



St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

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The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 26, 2026

The kingdom of heaven is like
a **treasure** buried in a field.

Matthew 13:44



Reading I: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

God comes to Solomon in a dream, as He has done for others. Solomon asks the Lord for “an understanding heart,” unlike others who ask for things like long life or wealth. God admires this and so he grants Solomon’s request.

Reading II: Romans 8: 28-30

The predestined are those who are selected by divine adoption. Man is free to reject this choice. But no one is ever predestined for damnation.

The Gospel: Matthew 13: 44-52, or 13: 44-46

Two parables stress the inestimable value of the kingdom of God and therefore surrender to its demands is true wisdom.

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 5:15PM	July 25, 2026 Stephen Ehret (Jane Ehret)
Sunday 7:30AM 9:30AM 11:30AM	July 26, 2026 Parishioners of St. Ignatius Repose of the Souls of Knights of Columbus Members Sondra Miller / living Sue Ann Cook
Monday 9:00AM	July 27, 2026 Joyce Bradley / living and John and Anna Porawski (Joe and Sue Bednarski and Linda Chamberlain)
Tuesday 9:00AM	July 28, 2026 Dorothy and Frank Young (The Young Family)
Wednesday 9:00AM	July 29, 2026 Joan Roberts (Deacon Bob and Connie Skawinski)
Thursday 9:00AM	July 30, 2026 Patricia Ann Trigg (Robert H. Trigg)
Friday 9:00AM	July 31, 2026 John-Warrio Jimenez (The Young Family)
Saturday 5:15PM	August 1, 2026 Dolores Dillon (Joe and Dottie Shennard)
Sunday 7:30AM 9:30AM 11:30AM	August 2, 2026 Parishioners of St. Ignatius Dan McGovern (The Septer Family) Kenneth R. Laker (Mary Ellen Laker)



Church Sanctuary Candle

The church sanctuary candle burns this week to the glory of Almighty God, and for Frank DeFelice requested by Debbie and John McConnell.



Sunday 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 Rom 8:28-30 Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Monday Jer 13:1-11 Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday Jer 14:17-22 Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday Jer 15:10, 16-21 Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18 Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday Jer 18:1-6 Ps 146:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6ab Mt 13:47-53

Friday Jer 26:1-9 Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14 Mt 13:54-58

Saturday Jer 26:11-16, 24 Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34 Mt 14:1-12

Sunday Is 55:1-3 Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18 Rom 8:35, 37-39 Mt 14:13-21

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Weekly Collection

Counting our Blessings	7/20/25	Env	7/19/26	Env
Sunday Offering	\$10,383.00	192	\$9,150.00	195
Online Parish Giving	\$11,712.32	227	\$12,276.58	244
Total Weekly Contribution	\$22,095.32	419	\$21,426.58	439

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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 Zsenak, Venezia, and Brand/Campigli 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 Connor Devine who was 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, Ruthann Carroll, Lynda Collins, Shannon Friel, Joe Foley, Jim Gannon, Sandy Johnson, Abelardo Leonardo, Domenic Licastro, Diane Mangini, Susan Mockenhaupt, Betty-Jo Prince, Joe Robinson, Angie Rodak, Gabe Rosales, Jean Rosales, and all the residents of 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.



“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field.” (Matthew 13:44)

Discernment is the process of discovering the treasure God has placed in your life, your unique calling and purpose. It requires prayer, reflection, and openness to God’s guidance, helping you recognize where He is leading you, whether to priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony. Take time to seek His wisdom, trusting that the joy of finding His treasure is worth every effort. If you feel a stirring desire to follow God’s path, 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 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
emichel@sishool.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@sishool.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 aides in our Religious Ed program. Our aides assist our PREP teachers in the classroom. They often take attendance, help with crafts, etc. No prior experience is necessary. Volunteering is a wonderful opportunity to deepen your own faith and increase your joy as you share your faith with others. You do not need to have a child or grandchild in the program to volunteer! 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 Website under PREP and register soon! Registration for our Summer PLUS PREP program has now been closed.

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ARE BAPTIZED

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!

215-493-3377

ocia@siparish.org



CHRIST LEADS.
 HOPE AWAITS.



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.



The Social Action Committee is hosting our 2026 *Tools for School Drive* from July 17 to Aug 3rd.

Please help us by donating:

New sturdy backpacks 17" or larger

New clothing, for children in K-12

We are accepting socks, underwear, t-shirts, sweatpants/joggers and sweatshirts/hoodies for school children. Adult sizes for the high schoolers.

All items must be new. Collection bins will be at all entrances.

Please reach out to Rebecca at RTN9800@gmail.com with questions.



SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE
St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish, Yardley PA



Faith Formation

We have been blessed with many liturgical celebrations this month of July. We also celebrate many ministries here at St. Ignatius and aside from the obvious Mass and Sacraments, our Adoration chapel, which has been continuously open for over 30 years notwithstanding a few closures for weather/repairs to the chapel, and a pandemic which was the last time we had full coverage... we are now attempting to recover our 24-hour/7 day a week coverage. We have a desperate need to realize how much we need to have God in our lives. He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through Jesus. Our country has removed prayer from schools; we have removed religious statues/articles from the public square; we have removed prayer before sporting events; we have removed God from just about everything while discussing removing Him from the pledge of allegiance and money. It is not God who left us; it is we who left God and, in His absence, the father of lies-Satan- and his minions will swarm in and lead us into temptation. Without grace, we will not and cannot resist. Make no mistake, we are in a spiritual combat for our own souls and those of our spouses and children. There are 168 hours per week, can you not think of spending at least ONE hour with Jesus in adoration? If not, create a small group to rotate perhaps once a month! It can make all the difference... sort of like choosing the 'road less traveled' as Frost the poet refers. Educate and fortify yourselves by attending our programs. Invite a friend.

St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.



“Assisted suicide proponents are pursuing an aggressive nationwide campaign to advance their agenda through legislation, ballot measures, litigation, and public advertising, targeting states they see as most susceptible to their message. Some polls indicate that the public is receptive to the general concept of assisted suicide. But the same polls show that when the public learns about the dangers of assisted suicide, especially for those who are poor, elderly, disabled, or without access to good medical care, their views shift against the practice.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

Formerly known as euthanasia or mercy killing, the newly adopted term is Medical Assistance In Dying or MAID. We can see with this change in terms that Satan, the father of lies, uses common every day language to tempt us and lie to us to get us to fall. Think of how the general public considers the employment of “maids”, to serve us, to clean up, to help “order” our lives. Then think of how some approach those suffering from whatever illness or reason in that they wish to “end” their situation by assisting them to die. Then consider what the legal term of “accessory to murder” means. Of course, there is ongoing debate about what constitutes “brain death” even among most expert ethicists and physicians... those directly or indirectly involved in making such decisions. Again, there is an acute need to recognize the dignity of the person, every person regardless of circumstance or situation and realize that God HAS a plan and if He allows someone to linger in their suffering, it may be for some reason unknown to us, perhaps a “purgatory” on earth; perhaps to allow corporal works of mercy; perhaps for the performance of some miracle in an unexpected recovery; perhaps for estranged family members to come back together? The reasons can be many. We all need to pray and discern and seek God’s will in all life situations, no matter how difficult.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

Intercessory Prayer: For all those nearing death: That their faith will grow ever stronger, as they prepare in hope to share eternal life with Christ; let us pray to the Lord:

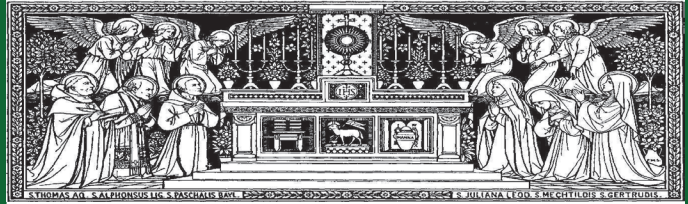
Rose of Life Prayer: For all those in hospice and near death that they be allowed to die naturally and peacefully.



*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 Tom Kearney at thomasfkearney@verizon.net. We will resume our COR programs in the Fall along with our weekly Bible studies on Wednesday evenings.

If you know anyone who wishes to join the Catholic faith, the parish OCIA program begins 9/09... see page 6 for details.



July 26th, 17th Sunday Tempus Per Annum

Who Celebrates the Liturgy?

“It is the whole community, the Body of Christ united with its Head, that celebrates” (CCC 1140). This passage from the Catechism reminds us that the Liturgy is not a private function but rather a celebration of the whole Church! The priest leading the congregation in the celebration of the sacraments is a sign of the headship of Christ, but also the office of bishop. The bishop, as the ordinary of his diocese, is the head of his flock. The priests of the diocese are united to him, their shepherd, and they receive their mission from him. We, the faithful, participate in this celebration united to Christ the Head, manifested in the ordained ministers of the Church.



We  love
having you as part of our Flock

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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.

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/>

ST. IGNATIUS CYO SOCCER FALL 2026

CRUSADER KICKERS

PEEWEE (CO-ED): PREK & K*
MINI KICKERS (CO-ED) : 1ST & 2ND GRADE*

*CLINIC STYLE TRAINING ON CAMPUS AT ST. IGNATIUS EIGHT (8) SATURDAY MORNINGS SEPT. & OCTOBER

NOVICE (BOYS, GIRLS): 3RD & 4TH GRADE**
JUNIOR VARSITY (BOYS, GIRLS): 5TH & 6TH GRADE**
VARSITY (BOYS, GIRLS): 7TH & 8TH GRADE**

**8V8 GAMES AGAINST OTHER PARISHES REGISTER BY AUGUST 9TH

Registration open to active registered St. Ignatius parishioners/students.

REGISTER TODAY!

Visit St. Ignatius CYO website for details:
<https://stignatiuscyo.sportngin.com/>

Contact Bryant Hosler for more information.
Email bryant.hosler@gmail.com or text 717-341-3055.