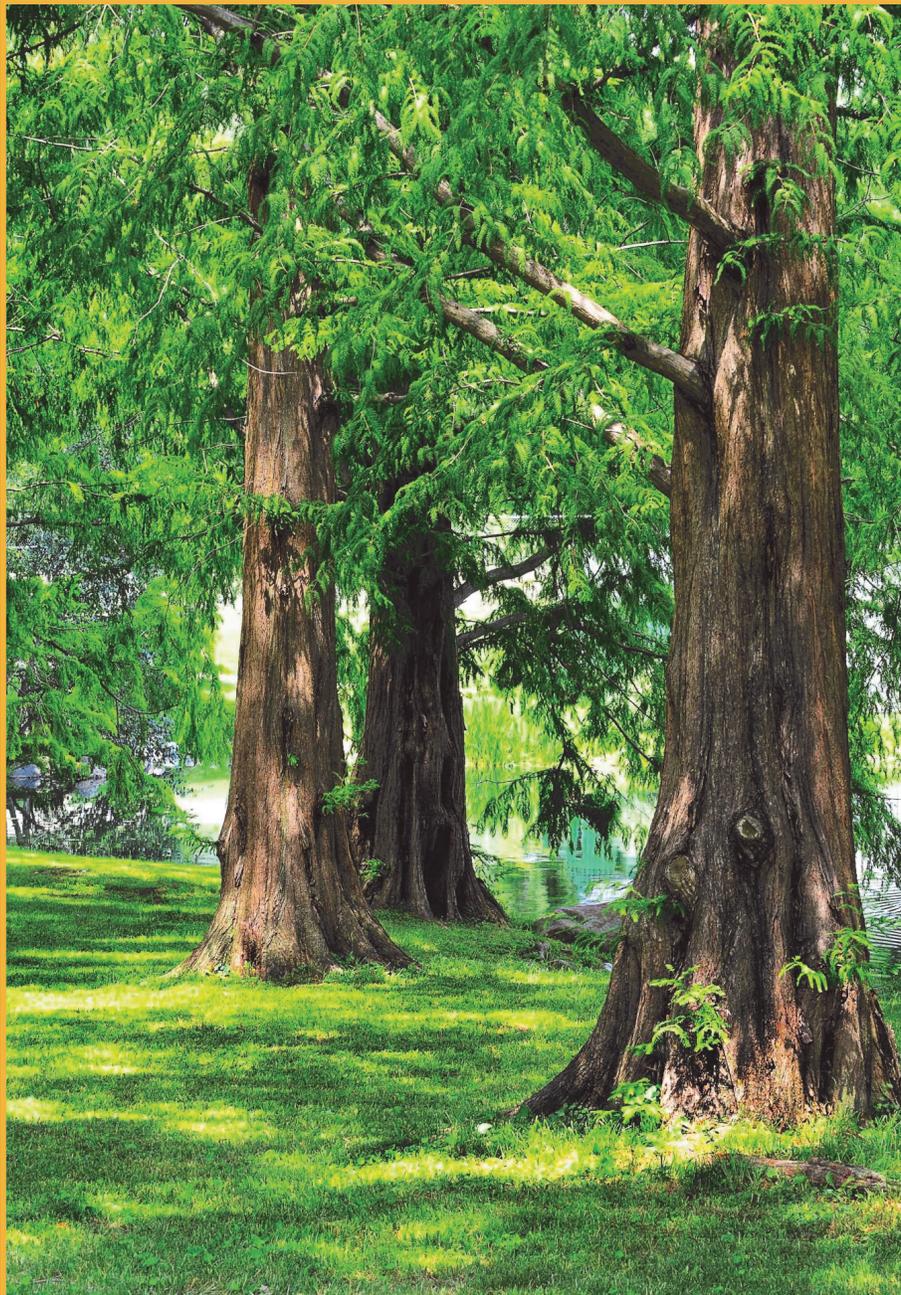


The Roman Catholic Church of Saint Ignatius of Antioch

June 17, 2018

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



*"I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.
So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything,
but only God who gives the growth."*

1 Corinthians 3:6-7

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. 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

God Gives the Growth

One year as Christmas was approaching, I decided to buy a little potted tree to decorate. I found a great one at Kmart or Walmart. I think it was a Japanese pine. I didn't realize it, but there were actually three trees in the pot. The one that caught my attention was about 18 inches tall, but there were also two tiny little trees next to it, about three to four inches tall. After the Christmas Season, when it was time to take the decorations down, I didn't know what to do with the trees; so I asked my Mom if she'd want to put them in the ground. She said, "Sure." That was about eighteen years ago. Now if you were to go over to my Mom's house, and roam through her absolutely beautiful garden, you'd see three huge trees towering over the rest of her yard. My tiny Christmas trees are now some of the biggest on her property. How did my Mom get those trees to grow like that? Well, she planted them and watered them, but God gave the growth.

The ancient Hebrews understood agriculture. Their lives were dependent on the crops they cultivated and the animals they raised. Yet, they knew that the wonder of growth belonged to the Lord. Paul would allude to this in 1 Corinthians 3:6-7: *"I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth."* When, in today's first reading, Ezekiel prophesied that the Lord would take a sprig from a tree and turn it into a noble cedar, the people recognized in this prophecy that growth is always in God's hands. He would do more for them than they could imagine. Israel, a nation in exile at the time of this prophecy, would become the nation that the whole world would look to with respect. For from Israel would come the Savior. Every kind of bird, all the nations, would live under the tree of Israel.

The people who heard Jesus tell the parable of the farmer's life also shared the wonder of the soil. The farmer works hard during the day, but he can't make the seed grow into a plant, and the plant produce fruit. God causes the growth. Jesus' point is that like, the plants, the Kingdom of God is in God's hands. The workers in the Lord's fields must do their best to create the proper environment for growth, but God causes the growth. The parable comforted the people of the early Church in face of discouragement when their efforts didn't seem to be getting them anywhere. Remember, early Christianity grew as a development of the Jewish faith, but the Christians were rejected by the Jews. It must have been difficult for them to explain to the pagan gentiles how Jesus was predicted by the Jewish prophets when the Jews had rejected Him and them. Persecuted on every side, the early Christians had to trust God to give growth to His kingdom.

And He did. And He still does. The Church lives on despite the persecution from the Romans, despite the internal dogmatic fights and debates of the second through fifth centuries, despite the Fall of Rome and conquest by the barbarians, despite the corruption from within and outside in the Middle Ages and the Renaissance, despite the Christian fratricide of the Reformation, despite the onslaught of rationalists in the last two centuries, despite the clergy sex abuse scandal, despite the attacks on Christians by ISIS, and despite two thousand years of martyrdom aimed at destroying the faith, the Church still lives on, and grows. God gives the growth. He does wonders with our feeble efforts. He turns that which is insignificant into that which is substantial.

Here at St. Ignatius we have been blessed to have parochial vicars who were members of the Missionary Society of St. Thomas, Fr. Thomas Kumblanthanth and Fr. Mathew Mootheseril. The main work of the Missionary Society of St. Thomas is to spread the faith in India. Now Christians are persecuted in many of the sections of India. Both Hindus and Moslems attack them. Fr. Mathew used to tell us horror stories of priests being killed, nuns being attacked, etc. These missionaries cannot display signs of their faith in public. If they give someone a bible, a catechism, a cross or a rosary, they are facing certain persecution, possibly beatings and death. Yet, the Missionaries of St. Thomas have been successful in leading people to Christ. How do they do it? They don't; the Lord does. What they do is move into a village or town and establish a mission center. They care for the needs of the people, dispensing medicine and food and teaching the children. They are not allowed to speak about the faith. They live the faith. And they will do this not for a few years, but for generations. Fr. Mathew said that sometimes they begin making converts among the third generation of people in the village, people whose grandparents were young when the missionaries arrived. Perhaps it may take 80 years, but then the faith begins to flourish in the village. The Missionaries of St. Thomas give a great example of trusting in God to give the growth.

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

We need to recognize God's work in the faith lives of our children, our nation and in our own faith lives. There are many of you here who are very upset because you did everything you could to raise your children in the faith, but they stopped practicing the faith when they left for college. Then they got married, outside of the Church, and now you have grandchildren who haven't even been baptized. So you ask, "Where did I go wrong?" Well, you didn't go wrong. You need to continue to pray that your children will be open to the faith. That seed that you planted may spring into a marvelous tree, but only after a long period of time. I have witnessed many people in their forties and fifties returning to the faith of their youth and then becoming devoted Catholics. Ask their parents, "How did this happen?" They would respond, "We planted, but God gave the growth."

Many people are upset by the recent survey that showed a decline in the number of Catholics in the United States over the last twenty-five years. Well, first of all, the report fails to consider the continual impact of migrants to our country from the Catholic countries of Latin America, but that mistake aside, we should be concerned, but our concern should be tempered by the large number of young Catholics devoted to the faith. This summer over 50,000 Catholic high school students will have deep experiences of their faith on the Steubenville retreats. Our campus ministries are growing. There are wonderful groups of young adult Catholics at Florida State, the University of Florida, the University of Central Florida and the University of South Florida just to name a few flourishing campus ministries. With all this said, it is not the conferences or campus ministries themselves that cause the faith to grow. They provide the environment for growth. But it is God who gives the growth.

We really need to recognize the wonders of God's hand in our own lives. Does our faith mean more to us today than it did twenty years ago, or even ten years ago? I think most of us would say, "Yes" to that question. Well, how does it happen that we are more determined to live our faith now than we had been? It happens because God continues to give growth to the faith.

We are members of the greatest society the world has ever seen. We are members of the Kingdom of God. We are members of the Church. No matter what the media may comment, we are part of the only truly relevant organization in the world. We give meaning to the whole purpose of existence. The Church continues to grow; for the Lord, not people, gives the growth.

When we are confronted with those who compare the numbers of priests and priest-less parishes and the numbers of Catholics to figures of sixty years ago, we need to remember that the Church will exist until the Second Coming of the Lord. The Church will adjust and flourish in the future just as it has in the past. And it will grow, for God gives it growth.

And when we are confronted with immorality on all sides, when we are convinced that the world will soon be coming to an end because so many people are behaving so poorly, and when we are often tempted to join the immorality, we should not despair. The Church not only lives on through the muddle and the mire of the world, it actually grows. You and I also grow as long as we do everything we can to stay united to the Church. For in the face of turmoil, outside us and within us, God gives His Church growth. You and I, right here, St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish, are the Church.

St. Paul wrote in today's second reading: *we walk by faith, not by sight*. May we always be strong members of the Church so God might work the miracle of His growth through us.

Yours in Christ,



Upcoming Altar Server Training

Open to all girls and boys in grades 4 and up, who have made their first Holy Communion.

Need only attend *one training session* to be eligible to start serving.

Join us Thursday, June 28th 5:30-6:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 10th 5:30-6:30 p.m.,

Monday, July 30th 6-7 p.m., or Saturday, August 11th 10-11 a.m.

Contact the Parish Office to RSVP



A Father's Day Prayer

God our Father,
 We give you thanks and
 praise for fathers
 young and old.
 We pray for young fathers,
 newly embracing their vocation;
 May they find courage and perseverance
 to balance work, family and faith in joy
 and sacrifice.
 We pray for our own Fathers around the
 world whose children are lost or suffering;
 May they know that the God of
 compassion walks with them
 in their sorrow.
 We pray for men who are not fathers
 but still mentor and guide us with
 fatherly love and advice.
 We remember fathers, grandfather,
 and great grandfathers who are no longer
 with us but who live forever in our
 memory and nourish us with their love.
 Amen
 John Stegman/Catholic Telegraph



Edge Events this Week



Tuesday, June 19th—

Astro Skate Christian Skate Night from 6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Cost is \$6 admission. (snacks & skate rental extra) Permission Slip Required.

Friday, June 22nd—

Friday Night Movies and Games at the Youth House at 7 p.m.

Open to All Youth going into 6th, 7th & 8th Grades. Contact Jen at st.ignatius.edge@gmail.com

Brothers in Christ

All men of the parish are invited.
 Our group meets
Wednesdays at 6 a.m. in the hall.
This Wednesday, June 19th
we will meet in the Church.
 For more info contact Geoff
 at 813-728-2082.



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.

Vacation Bible School

Begins this Monday from 9 a.m. through 12:30 p.m.



Knights of Columbus

General Meeting Thursday, June 21st in the hall at 7 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend!



Tech Social

Don't know an App from a Tweet? There is help!



Join us Saturday, June 23rd from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. in room 2 and get FREE technology help!

Deacon Sam's Classes— Summer Sessions

Begins Thursday June 21st
and continues
through July 26th



'The Bible and the Virgin Mary'
Exactly who is the Blessed Virgin Mary?
Can you explain her role in God's plan for
the world? Do you fully understand the
vital role she plays in your life?
While Catholics know Mary is important,
many never fully grasp how essential
she really is. Now they can.
The Bible and the Virgin Mary unveils the
mystery of Our Lady that is woven into the
very fabric of Sacred Scripture.

This video series presented
by Matthew Leonard,
will be held in Life Center rooms 2 & 3,
Thursday mornings at 10:30 a.m.
No registration or work books required.
Please bring your bibles!



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

**LYNN VAN BRUNT, ISABEL
CERMENO, JANICE DeMASCIO,
JOSEPH FABRIZIO & PAVEL NACHEV**

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

Save the Date Our Diocese 50th Anniversary Family Faith Fest

Free event at Al Lopez Park in Tampa
October 27th - 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

This free event at Al Lopez Park in
Tampa, will include games and
activities for children, fun, food, music,
entertainment, Eucharistic Adoration,
Confessions, and the celebration of the
Eucharist as a community in a special way
with Bishop Gregory Parkes.
Al Lopez Park is centrally located
between the major metropolitan areas
of the Diocese with easy access
to major highways.



Join in a 3 night class with Seminararian Christian Galvan on Families of Faith in the 21st Century.

**Open to all Parents, Grandparents &
Those Who are Discerning Married Life**

Monday evenings; June 25, July 2 & July 9 at 7 p.m. in the hall.
Come look at how the Catholic family living in the modern world
not only believes but courageously lives out the Gospel.

- ◆ We will examine the vocation of marriage and the family,
 - ◆ inviting all to grow in holiness.
- ◆ Together, we will discuss many of the modern attacks on the family of faith and the many challenges that must be overcome so as to live out our vocation.
- ◆ We will discuss "battle plans" and strategies to overcome these attacks, move forward in our faith journeys as a family, and bring the light of Christ to others in the process.

Babysitting is Available!

Bethany Gift Shop

Sunday Summer Schedule

June 17th, July 8th & 22nd,
August 12th & 26th
8:30 -11 a.m.

Located west of the Fr. John LaTondress Chapel.

Rosary Makers

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

All are Welcome.

We will not be meeting this
Monday, June 18th.



Autism Support



Check out
our next meeting!
Second Tuesday of
Every Month at 7 p.m.

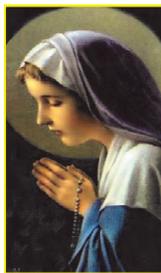
Connect to our 'Zoom' link:

<https://csuglobal.zoom.us/j/238529689>

Contact Mike Laverty for more information
at 992-5111 or mlaverty1@yahoo.com

Wednesday Rosary

As we face many challenges
in our country, we know,
as Catholics, that so many
problems are solved through
the intercession of Mary,
particularly through the Rosary.



As a parish, we ask all to pray a
Rosary every Wednesday for the
Protection of our Nation
and a Resurgence of Faith in God.

Comeback Catholics

Been away from
the Church?
Want to update your
spiritual journey?



Come join us - You are welcome here!
First Wednesdays of the month at 7 p.m.
in the Life Center's Office or make an
appointment at Comeback @ Ignatius.net

Elijah Cup

Join our Prayer Program for Vocations.
At a Mass of their choosing, participants
receive a Mass Chalice
in their home for a week
to pray for vocations.



Please sign the Elijah
Cup Book in the Church.

Hurricane Season

Be Prepared!
It is the beginning
of the hurricane season.
Please take note of our
hurricane procedures.



**Mass will not
be celebrated *if***

the government restricts travel to
emergency vehicles and/or orders an
evacuation of the Tarpon Springs area.

Eucharistic Ministers **will not** distribute
communion to the homebound or hospitals.

Parishioners with special needs should call
Laura at ext. 221 for forms for shelters.

Altar Flowers

You are invited to make a gift towards our Altar Flowers in memory of, in thanksgiving for, in celebration of or in honor of a person or event.



The donation is \$50 for the weekend floral arrangements.

This dedication will be printed in the bulletin for the requested week.

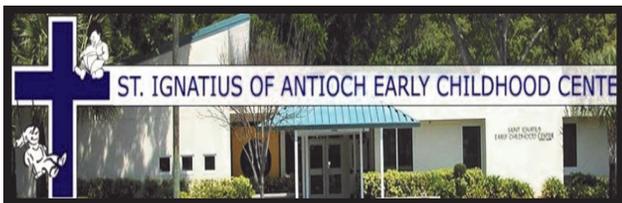
If interested, please come by the Parish Office between 9 - 4 on the weekdays.

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.

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.



Don't Miss a Thing!



Go to myparishapp, our Facebook Page, or scan our website link.

Why Register?

Why register as a Parishioner?

Becoming registered as a parishioner is not simply a matter of getting your name on a list. Registration is important because it provides you with offertory envelopes and with them, we are able to account for your Mass attendance.

Why is this important?

If a parishioner wishes to be a Godparent or a Sponsor for Confirmation, the parish that is administering the sacrament will need a letter from St. Ignatius indicating that you are a Catholic who attends Mass regularly.

It is only through your regular use of envelopes that we would be able to provide you with such a letter. Additionally, using envelopes allows us to provide you with a tax letter at the end of the year, per your request. Blue registration forms are available on the courtesy desk in the Church. Simply, fill one out and drop it in the offertory basket. Your new member packet will be sent to you the following week.

Guardian Angels School

Our students Learn, Serve, Lead, Succeed. Schedule a tour today and let us show you why our students shine! Contact Mary Stalzer at mstalzer@gacsfl.com



Thanks to everyone who donated box tops for Guardian Angels Catholic School. Please continue to cut out box tops over the summer.



We appreciate your support and have a blessed summer!

Check out some of our Liturgical Ministries that are always looking for parishioners wishing to share their time and talent.

Caritas Outreach Ministry

Do small things, with great love.” Mother Teresa

Caritas is our community outreach ministry for the elderly, homebound, infirmed, and bereaved of our parish.



Our services include:

Communion Calls- If you are unable to attend Mass due to illness, an Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister will bring Communion to your home.

Care Mass- Homebound parishioners are invited to our Tuesday morning Mass and luncheon. Transportation to this Mass is provided by our volunteers.

Prayer Line- Our members pray for your special intentions.

New Beginnings- This is our bereavement support group. Meetings are held monthly with guest speakers.

Respite- Our volunteers provide companionship to the homebound while enabling the primary caregiver a few hours of free time each week.

Friendly Visits and Phone Pals- These are for people who live alone and would appreciate a visit or a phone call. Transportation to doctor appointments, medical facilities and shopping can be arranged.

Caritas serves Florida Hospital North Pinellas in Tarpon Springs and local nursing homes.

You are invited to commemorate a special occasion or a loved one by donating flowers distributed at Florida Hospital North.

For more information contact **Laura Margarella, Caritas Director,** at lmargarella@ignatius.net or call the office at ext. 221.

Being a disciple of Jesus calls us to be a good steward of the gifts God has given us, especially our time and talent.

<i>DATE</i>	<i>MASS INTENTIONS</i>	<i>EVENTS</i>
Saturday, June 16	4:00 p.m. + Thomas Telesca 6:30 p.m. + Victor Iwanicki	
Sunday, June 17 <i>11th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Ezekiel 17:22-24</i> <i>2 Corinthians 5:6-10</i> <i>Mark 4:26-34</i>	7:30 a.m. + Don Nowaczewski 9:00 a.m. For the People of Our Parish 11:30 a.m. + Edward Auge 6:00 p.m. + Donald Milosch	 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY 7:30 p.m. Life Night after Mass
Monday, June 18 <i>1 Kings 21:1-16</i> <i>Matthew 5:38-42</i>	7:30 a.m. + Sheila Freiburger 9:00 a.m. + David Witeck	Vacation Bible School in the Hall, and rooms 6-12 
Tuesday, June 19 <i>St. Romuald</i> <i>1 Kings 21:17-29</i> <i>Matthew 5:43-48</i>	7:30 a.m. + John Landis Hess 9:00 a.m. + Terry Pavel 10:30 a.m. + Phyllis Thompson	 Vacation Bible School in the Hall, and rooms 6-12
Wednesday, June 20 <i>2 Kings 2:1-14</i> <i>Matthew 6:1-6</i>	7:30 a.m. For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life 9:00 a.m. + Jackie King	6:00 a.m. Brothers in Christ in the Church Vacation Bible School in the Hall, and rooms 6-12 
Thursday, June 21 <i>St. Sloysius Gonzaga</i> <i>Sirach 48:1-14</i> <i>Matthew 6:7-15</i>	7:30 a.m. + Judith Jankowski 9:00 a.m. Special Intentions of Steven Navarro	 Vacation Bible School in the Hall, and rooms 6-12 10:30 a.m. Deacon Sam's Class in 2,3 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus in 2,3,4
Friday, June 22 <i>Sts. Paulinus, John Fisher & Thomas More</i> <i>2 Kings 11:1-20</i> <i>Matthew 6:19-23</i>	7:30 a.m. + Richard Montgomery 9:00 a.m. + Justin Deges	Vacation Bible School in the Hall, and rooms 6-12  7:00 p.m. Edge in the Youth House
Saturday, June 23 <i>2 Chronicles 24:17-25</i> <i>Matthew 6:24-34</i>	9:00 a.m. + Ann Bartolotta	
Saturday, June 23	4:00 p.m. + Frank & Mary Pergola 6:30 p.m. + Salvatore Demasi	2:00 p.m. Tech Social in 2,3
Sunday, June 24 <i>Nativity of St. John the Baptist</i> <i>Isaiah 49:1-6</i> <i>Acts 13:22-26</i> <i>Luke 1:57-80</i>	7:30 a.m. + Barbara Huggins 9:00 a.m. For the People of Our Parish 11:30 a.m. + Manuel Santos 6:00 p.m. + Carole Ryan	7:30 p.m. Life Night after Mass

**If you wish to have a Mass said for special intentions
or for deceased family members or friends,
please stop by the parish office between 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. weekdays.**