



ALLELUIA!



On Being Catholic

On Ash Wednesday at St. Ignatius, as well as around the world, many people come to Church. They want to receive the ashes and wear them throughout the day. Many of these people do not go to Mass regularly, but that makes no difference to them. Why? Why do they want to receive the ashes? Are they superstitious? Do they think that the ashes have some sort of power? I think not. I am convinced that people who do not regularly attend Mass want to receive the ashes because they want to proclaim to the world that at their root, fundamentally, they are Catholic. Catholicism runs deep, very deep.

So also, many people who do not regularly attend Mass come to Church on Easter. I am not saying that all the additional worshipers on Easter do not regularly attend Mass, many are visitors, vacationing in Florida or coming from out of state to spend time with their parents or grandparents. But those who do not regularly attend Mass come on Easter for one simple reason: they are Catholic. They want to pray with their Catholic community. They want to celebrate the New Life of the Lord they received at their baptism. They are here for the best of reasons, they want to draw closer to their Savior and they want to do this through the beauties and sacraments of the Catholic Church. Catholicism runs deep, very deep.

And that is wonderful.

So, what does it mean to be a Catholic? I could answer this question in a theological way, but, instead, I want to consider our participation in three of the many fundamental elements of Catholicism: the Church, the Eucharist and Easter.

Being Catholic means that we are part of a Church with a huge number of devoted worshipers, 1.285 billion people or more. Back in 1984, I made my first trip to Rome with my parents and godmother. I was there for Pentecost and was able to assist the Holy Father, Pope St. John Paul II. Yup, it was just me and the pope, along with about a hundred other priests, and all sorts of bishops and cardinals. I told my parents to meet me in the Piazza San Pietro after the Mass. Well, when I left St. Peters, I saw this huge crowd of people, thousands and thousands, in the piazza, waiting for the Pope's Sunday blessing. (I did find my parents, who were smart enough to go to the obelisk in the center of the piazza.) That is when it really hit me. The people in the piazza were from all over the world. And I was part of them. I belonged there. Every person who comes to Church on Easter belongs here. We are all part of this, this worldwide assemblage of devoted worshipers who today come together to proclaim our belief in the resurrection of the Lord. We are all part of this, this massive and wonderful Catholic Church.

What else does being a Catholic mean? It means that we receive the Body and Blood of the Lord in the Eucharist. We take Jesus inside of us. We are united to Him in His death on the Cross and in His Resurrection. In my 45 years of priesthood, so many people have said to me that they want to become Catholic because they want to receive Communion. They understand that Communion is a profession of belief in the Real Presence of the Lord, and they respect the need they have to learn the faith and proclaim the faith. So they attend classes to prepare for Communion. Being Catholic means sharing in the Eucharist, not as a meal of solidarity or fellowship, but as a real union with the Second Person of the Holy Trinity.

The Eucharistic Presence of the Lord is infinitely more valuable than the most expensive works of art kept in the finest museums. And we have been given the gift of taking this Presence of the Lord within us, this Sunday and every Sunday, every day for that matter. Whether it is at a large Mass such as this, or whether it is in a hospital room with only a priest, deacon or Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist and a person confined to bed, Jesus is present in the same way, the way of the Eucharist, the Real Presence. One of the greatest experiences and blessings I have had as a priest was bringing Communion to a dying 14 year old, Jamie Kelleher, and having him say to me, "I've lost everything, but no one will ever take Jesus from me." I still have tears of joy when I remember how much the presence of the Lord, particularly in the Eucharist, meant to that young boy. He died two months later. He's a saint.

The Eucharist is a treasure so valuable that we realize that to receive Communion we need to be better Christians, better followers of the Lord. We realize that we need to reach out to others in humble service, just as the Lord reaches out to us in humble service. We realize that we need to do all we can to be pure, to be free from sin. We value the Eucharist to such an extent that we would deny ourselves the reception of the Eucharist if we knew that serious sin has made us unworthy recipients of communion.

We experience Catholicism as part of the body of worshipers; we experience Catholicism as people who receive the Real Presence of the Lord in the Eucharist; and we experience Catholicism in our continual celebration of Easter. The central celebration of our Church year is Easter Sunday, but every Sunday, including those in Lent, is a renewal of Easter. Catholics are Easter People. That is why so many come to Mass on Easter Sunday. Easter is a celebration of whom they are, of whom we are.

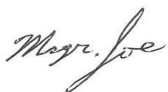
Jesus Christ died on the Cross to free us from the grip of the devil. He bargained His life for our lives. He redeemed us. But it was not enough for Him, the Tremendous Lover, to free us from evil. He gave us a new life. He gave us His Resurrected Life. Through Jesus Christ we are more than the physical. We are more than that which meets the eye. Through Jesus Christ, we are spiritual. Our baptism is our reception of the Life of the Lord. Our loved ones who have passed away have only lost their physical lives. Their spiritual lives remain. Because of Easter, we look forward to full union with those whom we miss so much and whom we long for so dearly.

For me, for you, being a Catholic means that we are naturally, fundamentally, optimists. No matter what horrors this world imposes on us, or on anyone, we know that our citizenship is in heaven. We have reason for joy. We are an Easter people! We luxuriate in the Life of Christ we have received, a Life that can never be taken from us. Yes, we can deny this life. We can abandon it. But the Love of God is so powerful, that He is always ready to restore His Life to us when we seek forgiveness particularly through the sacrament of penance.

Many people have expressed to me, and I am sure to you, their fear for the world. They are upset by news reports be they on the war in Ukraine, politics, terrorism, mass shootings, environmental concerns, etc. Well, God bless them and God bless us all for being upset with evil in the world. When the Lord said, "Blessed are those who mourn," He was referring exactly to that, "Blessed are those people, blessed are we who mourn the effect of evil upon the world." We have to work hard to fight against evil. We join groups and support those under attack. We must fight against injustice. We call upon St. Michael to help us defeat the devil and all other evil spirits who prowl the world seeking the ruin of souls. But we must always keep in mind our certainty that evil will not win the final battle. Jesus Christ has won the victory over the worst that evil could do, the victory over death. He has given us His Life. We are His. He is ours. We are people of the Resurrected Life of the Lord. We are an Easter people. This is what it means to be a Catholic. "Do not be afraid," Pope St. John Paul II asserted. There is great reason to hope. Jesus Christ, our hope, has risen from the dead.

The tomb is empty, Mary. But the world is full.
The Savior Lives. May His life change the world.
May we let His life change our worlds.

Yours in Christ,



The Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy Cenacle

invite you to

their celebration of

Divine Mercy Sunday,

Next Sunday, April 24th

at 2:30 p.m. in the

Fr. John LaTondress Chapel.

All are invited!

(Please note this is not a Mass)

Have a Blessed Easter!



PLEASE NOTE:

The Parish Office will be closed on Easter Monday.

Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, April 19th at 9 a.m.

Live Streaming

There is a dispensation for those within specific circumstances. Please go to our website for details.

For our Live-Streamed Masses

go to www.st.ignatius.net and click on Live or go to our YouTube channel AT 9 a.m. Weekdays, 4 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. Saturdays & 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m., & 6 p.m. Sundays



Save the Date



Join us as we celebrate Msgr. Pellegrino's Retirement

There will be a Parish Reception in the hall on June 26th, following the 11:30 a.m. Mass celebrated by Msgr. Pellegrino. All are invited. No reservations needed.

The Bloodmobile
will be here Sunday, April 24th
from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Please Share A Pint!



April Food Drive

Our Community Life Outreach Ministry is here to help residents and the homeless of Tarpon Springs. Our next drive is April 23rd & 24th

Please place items in containers in the Church.

No Paper Goods or Toiletries Please!

WE NEED EASY OPEN & CARRY PACKAGES.



Financial donations help us provide for our increased homeless numbers.

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.....7:00, 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:

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

Chapel Open for Prayer:

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

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Mary Caesar 937-4304

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Baptism: Please call the Parish Office

Marriage: Please call the Parish Office

Holy Orders: Please call
Rev. Chuck Dornquist 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. - 9:00 p.m.

Stay Informed:

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myparishapp: simply text APP to 88202
YouTube: St Ignatius Tarpon Springs
FlockNote: text IgnatiusUpdates to 84576

Weekly & Monthly Events

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults meets this Tuesday, at 6:30 p.m. in room 2 .

For more information contact

Deacon Mike at

mike.waldron51@gmail.com



That Man is You

All men of the parish are invited for coffee and Catholic teaching to strengthen families.

Wednesdays at 6 a.m. in the hall.

For more info contact Jim at



Mom's Morning Out



Join us

this Wednesday & Thursday from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

\$10 per visit or 6 for \$50.

Need a Break?

Ages 1 and walking to 36 months.

Please check in at ECC Office.

Separated & Divorced

Join us for social and spiritual support on issues such as annulments, child custody, continuing relationship with former spouse, forgiveness, and other topics.

We meet every third Wednesday of the month. Join us Wednesday, April 20th in the Deacon John Room from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

For info contact Christine at 727-519-3360.



Women's Council



Our Morning of Reflection is Thursday, April 21st beginning at 9:30 a.m. RSVP's were required.

Please contact Jean at 727-543-5106 or Kath at 216-214-4127 for availability.

Knights of Columbus

All Knights of Columbus Members are encouraged to attend the next General Meeting on Thursday, April 21st at 7 p.m. in the hall.

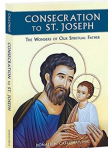


St. Joseph Book Group

Saturdays...10 a.m.—11:30 a.m. thru April 30th.

Join this book group style gathering each Saturday, in the Deacon John Room.

Contact Tony or Terri to sign up and order your book at 727-773-5004.



Rosary Makers

No meeting this week.

All are welcome to join!

We meet Monday mornings from 9:30 a.m. - noon in the hall.



Choir

No meeting this week.

Our Adult Choir meets Thursdays, at 7 p.m. in the Church.

Comeback Catholics



Been away from the Church? Join us May 4th at 7 p.m. in the Deacon John room.

We meet the first Wednesday of each month. Want more info? Call 727-773-5004 or email comeback@ignatius.net

Come and See

Do you seek the face of God? Our Lady Queen of Carmel -Lay Carmelite Community- warmly invites you to visit our next meeting Saturday, May 7th after the 9 a.m. Mass in room 4. All are invited!



Divine Mercy Cenacle



Join us every second Saturday of the month at 9:45 a.m.

Meeting this week is in room 6.

We invite ALL on our faith journey.



Masks are not required but strongly encouraged in Church and all buildings on the property

Children Events

Faith Formation



Pre-K– 5th Grade

No Classes

Easter Sunday, April 17th

Classes resume Sunday, April 24th

3rd-8th Grade

No Classes Monday, April 18th

Classes on Monday, April 25th

Children's Choir



No Choir Rehearsal this week !

Choir rehearsals resume next week.

Monday Group ... from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Group... from 6:00 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturdays Group... from 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

Want to join?

Contact Brandon Vennink at ext. 206.



Join Us for Vacation Bible School! Fun in the Sun on Mystery Island...

June 20– June 24 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the Parish Life Center

For children entering Pre K – 5th Grade.

\$40 for 1st child and then \$15 for each additional sibling.

Sponsored by the Children's Faith Formation 727-937-4050 ext. 220

Contact Fran Morin fmorin@ignatius.net

or Marie Day mday@ignatius.net

Scouts

Our Scouts next meeting
is Friday, April 22nd...



6:30 p.m. - Girl Scouts in room 6

7 p.m. - Cub Scouts in rooms 9-12

Boy Scouts meet April 29th at 7 p.m.
in rooms 2,3,4

Polish School



Meets Saturday mornings
at 9 a.m. in rooms 7 –12

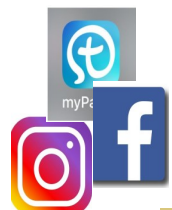
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Teen Events

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 & friends. We explore our Faith, Life, and being the Sons and Daughters of God. Come to our 6 p.m. Life Teen Mass and join us afterwards in the hall.



Life Teen Bible Café
Wednesday, April 27th at the Youth House from 6-8 p.m.

Edge



Samantha Trapp—Edge Director
727-251-2476 or strapp@ignatius.net

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

Edge provides an opportunity to grow in faith by developing a relationship with Jesus through social activities.

It is all about making a difference in their hearts and empowering them to seek Christ.

All Middle School Youth are invited to join us at our next gathering, Thursday, April 21st in the Youth House at 6:30 p.m.

Our PRESENT and FUTURE depends on you!

The teens of St. Ignatius are embarking on journeys to Life Teen Leadership Conference, Steubenville Youth Conference, and Hidden Lake Camps this summer, to strengthen and challenge themselves in their relationship with Jesus. All this costs money. 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 Youth Stock.

St. Ignatius Youth Stock is available at only \$10 a share. Purchase as many shares as you would like. The money goes directly to offsetting the cost for the teens to attend their journeys.

What does a share holder 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.

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.

To purchase stock...Fill out the form below & place in an envelope marked

'St. Ignatius Youth Stock'. Place envelope in the collection basket at Mass, or at parish office (drop slot) or give to the young person who invited you to share their experience.

Get in on this life changing opportunity.

Questions? Contact Bart Kovacic at 727-251-2476.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

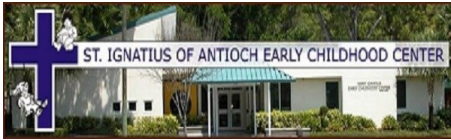
Email: _____

Number of Shares: _____

'Name of Youth' or 'Any' you would like to sponsor _____



School News & Parish News



Early Childhood Center

Catholic Pre-school for 2, 3 & 4 year olds.

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 and see what makes our center outstanding!



A STREAM Certified School
2270 Evans Rd.

Now enrolling Grade 1-Grade 8

Contact Mary Stalzer to schedule your tour today: 799-6724 or mstalzer@gacsfl.com

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Journeying Together

Synod on Synodality

Every encounter calls for openness, courage, and a willingness to let ourselves be challenged by the presence and the stories of others. - Pope Francis

Visit www.JourneyingTogether.org

Catholic Ministry Appeal

The Easter season is all about celebrating Christ's victory over death, and allowing it to shape our outlook and life. In light of the Easter, we can live with joy and with confidence that God has won the final battle. We can love without holding back, serve without counting the cost, and give with a spirit of true generosity—because we know what an incredible gift we've already received.

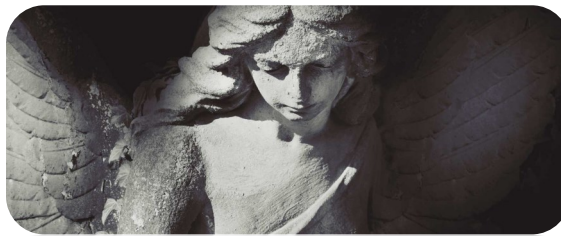
If you're looking for a way to celebrate this Easter season, please consider contributing to our Diocesan Catholic Ministry Appeal. Not only is it a great way to allow the joy and generosity of the Easter to shape you, but you'll also be supporting your local Church as we share the Good News with those around us.



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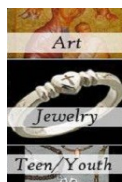


Lord, grant eternal rest to the souls of our dearly departed,
especially for

**ALL WHO HAVE PERISHED IN THE WAR IN UKRAINE,
ALL WHO HAVE DIED FROM CORONAVIRUS plus
ELIZABETH EMBREE**

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

<i>DATE</i>	<i>MASS INTENTIONS</i>	<i>EVENTS</i>
Saturday, April 16th <i>Easter Vigil</i>	(No 4 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. Mass) 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass in the Church	
Sunday, April 17th <i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i>	7:00 a.m. Easter Mass in the Church 9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. Easter Masses in the Church & the Chapel (No 6 p.m. Life Teen Mass)	Have a Blessed Easter
Monday, April 18th <i>Easter Monday</i> <i>Acts 2:14-33</i> <i>Matthew 28:8-15</i>	7:00 a.m. + Mary Ann Fitzgerald 9:00 a.m. + Turner Smith	Parish Offices & Early Childhood Center Closed
Tuesday, April 19th <i>Easter Tuesday</i> <i>Acts 2:36-41</i> <i>John 20:11-18</i>	7:00 a.m. + Marla Scherker 9:00 a.m. Special Intentions of Miriam Marquez 10:30 a.m. + Deceased Members of the Care Club	6:30 p.m. RCIA - Evangelization Office
Wednesday, April 20th <i>Easter Wednesday</i> <i>Acts 3:1-10</i> <i>Luke 24:13-35</i>	7:00 a.m. + For Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life 9:00 a.m. For All Life, From Conception to Natural Death	6:00 a.m. That Man is You - hall 9:30 a.m. Mom's Morning Out- check in ECC 6:00 p.m. Children's Choir- Church 6:00 p.m. Separated & Divorced Group - Deacon John Room
Thursday, April 21st <i>Easter Thursday</i> <i>Acts 3:11-26</i> <i>Luke 24:35-48</i>	7:00 a.m. Special Intentions of Ann Swital 9:00 a.m. + Evelyn Andren	9:30 a.m. Mom's Morning Out-check in ECC 11:30 a.m. Women's Council - hall 6:30 p.m. Edge - Youth House 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting - hall
Friday, April 22nd <i>Easter Friday</i> <i>Acts 4:1-12</i> <i>John 21:1-14</i>	7:00 a.m. + James & Katherine Haen 9:00 a.m. + Peter Zarakas	6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts-room 6 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts-rooms 9-12
Saturday, April 23rd <i>Easter Saturday</i> <i>Acts 4:13-21</i> <i>Mark 16:9-15</i>	9:00 a.m. + Judy Ceraulo	9:00 a.m. Catechist Retreat - hall 9:00 a.m. Polish School - rooms 7-12 10:00 a.m. St. Joseph Bible Study - Deacon John Room 12:00 p.m. Children's Choir-Church
Saturday, April 23rd	4:00 p.m. + Joseph Natoli 6:30 p.m. + Roberta Bamrick	Confessions 3 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. and after the 6:30 p.m. Mass Food Drive this Weekend
Sunday, April 24th <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i> <i>Acts 5:12-16</i> <i>Revelations 1:9-19</i> <i>John 20:19-31</i>	7:00 a.m. Special Intentions of Msgr. Joseph Pellegrino 9:00 a.m. For the People of Our Parish 11:30 a.m. + August & Mary Perrone 6:00 p.m. + Sarafina Erigo	8:00 a.m. Bloodmobile until 12 noon 9:00 a.m. Donuts - hall 10:15 a.m. Faith Formation Classes 2:30 p.m. Divine Mercy Service - Chapel 7:30 p.m. Life Teen Night after Mass - hall



**Check out our Gift Shop for
First Communion & Wedding Gifts!**
Located in room 1 in the Life Center!

Sundays: 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Tuesdays: 9:30 a.m. to Noon
First Saturdays: 9 a.m. to Noon

