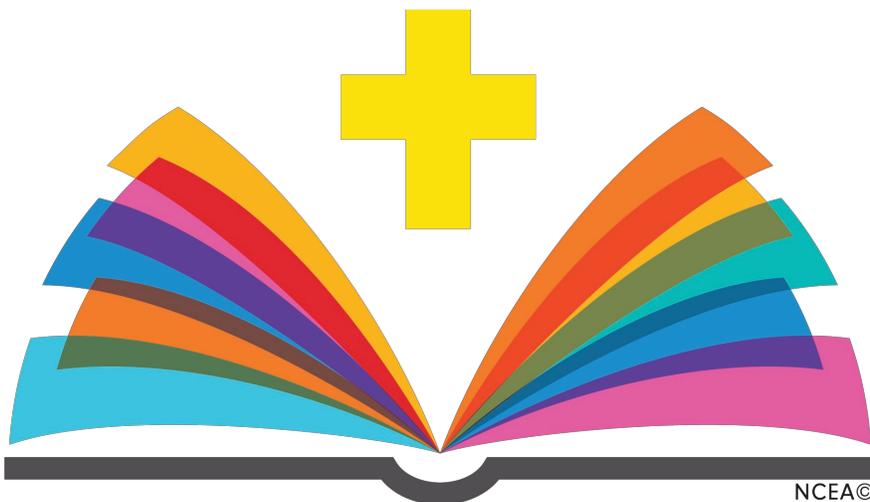


The Roman Catholic Church of Saint Ignatius of Antioch

"I am the wheat of God. I must become the pure bread of Christ." St. Ignatius of Antioch

January 27, 2019 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week January 27th — February 2nd



Catholic Schools

Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

Msgr. Joseph A. Pellegrino, Pastor
715 E 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
Weekdays.....7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.
Saturday.....9:00 a.m.

Schedule of Confessions:

Saturday.....3:00– 3:45 p.m.
and after the 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 the Month 9:30 a.m. until 9 p.m.

Baptism: Please call the Parish Office

Marriage: Please call the Parish Office

at least 6 months in advance.

Holy Orders: Please call

Rev. Carl Melchior at 345-3338

Liberating Law

The readings for this Sunday lead us to a discussion about laws and codes of behavior. I thought I'd like to begin today by telling you about a very strict monastery and a new recruit, Br. Alpheus. When Brother Alpheus joined the monastery he was told that the monastery was so strict that the monks were only allowed to say two words every five years. They were to spend their five years considering what they would say. Well, after five years in the monastery, the Reverend Abbot called Brother Alpheus in and asked him what his two words were.

Brother Alpheus said, "Food Cold."

"OK," Brother Alpheus," the Abbot said, "You may no longer speak until five more years when you will be allowed to say your next two words."

After five years the Abbot called Brother Alpheus in and asked him what his two words were.

Brother Alpheus said, "Bed, hard."

"OK, Brother Alpheus," the Abbot said, rather dismayed, "you may say your next two words five years from now."

Five years later the Abbot called Brother Alpheus in and again told him he could now say two words.

"I quit," said Brother Alpheus.

"Well, no wonder," the Abbot said, "You've been complaining since you got here."

In the first reading for this week, Ezra reads from the Law of God. The occasion is some time after the Dedication of the rebuilt Temple, after the exile. Let's just place it about 510 BC. Ezra presents the Law of God on a major feast day, perhaps the New Year, perhaps what later generations would call Yom Kippur. One thing caught my eye immediately in that first reading from the history book, *Nehemiah*, Ezra continually tells the people not to be sad, but instead be full of joy. The Law of God results in joy, not sadness.

In the Gospel, Jesus begins His public preaching in the equivalent of a synagogue in His own town. His text is presented today: *The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me. Therefore He has anointed Me. He has sent Me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives, recovery of sight to the blind and release to prisoners. To announce a year of favor from the Lord.*

These two readings assert that the Law of God, The Word of God should be received in joy not in gloom. The Law of God is seen as liberating, not something that is restrictive.

Let us be honest now. This is not how most of us view commandments, Church teachings, etc. But if we really think about it, we can understand the joy and the freedom we have received when we have adhered to the principles of our faith life, our morality.

Many people in our times have demanded a freedom from all codes of moral conduct. How happy are these people? Can a person be a member of a family he or she loves and receive love from that family if that person flaunts the basic code for living in the family? A person cannot be happily married and at the same time unfaithful. A person cannot grow in love and be basically selfish. If a lack of rules brought happiness, than why do so many hedonists commit suicide? If a code of morality is supposed to be somber and oppressive, than why are the happiest people in the world those whose lives revolve around a very strict following of the Lord? Some of the happiest people I have ever met are the Trappist monks I made retreats with in Conyers, Georgia and in Gethsemani, Kentucky. They have to get up in the middle of the night. They have set hours for work and prayer. Their diets are restricted. They take vows of silence. Yet, they are happy. These are not people who do not know any better. They are some of the brightest people of our generation. Nor are they social misfits, people who could have no place in society. The monastery will only accept people who have been successful members of society. They are people whose lives point people to the true source of happiness. Honestly, I have never met Brother Alpheus in a Trappist monastery. The monks are happy. The Law of God has brought joy.

Think of the dark corridors of our society, the sleazy sections of the cities with their sex clubs and free life style. Think about the people who flaunt all codes of behavior. Are any of them happy? Are prostitutes happy? Only in the movies. Are their customers happy? No, they are depressed and depressing. Are those who party to the

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extreme and wake up wondering who they are, happy? Or do some of them finally realize that their way of life destroys all meaning in life?

Consider some people you have known in your life who have demonstrated contempt for all codes of behavior. I guarantee you that in their unending quest for happiness, they were among the saddest people in the world.

One day I had a particularly beautiful experience that demonstrated the joy that following God's way brings. I was scurrying about the front office when I noticed a teenage girl standing behind some people getting Mass cards. She looked pretty shy. She also looked pretty pregnant. I said to her, "Can I help you, honey?" (OK, so I'm not politically correct.) She told me that she was wondering if this is the Church where she could get some food. I walked her outside and asked her if she was pregnant. She said, "Six months," with a big smile and then told me, "That's why I need food, I'm eating everything in sight." I brought her over to our Food Pantry where our wonderful volunteers took good care of her with the food you folks bring in. I also brought her to our Pregnancy Center. I asked her if she had everything she needed for the baby. She said she had nothing. So I told her that the people of St. Ignatius have help for her and her baby. She got in touch with one of our counselors and was able to get all sorts of baby furniture, and clothes, and infant toys and general stuff. Before she left she said to me, "You know, I could have had an abortion like some of my girl friends. But I know it is not right. I know there is a baby in me, and I just couldn't live with myself." I'm relating all this to you because I want to emphasize this point: It is not guilt that kept her from having an abortion; it was the joy that she would be doing the right thing by having the baby.

The law of the Lord brings joy. Last Tuesday we considered the grim anniversary of Roe vs Wade. The advocates of abortion love to portray the Catholic Church as being oppressive in its determination to protect life. To this I must tell you something that I am certain you would agree with, I have met many people who, no matter what their situations in life, have rejoiced in their unexpected babies. I have also met many people who suffer from the results of an abortion throughout their lives. Our Upper Pinellas Pregnancy Center really protects and respects two lives, the baby's and the mother's.

So often we Catholics are portrayed as people struggling to live under oppressive laws. That's not true. People who chose the way of the Lord are happy. That way demands that we take control of ourselves, and allow His Love to motivate our lives. The big lie of our society is that happiness can be found outside of the Lord. We know that what others pass off as happiness is merely a temporary band aid over a broken life.

Happiness, comes from God and leads us back to God.

These reflections have led me, and perhaps also you, to a deeper understanding of a passage in Psalm 19:

*The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;
the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;
the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb.
Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.*

Yours in Christ,



**“Learning Together Through
Faith, Kindness and Service”**

**Please join us for
National Catholic Schools Week,
our annual celebration of what makes
education at our Early Childhood Center
outstanding.**



Starting with 9 a.m. Mass this Sunday, we have a whole week of activities planned to show what our students are accomplishing and to celebrate the community we have built to educate tomorrow’s citizens and leaders.

This year’s theme, “Catholic Schools: Learn, Serve, Lead, Succeed,” sums up our goals for student success. It highlights the fact that our school is a part of many other communities, including families, parish, town, and our country. It also focuses on key elements of Catholic education: faith education, academic excellence, leadership and dedication to service. These elements set Catholic schools apart from other educational options. They are why families make sacrifices to provide their children with a Catholic education.

I hope you will visit our early childhood center during our week long Open House. Please bring your friends, family and neighbors, particularly those who may be considering a Catholic education for their children.

I am thankful every day for the teachers, staff, parents, volunteers and Parish support that make our school a success. Catholic Schools Week is a great time for all of us to thank them for their dedication and service!

Sincerely,
Sharon Stokely
Director



Mother’s Morning Out

Our Early Childhood Center provides
Mother’s Morning Out on
Wednesdays & Thursdays in room 8
from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. of the Life Center.

\$10 per visit or 6 for \$50
for ages 1 and walking to age 36 months.

Questions?

Contact the Early Childhood Center at 937-5427.

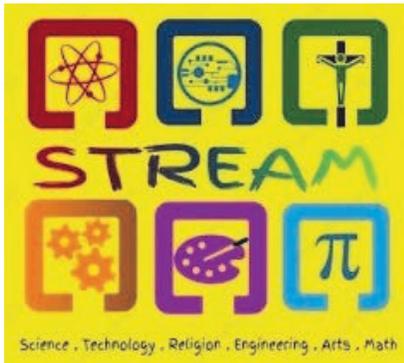
Scholastic Book Fair in the Early Childhood Center
Sunday, January 27th from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.



Guardian Angels Catholic School is now accepting applications for 2019-2020.

Interested parents may pick up applications for enrollment in the parish office during regular office hours.

The completed application packet must be returned to Guardian Angels for processing.



We invite all parishioners to join us for our **Open House Celebration** entitled: **Guardian Angels Catholic School—A STREAM Come True!**

- Meet the principal, teachers, parents and students
- Visit our classrooms and chapel
- Visit our Virgin Mary grotto
- Learn about our STREAM Certification
- See samples of STREAM projects
- Enjoy refreshments

Wednesday, January 30th from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at 2270 Evans Road in Clearwater
All are welcome!

Educating the whole child—mind, body, spirit.

Guardian Angels School is collecting **Box Top Labels**. Please place your labels in the marked box on the courtesy desk in the Church. Thank You!



Wienhusen Scholarships

for Catholic Education are available for St. Ignatius Families.

St. Ignatius will once more be offering the Wienhusen Scholarships for children to attend Catholic Grade or High School.

These scholarships can give up to \$3,000 per child per year of tuition support for Catholic Grade School and up to \$5,000 for Catholic High School.

Please note, if your family received a Wienhusen Scholarship for the 2018-2019 year, you still need to apply for a scholarship for the 2019-2020 school year.

Last year over \$85,000 was given to families to supplement their tuition payments. Hopefully the same amount of total funds will be available this year.

Stop by the parish office for guidelines, forms and the online procedure.

All registrations must be completed and received by April 1st to qualify.

Donuts in the Hall



The Scouts will be offering Donuts and Coffee after the Sunday 9 a.m. Mass.

Faith Formation

This Sunday:

- 10:00 a.m. All classes meet
- 10:00 a.m. Faith Centers in hall
- 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Sessions



Tuesday & Wednesday:

- 6:30 p.m. 6th, 7th & 8th Grade classes meet
- 7:00 p.m. 8th Grade Parent Session—room 2

Life Teen

Following Sunday's Life Teen Mass, all high school teens are invited to come to the **HALL** for food, fun, exciting presentations and experiences.



Rosary Makers

Rosary Makers meet every Monday morning from 9:30 a.m. - noon in the hall. All are Welcome to join in.



Sr. Lila's Class



Sr. Lila presents Bishop Barron's enlightening study of the seven capital sins and contrasts them to the seven lively virtues. Learn how to counteract those sinful patterns through a conscious focus on a specific virtue for each sin. Class are held Mondays, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in rooms 2 & 3.

Rite of Initiation

If you're interested in becoming Catholic, you are invited to our

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

We meet Monday evenings at 7 p.m.

in the Office of Evangelization in the

Life Center or contact

Joshua

at 727-937-4050 ext. 224

or jstrope@ignatius.net



Brothers in Christ

All men of the parish are invited on Wednesdays at 6 a.m. in the hall.

For more info contact Geoff at 813-728-2082.



Patriotic Rosary



Join in praying the Patriotic Rosary on Wednesday mornings following the 9 a.m. Mass.

Choir Rehearsals



Children's Choir- Wednesdays at 5 p.m.
Adult Choir- Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Deacon Sam's Class

Come learn 'The Bible Time Line' Class meets every Thursday for 12 weeks at either 10:30 a.m. or at 6:30 p.m.



Edge Youth Ministry



All Middle School Youth are Invited! This Thursday we meet in the Youth House from 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Fr. Kevin's Class

The Study of Religion.

Classes meet Thursdays at 7 p.m. in rooms 2 & 3 of the Life Center.



IS CHRIST REALLY PRESENT IN TODAY'S WORLD?



Pope John Paul II wrote in his Letter, *Church of the Eucharist*, "Jesus instituted the

Holy Eucharist on the night He was betrayed, the night before His cruel Suffering and Death. He did so in order that the fruits of His Passion and Death on the Cross the next day would constantly be offered in the Church, to all peoples of every time and place. The Holy Eucharist is indeed the inestimable gift of Christ to us for which the only fitting response is Adoration to the One who said, I Am the Resurrection and the Life, anyone who believes in me, even though he dies, will live." Christ is really present to us in many ways, but in the Eucharist He is the Eucharist as the God Man who is wholly and entirely present. From our Baptism, we literally became the adopted sons and daughters related to each other by the Blood of Christ, so that we are indeed the Body of Christ. When we receive Him in Holy Communion He comes to nourish our bodies, our soul and spirit in this very divine and human intercourse of God's Grace, the power to Love as Jesus loves.

Our same Holy Father quotes Saint Alphonsus Liguori: "Of all the devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us." It is the Holy Eucharist above all which builds up the Church in unity and love to carry out the mission of Christ which is to draw all people to our heavenly Father through the grace of the Holy Spirit. Eucharistic Adoration is a witness that Jesus is my personal Lord and Savior who has called us all to be saints in deed and word on our way to eternal life. Our vocation, lay or ordained, is to be holy temples of the Holy Spirit in whom and through whom Christ lives to reach others.

February 1st is First Friday, we will have Exposition of the Living Eucharist in our Chapel from 9:30 a.m. to closing with Benediction of Our Lord's Blessing at 9 p.m. Please sign the Adoration Commitment Book in front of the Church entrance to witness to Christ's Real Presence.

Scouts



Boy, Cub & Girl Scouts meet every Friday evening in the classrooms of the Life Center.



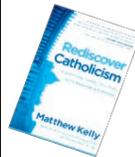
New Beginnings

The next meeting of our parish bereavement support group will be held on **Saturday, February 2nd, at 10:00 a.m. in the hall.**



Brenda Covini, a grief counselor from St. Timothy's in Lutz, will speak on, "Coping with Valentine's Day". All are welcome.

Rediscover Catholicism



St. Ignatius Parish is offering a Book Club style discussion Group in February on the gift that we were given at the Christmas Masses, **Rediscover Catholicism.**

Share your thoughts of the book with others on four Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. - 12 noon in rooms 2 & 3 of the Life Center.

If you need a copy of the book to attend please call Terri at 727-773-5004.

COURAGEOUSLY Living the Gospel

Don't forget to fill out our survey and **turn it in this Weekend** in the box on our Courtesy Desk!!!



Extra survey's are also available on the Courtesy Desk.

Women's Council's Card & Game Luncheon!

February 21st at 12 noon in our hall.

Tickets \$13.

Tables for Bridge or other groups can be reserved. To reserve your seat, contact Patti at (727) 938-8510 or Jean at (727)543-5106 by February 18th.

Raffle & Door Prizes

Bring Your Own
Cards & Games



Bethany Gift Shop

Store Hours: Sundays 8:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Tuesdays 9:45 - 12 p.m.

Check out our
First Communion, Confirmation & Wedding
gift selection.

The New Pavers have been placed!
If you ordered the \$12 mini-paver,
please pick it up at the Parish Office
between 9 am-4 pm
weekdays.



St. Ignatius will send you a donation
statement for your contributions for
the year 2018 to the Church if requested.

Please fill out this form and place it in
the collection basket, drop off at the
Parish Office or email your request to
kcreamer@ignatius.net. Thank You.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Zip _____ Envelope # _____



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

**MARGARET MASSI,
ALMA SAMMARTANO,
LOUISA TAVELLA, ANNE MORRIS,
THOMAS CAHILL, RICHARD MORGAN,
DOMENICK COPPO &
GEORGE PHILIP CONDENTO**

and for all those we hold in our heart
who have died,
may they rest in the arms of God.

BE COURAGEOUS...

**Be Courageous is this years theme
for this year's Annual Appeal.**

Let us pray for our parish and our diocese. May
those in need of charity service, formation and
education (here, now and in the future), be assisted
with God's promise of love and mercy. May our
witness and courageous response to this appeal,
help them know the same comfort and hope that
we have in our hearts and lives. Soon, you will
receive an invitation from Bishop Parkes
to participate in the 2019 APA.

Please review the brochure that comes with it and
learn more about the good works of our parish,
made possible by APA.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

CREATING ON THE MARGINS

Each year, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops
offers a Creating on the Margins contest to help
schools and parishes engage youth in learning about
the root causes of poverty and the Church's response.

The theme of this year's contest,

"A Time to Heal Racism,"

invites Catholic youth in grades 7-12 to respond to
racism using their creative gifts. Please submit your
work to: Diocese of St. Petersburg

P.O. Box 40200 St. Petersburg, Fl. 33743
before March 13th.

For more information on the contest go to
<http://www.usccb.org/about/catholic-campaign-for-human-development/multimedia-youth-contest/index.cfm>

<i>DATE</i>	<i>MASS INTENTIONS</i>	<i>EVENTS</i>
Saturday, January 26	4:00 p.m. + Jim Grieco 6:30 p.m. + Joseph & Rosemary Brosnan	Food Drive this Weekend
Sunday, January 27 <i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Nehemiah 8:2-10</i> <i>1 Corinthians 12:12-30</i> <i>Luke 1:1-21</i>	7:30 a.m. + Philomena Ann Smith 9:00 a.m. For the Students of Our Parish 11:30 a.m. For the People of Our Parish 6:00 p.m. For the Teens of Our Parish	8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Bethany Book Store Open 9:00 a.m. Donuts in the hall 10:00 a.m. Pre K - 5th Grade Class 10:00 a.m. Faith Centers in the hall 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Sessions 7:30 p.m. Life Night after Mass in the hall
Monday, January 28 <i>St. Thomas Aquinas</i> <i>Hebrews 9:15-28</i> <i>Mark 3:22-30</i>	7:30 a.m. + Edward O'Boyle 9:00 a.m. + William Kearney	9:30 a.m. Rosary Makers in the hall 10:00 a.m. Sr. Lila's Class in rooms 2 & 3 7:00 p.m. RCIA in Evangelization Office
Tuesday, January 29 <i>Hebrews 10:1-10</i> <i>Mark 3:31-35</i>	7:30 a.m. + John & Violet Edmiston 9:00 a.m. + Debra Fountouklis 10:30 a.m. + Edmund Correira	9:45 a.m. - 12 p.m. Bethany Book Store Open 6:30 p.m. 6th & 7th & 8th Grade Classes 7:00 p.m. 8th Grade Parent Session in room 2
Wednesday, January 30 <i>Hebrews 10:11-18</i> <i>Mark 4:1-20</i>	7:30 a.m. For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life 9:00 a.m. + Roger Kat	6:00 a.m. Brothers in Christ in hall 9:30 a.m. Patriotic Rosary in Church 9:30 a.m. Moms Morning Out room 8 5:00 p.m. Children's Choir in the Church 6:30 p.m. 6th & 7th & 8th Grade Classes 7:00 p.m. 8th Grade Parent Session in room 2
Thursday, January 31 <i>St. John Bosco</i> <i>Hebrews 10:19-25</i> <i>Mark 4:21-25</i>	7:30 a.m. + Deceased Clergy of our Diocese 9:00 a.m. + Walter & Phyllis Brown	9:30 a.m. Moms Morning Out room 8 10:30 a.m. Deacon Sam's Class in rooms 2,3 6:00 p.m. Edge in the Youth House 6:30 p.m. Deacon Sam's Class in room 6 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal in Church 7:00 p.m. Fr. Kevin's Class in rooms 2, 3
Friday, February 1 <i>Hebrews 10:32-39</i> <i>Mark 4:26-34</i>	7:30 a.m. + Rayola Kinney 9:00 a.m. + Cecilia Pandolfo	Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. in the Chapel 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts Troop 1142 in room 6 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts Troop 817 in room 7 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts in rooms 2-4 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts in rooms 8-12
Saturday, February 2 <i>Presentation of the Lord</i> <i>Malachi 3:1-4</i> <i>Hebrews 2:14-18</i> <i>Luke 2:22-40</i>	9:00 a.m. + Nelson & Adele Denniston	9:00 a.m. Polish School in classrooms 7-12 10:00 a.m. New Beginnings in the hall
Saturday, February 2	4:00 p.m. Special Intentions of the St. Ignatius Women's Council 6:30 p.m. + Ellen Foster	
Sunday, February 3 <i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Jeremiah 1:1-19</i> <i>1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13</i> <i>Luke 4:21-30</i>	7:30 a.m. + Daniel Kennedy 9:00 a.m. For the People of Our Parish 11:30 a.m. + Deceased Members of the Cosentino & Dubos Families 6:00 p.m. + Sal Cherta	8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Bethany Book Store Open 9:00 a.m. Donuts in the hall 10:00 a.m. Pre K - 5th Grade Class 10:00 a.m. 1st Communion Parent meeting-hall 7:30 p.m. Life Night after Mass in the hall