds of much appreciated food and household items. Right now, they are asking for specific donations of coffee, tea, shelf-stable milk and juice boxes. Collection baskets are located at the church's three main doors. We are grateful for your continued support!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE

# **Knights of Columbus Dinner Dance**

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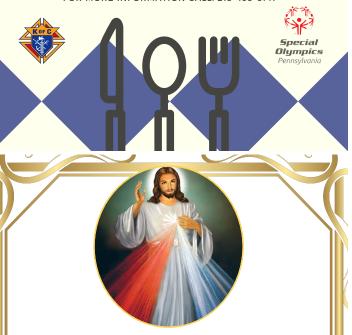
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Divine Mercy Sunday Devotion

Sunday, Apríl 16th 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.

### RCLA - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

# If you might be interested, come in and talk with Annmarie. Anytime is a great time for a new beginning!

This is a program for those who ------are considering becoming a Catholic OR are not sure if they want to be a Catholic but have questions OR

feel as if something is missing in their life OR are not sure if they want to be a Catholic but don't know what questions to ask OR

just want to know what Catholicism is all about OR

have questions but don't want to feel stupid OR have no idea why anyone would want "religion" at all.

Want to take the plunge? Call Annmarie at 215-493-5204 or 215-370-5701.



Presented by the St. Ignatius Social Action Committee

Saturday, April 1st at 3pm St. Ignatius Playground (Rain Date: April 2nd at 3pm)

**SCAN TO RSVP** with family name, number of children attending and ages:

Special Appearance by the Easter Bunny!



Bring your baskets!

Find a GOLDEN EGG, win a prize!

Please help our collection for Mary's Cupboard food pantry by bringing a non-perishable food item to the egg hunt. Urgently needed items include shelf-stable milk (e.g., Parmalat or powdered milk), coffee and juice boxes.



## Knights of Columbus William C. Gibney Memorial Scholarship for High School Education

The Fr. James J. McCafferty Council No.11013 of Yardley, PA and St. Ignatius Parish is pleased to offer the William C. Gibney Memorial Scholarship for students to assist with the cost of high school tuition. Two awards of \$1,000 each will be given in the name of the late William C. Gibney, who was a member of the Fr. James J. McCafferty Council No. 11013 and a 4<sup>th</sup> degree Sir Knight. He was a founding "Charter Member" and Officer of the Council.

William was a man of many deep convictions and exemplified a life of commitment to the Knights of Columbus' ideals of charity, faith, and service to others. He was a World War II U.S. Merchant Marine Officer, crossing the Atlantic several times during war times. He raised ten children as a member of St. Ignatius Parish. This scholarship has been established to honor and continue his legacy.

To qualify for the Scholarship, applicants must be a registered full-time student at a tuition-based high school or vocational school in the fall of 2023. For Scholarship Application and additional information, please go to <a href="mailto:yardleyknights.com">yardleyknights.com</a> Applications must be received by April 15, 2023.



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The youth group is planning a pilgrimage to Franciscan University of Steubenville! The university puts on a youth conference for the Catholic youth that fosters a growing relationship with Jesus Christ! What more could you ask for! Anyone in grades 9-12 are invited both, to this pilgrimage but also to our weekly meetings on Saturdays from 6:30p-8:30p, in the Antioch center! Our weekly meetings involve a game, food and some talk about Jesus and His Church! If you are interested in attending our weekly meetings or in the pilgrimage, please reach out to JD McEwing at: youth@stignatius.church or call: 267-274-0358. Please keep us in your prayers!



#### CONTACT

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