



Fourth Sunday LEN

Msgr. Joseph A. Pellegrino, Pastor
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Mass Schedule:

Saturday.....4:00 and 6:30 p.m.
(Fulfills Sunday Obligation)

Sunday.....7:00, 9:00, 11:30 a.m. and
6:00 p.m. Life Teen

Weekdays.....7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

Saturday.....9:00 a.m.

Confession Schedule:

In Church Reconciliation Rooms

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

Open for Prayer:

Monday through Friday...7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. in the Chapel

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Marriage: Please call the Parish Office

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Rev. Chuck Dornquast at 345-3338

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. - 2:30 p.m.

God's Handiwork

Today's second reading, from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, concludes with the statement "We are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance that we should live in them."

Let's begin by focusing on that word, *handiwork*. Sadly, handiwork is hard to come by these days. How many things do we own that we can say are not the result of mechanization or computerization? There are many good and valid reasons for the way materials are produced. 3D printers can produce precise medical devices. But with that understood, how many items do we own that have been carefully crafted by someone's hands? Whatever we do own that is in fact handiwork is most likely very expensive. It is also unique. In the chapel at Guardian Angel's School we have a hand carved woodwork statue of a guardian angel. A friend of mine was visiting a woodworking studio and shop in Northern Italy when he saw the statue and said that he would like to buy it for the school. The owner said that it was not for sale. It had been in his family for many years, carved by one of his ancestors. My friend was not to be denied. He offered what I can only guess was an exorbitant amount of money and had the statue delivered to me for Guardian Angels. If you have children in the school, or if you go to the school or have graduated from GA, I am referring to the statue that is on a pedestal behind the chapel's altar. Now what made that statue so expensive? It wasn't the material used or the particular wood it was carved from. It was expensive because it was carefully hand-crafted. When we look at the statue, we see not just the Guardian Angel, we see the hand of the master who spent many, many hours in his wood shop making the statue.

We are God's handiwork. Like the statue, each of us was painstakingly created by God. Like the statue, we manifest the work of the artist. We do this those times that we are true to our very being, those times that we are sons and daughters of God. Like the statue we were each created to bring beauty to the world, His Beauty. Like the statue, we can proclaim to the world, "If you think that I am special, think of how special the One is who created me."

It is easy for us to forget our unique beauty. After all, the latest estimate of the population of the world is 7.6 billion people. Each of us is just one of billions. But just as the sculptor did not view the statue as merely one of his many works, God does not see each of us as just one of His works. He sees each of us as His unique creation.

But we are not statues. We are living beings endowed with a free will and able to choose to love God or to reject Him and throw ourselves into living for temporal goods. We have the ability to act as though we are not special to God, as though we are just one of the 7.6 billion. The people that the Chronicler refers to in today's first reading did just that. They turned from God and turned to the immorality of the pagan world around them. As a result, they suffered exile in Babylon. Still, God did not forget how beautiful His creation could be. After seventy years, He delivered them from captivity using the hand of Cyrus, King of Persia. They didn't earn their freedom. It was restored to them by God.

St. Paul reminds us that we did not earn a Savior. It was by God's Grace that we have been saved. And what a Savior He has given us! Jesus Christ saw our beauty with His Father's eyes, and delivered us from the darkness of sin, from the emptiness of materialism, and from hatred and grasp of the devil. *God so loved the world that He gave His only son so that everyone who believes in Him might have eternal life.* Jesus did not come to condemn the world, *John 3*, today's Gospel tells us. The Father sent Him to save the work of His hands. He came to save us, God's handiwork. But we have to choose the way of the Lord. That is the way of Light. Any other choice is the way of darkness. There are many who prefer darkness over

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light. There are many who choose the way of selfishness over love. There are many who join in the pagan immorality of the world. Those who do so condemn themselves to empty lives, condemn themselves to darkness. We cannot do that. We will not do that. We move towards the light that is the Way of the Lord.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is called Laetare Sunday. The word *laetare* means more than joy, it means to be light-hearted. Even though we are facing the heavy days of the commemoration of the passion and death of the Lord, Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion and Good Friday are less than three weeks away, still we are light-hearted because we know what Jesus has done for us. He has embraced death so we can have life. He has won for us eternal life. "Lift up your hearts," the priest instructs in the prayers of the preface recited just before the Eucharistic Prayer. "We have lifted them up to the Lord," we all respond. We are light-hearted because we know to whom we belong. We belong to the Lord. We are God's handiwork.

The next time we look into the mirror and see a blemish on our faces, or a new chin that seems to be emerging, or yet another wrinkle, we need to think about what God sees. He sees someone He painstakingly sculptured. You and I need to remind ourselves daily, we are special. We are loved. We have dignity. We are the work of God's hands.

I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully, wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works. My soul knows this very well. Psalm 139:14

Yours in Christ,



**This weekend, March 13th & 14th
we will take up
The Catholic Relief Services Collection
to help Jesus in disguise.**

This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide struggling communities with relief and support and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world.

Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection.
Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

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

For the safety of everyone in our faith family, all need to wear masks that cover both their mouth & nose, plus practice social distancing while inside the Church, Chapel & all buildings.

Please leave the Church immediately after Mass so the Church can be cleaned and disinfected.

Saturday Confessions in Church Reconciliation Rooms...

Beginning at 3 p.m. and must end at 3:45 p.m. & after 6:30 p.m. Mass

Weekend Mass Times...

Saturday - 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Sunday - 7 a.m., 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.



Daily Mass Times...

Monday—Friday at 7 a.m. & 9 a.m. & Saturday at 9 a.m. in the Church.

Come & Pray in the Chapel...

Monday – Friday from 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. & Saturday from 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.



Those who are ill, elderly, have underlying health conditions, or are leery to come to Church are urged to stay home.

A dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is still in effect and will be until further notice.

Weekend Masses are uploaded to our YouTube page.

Stay informed for changes to the calendar.

Online...www.st.ignatius.net

FlockNote: text IgnatiusUpdates to 84576 and register

Facebook: [Facebook.com/stiggys/](https://www.facebook.com/stiggys/)

Instagram: [st_ignatius_tarpon](https://www.instagram.com/st_ignatius_tarpon)

myparishapp: simply text APP to 88202

YouTube: [St Ignatius Tarpon Springs](https://www.youtube.com/StIgnatiusTarponSprings)



Everyone must wear a mask that covers both nose & mouth, plus practice social distancing during all events!

Lenten Events

Lenten Guidelines:

All those who are 14 and over must abstain, that is, not eat meat on every Friday of Lent.

All adults, ages 18 to 59 years, must fast on Good Friday, that is, eat one full meal and not between meals.

Stations of the Cross:

Come join us as we say the Stations of the Cross every Friday in the Church at 9:30 a.m. & 6 p.m. (6 p.m. Outside if weather permits) Add the iBreaviary app to your phone to follow the Stations of the Cross and much more.

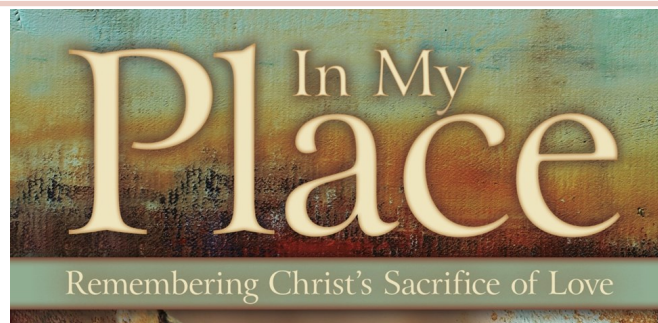
Confessions:

*Every Saturday at 3 p.m. –3:45 p.m. and after the 6:30 p.m. Mass in the Church

*Our Penance Service will be in the Church on March 29th at 7 p.m.

*Holy week Confessions will be in the Church Monday, March 29th at 9:30 a.m. and

*Tuesday, March 30th at 9:30 a.m. & 7 p.m



*Come join our Choir
as they present
a special Easter Concert!*

**Palm Sunday, March 28th at 3 p.m.
All are invited!**

This Easter Music Cantata takes us right up to the cross and helps us experience the crucifixion as if we were there.

Music is arranged by Craig Courtney and the Narrative by Pamela Stewart.



Easter Decorations -

Share in the enhancing of our Church at Easter time as well as a memorial for your loved ones -both living and deceased-

by donating towards the purchase of our Decorations.

If you would like to help decorate our Church, you may do so by an offering of \$5 or more in memory of a loved one.

Flower envelopes can be found on the Church's courtesy desk.

Events Notice...

All hall & classrooms have resumed scheduled events.
Social mandates- masks that cover both nose & mouth worn at all times, plus social distancing- are still in effect.

The Bloodmobile

will be here
This Sunday,
March 14th
from
8 a.m. - 12 p.m.



Please Share A Pint!

Faith Formation



Sunday, March 14th
10:00 a.m. All classes meet

No Tuesday or Wednesday
Classes this Week!

Questions? Contact

Fran Morin 937-4050 ext. 220
-fmorin@ignatius.net
Marie Day 937-4050 ext.223
-mday@ignatius.net

Life Teen

Bart Kovacic—Life Teen Director
727-251-2476 or ignatiuslifeteen@tampabay.rr.com

Life Teen Nights:

Every Sunday our Life Teen group meets for
a night filled with food and friends.

We explore our Faith, Life, and being the
Sons and Daughters of God.



Sunday, March 14th:
Come to our 6 p.m. Life Teen Mass
& join us afterwards
outside the Youth House!

Bible Café - Wednesday, March 17th-
at the Youth House from 6-8 p.m.

Rosary Makers

Join us every
Monday mornings from
9:30 a.m. - noon in the hall.
All are Welcome to join in.



RCIA

Know somebody who needs to finish their
Sacraments or wants to learn more
about the Catholic faith?

Contact Joshua by sending him an
email to begin the journey now.
JStrope@Ignatius.net



**Our Tuesday Morning Care Mass
has not resumed;**

however, all intentions are being said
by Fr. Kevin in his private Masses.

**This week's intention is for the repose
of the soul of Ceil Dziura.**

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.

Deacon Sam's Class

'St. Paul's Letter to the Romans'

Classes meet this
Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. in rooms 2
and at 6:30 p.m. in room 9.

Contact Deacon Sam if you have any questions.



Everyone must wear a mask that covers both nose & mouth, plus practice social distancing during all events!

Women's Council



Our meeting and luncheon is Thursday, March 18th

Rosary in the hall at 11:30 a.m.

Please contact Kerry at 863-899-8498

or Jean at 727-543-5106 with your

reservation and choice of Jersey Mikes box lunch; turkey, ham or veggie. Cost is \$10.

Edge Youth Ministry

Samantha Trapp—Edge Director

727-251-2476 or strapp@ignatius.net



Our grades 6-8 ministry, known as **EDGE**, is a dynamic middle school youth ministry.

All Middle School Youth are invited to join us on March 18th at 6:30 p.m. at the Youth House!!

Knights of Columbus

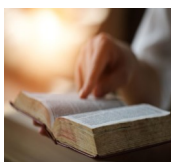
All Members are encouraged to attend the next General Meeting on Thursday, March 18th at 7 p.m. in the hall.



Fr. Kevin's Class

Fr. Kevin's New Testament Class meets Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. in rooms 2, 3, 4

Sessions include an Audio Visual presentation of the New Testament.



Scouts

Girls Scouts meet every Friday in room 6
Cub Scouts every Friday in rooms 8-12
Boy Scouts meet in rooms 2,3,4



Polish School

Saturday morning Children's Polish School meets each Saturday morning at 9 a.m. in rooms 7-12.



Separated or Divorced?



Come join us on **Saturday, March 20th** in the Evangelization Office from 10 a.m. to Noon.

Contact Christine Grieco at 727-519-3360 for more information.

Food Drive

Food Drive at all Masses Next Weekend!

Please place items in containers in the Church.
No Paper Goods or Toiletries Please!

WE ARE IN GREAT NEED OF SMALL EASY TO OPEN & CARRY PACKAGES.

Financial donations help us provide for our increased homeless numbers.



ABIDE IN ME – Prayer Program

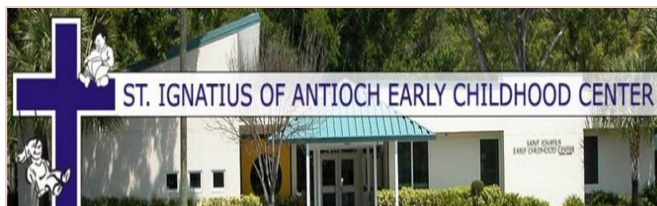
Come participate in a program for Spiritual Growth based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

Beginning April 12th, ABIDE in ME,

is a 9 week program designed to help deepen your prayer life and your relationship with the Lord through daily personal prayer and a weekly meeting for sharing on Mondays from 2-3:30 p.m. in classroom 6.

To register call Pat at 727-244-2955 or Terri at 727-773-5004.

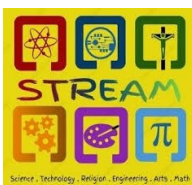
A phone interview will follow.
Space is limited.



St. Ignatius is foremost a Catholic school where two, three and four year olds are given the opportunities to develop spiritually, socially, physically and intellectually. We are dedicated to the goal of providing developmentally appropriate programs aimed at the total child.

Contact Sharon Nease at (727) 937-5427 or snease@ignatius.net to schedule a tour. Stop by the school and see what makes our early childhood center outstanding!

Guardian Angels



A STREAM Certified School
Now enrolling K-Grade 8
Contact Mary Stalzer to schedule your tour today!

Phone: 727-799-6724 or
email: mstalzer@gacsfl.com

Located at 2270 Evans Road Clearwater, Florida



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

**ALL WHO HAVE DIED FROM
CORONAVIRUS**

**plus
MARILYN AROSE,
PATRICIA RADENHAUSEN,
VIVIAN WERTZ,
FLORENCE SONNENBERG &
MATTHEW SHRINA, SR.**

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

Wienhusen Catholic School Scholarships

Deadline Approaching!

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 2020-2021 year, you still need to apply for a scholarship for the 2021-2022 school year.

Stop by or call the parish office for new procedures, guidelines and forms access.

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

<i>DATE</i>	<i>MASS INTENTIONS</i>	<i>EVENTS</i>
Saturday, March 13	4:00 p.m. + Henry Pellegrino 6:30 p.m. + Carol Beecher	Confessions inside the Church Reconciliation Rooms 3 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. and after the 6:30 p.m. Mass
Sunday, March 14 <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i> <i>2 Chronicles 36:14-23</i> <i>Ephesians 2:4-10</i> <i>John 3:14-21</i>	7:00 a.m. + Robert, Jean & Bob Carley 9:00 a.m. For the People of Our Parish 11:30 a.m. + Salvatore Barbaro 6:00 p.m. + Normelita Patag	BLOODMOBILE 8 a.m.—12 p.m. 10:00 a.m. Faith Formation Classes 2:00 p.m. Journey to the Cross Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Life Teen Night following Mass at the Youth House
Monday, March 15 <i>Isaiah 65:17-21</i> <i>John 4:43-54</i>	7:00 a.m. + Robert Cline 9:00 a.m. + David Brown Sr.	Pray in the Chapel 7:30 a.m.— 2:30 p.m. 9:30 a.m. Rosary Makers in the hall 6:30 p.m. RCIA in the Evangelization Office
Tuesday, March 16 <i>Ezekiel 47:1-12</i> <i>John 5:1-16</i>	7:00 a.m. + Jim Faassen 9:00 a.m. + Maurice & Solange Bazile	Pray in the Chapel 7:30 a.m.— 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 17 <i>St. Patrick</i> <i>Isaiah 49:8-15</i> <i>John 5:17-30</i>	7:00 a.m. + Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life 9:00 a.m. + Ross & Betty Oliveto	6:00 a.m. Brothers in Christ in hall Pray in the Chapel 7:30 a.m.— 2:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. Life Teen Bible Café-Youth House
Thursday, March 18 <i>St. Cyril of Jerusalem</i> <i>Exodus 32:7-14</i> <i>John 5:31-47</i>	7:00 a.m. Special Intentions of Emily Edmiston 9:00 a.m. + Alice Broadus	Pray in the Chapel 7:30 a.m.— 2:30 p.m. 10:30 a.m. Deacon Sam's class in rooms 2,3,4 11:30 a.m. Women's Council Luncheon – hall 6:30 p.m. Edge at the Youth House 6:30 p.m. Deacon Sam's class in room 9 7:00 p.m. Fr. Kevin's class in rooms 2,3,4 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting - hall 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir in Church
Friday, March 19 <i>St. Joseph,</i> <i>Spouse of the Blessed Mary</i> <i>2 Samuel 7:4-16</i> <i>Romans 4:13-22</i> <i>Matthew 1:16-24</i>	7:00 a.m. + Catherine Collins 9:00 a.m. + John Fitzpatrick	Pray in the Chapel 7:30 a.m.— 2:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross at 9:30 a.m. & 6 p.m. in the Church...Outside if weather permits 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts in room 6 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts in rooms 8-12 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts in rooms 2-4
Saturday, March 20 <i>Jeremiah 11:18-20</i> <i>John 7:40-53</i>	9:00 a.m. + Arthur Ramsdell	Pray in the Chapel 9 a.m.— 2:30 p.m. 9:00 a.m. Polish School - rooms 7-12 9:45 a.m. Baptism Class in rooms 2,3,4 10:00 a.m. Separated/Divorced Group in the Evangelization Office 12:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting - hall
Saturday, March 20	4:00 p.m. + Carmen & Mary Castaglione 6:30 p.m. + Anthony Roman	Confessions inside the Church 3 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. and after the 6:30 p.m. Mass Food Drive this Weekend
Sunday, March 21 <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i> <i>Jeremiah 31:31-34</i> <i>Hebrews 5:7-9</i> <i>John 12:20-33</i>	7:00 a.m. For All Life, Conception to Natural Death 9:00 a.m. For the People of Our Parish 11:30 a.m. + Michelle Romano 6:00 p.m. + Kathleen McCanna	10:00 a.m. Faith Formation Classes 2:00 p.m. Journey to the Cross Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Life Teen Night following Mass at the Youth House