

The Roman Catholic Church of Saint Ignatius of Antioch

September 23, 2018

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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



*The Twelve are arguing
over who was the most important
among them.*

*"Stop it," says the Lord.
"If anyone wishes to be first,
he shall be the last of all
and the servant of all."*

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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
Rev. Carl Melchior at 345-3338

From Jealousy to Wisdom

Do you remember reading Shakespeare's play *Othello*? For those of you who may not be that up on your Shakespeare, *Othello* is the story about a Moor, an African sailor, who ascended to the rank of admiral. Othello then married a beautiful young girl named Desdemona. At the beginning of the play, they are happy and devoted to each other. Life should have continued that way, but then the wicked Iago enters. Iago is jealous of Othello's success and upset that he had been passed over for a promotion that was given to a young man named Cassio. He plots to destroy Othello by using Othello against himself. He convinces Othello that Desdemona is not being faithful to him and that Cassio was the other man. Ultimately this results in Cassio's, Desdemona's and Othello's deaths. Yes, this is just a play, but Shakespeare captures some of the most destructive human faults: jealousy and selfish ambition.

I'm sure that many of us have experienced people behaving badly, trying to destroy others out of jealousy or for their own self promotion.

Today's readings confront these human maladies. The first reading presents wicked men plotting the destruction of the Just One. They can't stand the fact that he is so close to God. They are jealous, just like Cain was jealous of his brother Abel's relationship with God. "He's obnoxious to us," the villains from the *Book of Wisdom* claim, "Let's humiliate him, torture him, and condemn him to a shameful death." This is almost a blow by blow description of what would happen to Jesus. It is also a description of the motivation of those who sought His death. The Pharisees, Scribes and leaders of the Temple could not bear the fact that Jesus radiated the Presence of God in the world. Instead of listening to Him, they decided to destroy Him, or, at least, destroy His physical life.

The *Letter of James* in today's second reading begins with:

*Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist,
there is disorder and every foul practice.*

There are so many problems that come from jealousy and selfish ambition. At work, people place a few negative thoughts into the ear of a boss in order to hamper a fellow employee's promotion and open up a position for themselves. In the schools, particularly the High Schools, people routinely destroy other's reputations so they can look better before their peers: "Well, she might seem to be all that holy, but let me tell you what she is really like." or "He might appear to be this great moral guy, but this is what he's done." And the hurt begins. Good people suffer.

Jealousy is evident in the workplace, schools, homes and even the Church. Jesus' closest disciples didn't get the message. In today's Gospel the Twelve are arguing over who was the most important among them. What was with these guys, anyway? They were following someone who gave up everything to care for others and to proclaim the Kingdom of God. He continually emptied Himself out for others, and all they are concerned with is their positions in the heavenly kingdom. "Stop it," the Lord says to the Twelve. The first should be last and a servant. He would wash their feet at the Last Supper and then tell them to do this for others.

Jesus uses a child to make His point. Taking care of a child is too low a task for the high and mighty. People who think they are so important have better things to do than wipe noses, tell bedtime stories and change diapers. The disciples of the Lord are never to see themselves as high and mighty. They, we, are to be servants to all, particularly to those who are most vulnerable.

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So, there are two things that we are confronted with today: dealing with other people's jealousy, and our own over inflated view of ourselves.

Actually we can't do anything about other people's jealousy except ignore it. We need to be kind to those who are so vicious that they want to destroy us. The most important thing is that we don't stop doing our best out of concern for what others are thinking. We have to do our best but in a way that does not promote ourselves to others. Let me tell you about Tom McGahee. I was in the seminary with Tom. He is now Fr. Thomas McGahee. Tom is a super genius. How intelligent is he? When we were in the seminary the IQ people used to send him their tests and then correct the tests when Tom's answers didn't coincide with theirs. People from all over the world used to contact him to solve complex problems. And, yet, Tom never flaunted his intelligence. If one of us asked him to explain something to us, he would drop everything to explain it as simply as possible without ever making us feel dumb. Tom was humble. We also need to be humble. At the same time we need to develop the talents God gives us. If people are jealous, well, so be it. The talent comes from God, not from us. We don't have a right to let our talents shrivel to nothing. Whatever God gives us, He gives us for others.

And we have to fight against an over inflated view of ourselves. A wag once said, "Last year I was conceited, but this year I'm perfect." None of us are as good as we sometimes think we are or as bad as we sometimes think we are. We have to get rid of our own conceit and be concerned not with ourselves but with serving others.

Being our best selves, the best versions of ourselves, results in the Wisdom that *James* speaks about in the second part of the reading:

*But the wisdom from above is first of all pure,
then peaceable, gentle, compliant,
full of mercy and good fruits,
without inconstancy or insincerity.
And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace
for those who cultivate peace.*

People can be hard. People can be hurtful. People can be jealous. But we do not have to be part of the self-centered society of evil. We can change society. We can change society by being kind and understanding, caring and forgiving. We can change society by being the people we were created to be: People of God.

Yours in Christ,



Comeback Catholics

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

Come join us - You are welcome here!

**We meet in the Life Center Office on the first Wednesday
of the month or make an appointment**

at Comeback @ Ignatius.net or call Terri at 727-773-5004



Breakfast in the Hall

Knights of Columbus
will be serving Breakfast
This Sunday, September 23rd
from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.



Come enjoy a Full or Lite Breakfast.
From Pancakes & Eggs to Donut & coffee.



Proceeds from this Breakfast
will go to the
Knights of Columbus
Disability/Wheelchair Program
assisting those in need.

Faith Formation

Classes this Sunday at 10 a.m.
Classes this Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Classes this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.



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.

Rosary Makers



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

Sr. Lila's Class

Praying our Way through Life

Classes meet on Mondays
from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.
in rooms 2 & 3.



RCIA



If you're interested in becoming Catholic,
you are invited to our
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.
Come learn more about our beautiful faith.
Join us Monday evenings at 7 p.m.
in the Office of Evangelization
in the Life Center or contact Joshua at
727-937-4050 ext. 224 or at
jstrobe@ignatius.net

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 Galatians

Classes meet Thursday mornings
at 10:20 a.m. and Thursday evenings
at 6:30 p.m. in rooms 2 & 3.



Edge



All Middle School Youth are Invited!

Thursday evenings in the Youth House
from 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Tech Social

Don't know an App from a Tweet? There is help!
Join us Saturday, September 29th
from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. in room 2.
and get FREE technology help!



Upcoming October Events

First Friday Adoration



MARY, MOTHER OF THE EUCHARIST

St. John Paul II in his Apostolic Letter, *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, says: "I pointed out the Blessed Virgin Mary as our teacher in contemplating Christ's face, and of among the mysteries of light I included the Eucharist. Mary can guide us towards this most holy sacrament because she herself has a profound relationship with it"

In addition to allowing the Holy Spirit to use Mary's womb to be the first Tabernacle of God's Word, who became flesh, human like us in everyway except sin, she was also present after Jesus Resurrection and Ascension to the Father when the Apostles celebrated the Eucharist (see Acts 1:14) in the breaking of the Bread. (Acts 2:42) Pope John Paul goes on to say: "In addition to her sharing in the Eucharistic Banquet", in indirect picture of Mary's relationship with the Eucharist can be had, beginning with her interior disposition.

Mary is a woman of the Eucharist in her whole life. The Church is called to imitate her in relationship with this holy mystery. Mary is present with the Church and as Mother of the Church (from the Cross; "Behold your Mother") at each of the celebrations of the Eucharist.

The Month of October is traditionally, in the Church, called the month of the Holy Rosary, which has a feast day on October 7th (except when it falls on a Sunday). There is probably no better time than to say the rosary each day meditating on the mysteries of God's love revealed in the life, death and resurrection of our Divine Lord. This is most fulfilling when we pray before the Living Eucharist in the Tabernacle and especially on the First Friday of the Month, when we have Exposition of the Sacred Eucharistic Host, where we can talk, listen and pray to Jesus face to face as Lord and Brother.

Want to be a witness to His Real Presence?

Just sign the Witness Adoration Book in the front of the Church for Friday, October 5th, beginning at 9:30 a.m. and ending with Jesus' Blessing at Benediction at 9 p.m.
Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, pray for us.

Bereavement Support

The next meeting of our bereavement support group will be held on **Saturday, October 6th at 10 a.m. in the hall. Brenda Covini, a grief counselor from St. Timothy's in Lutz, will be the speaker.**



All are welcome.

Fr. Kevin's Class

Fr. Kevin Molloy will be returning this fall with his Thursday night classes beginning October 11th.

This year's topic:

The Study of Religion.

No sign up required.

Classes meet Thursdays at 7 p.m. in rooms 2 & 3 of the Life Center.



Morning of Reflection



Saturday, October 13th in the hall, following the 9 a.m. Mass.

Our Women's Council invites all parishioners to The Rosary & The Eucharist—
A Morning Reflection.

Guest Speaker is Ivonne J. Hernandez author of *The Rosary: Eucharistic Meditations*. The book will be available for a \$2 donation.

For reservations please call Patti at 727-938-8510 before October 10th.

Martha's Ministry

Our Ministry members attend Funeral Masses when there are only a few or no family and friends of the deceased in attendance. If you would like to be a member of this very special Ministry please call Kathy Beurlen at 942-6359.

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR PARISH PICNIC! Sunday, October 7th 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Near the Early Childhood Center

Activities include:

Huge Inflatable Slide, Dunk Tank, Bungee Challenge, Apple Toss, Cake Walk, Football Toss, Music Table, Balloon Blow Up, Relay Races & more for all ages!

Great Food:

Chicken, Hot Dogs, canned drinks, paper goods and plastic ware will be provided. Please bring whatever you wish to complement your picnic.



Food served from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.



Bring your tables, lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy!

Diocese Family Faith Fest - Free event at Al Lopez Park in Tampa October 27th, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

“It will essentially be a festive encounter with our Lord,” said Bishop Gregory Parkes. “Similar to a World Youth Day experience, we will come together as one Church family to deepen our faith and grow closer to Christ by means of prayer and the sacraments together with thousands of other people who have the same longing in their heart.” Bishop Gregory Parkes

MASS WITH BISHOP GREGORY PARKES AT 4 PM
Check out www.familyfaithfest.org for a list of events!



Respect Life

40 Days for Life Prayer

Dearest heavenly Father, we pray that the power of Your Holy Spirit touch the hearts of women who are tempted to choose death rather than life for their unborn child. You have entrusted us to defend Your gift of life. During this 40 day vigil, we pray each day, that you bless this witness of our love for life with many babies saved and an end of abortion. Amen.



Join our Respect Life Ministry and Knights of Columbus at our Memorial to the Unborn after the 11:30 a.m. Mass, Sunday, October 14th To remember the unborn, who have been lost to abortion.

Allow your heart to be broken for them and commit yourself to protecting other children from suffering the same fate. Our Memorial is outside, behind our Upper Pinellas Pregnancy Center.

This week's Altar Flowers were donated in memory of The Deceased Members of the Griffith Family.



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



**Tom Mulcahy,
The Victims of both
Hurricane Florence &
Typhoon Mangkhut**

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

Viva Las Vegas Casino Night!

November 17th in our Parish Hall-

Sponsored by St. Ignatius of Antioch's Women's Council & Knights of Columbus

Doors open 5 p.m. - Games run thru 8:45 p.m.

TICKETS INCLUDE:

Prime Rib /Fish/Chicken Buffet Dinner, Beverage & 5,000 poker chips

\$40 donation \$45 donation at the door

GAMES INCLUDE:

Blackjack Tables
Poker & Texas Hold'em
Roulette Table
Craps Table
Slot Machines

Space is limited...
only 100 tickets available!

For Tickets Contact
Dave & Patti at
727-938-8510



PLUS:

Beer & Wine Available
Raffle Prize Baskets
50/50 Drawing

All funds raised will go to aid those in need at St. Ignatius.



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Shortly after I was installed as the fifth bishop of the Diocese of St. Petersburg, I was asked about my vision for our diocese. As your shepherd, I set out to hear from you about the blessings and opportunities in our local Church. Through the listening sessions and gatherings and through online surveys, I heard common themes emerge about what we are doing well, areas where we need to improve, and about additional ministerial opportunities. This feedback has helped to shape our Mutually Shared Vision that I am sharing with you. The Vision for our diocese is Courageously Living the Gospel. It includes our sacred purpose, priorities and nine goals that will help us to achieve this vision. Together, we have put forth a vision to guide us as we move forward as a diocese over the next three years.

SACRED PURPOSE:

We, the Catholic Diocese of St Petersburg, are a joyful community of disciples proclaiming the Good News and inviting all people to encounter the love and mercy of Jesus Christ. The Diocese of St. Petersburg includes all the people in the counties of Pinellas, Hillsborough, Pasco, Hernando and Citrus. While many people identify as Catholic, it is also our “mission territory.”

WE WILL LIVE OUR PURPOSE BY:

PROCLAIMING:

Knowing and sharing the Gospel of Jesus. This gospel of the kingdom will be preached throughout the world.” Matthew 24:14

INVITING:

Welcoming and accompanying others as Jesus did. “Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God.” Romans 15:7

ENCOUNTERING:

Growing in relationship to Jesus and one another. “Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.” James 4:8



Early Childhood...



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 the Early Childhood Center to schedule a tour (727) 937-5427.

Guardian Angels...

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



...Moms Morning Out



Wednesdays & Thursdays in room 8 of the Life Center from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

\$10 per visit or 6 for \$50

Ages 1 and walking to 36 months.

...Save Box Top Labels



Guardian Angels School is collecting box top labels. Please place your box tops on the courtesy desk in the Church.

Thank You!

<i>DATE</i>	<i>MASS INTENTIONS</i>	<i>EVENTS</i>
Saturday, September 22	4:00 p.m. + Frank & Alice Welling 6:30 p.m. + Lillian Hermans	40 Days for Life Sign Up after the Masses this weekend
Sunday, September 23 <i>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Wisdom 2:12-20</i> <i>James 3:16-4:3</i> <i>Mark 9:30-37</i>	7:30 a.m. + Bob Cass 9:00 a.m. For the People of Our Parish 11:30 a.m. + Del Fischer 6:00 p.m. + Deceased Members of The Griffith Family	8:30 a.m.—11 a.m. Bethany Shop Open 8:00 a.m. Breakfast in the Hall Fundraiser 10:00 a.m. Pre K - 5th Grade Classes 7:30 p.m. Life Night after Mass in the hall
Monday, September 24 <i>Proverbs 3:27-34</i> <i>Luke 8:16-18</i>	7:30 a.m. + Patrick Rogan 9:00 a.m. + Michael & Mary Jo Franco	9:30 a.m. Rosary Makers in the hall 10:00 a.m. Sr. Lila's Class in rooms 2,3 7:00 p.m. RCIA in Evangelization Office
Tuesday, September 25 <i>Proverbs 21:1-13</i> <i>Luke 8:19-21</i>	7:30 a.m. + Will Killian 9:00 a.m. + Anthony Rossi 10:30 a.m. + Gelsomina Carotenuto & Jo Furo	9:45 a.m.—12 p.m. Bethany Shop Open 6:30 p.m. Pre Confirmation - 8th Grade class 6:30 p.m. 6th & 7th Grade Open House
Wednesday, September 26 <i>Sts. Cosmas & Damian</i> <i>Proverbs 30:5-9</i> <i>Luke 9:1-6</i>	7:30 a.m. For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life 9:00 a.m. + Arthur Sieracki	6:00 a.m. Brothers in Christ in hall 9:30 a.m. Moms Morning Out room 8 5:00 p.m. Children's Choir in the Church 6:30 p.m. Pre Confirmation - 8th Grade class 6:30 p.m. 6th & 7th Grade Open House
Thursday, September 27 <i>St. Vincent de Paul</i> <i>Ecclesiastics 1:2-11</i> <i>Luke 9:7-9</i>	7:30 a.m. + Anna Slater 9:00 a.m. + Geraldine Milosch	9:30 a.m. Moms Morning Out room 8 10:30 a.m. Deacon Sam's Class in rooms 2,3 6:00 p.m. Edge in the Youth House 6:30 p.m. Deacon Sam's Class in rooms 2,3 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal in Church
Friday, September 28 <i>Sts. Wenceslans & Lawrence Ruiz & Companions</i> <i>Ecclesiastics 3:1-11</i> <i>Luke 9:18-22</i>	7:30 a.m. + Josephine Anci 9:00 a.m. + Milton Grosz	6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts Troop 1142 in room 6 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts Troop 817 in room 7 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts in rooms 2-4 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts in rooms 8-12
Saturday, September 29 <i>Sts. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Angels</i> <i>Deuteronomy 7:9-14</i> <i>John 1:47-51</i>	9:00 a.m. + Paul & Linda Reardon	9:00 a.m. Polish School in rooms 7-12 2:00 p.m. Tech Social in room 2
Saturday, September 29	4:00 p.m. + Michael Crocitto 6:30 p.m. + Joseph & Julia Souza	
Sunday, September 30 <i>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Numbers 11:25-29</i> <i>James 5:1-6</i> <i>Mark 9:38-48</i>	7:30 a.m. + Alex & Inez Pavin 9:00 a.m. For the People of Our Parish 11:30 a.m. + Jack Witeck 6:00 p.m. + James P. Dawes	10:00 a.m. Pre K - 5th Grade Classes 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Classes 7:30 p.m. Life Night after Mass in the hall

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