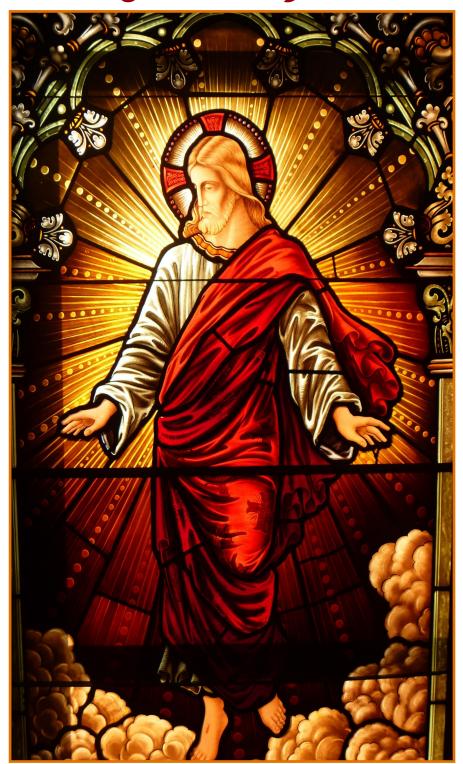
The Roman Catholic Church of Saint Ignatius of Antioch



"He is exalted!"

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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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Thursdays after 9 a.m. Mass until 10:15 a.m. First Friday of the Month 9:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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Witnesses to Dignity

This year for the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord into heaven, one phrase keeps playing in my mind. That phrase is "He is exalted." Jesus is exalted and raised into heaven, seated at the right hand of the Father where He judges the living and the dead. What really does this mean, and what effect does this have on us?

First of all, as the eternal Son of the Father, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, the Word of God is for all time united to the Godhead that is the mystery of the Trinity, but that is considering the divine nature of the Second Person. When the Word became Flesh, the Second Person took on a human nature. He is now not just God, but also man. It is Jesus in His human nature that is raised to sit at the right hand of the Father, that is exalted.

This has profound implications for us. Due to His sharing in our human nature, we have a sharing in His dignity. Let me present this as an analogy. People in England who are born as members of the King or Queen's family are called royals. They are treated with the dignity that belongs to the royal family. People who marry into the royal family are also treated with the dignity given to the royals. All in the royal family are expected to live in a way befitting of the dignity given them. That is why it is so upsetting for the English when a royal behaves in an undignified manner, unworthy of the position they hold in the realm.

Take this analogy and consider this. Due to the exaltation of Christ, we, who share His human nature, are given the dignity of being brothers and sisters of the Lord. Because the Second Person is the Eternal Son of God, we who have been given a share of His dignity, are sons and daughters of God. What dignity has been granted to us! Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan of Hillsong Worship in the hymn *Who You Say I Am* captured this brilliantly:

Who the Son sets free Oh is free indeed I'm a child of God Yes I am In my Father's house There's a place for me I'm a child of God Yes I am

I am chosen Not forsaken I am who You say I am You are for me Not against me I am who You say I am

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And He says that we are children of God.

It is this dignity that we have been called to be witnesses to the Ascension and beyond. When we live according to the dignity that has been given to us, people are attracted to the One who is the source of that dignity.

"Men of Galilee, why do you stare up into the sky? This Jesus who has as been taken up into heaven will return the same way." And the angels say to us, "People, stop wasting your time pining for the Lord, and instead get to work continuing His mission."

The call of Christianity is immediate. There is a whole world of people longing for lasting peace, for meaning in life, longing for dignity, the dignity that only He can give. We can't decide to go into action at some other time, some later on. Jesus calls us into ministry now.

Many times, the call comes through people who need us to reach out to them with a word or gesture when our minds might be on other things. Like children and teens who ask the most important questions at the least opportune time, we are often called into ministry when we are quite busy with

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some other situation. We are hurrying to get dressed to attend a party or a meeting and a thirteen year old decides that this is a good time to ask something about smoking marijuana. We are trying to complete a job at work, and a co-worker stops by and mentions that since the baby was born, his wife goes into periods where she can't stop crying. He needs help with this very personal situation. The Lord's time is often not our time. But we have to get into action. We cannot and should not waste the Lord's time.

The number of disciples would not be limited to the eleven who remained faithful to Christ. All who believe in Him would be called to proclaim the Gospel of Christ to the world. That includes us. We need to get into the action. Christians have to be people of action. We were not given the Holy Spirit for our own well being. We were given the Spirit to use the Power of God to bring others to Christ.

We are given the Spirit to do battle for the Kingdom. There is a war going on. It is the war against evil. We need to be engaged. We need to do battle every day. We cannot, as the kids say, zone out, looking at the sky, waiting for the Lord to come back and do something. We need to fight the darkness that terrorizes the world. We need to fight the evil that reduces people to numbers, that leads some to treat others as less than human. We need to be people of the light, the Light of Christ. We need to be People of Dignity, the Dignity of Sons and Daughters of God.

"Stop looking up at the sky," the two witnesses call out to us. Jesus has ascended into heaven so we can receive the Spirit. Now, we need to fight for the Kingdom of God. We need to fight against the darkness. We need to kick open the door that binds others in slavery. We need to proclaim Jesus Christ with our lives.

So many people long to understand the reason for their existence. So many people are seeking meaning for their lives. So many people are looking for dignity! Dignity is here. It has been given to us. We are to give it to others. We are witnesses to exaltation of the Lord. We are witnesses to Dignity. We are sons and daughters of God. We are who He says we are.

Yours in Christ,

Mogr. Joe



Our organ will be solemnly dedicated as part of an organ concert on Pentecost Sunday, June 5th at 3:00 pm.

Organists from throughout our Diocese will be playing various pieces highlighting features of our organ.

Parish News

Please Note:

The Parish & Early Childhood Center Offices will be closed Monday, May 30th in observance of Memorial Day. Regular hours will resume Tuesday, May 31st.



God of power and mercy, you destroy war and put down earthly pride.

Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears, that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters.

Keep in your mercy those men and women who have died in the cause of freedom and bring them safely into your kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this though Jesus Christ our Lord.



Altar Flowers

This week's Altar Flowers were donated in loving memory of Sean Patrick Williams by his family.

Save the Dates

Please join us for a Reception for Fr. Joshua Bertrand

Sunday, June 12th following the 11:30 a.m. Mass in the Parish Hall. As of July 1st, Fr. Joshua will be Parochial Vicar at St. John Vianney Parish, St. Pete Beach.



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.

Gift Shop Hours



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

Closed Memorial Day Weekend. June hours include First Sunday, June 5th from 8 a.m. –11:30 a.m. and All Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m.—noon

Líve Streaming

Dispensations for those within specific circumstances are listed on our website. 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.

Knights of Columbus



Our Knights of Columbus would like to give

a **BIG THANK YOU** to all

who generously donated to their Veteran's Drive last week.

These gifts will go a long way in supplying our wounded heroes at Bay Pines with some basic needs.

THANK YOU!

Upcoming Events

Rosary Makers



No meeting this Monday.

All are welcome to join! We meet Monday mornings from 9:30 a.m. - noon in the hall.

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.





Comeback Catholics

Been away from the Church? Join us June 1st 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

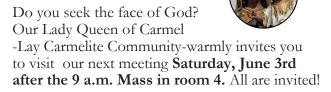


Our Adult Choir meets Thursdays, at 7 p.m. in the Church.

Please note:

The Parish Office will be closing at 12 noon on Fridays during June, July & August.

Come & See



New Beginnings

The next meeting of our parish bereavement support group,
New Beginnings,
will be held Saturday, June 4th at 10 a.m. in the hall.
Arlene Scott will speak on
"The Divine Side of Things —
Looking at Death from God's Perspective'.
Anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one is welcome.



We will have Exposition of the Sacred Host in our Chapel from 9:30 a.m. until Benediction at 9 p.m. on First Friday, June 3rd.

This is an opportunity to spend time in conversation, face to face, with our Risen Lord, Brother and Friend, to pray for peace, for an end to violence in our world and country, and any personal intentions you bring to our Savior.

Please sign our Adoration Commitment Book in the front of the Church for whatever hour you chose to visit with Our Lord.

Children Events



Scouts

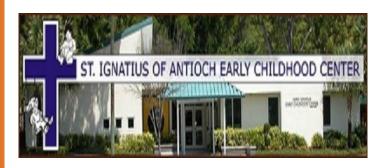
Meeting this Friday, June 3rd 7 p.m. - Boy Scouts in rooms 2,3,4

Join Us for Vacation Bible School! Fun in the Son 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



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ECC Website: https://www.stignatiusecc.org/
Guardian Angels Website: https://www.gacsfl.com/

Teens 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.

Check out our Summer Schedule of events ... go to www.st.ignatius.net and click on Youth Ministry under Our Ministries link.



Life Teen Bible on the Beach

Wednesday, June 8th at 6p.m.





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

Our 6-8 grade ministry, known as <u>EDGE</u>, 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 as The Edge Welcomes New 6th Graders!! Thursday, June 2nd in the hall at 6:30 p.m.





Please keep the teens of St. Ignatius in your prayers this summer as they embark on journeys to
Life Teen Leadership Conference and Steubenville Youth Conference, to strengthen and challenge themselves in their relationship with Jesus.

Around the Diocese Events



Journeying Together Synod on Synodality

True encounter arises only from listening. - Pope Francis Visit www.JourneyingTogether.org

Catholic Ministry Appeal

Christ calls us to be His witnesses. One important way that we carry this mission forward today is by supporting our local Church.

Please prayerfully consider contributing to our Diocesan Catholic Ministry Appeal.



WeShare Online Giving



Our online giving provider has upgraded their website. When you login, using your current email address and password, you will see the new landing page. Improvements include:

- *Ability to donate to multiple collections at once
- *Improved process of updating your payment source information
- *Ability for more detailed receipts
- *Ability to upload documents
- *Easier account Creation

Office of the Diaconate...St. Stephen Gatherings

...for those interested in learning more about the Permanent Diaconate.

A new inquiry group in October is planned. With Deacons and wives in attendance, these evenings will be full of information and conversation beginning at 6:30 p.m. June Dates: Tuesday, June 21st at Cathedral of St. Jude in St Petersburg,

Thursday, June 23rd at St. Joan of Arc in Spring Hill

& Tuesday, June 28th at St. Timothy in Lutz.

For more information and to reserve a spot contact the Diaconate Office at 727-341-6826 or at diaconate@dosp.org.

welcome you to join. God bless you.



Spíritual Motherhood of Priests Apostolate

All ladies of the parish are invited to join a group of women at St. Thomas of Aquinas Catholic Church



in praying for our priests and seminarians of our Diocese. Spiritual Motherhood of Priests Apostolate meet every Friday at 9 a.m. All of our priests and seminarians need our prayer and encouragement. If you feel the Holy Spirit and Our Blessed Mother call you to join this apostolate, please contact Cheralyn Quevedo at (727) 372-8600 Ext. 111. We will give you all the information about this wonderful apostolate and

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Saturday, May 28th	4:00 p.m. All Life, From Conception to Natural Death 6:30 p.m. + Theresa Schill	Confessions 3 p.m 3:45 p.m. and after the 6:30 p.m. Mass Veteran's Collection this Weekend
Sunday, May 29th Ascension of the Lord Acts 1:1-11 Ephesians 1:17-23 Luke 24:46-53	7:00 a.m. Special Intentions of Larry & Becky O'Neill 9:00 a.m. For the People of Our Parish 11:30 a.m. + Charles Maille 6:00 p.m. + Stanislaw Szymanski	7:30 p.m. Life Teen Night after Mass - hall
Monday, May 30th Acts 19:1-8 John 16:29-33	7:00 a.m. + Toni Cristi 9:00 a.m. + Eugene Hope	Parish Offices & Early Childhood Center Closed in observance of Memorial Day
Tuesday, May 31st Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Zephaniah 3:14-18 Luke 1:39-56	7:00 a.m. + John Cristi 9:00 a.m. + George & Brigid McKenna 10:30 a.m. + Beorge Pescia	9:30 a.m.—12 noon Bethany Shop –room 1 6:30 p.m. RCIA - Evangelization Office
Wednesday, June 1st St. Justin Acts 20:28-38 John 17:11-19	7:00 a.m. + For Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life 9:00 a.m. Special Intentions of Most Rev. John Dunne	6:00 a.m. That Man is You - hall 7:00 p.m. Comeback Catholics- Deacon John Room
Thursday, June 2nd St.s Marcellinus & Peter Acts 22:30-23:6-11 John 17:20-26	7:00 a.m. + Josephine Roman 9:00 a.m. + Bernard 'Bud' Scott	6:30 p.m. Edge - hall Welcome New 6th Graders!! 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir - Church
Friday, June 3rd St.s Charles Lwanga & Companions Acts 25:13-21 John 21:15-19	7:00 a.m. Special Intentions of Most Rev. Emil Wcela 9:00 a.m. + Frank & Catherine Fiumara	First Friday Eucharist Adoration from 9:30 a.m. — 9 p.m. Parish Office Closes at Noon 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - rooms 2,3,4
Saturday, June 4th Acts 28:16-31 John 21:20-25	9:00 a.m. + Mitchell 'Swayze' Page	9:30 a.m. Lay Carmelites - room 4 10:00 a.m. New Beginnings - hall 1:00 p.m. Girl Scouts - hall
Saturday, June 4th	4:00 p.m. Special Intentions of the St. Ignatius Women's Council 6:30 p.m. + Pasquale Parisi	Confessions 3 p.m 3:45 p.m. and after the 6:30 p.m. Mass
Sunday, June 5th Pentecost Sunday Acts 2:1-11 Corinthians 12:3-13 John 20:19-23	7:00 a.m. + Rose Kovats 9:00 a.m. For the People of Our Parish 11:30 a.m. + Dale Porter, Sr. 6:00 p.m. + Toni Cristi	3:00 p.m. Organ Dedication - Church 7:30 p.m. Life Teen Night after Mass - hall

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 and LEE BARNES & MICHAEL TIERNEY

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

