

*The Roman Catholic Church of
Saint Ignatius of Antioch*

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Rev. Joseph A. Pellegrino, Pastor
715 East Orange Street
Tarpon Springs, Florida 34689

Mass Schedule:

Saturday.....4:00 and 6:30 p.m.
(Fulfills Sunday Obligation)
Sunday ...7:30, 9:00, 11:30 a.m.
and 6:00 p.m. Life Teen
Daily.....6:45 a.m., 7:30 a.m. & 9 a.m.

Schedule of Confessions:

Saturday.....3:00 - 3:45 p.m.
and after 6:30 p.m. Mass

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Miraculous Medal Devotion:

Before 9 a.m. Mass each Wednesday

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Thursdays after 9 a.m. Mass until 10:15 a.m.
First Friday of Month 9:30 a.m. until 9 p.m.

Baptism: Please call the Parish Office

Marriage:

Call Parish at least 6 months in advance.

Holy Orders:

Please call Rev. Carl Melchior at 345-3338

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 21

4:00 p.m. + John & Verna Yankauskas
6:30 p.m. + Brian Penney

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22

7:30 a.m. + Maria Ramirez
9:00 a.m. For the People of Our Parish
11:30 a.m. Special Intentions of the
Hatch Family
6:00 p.m. + Frank Orlick

MONDAY FEBRUARY 23

6:45 a.m. + Deceased Members of
The Naumenko Family
7:30 a.m. Jack Neneman
9:00 a.m. + Joseph A. D'Ippolito

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 24

6:45 a.m. + Msgr. Anthony Jaworowski
7:30 a.m. + William M. Konomos
9:00 a.m. + Mark Dillon
10:30 a.m. + Mary Shea

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 25

6:45 a.m. Vocations to the Priesthood
& Religious Life
7:30 a.m. + Fr. Francis Carroll
9:00 a.m. Special Intentions of
Stacey Paskert

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 26

6:45 a.m. + Alyce Falduto
7:30 a.m. + Stanley & Evelyn
Skobodzinski
9:00 a.m. + Paul Hammerl

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 27

6:45 a.m. + Angelina Gagliardi
7:30 a.m. + Edward Traylor
9:00 a.m. Special Intentions of
Brian Paskert

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 28

9:00 a.m. + Lawrence O'Neill

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 1, 2015

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 28

4:00 p.m. + Norman Perrault
6:30 p.m. + Marie Siergiej

SUNDAY MARCH 1

7:30 a.m. + Joseph Zuccarelli
9:00 a.m. For the People of Our Parish
11:30 a.m. + Anthony Nunziata and
Andrew Golji
6:00 p.m. + Leonarda Sluzynska

Lord, grant eternal rest to the souls of
our dearly departed, especially for

**LINDA MUNNO &
WILLIAM CORDRAY, III**

For those we hold in our hearts
who have died, may they rest
in the arms of God.

The Weeping Jesus

The grave purple colors, the ashes and sticks, the lack of flowers, crosses everywhere, all remind us that this week we begin Lent.

"Here we go, again," we might think. "No, not already," we might protest. Maybe we'll look into our religious storeroom and cart out some of practices we've stored since last Spring. Let's see, "Oh yeah, I gave up.....last year. That worked. Hmm, I also gave up alligator nuggets. Not a whole lot of desire for those anyway. Hmm, I made extra time for some spiritual reading, that was good. I made a contribution to Catholic Relief Services. That worked." And so, we pull out of the closet well worn items to enter the season properly.

I guess that is all good, even if it is boring. Maybe, though, we can find a way to make this Lent special.

The Gospel for today is very simple. Instead of elaborating on the temptations of the Lord, Mark just briefly says that Jesus went into the desert for forty days, fought off temptation, was administered to by angels and then returned and went to battle. He proclaimed the Kingdom of God.

Instead of complicating our lives this Lent, may I suggest that we picture a simple image and let that image motivate our lives. I have an image that I'm borrowing from Msgr Bill Bausch, an image that we could keep before us throughout Lent.

The image is Jesus crying.

Let's begin with one of Fr. Bausch's stories. The story is about a father, Walter, and his little fireball of a son, Matthew. Matthew would just go into action without thinking about what he was doing or the consequences of his actions. If he set his mind to something, it was done even if he might have to pay dearly for it later.

Now, it seems that when Matthew was about ten, he lived for comic books. He'd beg his parents for a comic book every time they were in a store, and would read it over and over again. Sometimes, his parents said that they didn't think he needed any more comics. That's when he began to steal them. One day his father, Walter, went into Matthew's room and found him with a big stack of comic books. "Where did you get these?" his father asked, knowing that Matthew couldn't have the money for them. "I borrowed them from the library at school," Matthew said. "You mean, you stole them," his father replied. A call went to the school with great apologies from Walter, and then Matthew was marched down there to return the books, apologize and do whatever chores the librarian had in mind.

The next summer while on vacation in a little village in Vermont, Walter saw his son with another stack of comic books. "Where did you get these?" he asked. "From the corner store when the owner wasn't looking," Matthew answered. At least the kid was honest. Money for the comics was given to the store owner and the rest of Matthew's summer was spent working for his father and mother, instead of fishing and playing with the other children. Walter also took the comics and burned them in front of Matthew one by one. As each one burned he had Matthew repeat after him, "Thou shall not steal." He told him, "Matthew, if you ever do this again, I am going to have no choice but to spank you."

It didn't deter the imp. A few months later, Matthew stole more comic books. This time, his father told him he had a spanking coming. So he went into Matthew's room, put him over his knee and gave him five swats on the behind. When he finished, he could see that the boy wanted to cry, but was doing his best to hold it in. He didn't want to cry in front of his dad. So his father said, "Matthew, I'm going to leave you alone for a little while, but then I'll come back in a few minutes." As soon as he closed the door behind him, Walter was overcome with fear and sorrow for his son. What will this boy become? How had he gone wrong as a father? And then Walter himself began to cry. He cried very hard. After a while, he washed his face and went back to talk to his son.

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Many, many years later, Walter passed away. Matthew, a grown man, was driving his Mom home from the funeral parlor and reminiscing about his Dad. Matthew brought up his stealing comic books. "You know, Mom, after Dad spanked me, I never stole anything again." "I guess you were afraid he'd give you a worse spanking," his mother said. "Oh no, Mom. I never stole again because when Dad stepped out of my room, I could hear him crying."

The tears shed in love and pain changed Matthew's life.

And Jesus cried for us.

We find several instances of Jesus crying in the Gospels. Jesus looked at the city of Jerusalem and wept, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem how often I would have gathered you as a mother hen gathers her chicks, but you would not have me." He wept over His friend Lazarus, over death and the pain that death brought to Lazarus' sisters, Mary and Martha, their neighbors and the entire village of Bethany. When the night before He died, Judas betrayed Him, you could sense the pain in the Lord's voice and the tear in his eye when He said, "Judas, do you betray me with a kiss, a kiss of friendship." Before this Jesus wept in that Garden. He could feel the gravity of our sins and the personal price He would have to pay for them.

The image of the weeping Jesus could be ours for this Lent. How must the Lord feel, knowing that His people can find no solutions to world events other than the organized killing called war? Jesus weeps. How must He feel knowing that the money spent on eye makeup or video games in one year in the United States could end the African famine so easily ignored in our country? Jesus cries. How must the Lord feel knowing that we have used the advancement of technology to devise new ways of killing from the womb to the battlefield? Jesus weeps. How must the Lord feel knowing that we have used devotion to Him as an excuse to attack people He also loves, like the gay trying to live a chaste life or the woman suffering from post abortion trauma. Jesus weeps. How must the Lord feel knowing that so often we have all just given up, pushed our Christian responsibilities to the side, attempted to separate morality from our faith and claimed that any twinge of conscience is merely Catholic guilt not an inner call to conversion. Jesus weeps.

What we do during Lent, what we surrender, is not for its own sake, nor is it simply for our own self-improvement. What we do, the good deeds, the prayers, the sacrifices, all have as their goal a deep and personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Our goal is to know Him with a burning desire and to love Him with a burning passion.

The image of Jesus weeping reminds us that He is someone who cares about each one of us. He suffers when we hurt ourselves by giving in to sin. He allows His love for us to reduce Him to tears whenever we betray that love.

And God placed the rainbow in the sky. It was a sign. It was a covenant. It was a sign that God would never give up on His people. It was a covenant, that if His sons and daughters would turn from sin and choose Him, their lives would be full of beauty, love and goodness.

He will not give up on us. He cries when He sees us jump into immorality. He cries when we give up on ourselves. Like the father in the story. He cries out of love.

Perhaps if we contemplate the weeping Jesus this Lent, we will turn from all that is destroying us. We will turn from all that gives Him pain. Perhaps we will really change our lives. Perhaps we will give up those elements of our lifestyle that are slowly killing us. If we contemplate the weeping Jesus, we can change this Lent.

And this won't be because we fear a spanking.

It will be because we can hear Jesus crying.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Joe



LENTEN SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass Times:

6:45 a.m., 7:30 a.m., & 9:00 a.m.

Stations of the Cross:

Every Friday

9:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

All adults, ages 18 to 59 must fast on Ash Wednesday

and Good Friday, that is, eat only one full meal and not between meals.

All those who are 14 and over must abstain, that is, not eat meat on Ash Wednesday, and all the Fridays of lent.

DON'T GIVE UP CHOCOLATE FOR LENT.

Instead, do something life-changing. Sign up for the **BEST LENT EVER** email program. Each day, you will receive spiritual coaching from Matthew Kelly, America's best-selling Catholic author.

It's simple and free. The only cost is your commitment to live better each day this Lent.

Check out...BestLentEver.com

Caritas Corner

Flowers...

distributed this week at Florida Hospital North Pinellas by Caritas Volunteers

were donated by Jean Boehne in loving memory of her parents, Margaret & David Paterson.

New Beginnings...

Our bereavement support group will meet Saturday, March 7th at 10 a.m. in the hall. Fr. Kevin Molloy will be the speaker. All are welcome.



Lenten Forty Hours of Adoration

...March 5th - 6th....

The Forty Hours Devotion is a special 40 Hour period of continuous prayer made before the Blessed Sacrament in solemn exposition. Of course, the focus of this devotion is on Jesus present in the Living Eucharist. As Catholics, the words of Our Lord burn in our hearts: "I Myself am the living bread come down from heaven. If anyone eats this bread, he shall live forever; the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." (Jn. 6:51) This devotion is 500 years old, thanks to the efforts of St. Philip Neri and St. Ignatius of Loyola. For the past several years it is our annual Devotion during Lent.



Imagine if each family sent one representative to spend one hour, day or night, to pray for their family, to pray for peace in our terrorized world, to pray for the end of recession, to pray for those in our families who are inactive Catholics to come back to worshipping our loving Father Who gave His only Son who gave His whole life, even unto a tortuous death on the Cross, to give us new and abundant life here and forever!

Please sign the 40 Hours Adoration Commitment Book in the front of the Church for one of the Hours which begin Thursday, March 5th at 7 a.m. continuing day and night, and ending on Friday evening, March 6th, with Benediction at 11 p.m. For those who come between 12 Midnight and 6 a.m. there will be a "Security" Knight of Columbus to be with you. Father Joe wants us to remember that we need at least two people signed up for each Adoration Hour, day and night.

Deacon John

Lenten Parish Mission



...March 9th—12th...
at 7 p.m. in the Church

Fr. Kevin MacDonald, C.Ss.R., a
Redemptorist priest from Massachusetts
will present this years Lenten Mission.

Monday's topic: Salvation:

God's dream for our happiness and our response.

Come deepen your acceptance of God's tremendous love.

Tuesday's topic: Sin, Reconciliation and Healing:
living the life of conversion.

Be freed of the burden of our sinfulness and of past grudges and pains.

Wednesday's topic: The Eucharist.

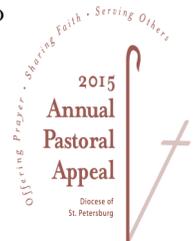
Be nourished for the journey to the Eucharist.

Thursday's topic: Our Mission.

Understand our Baptismal Vocation and share in the work of Jesus Christ and the Church...our parish.

Annual Pastoral Appeal

This year's Annual Pastoral Appeal's theme is My Good and Faithful Servant; a message to each one of us that by our gift of faith, we are called to a life of discipleship, that in our active response to our Father we share a Common mission to proclaim the Gospel and bring those in need closer to Him. This Appeal assists our parish in our diocesan financial obligation, while it also helps to provide the physical, educational and spiritual needs to thousands throughout our larger diocesan Church. Extra pledge envelopes are on the courtesy desk in the Church.



Men's Annual Conference

Suncoast Catholic Ministries 5th Annual

Men's Conference

Saturday, March 7th

from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.



at Higgins Hall, St Lawrence Catholic Church,
Tampa. Lunch and free parking included.

\$30 each. Free for religious and clergy.

Father & Son discount. For tickets
contact Jim Edmiston at 727-642-9555

or email 12345678wow@gmail.com

or visit the Conference web site at

www.suncoastcatholicministries.com

Don't miss this opportunity to invigorate your
life, raise your spirits and give yourself insights
into overcoming today's pressures.

We will car pool from St. Ignatius at 6:45 a.m.
with breakfast on the road. **Please RSVP.**

Defibrillator & CPR Class

Our Knights of Columbus

is sponsoring a

Defibrillator Class

March 7th at 9 a.m.



This class is for all who need Certification and
Re-Certification. The class is free but limited
to the first 30 registered participants.

Refreshments provided.

**Must RSVP before March 2nd. Please call
the parish office at 937-4050ext. 201.**

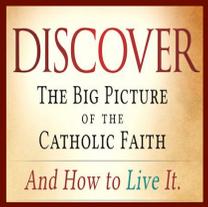


Check It Out...

St. Ignatius Evangelization and Spirituality

Symbolon

JOIN US, as Symbolon continues this Tuesday, at 7 p.m. in the Church this week. This awesome adult education and faith enhancement series will continue throughout Lent and beyond.



Symbolon is open to everyone. Child care will be provided. The video presentation begins at 7 p.m. with small group discussion following. We end promptly at 8:20 p.m.

Seize this Lenten opportunity to explore the richness of the Catholic faith. Please bring a friend.

What is Symbolon?

Symbolon is a dynamic, state-of-the-art video resource for the evangelization and catechesis of adults. It aims at transforming adults on all levels —how they think, how they pray, and how they live— by providing a comprehensive explanation of the Catholic Faith.

Lenten Fish Fry



Our Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Lenten Fish Fry, Friday February 27th at 4 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

Serving fish, fries, scalloped potatoes, coleslaw, hush puppies, dessert & beverage.

\$8 adults & \$6 children 12 and under.

Your Invited!!!

Life's A Sitcom Auction Nite
Benefiting
Guardian Angels School.

Relive your favorite TV sitcom!



Saturday, March 7th from 6 p.m.-11 p.m. in the Stirling Hall Ballroom at Innisbrook Golf and Spa Resort. Reserve your own sitcom themed table & come dressed as your favorite character. **RSVP by February 27th.** Call AmySherman at 727-204-5142 or email psherman2@tampabay.rr.com

Youth Stock



INVEST TODAY! Our FUTURE & PRESENT DEPENDS ON IT!

The teens of St. Ignatius are embarking on journeys (Steubenville Youth Conference, Hidden Lake, and Covecrest Camps) this summer to strengthen and challenge themselves in their relationship with Jesus. All this costs money. Nothing is free. This is an opportunity for you to help the young people directly in their faith experience. Maybe you wanted to sponsor a teen, but couldn't do it alone, or you wanted to give, but didn't know how, then this is for you. Invest today and purchase St. Ignatius Youth Stock.

The St. Ignatius Youth Stock are available at only \$10.00 a share. You can purchase as many shares as you would like. The money goes directly to offsetting the cost for the teens to attend their journeys.

So, what does a share holder receive? **They receive:**

1. Spiritual journey with the young people. (*Newsletter*)
2. A Shareholders certificate. (*Proof, and something to show off to your friends*)
3. Prayers offered for your intentions by the teens at our Edge and Life Nights.

Don't think twice. This is an opportunity to invest and influence the church not just of today, but for tomorrow. Prayerfully consider this simple way of being a part of the youth of St. Ignatius.

There are 3 ways to purchase stock.

1. Fill out request form below. Place in an envelope marked "St. Ignatius Youth Stock" and place your form and payment in the collection basket, next week.
2. Fill out request form below and bring it to the parish office with your payment during regular office hours. (Mon.-Fri. 9:00am to 4:00pm)
3. Return to the Young person who has invited you to share in their experience.

It's that simple. Get in on this life changing opportunity. Questions? Contact Bart Kovacic at 727-251-2476 or Jen McIlveen at 727-787-1834. Or mail this form to: St. Ignatius Catholic Church, Attn: Bart Kovacic 715 E Orange St Tarpon Springs FL 34689

Make Checks Payable to St. Ignatius Catholic Church.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Number of Shares: _____

Please write Name of Youth or "any" you would like to sponsor _____

Events of the Week

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22

- 10:00 a.m. Faith Formation classes
10:00 a.m. Faith Formation Parents (c2,3,4)
10:00 a.m. Faith Centers in the hall
2:00 p.m. Confirmation Super Sunday
6:00 p.m. Life Teen Night (h)

MONDAY FEBRUARY 23

- 10:00 a.m. Rosary Makers, Crafts & Srs (c2)
6:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 1233 (c12)
6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Junior Troop (c9)
6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Brownie Troop (c10)
7:00 p.m. CIC (c4,6)
7:00 p.m. RCIA (Chapel & hall)

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 24

- 1:00 p.m. Catching Fire (c2&3)
6:00 p.m. Guardian Angels Athletic Banquet in the hall
7:00 p.m. Little Rock Bible Study (c2&3)
7:00 p.m. Symbolon in the Church

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 25

- 6:00 a.m. Brothers in Christ (hall)
9:30 a.m. Mothers Morning Out (c8)
9:45 a.m. Little Rock Bible Study (c2&3)
5:00 p.m. Faith Formation Grades 3-7
7:00 p.m. Faith Formation Grades 5-8
7:00 p.m. Adult Catechism (hall)
7:00 p.m. Family Support - Incarcerated (c1)
7:15 p.m. Spiritual Exercises (Evang. Off.)

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 26

- 9:30 a.m. Mothers Morning Out (c8)
10:15 a.m. Word in Action (c2&3)
7:00 p.m. Fr. Kevin's Class (h)
7:00 p.m. Word in Action (c2&3)
7:00 p.m. Adult Confirmation (Evang. Off.)

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 27

- 4:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Fish Fry(h)
6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 1142 (c7)
7:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 1124 (c6)
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (c2,3,4)
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts (c8-12)

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 28

- 8:00 a.m. Diocese LPMI in the hall
10:00 a.m. Polish School (c7-12)

If you would like a donation statement for your contributions for the year 2014 to the Church, please fill out this form and put in the collection basket or drop off at the Parish Office.

Name: _____

Address: _____

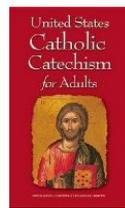
City: _____

Zip _____ Envelope # _____

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE... www.St.Ignatius.net

FAMILY SUPPORT FOR THE INCARCERATED...

Our Newly formed Group meets this **Wednesday, February 25th** from 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in classroom 1. This new ministry in our parish, initiated and sponsored by the Prison Ministry of the Catholic Diocese of St. Petersburg is open to persons of every denomination. For any questions, contact Deacon John at 937-4050 ext. 222 or email jedgeron@ignatius.net.



ADULT CATHOLIC CATECHISM...

Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, February 25th** at 7 p.m. in the hall. Catechisms available. Contribution requested. For more information contact the Evangelization office or email Christine at StIgCatechism@gmail.com.

WIENHUSEN SCHOLARSHIPS...

Our scholarships apply to children who attend Catholic Grade School or High School. These scholarships are up to \$3,000. Please note, if your family received a Wienhusen Scholarship last year, you still need to apply for the 2015-16 school year.

To qualify, you must be a registered active member of St. Ignatius for over a year, you must have proof of weekly attendance, show a financial need as assessed by the Private Aid Schools Services.

PSAS forms are available in the parish office.

All forms must arrive at Private Aid Schools Services & Parish Office no later than March 31st.

GUARDIAN ANGELS SCHOOL...

2015 -2016 School Year - Application has begun.

Interested parents may pick up applications for enrollment in the parish office during regular office hours. After meeting with the parish Pastor, the complete packet must be returned to



Guardian Angels for processing. Check out our website. Come see why a Catholic education at Guardian Angels is the best choice for your child.

ST. IGNATIUS EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER...

Agnes 2-5 & Free VPK Applications for the 2015-2016 school year are available at the school, as well as online at www.st.ignatius.net under ministries link. Please call 937-5427 or to schedule a tour.

