



St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

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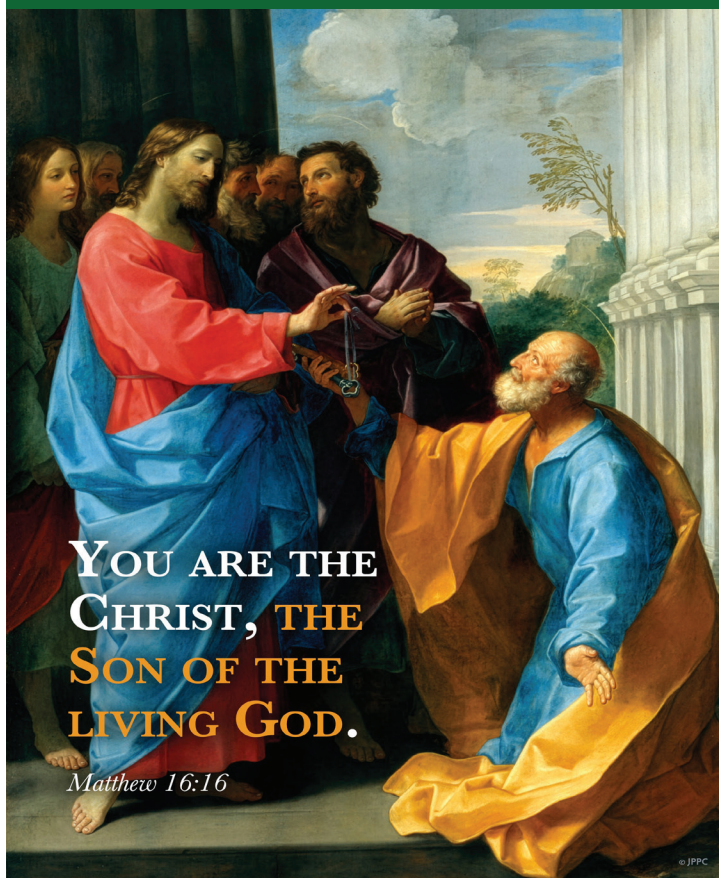
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The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time August 23, 2026



The WORD of GOD

Reading I: Isaiah 22: 19-23

Eliakim is to be given all power and authority directly under the Davidic king so as to rule authentically and for his allotted time to hold the position.

Reading II: Romans 11: 33-36

Paul extols the infinite wisdom of God, beyond our comprehension. He practically gasps at the unsearchable plan of God to save the world in Christ Jesus.

The Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-20

In the pagan city built by Herod's son Philip, Jesus "polls" His Apostles about His identity. Peter proclaims Him as Head and spokesman of the Church. Peter receives "the keys," symbolizing his teaching authority. This will pass on to all his successors as well.

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 22, 2026
5:15PM	Dan McGovern (Loretta and Buill Amerine)
Sunday	August 23, 2026
7:30AM	Ronald Wolverton (Linda Chamberlain)
9:30AM	Jack Chamberlain (Glenn Chamberlain)
11:30AM	Parishioners of St. Ignatius
Monday	August 24, 2026
9:00AM	Paul and Samia Jordens (Najat and Emil Abinader)
Tuesday	August 25, 2026
9:00AM	Bernard Matulis (Carolyn McGovern)
Wednesday	August 26, 2026
9:00AM	Kathryn Balabio (Deacon Bob and Connie Skawinski)
Thursday	August 27, 2026
9:00AM	Walter Kloc / living (Loving wife)
Friday	August 28, 2026
9:00AM	Patricia Ann Trigg (The Trigg Family)
Saturday	August 29, 2026
5:15PM	Parishioners of St. Ignatius
Sunday	August 30, 2026
7:30AM	Frances Petruzzelli (Christina Mahan)
9:30AM	Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus
11:30AM	Genevieve Marvuglio (Joe and Sue Bednarski)



Church Sanctuary Candle

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



DAILY MASS TIME CHANGE TO 7AM

The roof replacement project will begin on August 31st. Because of the construction, we will be moving our 9am Daily Mass beginning August 31st to 7am for the duration of the project which will last approximately 3 months. Mass will still be celebrated in the church. Parking will be unavailable on the side lot, and will only be available directly behind the church. If you have any questions, please contact the rectory.

Fiscal Corner

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eMAIL: info@parishgiving.org

WEB: www.parishgiving.org

Weekly Collection

Counting our Blessings	8/17/25	Env	8/16/26	Env
Sunday Offering	\$13,879.00	215	\$10,756.00	183
Online Parish Giving	\$12,144.97	233	\$11,963.94	245
Total Weekly Contribution	\$26,023.97	448	\$22,719.94	428

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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.

We congratulate Grace Jenkins and Colin Slattery 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 John Murray, Vincent Piselli, 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, 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, Joanne Russo, Maria Scotti, Patricia Yorkus, 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.



CAMPAIGN UPDATE

*Psalm 100:5 "For the Lord is good; His kindness endures forever,
and His faithfulness to all generations."*

Church Roof Replacement Project

Thank you for your support of our campaign! To date, we have received very generous donations totaling over \$3.1 million towards pledges of \$5.1 million.

Your early support has afforded us the ability to start the church roof replacement. As you have seen, our six-decade old steeple has already been fully restored and looks beautiful.

We will soon begin the next phases of our roof replacement: power wash the exterior stone and brick; remove and properly dispose of the existing asbestos shingles; install a temporary moisture barrier; and construct a new roof system to include a raised roof structure encasing R30+ insulation, a permanent moisture barrier, DaVinci composite slate shingles, as well as rain gutters and downspouts.

Structural braces will be installed inside the church to reinforce the connections between the arches and the purlins (the cross beams in the ceiling). This will assure that the new roof system meets modern snow load structural requirements.

This is a very complicated project. It has involved in-depth discussions and planning with architects, structural engineers, roofers, carpenters, construction managers, roofing and structural materials companies, and other experts. We thank our parish volunteers on our Building Advisory Committee for all their thorough and thoughtful support during this process.

The final design improves the structure of the roof system, adds insulation for comfort and energy efficiency, and includes modern composite slates that are beautiful and very durable. Importantly, it addresses our desire to preserve the interior ceiling of the church.

We will make every effort to disrupt normal parish and school activities as little as possible. However, a project as complicated as this will create disruption. We appreciate your understanding and support over the next several months as construction equipment and supplies are taking up space in our parking lots. Our highest priority will be the safety of our parish community and the contractors in, on, and around our church.

This is an exciting time for our parish. This project provides a firm foundation for our efforts to ensure that we continue to celebrate Mass here and educate our children in our school for generations. Your generosity truly empowers our mission and contributes to a promising future for our entire community.

There is a table display in the church auditorium complete with further explanations and a roofing sample.

Saint Joseph the Worker, pray for our contractors as they help to restore our parish home.

Readings for the Week

Sunday Is 22:19-23 Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 Rom 11:33-36 Mt 16:13-20

Monday Rev 21:9b-14 Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17 Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18 Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 Mt 23:27-32

Thursday 1 Cor 1:1-9 Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mt 24:42-51

Friday 1 Cor 1:17-25 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 Mt 25:1-13

Saturday 1 Cor 1:26-31 Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21 Mk 6:17-29

Sunday Jer 20:7-9 Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 Rom 12:1-2 Mt 16:21-27



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.

A JOURNEY OF FAITH.
A LIFETIME OF GRACE.

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faith and learn what
the Church believes
and teaches.



WANT TO JOIN
Desire to become
a Catholic and
receive the Sacraments
of Initiation.



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Already baptized in
another Christian
tradition and wish to
become Catholic.



WANT TO GROW
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)

INTERESTED?

Let's talk!
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Parish Picnic & CELEBRATION

Honoring the

25th ANNIVERSARY

of **ORDINATION**

**REV. ANDREW C.
BROWNHOLTZ**



Please join us as we celebrate and give thanks to God for **25 years** of faithful priestly service by Rev. Andrew C. Brownholtz.

**SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 19, 2026**

4:00 PM MASS
followed by a
PARISH PICNIC

Enjoy an afternoon of:



FOOD



FELLOWSHIP



**GRATITUDE AND
CELEBRATION**

Please RSVP by
calling the Rectory
or scanning the
QR code by
SEPTEMBER 12TH





Faith Formation

This past week we celebrated the feast of Our Lady, Mother and Queen and all of us show know a lot about Mary and who she is and what she did. We also celebrated the feast of St. Rose of Lima who is known for her piety and chastity. She was born in Lima, Peru and although her birth name was Isabel, she was so beautiful that she was nicknamed 'Rose' because of her beauty! Since she wished to be a nun and yet was attractive to many suitors, she marred her face by rubbing it with pepper to make it blister and cropped her hair short. She is patroness of embroiderers, gardeners, florists, and those who suffer ridicule for their piety and people who suffer family problems. Next, we celebrated St. Bartholomew who was one of the twelve apostles of Jesus according to the New Testament. Most scholars identify him as Nathanael who appears in the Gospel of John. He preached in India and Greater Armenia where he was flayed and beheaded. He also preached in Mesopotamia, Persia, and Egypt. When one ponders the times that he lived, modes of transportation and how long it may take to get from one place to another, it is a wonder how these saints 'got around' to preach the Gospel to every nation! Do we spread the Gospel? At least to our family members, friends, and co-workers? If not, why not?

St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.



Our Seniors Ministry is getting together for lunch at JB Dawson's located in the Flowers Mill Shopping Ctr in Langhorne.

When: Thursday, Aug. 27th at 12 Noon.

Please join us for a fun afternoon!

RSVP to maryrosemoskowitz@gmail.com



"Death is a decisive moment in the human person's encounter with God the Savior. Helping the Christian to experience this moment with spiritual assistance is a supreme act of charity. It encompasses the patient with the solid support of human relationships to accompany them and open them to hope... While palliative care cannot entirely eradicate suffering from people's lives, it provides an authentic expression of human and Christian care—allowing us to 'remain' at the side of a suffering person, as the Blessed Mother and the beloved disciple remained at the foot of the Cross." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities. "Memento Mori" is a Latin phrase that literally translates to "remember that you must die". It is the ONLY way to Heaven and as we are told in the Bible... "the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23) and we ALL sin!, so we ALL will die, regardless, and while sad and associated with grief and loss we as a culture need to allow more discussion about death and dying and as Christians need to learn how to accompany those who are close to death as a corporal work of mercy! But, to do this accompaniment we ourselves cannot fear death but see it as a "doorway" to Heaven and make certain we pray for those about to leave this life and make certain they receive the Sacrament of the Sick and an Apostolic Blessing (plenary indulgence remitting all temporal punishment due to sin... i.e. NO purgatory time.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

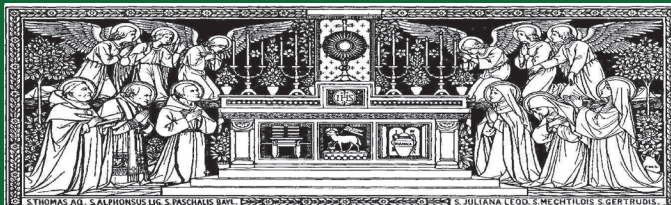
Intercessory Prayer: For the sick, suffering, and those near death: May they receive adequate care which embraces their physical, psychological, and spiritual needs as they journey toward eternal life; let us pray to the Lord:

Rose of Life Prayer: For all those nearing death, that they may be given to grace to "finish the race"



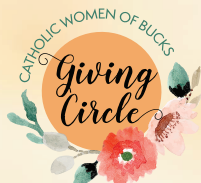
**Fr. James J. McCafferty
Council #11013**

Fr. James J. McCafferty Council #11013 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. We will resume our COR programs in the Fall along with our weekly Bible studies on Wednesday evenings starting Sept. 9. If you know anyone who wishes to join the Catholic faith, the parish OCIA program begins 9/16... see bulletin for details.



**August 23rd, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
The Sacraments**

Beginning with a general overview, the next seven articles will be on the seven Sacraments and the liturgical celebrations. The Catechism of the Council of Trent defines a sacrament as follows: "Sacraments are outward signs of inward grace, instituted by Christ for our sanctification." The sacraments find their form or "outward signs" in the liturgy. For example: the pouring of water over a person's head and speaking the baptismal formula, truly baptizes someone into the Mystical Body of Christ. These sign of water indicate a hidden reality of Christ's grace. How do we know that the sacraments are instituted by Christ himself? We can know this from Sacred Scripture and the Tradition of the Church. The Sacraments are important because they give us the grace to live out our baptismal call to holiness. They are gifts from Christ, to us His beloved children, to have friendship and eternal life with Him!



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:

Tuesday October 6th at 7 p.m.
Maria Hall, Villa Joseph Marie High School
1180 Holland Road, Churchville, PA

Our featured speaker is from Every Good Gift, a charity working to help single mothers in the Philadelphia region by nurturing healthy job, life and relationship skills

<https://www.everygoodgift.org>

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



**National Day of Remembrance
of Aborted Children**

Saturday - September 12, 2026 - 10:00 am

Our Lady of Grace Cemetery

(North Side of Cemetery - Near Statue of Our Lady)

Presented by Servants of Mary at St. Ignatius & the
Fr. James McCafferty Council 11013, Knights of Columbus

From Their Hearts To Ours!
FIRST FRIDAY & FIRST SATURDAY
DEVOTIONS

St. Ignatius of Antioch Church- Yardley, PA



First Friday

Fri., Sept. 4 @7PM

Devotion History
First Friday Prayers
Communion Service

First Saturday

Sat., Sept. 5

Confession @ 4 PM
Devotion History, Prayers &
Meditation @ 4:15 PM
Rosary @ 4:40 PM
Mass @ 5:15

Silver Rose Prayer Service

St. Ignatius Church - Friday, September 11th
7:00 pm



Everyone is invited to attend the Silver Rose prayer service, centered around the rosary, which honors Our Lady of Guadalupe and the sanctity of human life. The Silver Rose is a traveling sacramental. It is a Knights of Columbus sponsored endeavor demonstrating unity among knights from Canada, the USA, and Mexico. The concept is derived from Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses.

Pray for vocations with
Archbishop Pérez and the
Archdiocese of Philadelphia

STARTING MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2026

Called by Name is a 7-day challenge that invites us into the real stories of people who are pursued by God in their brokenness and called to a unique path to holiness. Through these stories, we are shown the beauty and cost of every vocation.

Each day presents a specific vocation — priesthood, religious life, marriage, diaconate, consecrated single life — not as an abstract idea, but a lived reality with real cost, surrender, and real blessings.

Archbishop Pérez will lead us through these meditations each day. On the last day, he will share his own vocation story, inviting us to consider the impact of our words, prayers, and example on the direction of others' lives.

Pray with us on the Hallow app starting on
Monday, August 31, 2026



The Catholic Church
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Hallow

Don't have Hallow yet?

Download the **Hallow App**

Create an account or login

Find **Called by Name** on your home screen or by search starting August 31

BONUS: Join your parish page on the Hallow app! Search for your parish in the "Church" tab to access prayers for those with a Hallow Partnership.



Pray with the **Archdiocese of Philadelphia** on Hallow today!