



St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

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The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 9, 2026



Take **courage**, it is I;
do not be afraid.

MATTHEW 14:27

Reading I: 1 Kings 19: 9a, 11-13a

Elijah follows in Moses' footsteps, even to the point of hearing "the still small voice" of God that compels him to hide his face in his mantle.

Reading II: Romans 9: 1-5

Paul pleads innocence of any indifference toward Israel. He even wishes for his own death if that would save Israel. He then lists Israel's covenant blessings.

The Gospel: Matthew 14: 22-33

The Apostles had been fighting the storm all night when Jesus appears walking on the water, and claims to be "I am," the divine name from Exodus. The others in the boat worship Jesus.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday: 5:15PM Vigil Mass

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

Daily, Monday to Friday: 9:00AM

***Special Schedule for Holy Days**

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Sunday - CLOSED

Monday- Thursday 9:00AM—4:00PM

Friday - CLOSED

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	August 8, 2026
5:15PM	Harry and Jenny Bowman (The Andreev Family)
Sunday	August 9, 2026
7:30AM	Parishioners of St. Ignatius
9:30AM	Lauren Nicole Young (The Young Family)
11:30AM	Peter Giovannini (Joanne Russo)
Monday	August 10, 2026
9:00AM	Ronald Gervasio (Carol Gervasio)
Tuesday	August 11, 2026
9:00AM	Anne Rodgers (Debbie and Joe Linde)
Wednesday	August 12, 2026
9:00AM	Kathleen Treanor (Deacon Bob and Connie Skawinski)
Thursday	August 13, 2026
9:00AM	Denise Fulmer (Rosemarie Rahill)
Friday	August 14, 2026
9:00AM	Robert Gervasio (Carol Gervasio)
Saturday	August 15, 2026
5:15PM	Ellen and Frank Lyons (Jim and Barbara Frawley)
Sunday	August 16, 2026
7:30AM	Parishioners of St. Ignatius
9:30AM	Anne L. "Nancy" Catalano (The Amerine and Septer Families)
11:30AM	Deacon Myron Moskowitz (Mary Moskowitz)



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 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 Rom 9:1-5 Mt 14:22-33

Monday 2 Cor 9:6-10 Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday Ez 2:8—3:4 Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22 Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 18:15-20

Thursday Ez 12:1-12 Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62 Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63 Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Mt 19:3-12

Saturday Vigil 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2 Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 1 Cor 15:54b-57 Lk 11:27-28

Saturday Day Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 1 Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56

Sunday Is 56:1, 6-7 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 Mt 15:21-28

Fiscal Corner

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Weekly Collection

Counting our Blessings	8/3/25	Env	8/2/26	Env
Sunday Offering	\$11,067.00	206	\$11,295.00	206
Online Parish Giving	\$12,364.60	235	\$10,954.24	231
Total Weekly Contribution	\$23,431.60	441	\$22,249.24	437

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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 Yambao, Kim and Loughery families who have recently joined 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 Owen Neacsu and Caden Brand 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 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.

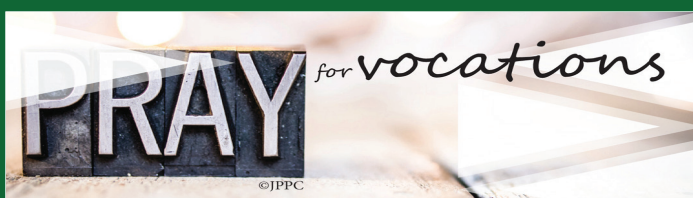
Pray For The Sick



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

Jeff Bacon, Joe Bednarski, John Bednarski, Ruthann Carroll, Patricia Catalano Lynda Collins, Jake Falkenstein, Shannon Friel, Joe Foley, Jim Gannon, 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, Maria Scotti, Vincent Yorkus, and all the residents of Sunrise, Artis, and Floral Creek.

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.



“Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.” (Matthew 14:27)

In the midst of uncertainty and challenge, Jesus calls us to trust in His presence.

Vocations invite us to step out in faith, whether to priesthood, consecrated life, or sacramental marriage, placing our lives in His hands and allowing Him to guide us. How is He calling you? Reach out 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 JD McEwing, Juan Builes, Matthew Pace, Jacob Sanz, Jonathan Amgott, Pasquelge Don Sandun Tharuka, Camilo Abedrop-Escobosa and Alexander Cunningham 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 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 of Antioch Catholic School
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Mrs. Elisa Michel, Principal
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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.



St. Ignatius of Antioch PREP Program
215-493-5204
Connie Liebreich
Director of Religious Education
connie@stignatius.church

We are still in need of a few more volunteers in our Religious Ed program starting on September 13th. You do not need to have a child or grandchild in the program to volunteer! No prior experience is necessary. This is a wonderful opportunity to deepen your own faith and increase your joy as you share your faith with others.

Here are our needs:

Kindergarten PREP Teacher on Sundays
(10:30-11:45)

Aides to assist teachers on Sundays
(10:30-11:45)

To find out more information about volunteering as an aide, please contact Connie Liebreich at 215-493-5204 or email Connie@StIgnatius.church.

In addition, we are continuing to use Parish Giving's online registration for our Sunday weekly and Monday weekly PREP classes. Look for the link to register on the parish Web-site under PREP and register for classes by August 15th.

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 Catholics who want to deepen their faith and learn more about the Church.

You
ARE WELCOME!

Join us beginning
September 16, 2026
 at 7:00 PM
 Antioch Center
 (door next to the chapel)

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OCIA is a step-by-step journey of faith, understanding, and transformation. You will be accompanied, supported, and welcomed every step of the way.

COME. ASK. SEEK. GROW.



Scan to learn more and register today!



We walk together.

CHRIST LEADS.
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GROTTO BRICKS

One way to remember our departed friends and relatives may be to dedicate a visible monument to their memory. We are currently taking orders for personally inscribed bricks that will be permanently installed on the walkway to the parish grotto. The donation is \$100 per brick with personal messages allowed up to 15 letters on each of three lines. Please contact the rectory for more details.



Caring for Friends™

Caring for Friends provides free meals and friendly visits to assist the homebound and homeless in the greater Philadelphia region. Again, last month we made approximately 1,000 meals! Every one of our freezers is full of food! 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 August 13th 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 8/13!

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



Faith Formation

This past week we celebrated several very important saints, not that all who have achieved their heavenly glory are not important examples to us. First was St. Dominic on 8/8, the saint to whom our Blessed mother gave the rosary, one of the most important weapons in our spiritual warfare leading to the title for Mary of Our Lady of the Rosary, and he was the founder of the Dominicans. St. Dominic is the patron saint of astronomers and natural scientists. The Dominicans are known as the Order of Preachers. Next, we had St. Clare, Virgin, true friend and confidant of St. Francis of Assisi and foundress of the Poor Clare's cloister order of nuns. St. Clare was declared the Patron Saint of television in 1958 by Pope Pius XII, because when St. Clare was very ill and could not attend Mass but was reportedly able to see and hear it on the wall in her room! Finally, we had St. Laurence, Deacon, and Martyr. St. Laurence was one of the 7 Deacons of Rome under Pope Sixtus II who were martyred in the persecution of Christians by the Roman emperor Valerian. He was the first among Deacons who served in the cathedral church. After the execution of Pope Sixtus, Laurence (also Lawrence) was ordered to turn over the riches of the Church to the Roman emperor; he requested 3 days to gather the riches during which time he distributed them all to the indigent, crippled, blind and suffering and on the third day declared 'here are the treasures of the Church, you see, the Church is truly rich, far richer than your emperor'. He was then executed.

St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.



“Although we may feel unsure how best to comfort those who mourn, we must stand with them in their time of suffering. Miscarriage touches the lives of many people, yet all too often this tragedy remains unaddressed. This lack of response not only often leads to unresolved grief but also fails to clearly manifest our belief that each person, from conception onward, is precious and unique.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities.

As noted last week, all human life comes through mothers, whether intended or not. Many of these new lives are “lost” through miscarriage/ectopic/intrauterine fetal demise, and, yet, they ALL have immortal souls. Whether you believe these lost children go to heaven, they are without intentional sin and they will be resurrected again at the Second Coming. While they “may not” be in their embryonic/fetal stages, they will be reunited with all called to their heavenly reward, especially their parents! So, these losses need to be mourned as the loss of any life of family or friends in their child or adult times of death! Since a “general theme” in our current culture of death has thought of these children as nothing more than a “clump of cells”, there is not a recognized need for grief and loss recovery by parents. These lost children are genetic manifestations of their parents and as previously noted, their cells remain within the blood streams of their biologic mothers for many years, if not forever!

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

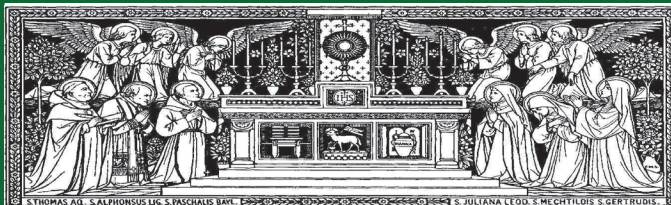
Intercessory Prayer: For those grieving after a miscarriage: May they be comforted by God's everlasting love and his presence amidst their sorrow; let us pray to the Lord:

Rose of Life Prayer: For all parents who have lost children, may they look to Blessed Mary for aid in grief.



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 thomas-fkearney@verizon.net. We need committee members for golf, picnic, and other events. Membership is open to all Catholic men over 18 in the parish. We have several committees in need of new members and assistance. Join us at our meeting August 27. Our annual picnic is next Sunday August 16 on the parish grounds; installation of our new officers will be at the start around 1 PM.



August 9th, 19th Sunday Tempus Per Annum **When is the Liturgy celebrated?**

The Liturgy is celebrated within liturgical time. The liturgical calendar orders our worship to commemorate and be brought into the events of Christ's life throughout the year. The year begins with Advent and ends with the Solemnity of Christ the King. The "Solemnities of Solemnities" is Easter, the "Great Sunday," centers our Liturgical calendar. This prominence in our calendar and the fact that we celebrate the same saving event every Sunday, calls forth the necessity to enter into the Resurrection of Our Lord. Everytime we celebrate Advent, waiting in hopeful expectation for the Lord; Christmas, celebrating his coming in the flesh as an infant; Lent, preparing ourselves for such great Easter Joy; Easter, celebrating Christ's victory over death; Pentecost, celebrating the birth of the Church, we celebrate anew the saving mysteries of our Faith. This ordering of the times and seasons to celebrate the life of Christ, year in and year out, brings us into that very life and the very Paschal Mystery itself.



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DONATIONS NEEDED

On behalf of Mary's Cupboard and Catholic Social Services in Levittown, the Social Action Committee thanks our generous parishioners for their continued support of those in need. This amazing organization serves the underprivileged of Lower Bucks County, providing much needed food and necessities. While all donations of non-perishables are always appreciated, the Cupboard is currently in need of shampoo, dish soap, condiments, instant mashed potatoes and coffee. If you feel called to give, collection baskets can be found at the 3 main entrances.



ST. IGNATIUS CROSS COUNTRY

The St. Ignatius Cross Country team will begin practices for the season starting the week of August 17th. To obtain a registration form and additional information on the team please reach out to Vince Twomey at vtwomey64@gmail.com. All K-8 parish member students with birth dates falling between September 1, 2011 through December 31, 2020 are eligible to compete.



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. Floor (Reading Ave. side) on Wednesday evenings from 6-7PM.

Servants of Mary will be leading the prayer of the Holy Rosary in the grotto at 7pm every evening in September (except during inclement weather).

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/>



Dear Saint Ignatius friends,

I am extraordinarily grateful for you all in making my ordination weekend so special! Your presence, prayers and friendship these past nine years have meant so much to me, as well as your generosity toward me on the occasion of my priestly ordination and first Mass at our parish. It has been a real blessing to have you all in my life during my formation for the priesthood, and I look forward to making more memories in the future. I'm now assigned just a few parishes away at St. Ephrem's in Bensalem, so you will still be seeing me around from time to time. You are all in my prayers!

**Yours in Christ,
Rev. Griffen Schlaepfer**