

The Roman Catholic Church of Saint Ignatius of Antioch

February 25, 2018

Second Sunday of Lent

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



*Abraham trusted in God,
and
God made with him
the covenant of faith.*

Msgr. Joseph A. Pellegrino, Pastor
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Mass Schedule:

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

The Covenant of Faith

As I mentioned last week, what I would like to do this year during Lent is focus on the first readings. The first readings for the Sundays of Lent present various covenants. This Sunday our focus is on Abraham and the Covenant of Faith. We use the term faith in many ways. Sometimes we use the term to point to a particular religion. "I am a member of the Catholic faith. The people across the street are members of the Lutheran faith. Those down the block are members of the Methodist faith." Sometimes we use the term to refer to the sum teaching of the Church. For example, "Our faith teaches us that we have a responsibility to reach out to the poor." Sometimes we use the term to explain a certain belief, such as "I cannot understand the Trinity, but I believe in it because it is an article of our faith." Very often, we use the term faith to refer to our trust in another, "I have faith that my wife will pick me up at the airport."

The most important use of the term faith, though, is our complete trust in God. This is how faith is used in today's reading from *Genesis*. Abraham was told by God to sacrifice his son, Isaac. Yet, God had also told him that he would be the father of many nations. How could this happen if he were to listen to God and sacrifice his son? Abraham had to have faith that somehow God would fulfill His promise.

Let's pause for a second, though, and remember that the Hebrews never practiced human sacrifice. In fact, one of the reasons that God allowed their enemies to conquer them at the time of the Assyrian and Babylonian captivities was that some Israelites had left Yahweh and joined in with the pagan sacrifice rituals even in some cases sacrificing their own children. This was a complete abomination before God and man. Yet, in today's first reading Abraham was told to sacrifice his son. This was not because God wanted human sacrifice, but because He wanted to test Abraham to see how great his faith really was. Would he sacrifice his only son, the one whom he loved? The Fathers of the Early Church also saw in this call for Abraham to sacrifice Isaac a prophecy of the extent of the Father's love for His people. Abraham's decision to sacrifice his son, Isaac, prefigured the Father's decision to sacrifice the Son, Jesus.

God had told Abraham to do something that seemed utterly absurd. Yet, Abraham had faith that somehow God would work out His promise and His plan. Abraham completely trusted in God even though everything around him and within him told him differently.

What faith Abraham had! What faith you have! I have been gifted with witnessing this type of faith over and over again in so many of you and your families.

Let me give you a beautiful example from just last week. A while back I saw two young brothers entering the Church, a sixteen year old and a fourteen year old. The sixteen year old is challenged. Many of you know him, or at least have been at Mass with him. He prays in his own way, with his own sounds which are not all that pleasant, but he comes here to pray with his family, and he is welcome here. In fact, I am edified by the way that the members of the parish accept him. What stood out to me last Sunday, though, was not the sixteen year old but his fourteen year old brother. When the two walked into the Church, the younger boy saw that his brother was frightened. His brother looked around, stopped and then started sucking his thumb. Perhaps the crowd scared him. Or maybe he just lost track of where his mother was. That's when I saw the younger boy take his brother's hand and guide him to the pew his Mom had picked out. I pointed this out to one of our servers saying, "Look, how beautifully that boy is taking care of his brother. What a wonderful man that fourteen year old is going to become." What a wonderful child he is now. His brother has been a gift to him, as well as to the whole family and to our parish. I am also convinced that no matter how much work the older child takes, his parents love him deeply and

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could not bear the thought of a life without him. He is special in a many more ways than implied in the term 'special education'.

Consider this: for this boy to be born, his parents had to take a leap of faith. They had to trust God even though there were many telling them to do something terrible, something they would have regretted for the rest of their lives. But they trusted in God, and they and their other children and we have been blessed.

Abraham trusted in God, and God made with him the covenant of faith. This family and our parish are receiving their portion of the covenant of faith.

Many children in our parish are adopted. Many of the adults in our parish were adopted when they were children. How much faith their parents, both their birth parents and their adoptive parents had to have in God! Many people were telling that pregnant woman to find a horrible solution to her situation. But she, in her own way, had faith that God would work it all out for the good. Many people cautioned the adoptive parents that this might be more difficult than they imagined, but they trusted in God.

Abraham trusted in God, and God made with him the covenant of faith. These parents, birth and adoptive, are now celebrating the gift of the covenant of faith.

You married folks made a decision to give yourselves to God by giving yourselves to each other and by accepting the gift of each other. You needed faith in God to marry well. Your decision to marry in the Church was ultimately a realization that this is what God wanted. He wanted to be present in your marriage in the way of a sacrament. Your decision to marry your spouse was a matter of trusting in God, even though the future may have appeared to be unclear. Your decision to have children was also a decision to put your complete trust in God.

Abraham trusted in God, and God made with him the covenant of faith. You look at your spouse, you look at your children, and yes neither they nor you are perfect, but you look at them and you realize that you also have received the gift of the covenant of faith.

I could tell similar beautiful stories about so many of you and your families. You could have turned from trusting in God when so many around you suggested solutions to your challenges which would have ultimately pushed you away from God. Or you could have simply become cynical; instead, you chose to be people of faith. You know that God will work it all out. You don't know how, but somehow. And He will. This is your share in the covenant of faith.

"If God is for us, who can be against us," St. Paul asks in today's second reading. Life has its challenges, but each challenge can be met and conquered simply by trusting in God to work His wonders in our lives.

God will take care of you. And He will take care of me. We trust in Him. We have faith in Him. And when the challenges appear insurmountable, when our faith appears weak, we call out with that man in Mark 9:24. "I do believe, Lord. Help those parts of me that don't believe." And we trust in God to form with us, as He did with Abraham, a covenant of faith.

Yours in Christ,

Msgr. Joe



Students from Clearwater Central Catholic will be outside the Church after morning Masses this weekend to offer raffle tickets to win a 2018 Jaguar XE or \$25,000 cash.

All proceeds go directly to school programs. Drawing is March 17th at the their annual gala.

Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100.

Need not be present to win.

Visit ccchs.org or call 727-539-5652

for more information.



Faith Formation

This Sunday:

10:00 a.m. All classes meet in classrooms

4:00 p.m. Confirmation classes



This Tuesday & Wednesday:

6:30 p.m. All classes meet

6:30 p.m. Parent Meeting in rooms 2 & 3

Donuts in the hall



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

Life Teen Life Night

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

Monday mornings from 9:30 a.m. - noon in the hall. All are Welcome.

Sr. Lila holds the last class of her retreat on Monday at 10 a.m. in classrooms 2 & 3.



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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

Come learn more about our beautiful faith.

Join us Monday evenings at 7 p.m. in Office of Evangelization in the Life Center.

Brothers in Christ

All men of the parish are invited. Our group meets **Wednesdays at 6 a.m. in the hall.**

Coffee & Donuts are served. For more info contact Geoff at 813-728-2082.

Lectio Divina-Divine Word

"The Gospel of the Holy Spirit" with Deacon John - **Wednesdays at 10 a.m.** in rooms 2 and 3 of the Life Center. (Coffee and snacks are served 9:45 a.m.)

Choir Rehearsals

Wednesday: 5:00 p.m. Children's Choir
Thursday: 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir

Adult Confirmation

For all those who have not received Confirmation during 8th or 9th grades, you are invited to participate in our Adult Confirmation class.

It's never too late to continue your Sacramental journey.

Join us Wednesday, February 28th at 7 p.m. in the Evangelization Office.

For further information, please contact Joshua at jstrope@ignatius.net or at (727) 222-9231.

Inactive Catholics

We welcome any Catholics who have been inactive in the practice of their Faith, for any reason, to our open-end meetings. **Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in Deacon John's office in the Life Center.**





6 Reasons for spending A Holy Hour before the Living Eucharist during our 40 Hours Adoration in our Chapel beginning This Thursday, March 1st at 7 a.m. continuing through Benediction, on Friday, March 2nd at 11p.m.

1. You are greatly needed: “The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic Adoration” (Pope St. John Paul II)
2. Jesus wants you to do more than go to Mass on Sunday. “Our communal worship at Mass must go together with our personal worship of Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration in order that our love may be complete.” (Pope Paul VI)
3. When you look upon the Sacred Host, you look upon Jesus, the Son of God. “Indeed, this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks upon the Son believes in Him shall have eternal life. Him I will raise up on the last day” (John 6:40)
4. Pray with Faith! “Of course, God will bless us if we just show up and sit passively before Him, but there is so much more available to us than a general blessing from God. So, when you go to visit Him in the Blessed Sacrament, ask Him to reveal Himself to you. Listen for His still, small voice in your heart.” (Pope Francis)
5. Pray for the Peace of Christ in your life, your family and in the world. “Cast out your anxieties upon the one who cares for you...My peace is My gift to you.” (Mt. 11:28, Pt. 5:7, Jn. 14:17)
6. Jesus says: Where your treasure is, there is your heart.” “ Could you not find one hour with Me?” (Mt. 6:21; 26:40)

Please sign the Adoration Commitment Book in the front of the Church with your answer. Knight of Columbus will be present March 2nd, from Midnight 12 p.m. until 6 a.m. for your security.

Book of Revelation

Deacon Sam’s Word in Action study on the ‘Book of Revelation’ meets **Thursday mornings, at 10:20 a.m.** -rooms 2,3,4 & **Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m.** -room 6 of the Life Center.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross every Friday in the Church at 9:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Scouts

Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts meet every Friday in the classrooms of the Parish Life Center.



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.

NEW BEGINNINGS....

The next meeting of our bereavement support group will be held in the hall on **Saturday, March 3rd at 10 a.m.** Barbara Brown will present Part II of ‘Taking Care of Yourself During Your Life Transition.’ All are welcome.



Annual Parish Lenten Mission Living the Joy of the Gospel

With Fr. John Anglin, OFM

March 5th, March 6th & March 7th

with Mass at 9 a.m. and the mission at 7 p.m. in the Church.

Day One: A Loving God: The Cause of our Joy

We will see that once the love of our God touches our hearts we have a joy that sustains us even in the most difficult times. We will see as well that we are called to give witness to that joy by the way we live and by sharing that love and joy with others.

Day Two: The Gift of Mercy

Pope Francis is constantly reminding us that God is merciful beyond our wildest imagination. We will see that this mercy is shown to us through the forgiveness of our sins, as well as, in the healing of our brokenness and pain. Because we are the recipients of God's mercy, we are called to be a merciful people not only by forgiving others, but also in treating those we differ with, and those who are on the "margins" of life, with mercy.

Day Three: Caring for our Common Home,

Mercy for our Brothers and Sisters and for all God's Creatures

Pope Francis has spoken often about the need to help the poor and the need to care for creation. Is this just politics, or is it truly a spiritual and theological challenge? Today, we will see that the Redemption that Jesus won on the cross was not only forgiveness of our personal sins but the grace to overcome and heal the terrible injustices to people and to our environment caused by our sin. We are called by His grace, to do what we can to be healers for a broken world.

Fr. John Anglin, OFM was born and raised in Boston where he entered the friars after graduating from high school. He was ordained in 1971. Fr. John has served in various ministries including high school teaching, parish ministry, the formation of candidates to the friars, marriage encounter and two years as a missionary in Bolivia. He has been with the Ministry of Word since 1987 and has conducted over 450 parish missions and many retreats for priests.

He has published two books—The Wandering Friar and Following Jesus in the Footsteps of Francis.

The first book paints a picture of the Church through the eyes of the many people and places that

Fr. John has served over the years, the second is a guide to Franciscan spirituality for everyone.

His interests include bicycle riding, movies and avid following of Boston sports teams.

Lenten Weekday Mass

Times:

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



Lenten Guidelines:

All those who are 14 and over must abstain, that is, not eat meat on all Fridays of Lent. All adults, ages 18 to 59 must fast on Good Friday, that is, eat only one full meal and not between meals.

Lenten Fish Frys

**FRIDAYS, March 9th & 16th,
from 4 - 7 p.m. in the hall.**

Dessert & beverage included.

Take Out Orders Available!

Come help your

Knights Of Columbus
support your parish Ministries
and enjoy a delicious meal!





**Women Council's *SPRING* Fashion Show & Luncheon
Saturday, March 17th at Noon in our hall!**

PRESENTED BY JOEY'S BOUTIQUE OF TARPON SPRINGS

Raffle & Door Prizes! Tickets are \$20 each and include:
Stuffed Chicken breast Salad, Potato, Vegetables, & Dessert

For Tickets, please call

Patti Cuffe at 727-938-8510 or Jean Kwiatkowski at 727-543-5106



Knights of Columbus

General Meeting

Thursday, March 15th

in the hall at 7 p.m. All members
are encouraged to attend!



St. Ignatius will send you a donation statement
for your contributions for the year 2017
to the Church if requested. Drop off request or
email your request to kcreamer@ignatius.net.



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

**EUGENE KELLER,
VICTOR ROSAMILIA &
ALL THE VICTIMS OF THE
PARKLAND SCHOOL SHOOTING**

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

COME SHARE YOUR TIME, GIFTS & TALENT

Ushers needed at all the Masses.

Ushers are St. Ignatius' ministers of hospitality
who welcome the people at Mass, seat people,
take collection and hand out the bulletins.

Children in the fourth grade or older are
welcome to be ushers at the 9 a.m. Children's
Mass. Adult Ushers serve at all other Masses.

**If you are interested or want more information
please call the parish office at 727-937-4050.**

**Upper Pinellas Pregnancy Center
needs volunteers for**

Tuesday evenings & Wednesday mornings
This is an outreach of our Church that provides
pregnancy testing, supportive counseling,
referrals, parenting classes and material assistance.

**If you are interested or want more information
please call Nancy at 727-937-4304.**

Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist

Are you an EME?

Would you please consider bringing
Holy Communion to Brookdale ALF
on Thursday mornings?

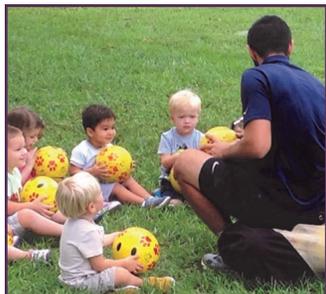
**If you are interested or want more information
please call Laura at 727-937-4050 ext.221**

Care Club Drivers

Do you live in the East Lake area?
Are you willing to donate 3 hours on Tuesday
mornings? Drivers are needed to bring
homebound parishioners in Crescent Oaks
and Ridgemoor to our Care Club.

**If you are interested or want more information
please call Laura at 727-937-4050 ext.221**

"Let's play ball!"
at the Early Childhood Center



Our Early Childhood Center

offers a half day program - 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. daily, with before care and after care extending the day from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. if needed.

Our two, three, four, and five year olds are given opportunities to develop spiritually, physically, emotionally, and intellectually.

Call the Early Childhood Center to schedule a tour (727) 937-5427.



Guardian Angels School

is now accepting applications for 2018-2019.

Interested parents may pick up applications for enrollment in the parish office during regular office hours. If you wish to schedule a tour of the school contact Mary Stalzer at mstalzer@gacsfl.com.

Visit our school and see why providing a Catholic education is the best choice for your child.



Save your Box Top Labels

Please place your box tops on the courtesy desk in the Church.
Thank you!

Little Angels Storytime! Ages 2-5.

Free & all are welcome!

We read stories, sing songs, and make fun crafts.

Your child is encouraged to listen, learn and have some playground fun!

Please join us the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 9 a.m. Snack provided. Contact Jane at jgrantham@gacsfl.com for more information

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 2017-2018 year, you still need to apply for a scholarship for the 2018-2019 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 new forms and the procedure, directions and guidelines.

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

<i>DATE</i>	<i>MASS INTENTIONS</i>	<i>EVENTS</i>
Saturday, February 24	4:00 p.m. + John & Verna Yankauskas 6:30 p.m. + Alan Nahory	Food Pantry Drive this Weekend
Sunday, February 25 <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i> <i>Genesis 22:1-18</i> <i>Romans 8:31-34</i> <i>Mark 9:2-10</i>	7:30 a.m. + Douglas Delnet 9:00 a.m. For the People of Our Parish 11:30 a.m. + Deceased Members of The Tronio Family 4:00 p.m. For Spanish Speaking of our Parish 6:00 p.m. Special Intentions of Michael & Margaret Balbatun	9:00 a.m. Donuts in the hall 10:00 a.m. Faith Formation in classrooms 2:00 p.m. Journey to the Cross Rehearsal 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Classes 7:30 p.m. Life Night after Mass
Monday, February 26 <i>Deuteronomy 9:4-10</i> <i>Luke 6:36-38</i>	6:45 a.m. + Barbara Cox 7:30 a.m. For An End to Abortions 9:00 a.m. + Paul Hammerl	9:30 a.m. Crafts & Rosary Makers in hall 10:00 a.m. Untold Blessings c2,3 7:00 p.m. RCIA hall & c2,3,4
Tuesday, February 27 <i>Isaiah 1:10-20</i> <i>Matthew 23:1-12</i>	6:45 a.m. + Mario Benussi 7:30 a.m. + Genevieve DiDonna 9:00 a.m. + Huguette Paquin 10:30 a.m. + Raymond DuBois	10:00 a.m. Alliance Outreach Meeting c2,3 6:30 p.m. Faith Formation Classes 6:30 p.m. Faith Formation Parent Meeting–2,3
Wednesday, February 28 <i>Jeremiah 18:18-20</i> <i>Matthew 20:17-28</i>	6:45 a.m. For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life 7:30 a.m. + Chester Lis 9:00 a.m. + Frank Mason	6:00 a.m. Brothers in Christ in the hall 9:30 a.m. Mother's Morning Out c8 10:00 a.m. Lectio Divina c2,3 5:00 p.m. Children's Choir in Church 6:30 p.m. Faith Formation Classes 6:30 p.m. Faith Formation Parent Meeting–2,3 7:00 p.m. Adult Confirmation Class in Evangelization Office 7:00 p.m. Inactive Catholics in Dcn John's Office
Thursday, March 1 <i>Jeremiah 17:5-10</i> <i>Luke 16:19-31</i>	6:45 a.m. + Amy Dolan 7:30 a.m. Special Intentions of Patricia Ryan 9:00 a.m. + Clarence O'Hara	40 Hours of Adoration in the Chapel begins at 7 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Mother's Morning Out c8 10:20 a.m. Book of Revelation c2,3 6:30 p.m. Book of Revelation c6 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir in the Church
Friday, March 2 <i>Genesis 37:28</i> <i>Matthew 21:33-46</i>	6:45 a.m. + Ryan Jantolak 7:30 a.m. + Madelyn Brown 9:00 a.m. + Laurianne Hurley	9:30 a.m. Stations of the Cross at the Church 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross at the Church 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts Troop 1142 c7 7:00 p.m. Girl Scouts Troop 1124 c6 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts c2,3,4 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts c8-12 40 Hours of Adoration in the Chapel ends at 11 p.m.
Saturday, March 3 <i>St. Katharine Drexel</i> <i>Micah 7:14-20</i> <i>Luke 15:1-32</i>	9:00 a.m. + Jeannette DiBello	9:00 a.m. Polish School c7-12 9:00 a.m. RCIA Retreat in Evangelization Office 10:00 a.m. New Beginnings Bereavement Support Group in the hall
Saturday, March 3	4:00 p.m. Special Intentions of the St. Ignatius Women's Council 6:30 p.m. + Vittorio Ambrosio	
Sunday, March 4 <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i> <i>Exodus 20:1-17</i> <i>1 Corinthians 1:22-25</i> <i>John 2:13-25</i>	7:30 a.m. + Cathy Fracasso 9:00 a.m. For the People of Our Parish 11:30 a.m. + Nancy Lee Walter 4:00 p.m. For An End to Abortions - Spanish 6:00 p.m. For the Teens of Our Area	9:00 a.m. Donuts in the hall 10:00 a.m. Faith Formation in classrooms 10:15 a.m. 1st Communion Parent Mtg– hall 2:00 p.m. Journey to the Cross Rehearsal 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Classes 7:30 p.m. Life Night after Mass