

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

Fr. Robert K. Rien

Parochial Administrator

Brian McCoy

Business Manager

Fr. George Griener, S.J.

Assisting Clergy

Deacon Gary Hack

Permanent Deacon

Peter Degl'Innocenti

Pastoral Associate

Frances Rojek

Director of Faith Formation

Don Pearson

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

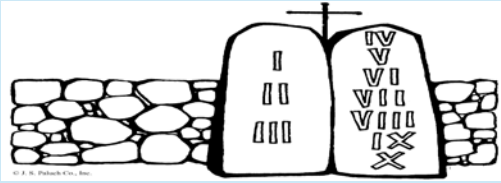
Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:45 to 4:30 pm

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.



**Third Sunday of Lent
March 8, 2015**

I, the LORD, am your God . . . You shall not have other gods besides me.

— Exodus 20:2a, 3

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 21-22

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| Weekly Goal..... | \$12,500.00 |
| Weekend Plate..... | 8,616.00 |
| EFT..... | 3,115.00 |
| Mail In..... | 860.00 |
| Total for the Week | \$12,591.00 |
| Excess/(Shortfall)..... | \$91.00 |

Parking Lot Loan

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| Required Monthly Principle Payment | \$5,000.00 |
| Donations this week..... | 90.00 |

Any shortfall is covered from Parish Operating Funds

Ash Wednesday Collection.....**\$3,936.52**

New Education Center Campaign

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| Payments/Donations this week | \$507.00 |
| New Education Center Fund Balance | \$718,200.96 |

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 8

- Daylight Savings Time Begins—spring forward!
- Third Sunday of Lent - Eucharist at 8 am & 10 am
- RCIA dismissed during 10 am Liturgy
- New Parishioner Brunch after 10 am Liturgy—Parish Hall
- St. Joseph Dinner Ticket Sales—after both Liturgies

Monday, March 9

- Eucharist—8 am
- SPRED Total Community—6:00 - 8:00 pm—Parish Hall.

Tuesday, March 10

- Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion—8 am
- Faith Formation grades 1-5—6 - 7:15 pm—Parish Hall & Church
- Pastoral Council Meets—7:30 - 9 pm—Parish Hall

Wednesday, March 11

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

Thursday, March 12

- Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion—8 am
- Faith Formation Confirmation I and II—6 - 7:15 pm - Parish Hall
- Choir Rehearsal—7:30 - 9 pm - Church

Friday, March 13

- Eucharist, General Intercessions, Stations of the Cross—8 am—Church
- Knights of Columbus Fish Fry—4:30 - 7:00 pm—Parish Hall

Saturday, March 14

- Vigil Eucharist - 5 pm
- Second Collection—Catholic Relief Services (CRS)
- Knights of Columbus Founders Day Membership Drive—after 5 pm Liturgy—Plaza
- St. Joseph Dinner Ticket Sales—after 5 pm Liturgy

Sunday, March 15

- Fourth Sunday of Lent - Eucharist at 8 am & 10 am
- RCIA dismissed during 10 am Liturgy
- Second Collection—Catholic Relief Services (CRS)
- Knights of Columbus Founders Day Membership Drive—after 8 am & 10 am Liturgies—Plaza
- St. Joseph Dinner Ticket Sales—after both Liturgies

Pray for the Sick

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

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

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

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| Monday | 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30 |
| Tuesday | Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt. 18:21-35 |
| Wednesday | Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19 |
| Thursday | Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23 |
| Friday | Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34 |
| Saturday | Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14 |
| Sunday | 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21 Alternate readings (Year A): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38] |

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

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| Sat. 5:00 pm | Joann Russo † |
| Sun. 8:00 am | Samuel Azurin † |
| Sun. 10:00 am | Zoila Esperanza Vega de Montes † |
| Mon. 8:00 am | Fr. Basil De Pinto (Retired) |
| Tues. 8:00 am | Fr. Christopher Berbena |
| Wed. 8:00 am | Minnie McFarlan † |
| Thur. 8:00 am | Fr. Michael Cunningham |
| Fri. 8:00 am | Fr. David O'Rourke |

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of Carol Fleischer, Andres Aquino, Brian Arnold, Fr. Theodore Hesburgh and Ethel Stow. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

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

Spend an afternoon enjoying “James Clark and the Jail House Rockers” (aka: Elvis as we remember him) on **Saturday, March 21st at 2:00 p.m.** at the El Campanil Theater on the corner of G Street and 2nd in downtown Antioch. Singing along, dancing in the aisles, and memories encouraged. The cost is \$25 per person...what a deal!! For more information and tickets, please contact Nancy at (925) 757-8555.

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

Catholic Relief Services

Next week, our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. This collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ’s love and respect to all people. Next week, please give generously to this collection and **help Jesus in disguise.**

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

“Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.” Take time to reflect on what God is asking for your marriage. Sign up today for one of the weekends listed below.

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.

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.

Mentors needed for St. Vincent de Paul Workforce Development Program: This program offers life-changing job-training and personal growth for those with barriers to employment. 50% of the participants in the just completed 6 month program secured post-program employment. The program is in need of mentors. The time commitment is approximately 1-2 hours per week for 24 weeks. Contact Ron Weston at ronweston1@me.com for more information or if you are interested in volunteering.

Lenten Fish Fry volunteers welcome: Volunteers to help serve, bus tables and cleanup are needed. There are 3 more dinners scheduled: Fridays March 13, 20 and 27. Dinner is served from 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm.

**Note to Ministries and Parish Organizations:
Contact the Parish Office if you would like to feature your Ministry or Organization here.**

Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl'Innocenti....Pastoral Associate

Baseball season is a long way off, but I'm going to give you a double-header in this week's column. First, we'll start with the week-long absence of Fr. Robert during the first week of Lent and the pinch-hitting of Fr. Ricardo Chavez for our liturgies. Secondly, we'll delve into the Healing Mass recently celebrated along with the ministry of Sister Emma de Guzman.

After Ash Wednesday Fr. Robert was jetting his way across the wide Pacific ocean and headed for Hawaii. As circumstances would have it, Fr. Robert found himself in the surprising and unique position of having been offered the use of a house in Hawaii for one week "gratis" (free). The only down-side to this deal was it had to be for the first week of Lent. Let me see...what would I do?...a week in Hawaii during our winter time...would I go? YES!!! And so did Fr. Robert. Our beloved and far too often over-worked pastor headed off for a much deserved tropical rest.

Enter Fr. Ricardo. We've had the pleasure of his company and wry wit on several occasions but not for an entire week. As it turned out, it was a splendid week. Most of us were treated to his humble and loveable presence for the weekend Liturgies, but for a lucky few who can attend the 8 AM daily Liturgies, we reveled in his down-to-earth hominess and personable homiletic style. We even had the honor to have him preside at Liturgy on the exact day of his 52nd anniversary of being ordained a priest. Thank you, Fr. Ricardo!

The second week of Lent started with the regularly scheduled weekend Liturgies plus a 3PM Healing Mass featuring Emma de Guzman as the guest of honor and key intercessor for the healing of the sick. Emma's work of healing the sick is well documented and in her announcement, clearly stated that the gift of healing comes from God (who listens to her prayers for healing) and from the anointed hands of the ordained priest whose priestly gift it is to cure the sick by anointing with oil and the laying-on of hands. Many, many people arrived with hopes of healing. Some could be readily identified as to what injury or infirmity they had, others looked perfectly well and only they and God knew what life threatening disease they may be carrying inside.

When it comes down to it, we all need healing in some shape or form and we all need to pray for those who need healing. When we pray for the sick, we all become like Sr. Emma; miracle workers through the intercession of Christ by the power of God the Father.



Who are the St. Ignatius of Antioch Knights of Columbus

By: Jack Goncalves, Brother Knight

Members of the Knights of Columbus are often asked by parishioners, as well as the surrounding community, what the Knights are all about and what we stand for. We have four core principles that are paramount. They are:

Charity ~ Fraternity ~ Unity ~ Patriotism

An example of one of our principles, charity, is the Shoot for a Cure Wheelchair Program that we support. This program allows the Knights to obtain wheelchairs just by taking part in a skeet shooting event at a local range. These wheelchairs are loaned out to our parishioners or can be given out indefinitely. Recently our council donated a wheelchair to our adopted school, St. Peter Martyr, to be used for student care.

Our number one event at this time of the year, our Lenten Fish Fry, is underway starting on February 20th. Our new commercial deep fat fryer was a major success and enabled us to do the job of keeping our parishioners and guests happy and not having to wait for their dinner. We look forward to serving our community on the upcoming Fish Fry Dinners every Friday night through March 27th.

Worldwide the Knights of Columbus recently donated \$1.6 million to Pope Francis; this money will be used for the charities that our Pope supports.

The number one goal of the Knights is to support our priests and bishops. Being a Knight is a great way to expand our experience not only within our parish community but more importantly with our relationship with God.

KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.



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