

St. Ignatius of Antioch

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Mission Statement:

United in Faith, Ignited by the Spirit, We Reflect the Light of the Living Christ

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Assisting Clergy

Deacon Gary Hack

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Peter Degl'Innocenti

Pastoral Associate

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Director of Faith Formation

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Director of Music, Organist,
Artist-in-Residence

Maryann Peddicord

Pastoral Secretary

Beverly Iacona

Financial Secretary

Rich Confetti

Facilities Maintenance

Eucharist Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Weekdays: 8:00 am

Holy Days: 8:00 am, 7:30 pm

Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:45 to 4:30 pm

Faith Formation Office (925) 778-1631

Sacraments: Contact Parish (925) 778-0768

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

For Ministries, Activities & Outreaches in Parish; see Parish handbook, available in the Office.



Second Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2015

If God is for us, who can be against us?

— Romans 8:31b

Stewardship

Thank you for the gift of your Time, your Talent and your Treasure to St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish.

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will also be.”

Stewardship of Treasure

Weekend Offering for February 14-15

Weekly Goal.....	\$12,500.00
Weekend Plate.....	6,842.00
EFT.....	445.00
Mail In.....	1,975.00
Total for the Week	\$9,262.00
Excess/(Shortfall)	(\$3,238.00)

Parking Lot Loan

Required Monthly Principle Payment.....\$5,000.00

Donations this week.....30.00

Any shortfall is covered from Parish Operating Funds

New Education Center Campaign

Payments/Donations this week.....\$240.00

New Education Center Fund Balance.....\$717,543.96

Men's Retreat

Join us for the 2015 St. Bonaventure Men's Retreat on
Mature Discipleship—Finding Joy and Fulfillment in the Spiritual Struggles of the Second Half of Life

Weekend of March 6-8

San Damiano Retreat Center in Danville

Our retreat master will be Fr. Richard Mangini, pastor of St. Bonaventure Parish in Concord.

For more information, please call Peter Nixon at 363-5884 or Matt Remington at 672-4006 or register on line at: <http://www.stbonaventure.net/parish-ministries/adult-faith/mens-spiritual-network>

Schedule of Events

Sunday, March 1

- Second Sunday of Lent—Eucharist 8 am & 10 am
- Birthday Blessing—all Liturgies
- RCIA dismissed during 10 am Liturgy
- St. Joseph Dinner Ticket Sales—after both Liturgies
- Second Collection—Parking Lot
- Sr. Emma de Guzman Liturgy & Healing Service—3 pm—Church

Monday, March 2

- Eucharist—8 am
- SPRED Catechist Preparation—5:00 pm - 6:30 pm - Parish Hall.

Tuesday, March 3

- Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion—8 am
- Art & Environment Committee meeting - 10 am—Parish Hall
- Liturgy Committee meeting - 11 am—Parish Hall
- Faith Formation grades 1– 5—6 pm-7:15p m—Parish Hall & Church

Wednesday, March 4

- Eucharist - 8 am & Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena following
- Faith Formation grades 1– 5—4:30 pm-7:15 pm—Parish Hall & Church; grades 6-8—6 pm-7:15 pm—Parish Hall

Thursday, March 5

- Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion—8 am
- Faith Formation Confirmation I and II—6 pm-7:15 pm - Parish Hall
- Chior Rehearsal—7:30 pm - Church

Friday, March 6

- World Day of Prayer
- Eucharist, General Intercessions, Stations of the Cross—8 am
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament—8:45 am - Church
- Fish Fry—4:30 pm - 7:00 pm - Parish Hall

Saturday, March 7

- Vigil Eucharist - 5 pm
- St. Joseph Dinner Ticket Sales—after 5 pm Liturgy

Sunday, March 8

- Third Sunday of Lent - Eucharist 8am & 10am
- RCIA dismissed during 10 am Liturgy
- New Parishioner Brunch after 10 am Liturgy—Parish Hall
- St. Joseph Dinner Tick Sales—after both Liturgies

Pray for the Sick

Remember in your prayers all those who are sick or suffering in any way, especially:

Joshua Baquera	Helen Merkle	Paul Syliangco
Archbishop Brunett	Lilia Morauda	Patricia Tapia
Gavin Cano	John Padua	Claire Tryon
Jackie Carvalho	Diane Schlueter	Idonna Tryon
Amiel Laxamana Jr	Donna Schmidt	Peter Villalpando

Members of our Parish Family who are in the Military, hospitals, nursing homes, shut-ins and all those who have no one to pray for them

Readings for the Week

Monday	Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8,9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday	Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday	Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday	Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16- 21; Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Saturday	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16- 21; Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday	Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

St. Vincent de Paul—Pittsburg

St. Vincent de Paul in Pittsburg is looking for volunteers:

- Physicians and Retired Physicians
- Mentors for Job Training Program

They are in need of **volunteer physicians** to staff their all-volunteer free medical clinic, (which operates on Wednesdays, 4-8 pm, and on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month). All malpractice insurance provided. Contact: Pittsburg@RotaCarebayarea.org or call (925) 439-2009.

They are also in need of **volunteer mentors** for their Workforce Development Program, where a mentor would work 1-2 hours per week with one of the participants in our job-training program. Contact: Ronald Weston at r.weston@svdp-cc.org.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. 5:00 pm	Fara Costanza †
Sun. 8:00 am	Alfredo & Elina Avelar †
Sun. 10:00 am	Pedro Villalpando †
Mon. 8:00 am	Our Parish Family
Tues. 8:00 am	Paul Costanza †
Wed. 8:00 am	Silvina Silva †
Thur. 8:00 am	Richard Osborne †
Fri. 8:00 am	All Catechists and Teachers

St. Vincent de Paul - Food Pantry

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is now requesting the following food items:

- 1 lb. bag of white rice
- 15 oz can of Pork & Beans
- 5 oz can of Tuna

Silver and Gold Ministry— Activities

On **Wed., March 4th from 10-11:30 am**, the Silver and Gold are planning a field trip to Holy Cross Cemetery for a personal tour of the Holy Angels' Chapel & Funeral Home/Mortuary with Fr. Robert, Chris Trotta (Funeral Director) and Deacon Dave Holland. Please RSVP to Deacon Gary at 757-1385. Those needing a car pool pick-up, call Frances in the Faith Formation office or meet in the church parking lot by 9:30 am that morning.

Mobile Mall Ministry

The next distribution date is:

Saturday, March 28th, 10 am-12 Noon
Turner Elem. School, Delta Fair Bl., Antioch

Come and shop at no cost to you. Large selection of clothing, shoes, blankets, table linens, coats, jackets, etc. are all available.

Everyone is welcome and everything is free. For more information, call Barbara at 706-2802.



Diocesan Campaign Status: February 13, 2015

Campaign Goal.....\$651,679.00
 Total Pledges to Date.....\$345,564.00
 Percentage of Goal.....53%

Active Households.....563
 Household Pledges.....227
 Percentage of Households.....40%

Fish Fry—2015

Gone Fishin! The Knights of Columbus are at it again. The **Fourth Annual Fish Fry Fridays start on February 20th and will run for 6 weeks.**



We have arranged for the same wonderful cod, breaded perfectly and served fried, with our famous french fries, cole slaw and a beverage for the low cost of \$14 per meal (bring in this bulletin and receive a \$1 off each meal). Dessert will also be available in the parish hall.

The Hall will also feature a local brew and good wine for an additional charge.

The parish hall will **open at 4:30 pm and will serve until 7:00 pm.** Meals will also be available at the drive-thru for take-out. Lightning Bingo will also be conducted in the parish hall throughout each evening.

Please join us and bring a friend and more importantly – “Pass the word to go Fishin!” We are also looking for volunteers – see your favorite Knight or sign up at the church. We can only be successful with your help.

Your Knights of Columbus

A Vocation View

If you need examples of persons responding to God’s call, look at Abraham and Sarah—called in old age to leave their country, and have a child. Then Abraham was asked to sacrifice the child. What faith! Answering God’s call to be priest, sister, brother or deacon, is taking a great risk!

NAMI Contra Costa’s Free Family To Family Education Course

This is a free educational course and support group in mental illness which will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary parish. The Monday evening courses will start at 7 to 9:30 pm beginning on February 2nd and ending on April 27, 2015. For further information, contact Sandy Heinisch at (925) 513-3412.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Married Couples: Today's gospel tells of the Transfiguration of Christ; make the time to renew and transform your relationship.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are **May 15-17, August 7-9 and November 20-22.** Early registration, four to six weeks out is highly recommended.

For additional information contact Greg & Mary at (925) 754-1284 or Joe and Sue at (925) 680-7767 or visit oaklandwwme.org

New Parish Website Coming

Thank you for your patience as our parish website undergoes a significant redesign. A temporary website with the weekly bulletin, Father’s weekly notes and contact information will be available shortly as work continues on the main website.

Had a Life-Changing Lent?

Join Matthew Kelly, best-selling Catholic author in America, on a life-changing journey through your Best Lent Ever. Each week, participants will receive short videos and inspiration from Matthew that explain the genius of Catholicism and empower them to become the best-version-of-themselves...**it’s simple and completely free.** The only cost is your commitment to live better each day this Lent. The website for this program is: <http://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever/#signup>

International Women’s Day-March 8th

The observance of the International Women’s Day provides for us an opportunity to celebrate the achievements women have made for the benefit of humankind. The day also brings attention to the continued inequality, injustice and harm women face in the pursuit of their freedom and human dignity.

To find out more about this observance, you may go to the Interfaith Peace Project website at: www.interfaithpeaceproject.org



*Ministry,
Organization and
Volunteer
Opportunities in our
Parish*

GOD GIVES EACH OF US UNIQUE GIFTS AND NO ONE CAN TAKE YOUR PLACE IN THE PARISH. CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

Weekly church cleaning: Volunteers are needed on Saturday mornings to clean, mop and dust the church and parish hall. Contact Steve Rojek at 757-1276 for more information.

Mountain View House Family Shelter: Volunteers from our parish purchase, cook and serve evening meals at this emergency family shelter located in Martinez. The parish is looking for someone to schedule our weeks at the shelter and coordinate the various parish groups that offer to furnish meals. Contact Brian at 778-0768 for more information.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Assist the Presider in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ. Fully initiated parishioners are eligible and mandatory training is provided. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

Lectors: Fully initiated parishioners are eligible to serve in this Ministry. Mandatory training is provided. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

After-school Tutors Needed: Contra Costa Interfaith Housing (CCIH) is looking for homework club tutors at Los Medanos Village in Pittsburg. For more information contact Gloria Bertolozzi of CCIH at (925) 944-2244.

Garden Project: Help raise vegetables for donation to St. Vincent de Paul. Contact Brian at 778-0768 to add your name to the email list to receive notifications for garden work parties.

Note to Ministries and Parish Organizations: contact the Parish Office if you would like to have your Ministry or parish group listed in this section of the bulletin.

Parish Perspective

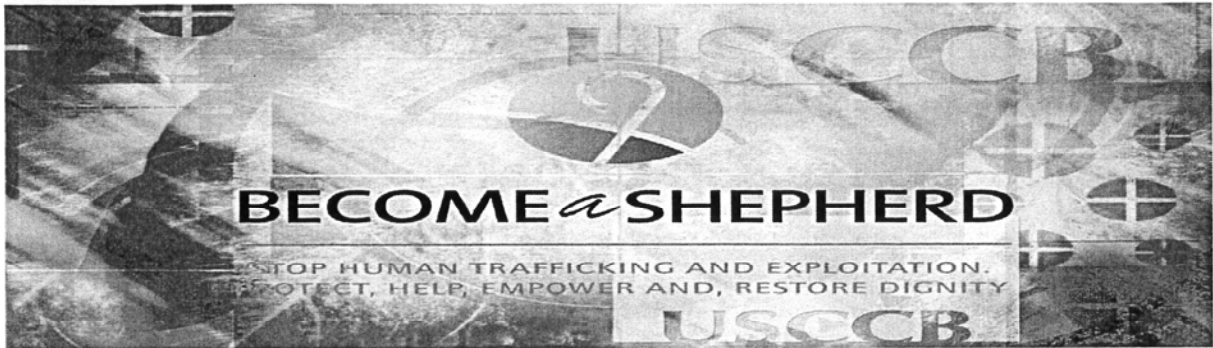
By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

Recently the Catholic Daughters of the Americas (St. Mary Margaret Court #1450) hosted a fund raising event in our social hall, called "Tea Time." When I first spotted the flyer tucked into one of the bulletins, I thought that this might be something my wife would like to attend. I once had the pleasure of going to a tea shop, with my wife and her daughter, that sold and served tea in the grand British tradition. "High Tea" or the "Queen's Tea" have all the pomp and ceremonialism as the crowning of a new British monarch. Only the Japanese "Tea Ceremony" has more rigid guidelines.

Our hall was filled with round tables bedecked with white linen tablecloths, red and pink decorations, glass luncheon plates with tea cups, and condiments of raspberry jam, a tangy lemon curd, and clotted (not whipped) cream. The tea was perfect for lunch; a black tea, yet light in flavor somewhere on the order of a light "English Breakfast" blend. The food was plentiful starting with multiple types of appetizers, scones, cucumber sandwiches, and others consisting of ham and Havarti, smoked salmon and cream cheese, and chicken salad. Quiches of applewood bacon & Swiss cheese and Florentine style also found their way into the line-up.

Conversation at the table was varied and at one point landed on the subject of the BBC series *Downton Abbey*. It was mentioned how everyone would have to dress (oh so formally) to attend Tea. For a moment I felt like nobility, sipping on fine tea, savoring delicate little sandwiches and being served most politely by a young (perhaps junior high school aged) wait staff most probably from Good Shepherd parish where Court #1450 is based.

The "mover and shaker" for this wonderful change-of-pace event, on the St. Ignatius of Antioch side of things, was the lovely and vivacious Sofie Zimmerman. Sofie is the "Energizer Bunny" of the Catholic Daughters and is well known for her organizing and leadership abilities. It was she who sold the tickets to me, and at that time, just before I handed over the money to her, I asked if there would be other men attending. She said "Oh yes, there are always many men who go the tea". Alas, I was the sole thorn among the many lovely roses but I didn't mind; I had my sweetie on my arm. At the end, the question arose from nearly everyone; "Will you (CD of A) do this again?" "We'll see" was the reply. I hope they do and maybe more men will escort their "sweetie" to the Tea.



Workshop on Human Trafficking

Thursday March 5

6:00 PM – 7:15 PM

Please come and join our
High School Confirmation Class
for a session on this very important topic

Sister Barbara Nixon will be our Facilitator

Sister Barbara is the Director of Faith Formation at
St. Anne Parish in Byron
and an expert on the subject of
Human Trafficking and Modern Day Slavery

We will meet in the Parish Hall



9th Annual
**St. Joseph's Day
Festival Dinner**

Saturday
March 21, 2015

6:30 PM

\$25.00

Menu:

Appetizers
Mediterranean Salad
Italian Pasta
Vegetables
St. Joseph's Bread
St. Joseph's Dessert Table

50/50 Raffle

Mystery Envelopes

Entertainment by Mike Spellman

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Proceeds benefit St. Peter Martyr School and St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish