

St. Ignatius of Antioch

June 7, 2015 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

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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

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Beverly Iacona

Financial Secretary

Rich Confetti

Facilities Maintenance

Eucharist Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5 pm
Sunday: 8 am & 10 am
Mon., Wed., Fri: 8 am Holy Eucharist
Tue., Thru: 8 am Liturgy of the Word
And Holy Communion

Holy Days: 8 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, 8:30am to 12:30pm

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



The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ June 7, 2015

The cup of salvation I will take up, and I will call upon the name of the Lord.

—Psalm 116:13

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 May 23 - 24

Weekend Goal.....	\$12,500.00
Weekend Plate.....	\$7,550.00
EFT.....	\$3,220.00
Mail	\$1,465.00
Total for week.....	\$12,235.00
Short.....	(\$265.00)

Parking Lot Loan

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

New Building Fund

Payments/Donations this week.....	\$1,152.11
Building Fund Balance.....	\$751,750.17

Matt Maher Saints & Sinners Tour

Good Shepherd Church is hosting **Matt Maher Saints & Sinners Tour** in celebration of their 50th Anniversary. He will be live at the **Creative Arts Building in Pittsburg on Wednesday, June 17th at 7:00 pm.**

Tickets are \$25.00 each and are available at: MattMaherPittsburg.eventbrite.com.

Fathers Day Novena

A Loving and Caring Way to Remember Your Father...

If you are interested in having your Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather, Foster Father or Godfather remembered in a **Novena of Masses** (nine consecutive days beginning on Father's Day, June 21st), please help yourself to the Novena cards located on the credenza in the back of the church.

After filling out the Spiritual Bouquet envelope, *return it as soon as possible to the office* so that it may be placed by the tabernacle for the duration of the Novena.

Schedule of Events

Sunday, June 7

- *The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ*
- Birthday Blessing – 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Hospitality Sunday sponsored by Social Events – after 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Second Collection – Parking Lot Loan

Monday, June 8

- Eucharist – 8 am

Tuesday, June 9

- Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion – 8 am
- Lector Training – 7 to 8 pm – Church – call Steve Rojek for information – 757-1276
- Pastoral Council meets – 7:30 to 9 pm – Parish Hall

Wednesday, June 10

- Eucharist – 8 am and Novena follows

Thursday, June 11

- Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion – 8 am
- **No Bible Sharing Class this month**
- Choir Practice – 7:30 to 9 pm – Church

Friday, June 12

- *The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*
- Eucharist – 8 am

Saturday, June 13

- *Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
- Vigil Liturgy – 5 pm
- Second Collection - Catholic Communications

Sunday, June 14

- 8 am and 10 am Liturgies
- Second Collection – Catholic Communications

Pray for the Sick

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

Joshua Baquera	Frank Griego	Peter Villalpando
Rocco Battaglia	Karen Narberes	Alan Young
Archbishop Brunett	Jack Pyne	
Jackie Carvalho	Paul Syliangco	
Melanie Castillo	Marilyn Syliangco	
Nathan Galli	Carol Thornton	

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	2 Cor 1:1-7; Ps 34:2-9; Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday	2 Cor 1:18-22; Ps 119:129-133, 135; Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday	2 Cor 3:4-11; Ps 99:5-9; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday	Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 5:20-26
Friday	Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Is 12:2-6; Eph 3:8-12, 14-19; Jn 19:31-37
Saturday	2 Cor 5:14-21; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Mt 5:33-37
Sunday	Ez 17:22-24; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34

Lay Ministers—Week of June 13th-14th

5 pm: **Lectors**-Sofie Zimmerman, Susan Batterton; **Head Cup**-Melody Costanza; **Head Host**-Marla Plurkowski; **Host**-Clem Bushman, Bernice Campbell, M.J. Nagtalon, Kevin Daley; **Cup**-Carol Fanfa, Bill Barbanica, Fran Barbanica, Mary Ng, Forrest Towe ; **Server**-Padraig Tiongson

8 am: **Lectors**-Matthew Bajet, Peter Degl’Innocenti; **Head Cup**-Vianney Mendoza; **Head Host**-Nick Suarez; **Host**-Rick Howell, Diane Hack, Gloria Lewis, Ruth Beck; **Cup**-Sue Howell, Jenawati Kwa, Peggy Lennan, Pat Dunleavy, Jeannine Ford; **Servers**-Isaiah Laxamana, Antonio Alvarez

10:00 am: **Lectors**– Angelina Guieb-Alphonso, Steven Rojek; **Head Cup**-Amante Asuncion; **Head Host**-Gloria Asuncion; **Host**-Bobby Zabroski, Cecil Jemera, Shirley Jemera, Estrella Rusk; **Cup**-Steven Andreatta, Dilcia Aparicio, Denise Moss, Gloria Olvera, Reyna Garcia; **Servers**-Jean Paul Fortez, Ryan Sims

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. 5:00 pm	Joann Russo †
Sun. 8:00 am	Carol Fleischer †
Sun. 10:00 am	Zoila Esperanza Vega de Montes †
Mon. 8:00 am	Minnie McFarlan †
Tues. 8:00 am	Our Parish Family
Wed. 8:00 am	Minnie McFarlan †
Thur. 8:00 am	All Deceased Military Men & Women †
Fri. 8:00 am	All Priests & Seminarians

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of **Fr. Lucas Chan, SJ and Michael Lopez**. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

St. Vincent de Paul

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

Donations can be left at the Rectory office. Thank you for your generosity!

Mobile Mall Ministry

The next distribution date is:

**Saturday, July 22nd, 10 am-12 Noon
Ambrose Community Center - Bay Point**



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.

Mobile Mall can no longer accept TV’s or furniture. They have no room to store large items. Gently used cloths, blankets, linens and toys are welcome.

Silver and Gold Activities



Join us on Thursday June 11th for a day at the Oakland Coliseum. Game time is 12:35 PM. Gates open at 11:00 AM. Use gate "D". Seats are field-level in the shade. Tickets are \$24 and parking is \$20.

Kids and grandkids welcome. Call Bill Stuhldreier at 757-4794 for tickets or more information.

On June 20-21 after all the liturgies, stop by the Silver & Gold information table in the gathering plaza. Meet some Silver & Gold Ministry members and pick up a brochure outlining upcoming events.

St. Martha's Guild

This new ministry of hospitality, service and support is offered to grieving families who are celebrating the gift of life for a loved one. As St. Martha served Jesus and His disciples, we also wish to serve.

Celebrating the gift of faith with family and friends is an essential part of the healing process. It is our hope to accompany the grieving family during this time of loss.

We would like to take this opportunity to *sincerely thank all parishioners who volunteered* a few weeks ago to occasionally help in the kitchen and/or provide food for funeral receptions. Your response was heartwarming. Anyone else interested in joining St. Martha's Guild is asked to contact Mary at 754-8599, Nancy at 757-8555 or Lorraine at 754-2746.

Confirmation Student Wins Knights of Columbus Essay Contest

Each year the Knights of Columbus sponsor a national essay contest open to Catholic students in grades 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12. The theme this year is "The Importance of Religious Freedom."

Mary Lucido, a student from our own Confirmation class, submitted her essay to the St. Ignatius of Antioch Knights of Columbus Council where it was judged the winner at the local level. Her essay was forwarded to the Oakland Diocese Chapter level where it again was awarded first place AND the State level where Mary again was honored with first place. Mary's essay is now competing at Supreme (national) level.

Congratulations Mary! Mary's essay is reproduced on page 6 of this bulletin.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter



The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ is the most precious gift that God has given to each one of us. God feeds us, nourishes us and gives us the grace that transforms us to live the holy life he has called each of us to live. Allow God to give you grace in abundance and transform your marriage relationship.

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

For additional information contact Mike and Jean at (925) 672-2016 or Joe and Sue at (925) 680-7767 or visit oaklandwwme.org.

Quo Vadis Days

The Office of Vocations and the Department of Faith Formation and Evangelization, will be hosting **Quo Vadis on July 12-15, 2015** at the Oakland Diocesan Youth Retreat House, Casa San Felipe in Lafayette.

Quo Vadis (Latin for Where are you going?) aims to assist young men (ages 13-18) to recognize and respond to their own vocation from our Lord and grow in their relationship with Christ. More information about registration will be forthcoming.

Catholic Charities

Know anyone in need? Not sure how to help? Check out "*Faith in Action*" the new Catholic Social Services directory created by **Catholic Charities of the East Bay**. This online resource can be accessed on your smartphone or your home computer and will put you in touch with local Social Service Agencies that can help with issues of Homelessness, Counseling, Domestic Violence and many other needs our people many have.

Go to: www.faithinactionoakdiocese.org

Catholic Divorced, Widowed & Separated

A support group meets in Walnut Creek at St. Mary Church on the third Thursday of the month from 7 to 9 p.m. They encourage all who are struggling from a loss due to separation, divorce, death of a loved one or loneliness and depression to participate in these peer group meetings. You are not alone. The meetings are free and all are welcome. If further information is needed, please call Joan S. at (925) 939-1007.

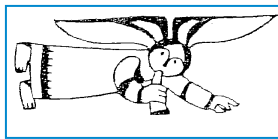


*Ministry,
Organization and
Volunteer
Opportunities in our
Parish & Community*

GOD GIVES EACH OF US UNIQUE GIFTS AND NO ONE CAN TAKE YOUR PLACE IN THE PARISH. IF YOU DON'T STEP FORWARD, THEN WHO WILL? CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

St. Ignatius of Antioch Choir

If you would like to join the choir, you would be welcomed with open arms. The choir practices Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 pm and on Sunday at 9:30 am before the Liturgy at 10 am. This is a very friendly group of people who give much of their time, talent and voices each week. You don't have to have sung in a choir before. We can help you with that. However, you must be willing to make a strong commitment to attend rehearsals. Interested? Talk to any choir member.



American Cancer Society Relay for Life:

St. Ignatius of Antioch has fielded a team in the Antioch Relay for Life event every year since 2004. Relay for Life funds the American Cancer Society's mission to save lives by helping people stay well, get well, and by finding cures for cancer with advanced research.

This year's 24 hour relay takes place at Deer Valley High School starting at 10am on Saturday June 13th. For more information, contact Alicia Perez at 783-8325 or Maryann Peddicord at 778-0768.



Contra Costa Interfaith Housing has a variety of volunteer opportunities for this upcoming summer:

1. Assist at an on-site summer camp.

Requirement: 2 hours per day for 1 week (Monday-Thurs). You choose the hours. There is always adult supervision provided.

2. Vegetable Garden Support: We just planted our first vegetable garden and are eager to learn about raising vegetables. Come share your knowledge.

For any of the above, please contact Gloria Bertolozzi at Gloria@ccintefaiithhousing.org

Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

The hard-boiled detective begins searching for evidence in the desk of the prime suspect in the death of his partner. When he opens the third drawer his face takes on the expression of satisfaction and he speaks aloud to himself the single word "BINGO". He reaches into the drawer and pulls out, not a .45 Colt, but a card with the word "BINGO" emblazoned on the top!

The word BINGO can be funny in a comedy sketch when we are made aware of how often we use the word when we find something and yet how rarely we associate it with the game from which it came. BINGO is fun no matter how we use the word and it is at its peak of amusement when we play the game! And play the game we did.

Once again the Confirmation Class students raised money for their retreat by sponsoring a BINGO session on Monday afternoon a few weeks back. The buy-in was \$25 for the entire session including a wonderful pasta lunch cooked by the ever-present Steve Rojek. Steve was our expert Bingo Caller and M.C. for the raffle and door prizes.

It seems that it's impossible to escape the hilarity found in everyday life when Steve is around. To start with, a very small fraction of people were given tickets for the door prizes with the stubs still attached. When Steve, microphone in-hand, made the announcement "Be sure you have your ticket stub turned in" there arose mass confusion, hysteria, debate, and laughter as to what the **difference** between, a Stub and a Ticket are. After repeated explanations on Steve's part he finally calmed the crowd, and his frustration and consternation held in check by the grace of the Holy Spirit; the rest of the day's fun and laughs were supplied by the Bingo games.

It's amazing how close a lot of people can come to "almost" winning and yet there is only one person who beats the odds and comes out the winner. How strangely different that is from Christianity. In Christ everyone is the winner. It doesn't matter how close you think you've come or how far away you think you might be. God and Jesus don't watch from heaven dobbing giant BINGO cards of our life's record waiting to yell "BINGO" when they find a "winner". Christ has already won the victory for us. We are all winners in His sight.

Remember, we all hold the winning stub to heaven, I mean we all hold the winning ticket; no..wait, let me think Ticket? Stub? Or is it ticketstub? Ticket-stub? Steve, can you explain that once again? Steve?

The Importance of Religious Freedom 2015

By Mary Lucido

Almost every day we hear from the newspaper, television or some kind of social media about the atrocities of religious persecution of Christians in the world today. Persecution in other religions exists today also, but it is predominantly persecution of Christians. This mistreatment of Christians ranges from murders for refusal of converting to another religion, church destruction, abductions, kidnappings, rapes and much more. Yet, the Christians stay true to their beliefs and are willing to die rather than betray their faith. We must follow Jesus, after all, Jesus and Apostles were also prosecuted for their beliefs.

When I look back on history and the birth of Christianity, it makes me proud to be a Catholic Christian. Jesus came to show us the way back to God. How fortunate are we in America to have freedom of religion. Our constitution gives us that right. We are so much better off than those in some other parts of the world. My religion gives me a sense of purpose, comfort and hope. If I learned today, for a fact, that there was no God, it would be complete devastation and the end of the world for me. I depend on God to get me through life, to guide me to become the best person I could be and to pursue a relationship with him. What a comfort it is to know that God loves me no matter what. Faith in Jesus and the belief in everlasting life after death is the core of my religion.

Freedom of Religion is important because it is a fundamental right guaranteed by our constitution. Freedom of religion is important because faith cannot be genuine unless it is unbound. Many countries do not have freedom of religion. Their leaders force their own beliefs on the people. People that don't believe in the imposed religion are forced to worship secretly, always with the fear that they will be punished or killed if caught.

Religion freedom is important because it allows freedom of thought and expression. It enables people to thrive spiritually in their own way. It is important because many people depend on a Supreme Being or religious figure for hope, spirituality, faith, guidance and for help to overcome the difficulties of everyday life. Freedom of religion gives one a sense of strength and purpose. Religious freedom is vital to spiritual development.

Our country is accepting and welcoming of diversity and the idea of allowing citizens to pursue different religions or beliefs. My religion is involved with the Interfaith Peace Project which promotes interfaith peace, common respect and understanding of other religions through small group discussion, study and prayer. This is a step in the right direction to understand and bring together all the religions in the world.

In conclusion, religious freedom is not only a blessing, it is a human right that everyone in the world should have. People should be able to choose and practice what they believe in and not be oppressed. They should be able to express themselves in a peaceful way. This is what religious freedom is.



Father Robert and Mary Lucido share a moment after Mass.

CONTRA COSTA CARES

A New Program For Uninsured Contra Costa Residents

Contra Costa CARES is a new organized system of care to provide comprehensive primary health care coverage and medical homes to low income, uninsured adults residing in Contra Costa who do not qualify for full-scope Medi-Cal or Covered California. The program will take full advantage of PRUCOL and other state funded programs. It is anticipated that Contra Costa CARES will provide medical homes to an estimated 10,000 uninsured residents living in Contra Costa County out of an approximate 19,000 uninsured individuals who might qualify for this program.

Contra Costa CARES has been developed through an extensive planning process representing many local stakeholders over the last year with leadership provided by Contra Costa Health Services Agency, Hospital Council of Northern & Central California and the Contra Costa Community Clinic Consortium. The Contra Costa Health Services Agency Director along with representatives from Kaiser Permanente Community Benefits, Sutter-Delta Medical Center Community Benefits, John Muir Health Community Benefits and La Clinica de la Raza, LifeLong Medical Care and Planned Parenthood were very active in the discussions. The planning process was funded by grants from the Blue Shield of California Foundation and John Muir/Mt. Diablo Community Health Fund.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Uninsured adults 19 years of age or older living in Contra Costa County
- Not eligible for full-scope Medi-Cal or Covered California
- Household gross Income does not exceed 138% of the Federal Poverty Level (Household of 1 individual = \$16,105; Family of 4 = \$32,913 annual income).

PROVIDER NETWORK:

Participating community health centers listed below will be designated as the medical homes and provide primary care services to the participants:

- La Clinica de la Raza with sites in Pittsburg, Oakley and Monument Corridor
- LifeLong Medical Care with sites in Richmond and San Pablo
- Axis Health with sites in Pleasanton and Livermore to serve south county residents
- Brighter Beginnings with sites in Antioch and soon in Richmond.

Planned Parenthood of Northern California with sites in Antioch, Central Richmond, Hilltop Richmond, Pittsburg, San Ramon, El Cerrito, Walnut Creek and Concord will provide limited primary care services for selected primary care conditions. Planned Parenthood will refer clients for more extensive services and complicated conditions to other participating comprehensive primary care providers in the CARES network.

EASY ACCESS AND ON-SITE ENROLLMENT:

The community health center sites that are participating as primary care providers and medical homes for these individuals have committed to providing easy access to services as a result of participation. Enrollment will be done at the participating community health center sites at the time of care and enrollment will continue for up to one year.