

St. Ignatius of Antioch

May 8, 2016 - Seventh Sunday of Easter

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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

Maryann Peddicord

Pastoral Secretary

Estrella Rusk

Financial Secretary

Rich Confetti

Facilities Manager

Yvette Young

Administrative Asst.

Eucharist Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5 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, 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.



**May 8, 2016
Seventh Sunday
of Easter**

*“I am the Alpha and the Omega,
the first and the last, the
beginning and the end.”*

—— Revelation 22:13

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

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

Weekend Offering for April 23-24

Weekend Offering.....\$10,496.35

New Building Fund

Payments/Donations this week.....\$580.00

New Building Fund Balance..... \$874,995.28

Schedule of Events

Sunday, May 8 - Seventh Sunday of Easter - Mothers Day

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- The Mary Project Weekend
- Second Collection Catholic Communications
- Relay for Life Pasta Dinner Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza
- Silver & Gold A's Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza

Monday, May 9

- Rosary and Divine Mercy - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- RCIA meets - 7:00 pm - Office

Tuesday, May 10

- Rosary and Divine Mercy - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion - 8 am
- Pastoral Council Meets - 7:30 to 9 pm - Parish Hall

Wednesday, May 11

- Rosary and Divine Mercy - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am - Novena following
- Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 to 9 pm - Church

Thursday, May 12

- Rosary and Divine Mercy - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion - 8 am
- G.I.F.T. - 8:45 to 10:30 am - Parish Hall
- Supervisor Candidates Forum - 7 to 9 pm - Church

Friday, May 13

- Rosary and Divine Mercy - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am

Saturday, May 14

- Vigil Liturgy - 5 pm
- Silver & Gold A's Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza
- Relay for Life Pasta Dinner Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza
- Second Collection - Catholic Charities
- Knights of Columbus Surf & Turf Dinner - 6:30 pm - Parish Hall

Sunday, May 15 - Pentecost Sunday

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Silver & Gold A's Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza
- Relay for Life Pasta Dinner Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza
- Second Collection - Catholic Charities

Looking Ahead



May 12: An Adult Formation Opportunity. 8:45 am in the Parish Hall: **GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER (GIFT)**.

May 14: Community Garage Sale sponsored by our Confirmation Class. See page 7.

May 14: Knights of Columbus “Surf & Turf” Dinner. 6:30 pm. Tickets on sale now. See page 7 for details.

May 21: 2 pm - El Campanil - the Diamonds. A Silver and Gold activity. For details, contact Deacon Gary at 757-1385.

May 21: ACS Relay for Life Pasta Dinner. Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society. See page 6 for more details.

May 30: BINGO sponsored by our Faith Formation Ministry. See page 6 for more details.



Thank you Y.L.I. #101 for hosting last weekend's first Hospitality Sunday of the Season. Free-will offerings of \$111.39 were donated to the New Building Fund!

Pray for the Sick

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

Joshua Baquera	David Lopez	Marilyn Syliangco
Rocco Battaglia	Karen Narberes	Peter Villalpando
Archbishop Brunett	Al Perez	
Pam Gage	Brian Smith	
Fe Guieb	Paul 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	Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday	Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday	Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday	Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
Sunday	Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

Lay Ministers—Week of May 14th & May 15th

5 pm: Lectors– Sofie Zimmerman, Susan Batterton; **Head Cup**–Forrest Towe; **Head Host**– Melodye Costanza; **Host**–Bill Barbanica, Fran Barbanica, Carol Fanfa, Mary Angelica Cayaban; **Cup**–Rowena Cayaban, Pam Confetti, Kevin Daley, M.J. Nagtalon, Mary Ng; **Server**–Padraig Tionsgon

8 am: Lectors–Faye Lucas, Ron Lucas; **Head Cup**–Vianney Mendoza; **Head Host**–Crispina Malonosan; **Host**– Rick Howell, Sue Howell, Diane Hack, MaryJo Keister; **Cup**–Nick Suarez, Ruth Beck, Pat Dunleavy, Jeannine Ford, Mary Kendrick; **Servers**– Antonio Alvarez, Isaiah Laxamana

10:00 am: Lectors– William Necor, Rey Dollete, Sr.; **Head Cup**–Cory Cook; **Head Host**–Carol Dollete; **Host**–Fiona Fowles, Kevin Fowles, Helga Boardman, Ed Cissell; **Cup**–Sharon Cissell, Yvette Young, Estrella Rusk, Cecelia Kennedy, Harlan Young; **Servers**–Lorenzo Necor, Alessandra Necor

Fr. George Presiding & Preaching on Saturday
Fr. Robert Presiding & Fr. George Preaching on Sunday

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. 5:00 pm	Mothers Day Novena
Sun. 8:00 am	Mothers Day
Sun. 10:00 am	Mothers Day
Mon. 8:00 am	Moundo & Elizabeth Eli †
Tues. 8:00 am	Mothers Day Novena
Wed. 8:00 am	Hanny Reingold
Thur. 8:00 am	Mothers Day Novena
Fri. 8:00 am	John Fraga †

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of **Kevin Sellards and Ezinna Clement Iwuji Ogoke**. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Diocesan Capital Campaign Update

As you know, 25% of your payments to the Diocesan Capital Campaign are to be returned to our parish. On April 21, we received our next installment in the amount of **\$4,290.36**. This represents our share of pledge payments received by the Diocesan Campaign Office from October 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. Because of your generosity, St. Ignatius of Antioch has received nearly \$33,000 from this campaign. These funds are held in the Diocesan Deposit and Loan Fund and are to be used for our New Building Project. **Thank you for your pledges and continued support of the Diocesan Capital Campaign.**

Knights Support Mary's Project

The **Mary Project** is coming up Mother's Day weekend. Over the years, our parishioners have been very generous in their support of this wonderful outreach. This year our Knights are adding an incentive: all parishioners who donate baby articles on Mother's day weekend (May 7-8) receive a raffle ticket for each package of baby items. The winning prize is dinner for 4 to be redeemed during the 2017 Lenten Fish Fry. The winning number of the raffle will be posted in the Sunday bulletin.

Bishop's Appeal

Thank you to everyone who responded to the 2016 Bishop's Appeal. Donations are still welcome and can be dropped in the weekend plate collection. Please use a Bishop's Appeal envelope or place it in a separate envelope marked "Bishop's Appeal."

2016 Goal . . \$31,145 Rec'd to date . . \$25,290
Percent of Goal: 81%
Participating families . . . 364

Important Message from the Diocese

Ministering to children and young people is the heart of what Jesus calls His people to do. The mission of the Safe Environment office is to assist the Church in creating a safe haven for children, young people and vulnerable adults. The risk of child abuse is greatly reduced by breaking the silence about abuse, especially sexual abuse. Breaking the silence is a critical first step to begin the process of education, prevention and healing.

The Diocesan office of Victim's Assistance offers a variety of avenues for victims and family members to report their experiences to our Office of Victim Assistance and to be welcomed, to receive pastoral care, and to learn about and access much-needed services. Diocesan staff serving in the Office of Victim Assistance believe that individuals and communities are best served through a prompt response to requests for help, respectful listening, attention to their needs, and services to help them in the healing process. If you, or someone you know would like to report or seek help with an allegation of sexual misconduct by clergy or diocesan employees, please contact the following.

Office of Victim's Assistance
Fr. Robert M. Herbst, OFM Conv
Victim's Assistance Coordinator
(510)267-8373 rherbst@oakdiocese.org

Senior Rally Day in Sacramento

What: Senior Rally Day, CA State Capitol, Sacramento
 When: Wednesday, May 11 (8 am - 5 pm)
 Where: Pick up a free bus at 7:45 am (and a free lunch is included!) at the Pittsburg Senior Center located at 300 Presidio Lane in Pittsburg, CA
 RSVP: You **MUST** RSVP to reserve your spot! Please call 925-685-2070. **SPACE IS LIMITED!!**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Jesus "raised his hands and blessed them". Jesus prayed for his disciples and us to know and believe the good news of the Gospel! Open your heart and allow God's love to transform all areas of your life including your marriage.

The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is August 5-7 or November 18-20. Early registration 4 to 6 weeks ahead is highly recommended. Contact Mike & Jeanne @ 925-672-2016 or Joe & Sue @ 925-680-7767 or go to oaklandwwme.org.

Mobile Mall News

.The next **Distribution** - May 14th at 10:00 am
 Lone Tree Elementary School, 1931 Mokelumne Drive in Antioch.

Sorting - June 25th at 9:00 am - Holy Rosary Dominican Hall

The donation barrel for gently used clothes, towels and sheets is located in the Narthex. **Tall kitchen trash bags needed.**

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
 Tuna - 5 oz can
 Pork & Beans - 15 oz can

Please bring your donations to weekend liturgies or place them in the donation barrel in the Narthex. Please **NO OPENED** or **EXPIRED** packages.

Parish Celebrates Father's Special Days



Father Robert's birthday coincides closely with the anniversary of his ordination. This year Father Robert is celebrating his 42nd year as a priest in the Oakland Diocese.

At the 5 o'clock Vigil Liturgy on Saturday, April 30, Father's birthday, the community presented him with a single rose for each year of his life along with a beautiful balloon bouquet. Father Robert was taken by surprise and remarked that how lucky he was "to see his flowers now while he's still living." Happy Birthday Father Robert, Our Good Shepherd!

Justice Corner

By Carolyn Krantz...Pastoral Associate

To Council the Doubtful

Doubt is a part of our everyday lives. It challenges us to examine our motives and our actions. Without doubt we could go blithely along never having a chance to reconsider the effect of our actions on others. But no one enjoys the struggle that doubt brings. When we struggle with doubt, we are like Jacob wrestling with the angel. We come away a little wounded from the struggle.

When someone comes to us with doubt we must resist trying to solve the problem for them. It is easy to say, "If you just do it this way, all will be fine." But that does not solve the problem for them or take away that persons' responsibility to act as an adult for themselves. We each have to answer to God according to our own conscience. While we could and should seek advice for life's struggles, we still have to answer to the Lord on our own.

So how does one "Council the Doubtful?" The first step is to listen. What is the nature of the doubt? Is the person seeking help doubting the faith or doubting a relationship, or a path of action? St. Ignatius of Loyola gave us a great process for discerning what God wants us to do. Here are some steps:

The first step is to place yourself in God's presence and to sit quietly with the doubt before you make any choices. Focus on your breathing. In this step it is important to listen to your body's wisdom. What part of your body is affected by this doubt? Where is the pain? Where is the confusion? Identify what feelings are present. Make a clear expression of what your choices might be. It helps to write these down.

List at least 3 options for action. Then list the pro's and con's for each. If you decide to do X, what good things might result? What negative burdens would come with that choice? Many choices are difficult, but if we are clear that we are on the right path, we can endure the hardships with conviction.

Then weigh each pro and con. In many instances, one negative would outweigh all the goods or vice versa. In this part of the process, a direction usually becomes clear. When you finish this, then again be quiet and hold these thoughts before God. If you are quiet enough and sit still for long enough, usually the Spirit moves you to focus on one specific course of action and the doubt is resolved. The choices for God are filled with life and joy. The other Ignatius, our patron, had these choices when he was given the option to denounce the faith or go before the lions. He chose to be crushed as wheat to be the food of the faithful who followed him. That Eucharistic, spirited phrasing was not missed by all the faithful followers of Christ.

Don't forget to give thanks to God for showing you the way through the doubts. If you are counseling the doubtful, a prayer for the Spirit's assistance at the beginning and a thanksgiving prayer at the end would be appropriate. Those in doubt often need time to sort through what is troubling them. One should not rush the process. Most of all affirm that God is with the doubter. He gave us His spirit to lead us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

Items for your calendar: Last Workshop of Faith and Equity Trainings at Holy Rosary at 2 PM Sat. May 7th; Supervisors Candidates Forum May 12th at 7:30 in the Church; Night Walk against Violence, Friday May 13th at 6:30 Place TBA

Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

A What Contest?

How wonderful it is when the Easter season has brought the familiarity of ritual and music together in one happy moment. Particularly, I'm talking about our early morning sprinkling rite during our weekend Liturgies. As soon as Fr. Robert heads towards the baptismal font everyone knows it's time to get wet. It's a happy kind of wet. Sort of like when you go to an amusement park that has a log ride. You could conceivably have a nice fun dry ride, but it's not likely. You know you're going to get a good splashing if not thoroughly soaked. So, as the music starts and everybody is, by now, in key and on pitch with the hymn *Springs of Water Bless the Lord...* eyeglasses are being removed, worship aids are lowered so as not to become soggy, and children are being warned of the coming deluge.

Through the years I, like you, have received some pretty good aqueous onslaughts of the holy liquid. The most audacious assault was at the hands of Fr. Tom Bonacci when he was our Parochial Vicar. I had the duty of carrying the vessel of holy water as he dipped the broom straw aspergillum into it and sprinkled the assembly. As I walked directly behind him, I would encounter some of the spray as his arm made its classic sweeping arc through the air. I quickly learned where to position myself so as to avoid most of the spray. He, humorous wit that he is, saw this and to "get me" he made sure his instrument of torture was fully loaded with holy water. Instead of a single motion forward he drew his arm **backwards**, as if cocking it for a great throw forward. That backwards motion sent the majority of the water right into my face. Lesson learned: Never try to outsmart Fr. Tom!

Back to today. After one of the morning sprinklings by Fr. Robert, I noticed I had cleared the ordeal with only a few drops landing on me. I turned to my wife to comment and noticed she had a big smile on her face as she had received a measles like spattering of drops all over her blouse. "Dang, Honey, it looks like you've been in a wet T-shirt contest!" She laughed at the exaggeration and we both had wide grins on our faces. It's difficult to sing "*O, Blessed be God forever*" when your smile won't let you form vowel sounds. This is just one more example of the joys of Eastertide and of being a parishioner of \ St. Ignatius of Antioch Church. *Give Him glory and praise for ever!*

COMING THIS WEEKEND - AN OUTREACH TRADITION AT
ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH:

The Mary Project

On Mother's Day weekend bring your new and gently used baby items to
our weekend liturgies for donation to



Brentwood Birthright.



Donation suggestions:

Baby clothes, (up to size 2T)
Baby wipes
Baby food or baby cereal
Baby wash and lotion

Diapers and more diapers
Bottles and bottle brushes
Bibs and burp cloths
Pacifiers

Receiving blankets

New layette items so *BABY* has something
new to wear home from the hospital.

Thank you!!

Memorial Day



BINGO

Monday, May 30th

St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish Hall

Doors Open 11:30 AM - Lunch at Noon
Games Begin 12:45 PM

10 Regular Games - \$100 Payout Each
Specials

\$25 per person includes
10 Games and Lunch
Daubers - \$1 each

BINGO				
12	18	41	47	61
7	26	39	54	70
4	27		49	63
5	23	35	58	73
3	30	32	52	75

Tickets available after Masses
beginning May 21/22 or by calling
Steve at 925-642-2329



Relay for Life

Pasta Dinner hosted by the
St. Ignatius of Antioch
Relay for Life Team

When: Saturday, May 21 @ 6:30 pm

Where: St. Ignatius of Antioch
Parish Hall

Cost: \$15 per person

Gifts / Prizes / Raffle

Music by the Nite Notes with
guest singer Alicia Perez

Call Alicia (925.757.3354) or Maryann (925.778.0768)
for more info or tickets.



Is God calling you to ministry in this Jubilee Year of Mercy?

Our Family to Family Ministry might be just what you're looking for!

The parish is looking to form a new Family to Family team. Please see Father Robert's Insert in this week's bulletin for more details or call Rick Howell (925.430.9225)

We promise this ministry will touch your hearts.



St. Peter Martyr School is now accepting applications for Preschool, Prekindergarten, Kindergarten and Grades 1-8 for the 2016-2017 school year.

In addition to our strong academic program, students receive spiritual knowledge of our Catholic faith, morals and values. Extended Care and extra curricular programs are also available.

Applications are available at the school and on the school's website:
<http://www.stpetermartyrschool.org>

The school is located at 425 West Fourth St. in Pittsburg and is fully accredited. For more information, call the school at 925-439-1014 or visit the website.

Join the East Contra Costa County faith community and its community partners for a

Candidates Forum

with candidates running for Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors Districts 3 & 5.

East Contra Costa Cities from Bay Point to Byron

**Thursday, May 12, 2017
7 - 9 pm**

**St. Ignatius of Antioch
3351 Contra Costa Blvd., Antioch**

Surf & Turf Dinner



**BBQ Tri-Tip & Deep Fried Calamari
Pasta with meat sauce / Pasta with clam sauce / Salad / Bread / Dessert / & more**

Saturday, May 14, 2016

6:30 pm

St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish Hall

**Tickets on sale after weekend Liturgies
or call (925) 642-2329**

\$35 per person

Space is limited. Don't miss out!

**St. Ignatius of Antioch Confirmation Class
Invites you to the 5th Annual**

Community Garage Sale

**Saturday, May 14, 2016—8 am to 12 Noon
St. Ignatius of Antioch Parking Lot
3351 Contra Loma Blvd., Antioch**

**Come discover unexpected treasures from our
many vendors!**

**Vendor spaces available!
Only \$35 for 2 parking spaces or \$50 for 4 spaces.**

You keep all your profits.

Call Steve at (925) 642-2329 for details

**We're also accepting donated items
for the church to sell.**



Antioch Y.L.I. #101 Young Ladies Institute

YLI is a Catholic Women's Organization dedicated to the Christian Principles of Charity and Love. We reflect sisterly love and care for each other and those in need. We are now accepting applications for membership. Please contact Jeannine Ford, Committee Chairperson at (925) 757-9650