

# The Roman Catholic Church of Saint Ignatius of Antioch

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

*August 25, 2019 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*



**We are Catholics.**

**We are Christians in Christianity's purest form.**

**We have purpose and meaning and  
beauty in our lives.**

**We have Jesus Christ. And He has us.**

**Our arms cannot be drooping.**

**They need to be raised high in praising  
the One who calls us.**

**Our knees should not be knocking.**

**They need to be high stepping, marching  
through that narrow gate to our God.**

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.....7:00 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. Chuck Dornquast at 345-3338

## Embracing Our Christianity

“Oh, poor us, poor us,” they moaned. “This is all so hard,” they complained. “We are questioned for our beliefs, and we are often outright persecuted for our faith. Oh, poor us, poor us. We go to the market place and can’t buy the best meat because it was part of a pagan sacrifice. Oh, poor us, poor us. Our parents and grandparents were so excited by this new faith, this Christianity, but we are not all that excited. We put up with it though, just in case it is right. But it is such a struggle to be Christians. Oh, poor us, poor us.”

The people doing the complaining were those to whom today’s second reading was addressed. These were Christians of Hebrew background living throughout the Roman Empire. Their fellow Jews had ostracized them. The pagan Romans were sporadically persecuting them. The original apostles were all dead, most of them killed by the Romans. And it seemed that each new leader of a Church in this or that city, particularly in Rome, were given a death sentence by being made bishop. Eleven of the original twelve were martyred. Ignatius from the second largest city in the Empire, Antioch, would be fed to the beasts in the Colosseum. The first thirty-one Bishops of Rome, the first thirty-one popes, would be put to death. Now there were rumors that Christians were to be persecuted throughout the empire. The people to whom the *Letter to the Hebrews* was addressed also complained that they couldn’t join in with the festivals of the people of their country. They were told that they couldn’t be Christians and live like pagans. So these Hebrews complained.

“Knock it off,” says the author of the *Letter to the Hebrews*. “Shore up your drooping arms and firm up your knocking knees.” Their body language showed how they felt. “Stop moping around,” *Hebrews* says. “Instead, trust in God. If you are called to be a witness to God with your life, it will unite you closer to Him than you could ever imagine.” Only a relative few would become martyrs in that way. Most of them were called to give witness to Christ by the way they lived their lives.

So, would this living of the Christian life be easy? No, nothing worthwhile is easy. Everything of value has its price. In today’s Gospel, Jesus called the price the narrow gate. The narrow gate is not the popular gate, but it is the only one that leads to God. Many people choose the wide gate, the way that everyone seems to be going. These are the people who justify their immorality with the “everyone’s doing it,” mentality. Many people think that they can ignore God throughout their lives, that they can avoid sacrificing for others, that they can live in their selfishness. Simply put, they choose to live like pagans. They assume that God will not reject them when their lives come to an end, but they forget, they have already rejected God. They are not on the inside of the Banquet Hall because they have chosen to be outside the Kingdom of God.

We cannot be the people of the wide gate. We have been given the call, the grace, to enter into God’s presence. But the way to get there is not easy. The gate is narrow. It demands sacrifice. It demands saying “No” to our own lower instincts. It demands saying, “No”, to the popular but immoral crowd.

## *Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

It is sad how we recognize the work necessary for the physical necessities of life, but we refuse to recognize the work that is necessary to attain the reason why we were created. We think that the goal of our lives, union with God, should be easy. We recognize the hard work that is necessary for a person to become a lawyer or a doctor. We know that there is no easy button to push in med school or law school. We know that even the most intelligent of our young people have to work extremely hard to receive an academic scholarship. Even in the area of sports we recognize that what might appear easy on the football field during an NFL game on Sunday is the result of months of work in the classroom, in the weight room and on the practice field. What we see on the athletic field is a culmination of lives of hard work. We tell our young athletes, "No pain, no gain." But we think that the maxim only applies to athletes, or scholars. It's deepest application is to Christianity.

We need to embrace our Christianity with enthusiasm. We need to stop complaining about our sacrifices and look to the Cross of Jesus Christ. The book of the cross is the wisdom of the Christian.

We are Catholics. We are Christians in Christianity's purest form. We have purpose and meaning and beauty in our lives. We have Jesus Christ. And He has us. Our arms cannot be drooping. They need to be raised high in praising the One who calls us. Our knees should not be knocking. They need to be high stepping, marching through that narrow gate to our God.

Then, when it comes time for the final Banquet of the Lord, when our lives come to an end, we will find ourselves inside, united to Jesus at the feast of Love that is the Eternal Union with God.

Yours in Christ,



### *Altar Server Training*



Have you ever considered becoming an Altar Server?  
Open to all in grades 4 and up, who have made their First Holy Communion.  
Need only 1 training session to serve.

**Upcoming trainings:**  
**Wednesday, August 28th at 6 p.m. &**  
**Sunday, September 15th at 1:30 p.m.**  
**in the Church.**

### *Rite of Christian Initiation Inquiry Session*



Know somebody who needs to finish their Sacraments? Interested in eternal joy? Want to learn more about the Catholic faith? Join us this Monday, August 26th at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Email Joshua Strope at [JStrope@Ignatius.net](mailto:JStrope@Ignatius.net) for more details.

## St. Ignatius Children and Youth Faith Formation

### New and Returning Families Open Registration This Weekend!

Sunday, August 25th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
in the Parish Life Center rooms 2 and 3.

Registration forms have been mailed out to our families that were enrolled in last year's religious education program.

Please mail them back in or come visit us on the weekends that we have Open Registration.

If you did not receive one, please contact the Faith Formation office.

#### \*First Eucharist (First Communion) – 2 years of sacramental preparation



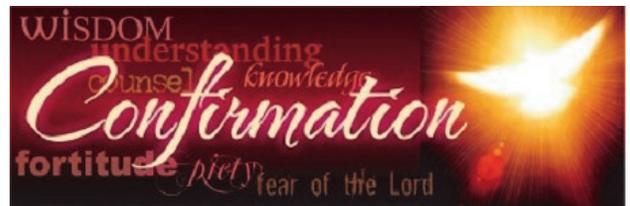
If your child is entering 1<sup>st</sup> grade this coming school year, it's time to start preparing for First Communion, which is then received in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Ordinarily a child will participate for at least one year in our parish's religious education program, then the following year entering into the immediate catechesis for the Sacrament.

\*Students attending 1st grade Religious education in a **catholic school** need only attend the second year (2nd Grade) of our faith formation class.\*

#### \*Confirmation

– 2 years of sacramental preparation

If your child is entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade this coming school year, it's time to start preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, which is then received in 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Ordinarily a child will participate for at least one year in our parish's religious education program, then the following year entering into the immediate catechesis for the Sacrament.



\*Students attending 8th grade in a **catholic school**

need only attend the second year (9th Grade) of our faith formation class.\*

**\*\*Children 5 years of age and older who are in need of Baptism** please contact Fran Morin.

**\*\*Children 9 years of age and older who are in need of 1<sup>st</sup> Communion** or **Teens 14 years of age and older who are in need of Confirmation** please contact Fran Morin.

We offer many opportunities for your children to grow in their faith.

Sessions for Pre K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade children on Sunday mornings 10 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Continuing Faith Formation sessions for 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades on  
Tuesday or Wednesday evenings 6:30 p.m – 8 p.m.

Please contact the **Faith Formation Office** for more details.

Fran Morin 937-4050 ext. 220 or [fmorin@ignatius.net](mailto:fmorin@ignatius.net)

Marie Day 937-4050 ext.223 or [mday@ignatius.net](mailto:mday@ignatius.net)

## Faith Formation Open House/Classes Begin:

This Sunday, August 25th -

Confirmation Packet/Orientation in hall at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 8th -

1st Communion Open House in hall at 10 a.m.

Tuesday, September 10th & Wednesday, September 11th -

8th Grade Open House in hall at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 15th -

Pre K—5th Grade Open House in hall at 10 a.m.

Tuesday, September 17th & Wednesday, September 18th -

6th & 7th Grade Open House in hall at 6:30 p.m.



## Life Teen



### Life Nights

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

We get to do this with Jesus in our presence!!

We explore our Faith, Life, and being the Sons and Daughters of God. Join us at our 6 p.m. Life Teen Mass and then for our exciting Life Night!!!

For more information our Youth Ministry Director Bart at ext. 250

## Edge



Our grades 6-8 ministry, EDGE, is a dynamic middle school youth ministry

program designed to meet the education, spiritual, and social needs of middle school youth. The ministry provides an opportunity to grow in faith by developing a meaningful relationship with Jesus through EDGE Nights and social activities.

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

**All Middle School Youth are Invited!**

Join us This Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth House Meet up with your fellow teens for a night filled with snacks, Jesus, and a fun time....

## Early Childhood Center's Open House

August 29th at 7 p.m.

Beginning in the hall

We offer 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 develop spiritually, physically, emotionally, and intellectually.

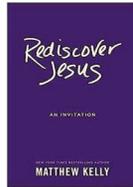
Call to schedule a tour at 727-937-5427.



## Book Club

Our Book Club style discussion group continues...

Share your thoughts of the book with others on Tuesday mornings, Aug 27th, Sept 10th, 17th (no class on Sept 3rd) at 10 a.m -12 p.m. in classroom 1. Questions? Contact Terri at 727-773-5004.



## Mom's Morning Out

Wednesdays & Thursdays  
in Life Center's room 8 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
\$10 per visit or 6 for \$50.  
Ages 1 and walking to 36 months.



## First Friday Adoration

### FLESH OF MY FLESH; MARY MOTHER OF THE EUCHARIST



St. Augustine wrote, "Jesus took his flesh from the flesh of Mary." We know then that united to the Divinity in the Eucharist there is Jesus Risen Body and Blood taken from the body and Blood of the Virgin Mary.

St. Thomas Aquinas wrote, "the flesh of Jesus is the material flesh of Mary, the blood of Jesus is the maternal blood of Mary. Therefore it will never be possible to separate Jesus from Mary."

Mary, then and now, always points to the humanity of Jesus, formed in and through her and nurtured by her. In the Acts of the Apostles, she also prays with Jesus waiting for that first Pentecost. By now we can see that Mary is our Mother, that Jesus on the Cross gave to the Apostle John and us; saying "Behold your mother."

When we look at the Wedding Feast at Cana, it was Mother Mary who asked her Son to help the wedding couple who had run out of wine. Jesus started to protest that it was not the time for "His hour" to reveal His divinity. Being a Jewish Mother, who cares for not only her own relatives but all neighbors, Mary simply says to the head waiter, "Do what He tells you to do." With that, 187 gallons of water became a special blessing especially for those who bring Mary into the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, the Sacrament of the Propagation of the Family.

**On First Friday, September 6th, we will joyfully expose the Sacred Host of our Risen Lord in the Monstrance. Let us ask our Mother Mary to help us grow closer to her Son by signing the Adoration Book. Adoration begins in our Chapel from 9:30 a.m. and ends with Benediction of Jesus at 9 p.m.**

## Deacon Sam's Class

### Word In Action Classes Continue The Bible Time Line - Presented by Deacon Sam

The Word In Action Group will continue their study of the "Bible Time Line", a Narrative reading and study of the Testaments.

This is a reminder for the returning students from the last semester. Registration is not required.

**New students will be required to register, so that, workbooks can be ordered.**

This is the second half of the Journey through the Bible and will complete our study.

**Classes will resume on September 5th and conclude on November 21st. All classes will be held on Thursday mornings, in rooms 2 & 3, beginning at 10:30 a.m. and will be repeated on Thursday evenings, in room 9, at 6:30 p.m. You may chose to attend either session.**

**All are invited.**

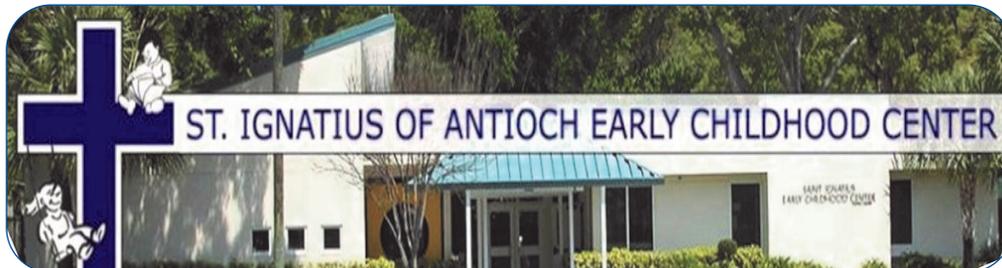
Word in Action Registration:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Workbook Offering: \$35.00

Please make checks out to St. Ignatius and submit it with this registration.



Dear Partners in Faith and Education,

Partners in Faith and Education program partners business, industry, civic and church organizations with our school in a financial function. The monies received will be used in our classrooms for educational materials and for the continuing education of our staff.

Another way of donating is our scholarship program, which is a continuing fund to be used by families in need of financial aid. Simply complete the attached form and the donation amount of your choice and it will be used for needed scholarship. Note that these types of donations are eligible for matching gift monies through many of our partners' places of employment.

Our goal is to have a quick turnaround from our partners so that we can give our teachers the opportunity to utilize funds early in the school year. If we can provide any further information about these worthwhile programs, please contact the school at (727) 937-5427.

God bless you for your generosity. Our children benefit a great deal from these particular programs, and I am confident you'll want to be a part of their enhanced learning. With the promise of our prayers and best wishes for the year, we remain,

Your Partners in Faith and Education,

Sharon Nease            Monsignor Joseph Pellegrino  
 Administrator        Parish Pastor

Donor Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 What is your affiliation with the school? \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate your choice of Partners in Education or Scholarship Program.**

Education Program	Scholarship Program
___ \$50	___ \$50
___ \$100	___ \$100
___ \$150	___ \$150
___ Other	___ Other

**Thank you for your donation.**

**As a nonprofit organization, contributions to the school are tax deductible.**

Please Make Checks Payable to: St. Ignatius ECC  
 Mail to: St. Ignatius of Antioch Roman Catholic Church  
 Attn: ECC Partners in Faith and Education Program  
 725 E Orange St. Tarpon Springs, FL 34689

**"Catholic Schools: Where Faith and Knowledge Meet"**

This week's  
Altar Flowers  
were donated  
in memory of  
Anthony Fiumara  
by Elias & Stacey Capous



## American Flags

If you have received an American Flag  
in honor of a loved one's military service  
and would like it flown here at the  
parish, please donate your flag  
at the parish office.



## Autism Support



Contact Mike Lavery for the  
next online meeting or  
for any Autism Support needs.  
Contact Mike at [mlavery1@yahoo.com](mailto:mlavery1@yahoo.com)

## Bethany Shop

Regular Shop hours resumes September 15th.  
Sundays, 8:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.  
Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.



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

**ANGELINE GALVEZ, PATRICIA KING,  
PATTI & ED MacDONALD,  
& ROBERT GENHOLD**

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

## Comeback Catholics

Been away from the Church?  
Come join us -  
You are welcome here!  
We meet in the



**Life Center Office on the first Wednesday  
of each month at 7 p.m.**

Or call Terri at 727-773-5004 or make an  
appointment at [Comeback@ignatius.net](mailto:Comeback@ignatius.net)

## Divine Mercy Cenacle

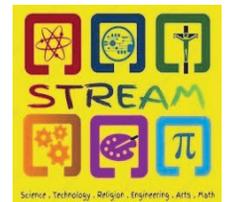


The Divine Mercy Cenacle  
will not meet during the summer.  
Monthly Saturday meetings will  
resume on September 14th.

## Guardian Angels School

A Wonderful STREAM program!  
Classrooms are filled with excellent,  
faithful teachers and staff working  
with our precious students.

Science, Technology, Religion,  
Engineering, Arts & Math



Interested parents may pick up applications for  
enrollment in the parish office.

## Caritas



The next meeting of our parish  
**bereavement support group**  
will be held Saturday, September 7th  
at 10 a.m., in the hall.

Peggy Grosz, BSN,NPA will be the speaker.  
All are welcome.

### Commemorate...

a special occasion or a loved one  
by donating flowers distributed at the Hospital.  
Our Caritas Ministry members bring  
flowers and communion to patients  
weekly at Advent Health Hospital.



<i><b>DATE</b></i>	<i><b>MASS INTENTIONS</b></i>	<i><b>EVENTS</b></i>
<b>Saturday, August 24</b>	4:00 p.m. + Gavin Duncan 6:30 p.m. + Ninfa Prince	
<b>Sunday, August 25</b> <i>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Isaiah 66:18-21</i> <i>Hebrews 12:5-13</i> <i>Luke 13:22-30</i>	7:30 a.m. + Patrick Rogan 9:00 a.m. For the People of Our Parish 11:30 a.m. + James & Martha Carson 6:00 p.m. + Irene Rubenstien	<b>10:00 a.m. Faith Formation Registration</b> in rooms 2,3 til 1 p.m. <b>4:30 p.m. Confirmation Orientation in hall</b> 7:30 p.m. Life Teen Night in the hall
<b>Monday, August 26</b> <i>1 Thessalonians 1:1-10</i> <i>Matthew 23:13-22</i>	7:00 a.m. + Katherine Kumbat 9:00 a.m. + Dale Seibert	9:30 a.m. Rosary Makers in the hall <b>7:00 p.m. RCIA Inquiry Session</b> in the hall
<b>Tuesday, August 27</b> <i>St. Monica</i> <i>1 Thessalonians 2:1-8</i> <i>Matthew 23:23-26</i>	7:00 a.m. + Carolyn Panik 9:00 a.m. + James Black 10:30 a.m. + Judy Karsa	10:00 a.m. Rediscover Jesus Book Group in room 1 7:00 p.m. 1st Communion Catechist Meeting in room 2
<b>Wednesday, August 28</b> <i>St. Augustine</i> <i>1 Thessalonians 2:9-13</i> <i>Matthew 23:27-32</i>	7:00 a.m. For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life 9:00 a.m. + Rev. Michael Hannon	6:00 a.m. Brothers in Christ in the hall 9:30 a.m. Mom's Morning Out in room 8 9:30 a.m. Patriotic Rosary in the Church <b>6:00 p.m. Altar Server Training in Church</b> 7:00 p.m. 8th Grade Catechist Meeting in room 2
<b>Thursday, August 29</b> <i>Passion of St. John the Baptist</i> <i>1 Thessalonians 3:7-13</i> <i>Mark 6:17-29</i>	7:00 a.m. + Ursula Snow 9:00 a.m. + Karlo Lekich	9:30 a.m. Mom's Morning Out in room 8 6:30 p.m. Edge in the Youth House <b>7:00 p.m. Early Childhood Center's</b> <b>Open House in the hall</b>
<b>Friday, August 30</b> <i>1 Thessalonians 4:1-8</i> <i>Matthew 25:1-13</i>	7:00 a.m. + John Edmiston 9:00 a.m. + Epifanio Garcia	6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts in rooms 6,7 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts in rooms 2,3,4
<b>Saturday, August 31</b> <i>Blessed Virgin Mary</i> <i>1 Thessalonians 4:9-11</i> <i>Matthew 25:14-30</i>	9:00 a.m. + Pedro Africano	9:00 a.m. Polish School Teacher Meeting in room 12
<b>Saturday, August 31</b>	4:00 p.m. + Peter Giammatteo 6:30 p.m. + Kenneth Lackey	
<b>Sunday, September 1</b> <i>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Sirach 3:17-29</i> <i>Hebrews 12:18-24</i> <i>Luke 14:1-14</i>	7:30 a.m. + Richard Boike 9:00 a.m. For the People of Our Parish 11:30 a.m. For an End to Abortions 6:00 p.m. + Irene Bush	7:30 p.m. Life Teen Night in the hall

**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.**