

St. Ignatius of Antioch

February 7, 2016 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

Fr. George Griener, S.J.
Assisting Clergy

Deacon Gary Hack
Permanent Deacon

Don Pearson
Director of Music, Organist,
Artist-in-Residence

Frances Rojek
Director of Faith Formation

Peter Degl'Innocenti
Pastoral Associate

Carolyn Krantz, M.Div.
Pastoral Associate

Brian McCoy
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Maryann Peddicord
Pastoral Secretary

Estrella Rusk
Financial Secretary

Rich Confetti
Facilities Manager

Yvette Young
Administrative Asst.

Eucharist Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4 pm
Sunday: 8 am & 10 am
Mon., Wed., Fri.: 8 am Holy Eucharist
Tue., Thur.: 8 am Liturgy of the Word
and Holy Communion
Holy Days: 8 am & 7:30 pm
Reconciliation: Saturday, 2:45 to 3:30 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.



**February 7, 2016
5th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

*I will give thanks to you, oh
Lord, with all my heart, for you
have heard the words of my
mouth.
-----Psalm 138.1*

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

Our goal for weekly plate collections is \$12,500.00.

Weekend Offering for January 23-24

Weekend Offering..... \$10,802.05

Second Collection

St. Vincent de Paul..... \$1,908.75

New Building Fund

Payments/Donations this week..... \$1,638.00

New Building Fund Balance..... \$837,385.80

Looking Ahead



February 10 - Ash Wednesday - Lent begins.

February 12 - CCISCO Night Walk Against Violence. Ecumenical Prayer Service with Bishop Barber at Holy Rosary begins at 6pm with the walk to follow at 6:30pm.

February 12 - Friday Fish Fry. See page 7 for details and a discount coupon..

February 13 - Silver & Gold “Stretch & Stroll. See page 3 for details and additional Silver & Gold Activities.

February 17 - Stations of the Cross in Silhouette presented by our Faith Formation Middle School Students at 7:30 pm.

February 18 - **THE FACE OF GOD IN ACTIONS OF MERCY** series begins, 7:30 pm parish office. Facilitated by Carolyn Krantz.

Schedule of Events

Sunday, February 7

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- 2016 Bishop’s Appeal Kickoff
- Birthday Blessing - both liturgies
- Second Collection - Parking Lot Loan
- Faith Formation Bake Sale - Gathering Plaza

Monday, February 8

- Eucharist – 8 am
- SPRED Total Community - 6 to 8 pm - Parish Hall
- RCIA meets - 7 pm - Office

Tuesday, February 9

- Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion - 8 am
- Environment change-over - 9 am to 3 pm
- Pastoral Council Meets - 7:30 pm to 9 pm - Parish Hall
- No Faith Formation

Wednesday, February 10 - Ash Wednesday

- Liturgy & Ashes- 8 am - Novena following
- Liturgy of the Word & Ashes 12 Noon
- Liturgy of the Word & Ashes 5:30 pm
- Sung Evening Prayer & Ashes 7:30 pm
- No Faith Formation

Thursday, February 11

- Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion - 8 am
- G.I.F.T. - 8:45 to 10:30 am - Parish Hall
- Bible Sharing - 9:30 to 11 am - Church
- Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 to 9 pm - Church
- No Faith Formation

Friday, February 12

- Eucharist – 8 am
- CCISCO Night Walk Against Violence-Ecumenical Prayer Service at 6pm with the walk at 6:30pm.
- Knights of Columbus Fish Fry - 4:30 to 7 pm - Parish Hall

Saturday, February 13

- Vigil Liturgy - 4 pm

Sunday, February 14 - First Sunday of Lent

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Conformation I & II - attending 10 am Liturgy
- Rite of Sending - 10 am Liturgy
- Rite of Election - 4 pm - Cathedral of Christ the Light

Pray for the Sick

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

Joshua Baquera Karen Narberes Peter Villalpando
 Rocco Battaglia Al Perez
 Archbishop Brunett Paul Syliangco
 Pam Gage Marilyn Syliangco

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	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday	Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday	Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday	Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday	Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday	Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Lay Ministers—Week of Feb 13th & Feb 14th

4 pm: Lectors— Frances Rojek, Steve Rojek; **Head Cup**— David Simpson; **Head Host**— Sharon Simpson; **Host**— Bill Barbanica, Fran Barbanica, Clem Bushman, Bernice Campbell; **Cup**— Pam Confetti, Melodye Costanza, Kevin Daley, M.J. Nagtalon, Mary Ng; **Server**— Pdraig Tiongson

8 am: Lectors— Matthew Bajet, Peter Degl'Innocenti; **Head Cup**— Vianney Mendoza; **Head Host**— Pat Dunleavy; **Host**— Rick Howell, Diane Hack, MaryJo Keister, Crispina Malonosan; **Cup**— Sue Howell, Ruth Beck, Jeannine Ford, Frank Kauer, Monika Kauer; **Servers**— Isaiah Laxamana, Antonio Alvarez

10:00 am: Lectors— Youth Lector, Youth Lector, Sr.; **Head Cup**— Harlan Young; **Head Host**— Jane Sharpe; **Host**— Fiona Fowles, Kevin Fowles, Yvette Young, Bobby Zabroski; **Cup**— Nancy Santos, Denise Moss, Samantha Peralto, Reyna Garcia, Al Necor; **Servers**— John Samuel Fowles, Jean Paul Fortez

Fr. Robert Presiding and Preaching

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. 4:00 pm	Joann Russo †
Sun. 8:00 am	Inocencio O. Papa †
Sun. 10:00 am	Samuel Azurin Family
Mon. 8:00 am	Our Parish Family
Tues. 8:00 am	Joe Lohmeier †
Wed. 8:00 am	Ash Wednesday
Thur. 8:00 am	All Care Givers
Fri. 8:00 am	All Priests & Deacons

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of **Mary Cannata and Georgeann Megoloff**. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Parking Lot and Church Security



We have a wonderful but small group of volunteers who patrol the parking lot during weekend liturgies,

We are looking to supplement this group with additional volunteers so that the same folks do not have to work every weekend.

Please contact the parish office if you are interested. Training and orientation will be provided.

Silver & Gold Activities

Silver and Gold is a ministry for our 55+ parishioners. This ministry includes an ongoing number of experiences and activities in 4 areas; educational, physical, theological and social. This month, we have two activities planned:

- Saturday, February 13 (10 am): “Stretch and Stoll” through downtown Antioch starting in Humphrey’s Restaurant parking lot.
- Wednesday, February 17 (8:30 am): “Stretch and Stroll” at Big Break Regional Shoreline (Oakley). Coffee talk with naturalist about the Delta ecosystem.

For more details about either of these events, call Deacon Gary at 757-1385.

Bishop's Appeal Begins This Weekend



The 2016 Bishop's Appeal begins this weekend and will continue throughout February. To incorporate the Jubilee Year of Mercy declared by Pope Francis, the title of this year's

Appeal is "Sharing God's Mercy."

We would like to thank all the parishioners who have given to the Bishop's Appeal in the past, as well as those who also gave, and continue to give, to the capital campaign.

You should have received information and materials about the Bishop's Appeal in the mail this past week. More information can be found by visiting:

www.oakdiocese.org/giving

**St. Ignatius of Antioch - Our Goal:
\$31,146.45**

This is the same target for us as the 2014 Bishop's Appeal. We successfully reached our goal in 2014 THANKS to your generosity.

We ask that you prayerfully consider donating to this appeal. Every gift, no matter the amount, is appreciated. If every registered family is able to donate an average of \$60, the parish would easily make the goal.

Bishop Michael C. Barber will be attending a special reception at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Brentwood at 6:30pm on Thursday, March 3rd to speak about this year's Bishop's Appeal. The Bishop will have the opportunity to speak about how the Appeal is vital to the ministries of the diocese and the Church and how it is different, but equally important as the capital campaign. Light food and beverages will be served at 6:30pm and Bishop Barber will begin speaking around 7:00pm. All parishioners are invited! This will give you an opportunity to learn more about the ministries at the diocese and ask questions, so please mark your calendars and make every effort to attend. **Please RSVP to Phil Troups by calling 510-628-2156 or emailing him at ptroups@guidanceingiving.com** Thank you!

CCIH Opportunities for Involvement

Contra Costa Interfaith Housing (CCIH) has a number of avenues for involvement in this Year of Mercy:

- Volunteer Tutors for the Homework Club
- Summer Day Camp Volunteers

Volunteers are needed at our Pleasant Hill, Concord, Bay Point and Pittsburg locations. For more information about these and other volunteer opportunities contact Outreach Manager, Gloria Bertolzzi at 925.944-2244, ext. 214.

Mobile Mall News

The next FREE clothing distribution will take place on February 20, 2016 - 10 am at Marsh Elementary School; 2304 G Street in Antioch.

The donation barrel for gently used clothes, towels and sheets is located in the Narthex.

St. Vincent de Paul

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



Macaroni & Cheese - 7oz. box
Canned Peaches - 15 oz can
5 oz. can of Tuna

Please bring your donations to the weekend liturgies.

Silver & Gold Road Trip

Join Silver & Gold for a Turnaround Trip to Thunder Valley on Monday, March 7, 2016

Depart: St. Ignatius of Antioch Church 8:30 am

Return: Leave Thunder Valley at 3:30 pm

Fare: \$40 includes

Transportation	Continental Breakfast
Return trip snacks	\$15 Free Slot Play
\$12 food credit	Gratuity for driver

Reservations are required: Call Frances at 925.778.1631. **Payment is due by February 15.**

Proceeds benefit Silver and Gold Ministry fellowship and educational activities.

Justice Corner

By Carolyn Krantz...Pastoral Associate

Give Drink to the Thirsty

Water is a part of our every day human life. We drink it, bathe in it, enjoy its beauty in lakes, streams and oceans. As Christians, water has a special meaning for us. We are baptized in it, sprinkled with it and learn about its deeper meaning in the scriptures. Jesus was baptized in the Jordan, He turned water into wine, He walked on water and fished with his disciples in the lake.

So it should be no surprise that GIVING DRINK TO THE THIRSTY is one of the signs of a true Christian. What does that look like in today's world in which almost a billion people have to walk at least four miles a day to get water for their families? What does it look like in a world where water is being increasingly polluted? If we lived in Flint, Michigan, we would have a deeper understanding of the value of clean water.

Then there is a deeper meaning. When Jesus said, "I thirst" from the cross, He was speaking of more than just physical thirst as we know from his refusal to take the drink offered to Him by the soldier. He thirsted for a world that would be filled with love, a world of justice, peace and harmony. He died from this thirst. So what are we doing to imitate Him?

Here are some suggestions:

1. Support an organization whose mission is to build wells for people in third world countries. Catholic Relief Services, Plan International, and others do this work. Sponsor one of those wells.
2. Get involved with governmental organizations or non-profits that promote clean water in our area such as, Save the Delta, Sierra Club, EarthJustice, etc.
3. Be frugal with the water you use for bathing and washing. We still have not recovered from the drought.
4. Be healthy by drinking and appreciating water daily rather than sodas or drinks that contain a lot of sugar.

Since humans thirst for the water of life, that which gives meaning and encouragement, find a way to encourage others when they cross your path. Be a "Strand of loving energy in the steam of Divine Love." Take time at night to reflect on that effort. What did you do today to give drink to those who thirst for love and justice?

Don't forget the Night Walk Against Violence with the Bishop on Friday, Feb. 12th, beginning with an Ecumenical Service at 6:00 pm at Holy Rosary. We will walk to 18th and A, witness at the corner for an hour, then return to the Church for concluding prayer.

Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

Smell of Success

I've heard it said that one of the strongest links to memory is the sense of smell. Smell something great and it will whisk you away to a time when that particular smell entered your memory. Smell fresh pine needles in the morning and suddenly you're back on the best mountain trip you ever took. Get a whiff of chocolate in the air and you're back in Ghirardelli Square in S.F. when it was in full operation. Smell the delicious sent of fresh deep-fried Norwegian cod and mounds of golden brown french fries and you should find yourself transported back to one of our amazing Knights of Columbus Fish Fry events.

Lent is about two weeks away and that means the incredible Fish Fry nights will be coming to the parish hall every Friday. Try, even without the associated smells, to remember the moist hot white meat of the thick pieces of cod you savored so well. Think back to the mounds of french fries that tasted so good you coveted every bite. Once again, lose yourself in the memory of the decadent creaminess of the palate cleansing coleslaw that was in itself a rare sweet treat. And don't forget the desserts! Each dessert varying with each new Friday night. Ah, all these delicious memories waiting to come to life again when you attend the Fish Fry.

With the food comes the entertainment. Now, it's not dinner theater but Ron France, our BINGO caller, puts on a uniquely entertaining way of calling out the letters and numbers that eases the tension of waiting for your last two spaces to be called or builds up your hopes for the next game. And, though some might argue strongly as to whether it is entertaining or not, is the random and fallacious shouting out of "Bingo" by volunteer Knight Bobby Zabroski. The groans of those who for a moment think their perfect bingo card has just pooped-out on them, the vocal shouts of "stop that!" and the general confusion that follows is, in a way, very entertaining. I know he does it and yet I keep falling for the old gag from time to time.

So, get ready for one of St. Ignatius of Antioch's most popular and growing events. Tell your friends, relatives, and especially any parishioners you know of who usually only show-up for Christmas and Easter that they should take a ride and discover the richness of creating memories by attending the Fish Fry. Smells like a successful deal, all the way around.



Meals on Wheels and Senior Outreach Services

You can help your neighbors!

Meals on Wheels delivers more than 1000 meals to homebound seniors in Contra Costa County.

There is a critical need for drivers in our area. 5 routes in Antioch are in need of drivers now.

Do you have 2 hours to spare one day a week (Monday-Friday) to keep some of our seniors from going hungry?

MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

**Please call Carol Louisell at 925-954-8736.
Email: clouisell@mowsos.org**



Stations of the Cross In Silhouette

**Wednesday
February 17
7:30 PM**

Presented by our Faith Formation Middle School Students

This will be the only Stations of the Cross in the evening during this Lent.



New Series for Adult Formation

The Face of God in Actions of Mercy

This four session series will highlight the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy using scripture, reflection, discernment and sharing among participants.

The goal is to discover God's face in the poor and suffering for this Year of Mercy through connecting with community members and organizations in activities that speak of Christ's mercy.

The sessions begin on Thursday, February 18th in the St. Ignatius of Antioch parish office and will be facilitated by Carolyn Krantz, M.Div. Free will offering is requested.

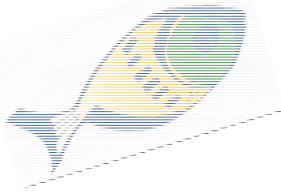
Way of the Cross Presented by The Mystery Players Of

Salesian College Preparatory (Richmond CA)

Will Be Performed At

St. Agnes Parish (3966 Chestnut Ave., Concord)

On Friday, February 19 at 7 pm



Fish Fry



St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

Fridays

**February 12
March 4**

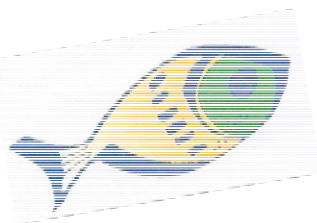
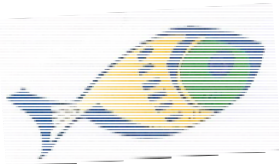
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March 11**

**February 26
March 18**

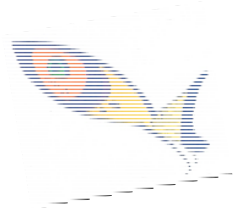
Served from 4:30 - 7:00 pm

Eat-in at the Parish Hall
Drive-thru service also available
\$14.00 per meal

Complete fish dinner - includes
beer battered fish, slaw
fries and a drink



Fish Fry



Saint Ignatius of Antioch

Coupon

\$2 off per meal-Friday February 12th
(\$1 off per meal remaining Fridays of Lent)

Note: One coupon covers the whole Family.