

# *St. Ignatius of Antioch*

September 4, 2016 - Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**“If you judge people,  
you have no time to  
love them.”**

**- Mother Teresa**

**Canonization of Mother Teresa; September 4, 2016**

**Fr. Robert K. Rien**  
Pastor

**Fr. George Griener, S.J.**  
Assisting Clergy

**Deacon Gary Hack**  
Permanent Deacon

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Artist-in-Residence

**Frances Rojek**  
Director of Faith Formation

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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.



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Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all or days.

— Psalm 90:14

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 August 20-21

Weekend Offering.....\$11,587.00
Second Collection (Parish Assessment) .....\$2,924.00

New Building Fund

Donations This Week.....\$1,850.33
New Building Fund Balance.....\$920,740.29

Looking Ahead
September 15, 22, 29: G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) sessions return. Thursdays: 8:45 - 10:30. Sponsored by our adult faith formation team.
September 25: Celebration of San Lorenzo Ruiz after the 10:00 am liturgy. Watch for more details.
October 1: Oktoberfest is back. Beer, root beer, brats, and German potato salad. See page 7 for more details.
October 8-9: Outreach weekend. Liturgical ministry fair and community volunteer opportunities. Watch for details..
GRAND RAFFLE IS IN FULL SWING: Turn in your sold ticket sales early to be eligible for early return bonus tickets. See page 6 for more details.



Schedule of Events

Sunday, September 4 Canonization of Mother Teresa

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
Catholic Daughters attending 10 am Liturgy
Grand Raffle Booth in Gathering Plaza
Gala Dinner Tickets on sale after all liturgies
Second Collection - Parking Lot Loan
Hospitality Sunday Sponsored by SPRED

Monday, September 5 Labor Day -Office Closed

- Rosary and Divine Mercy - 7:25 am - Church
Eucharist - 8 am
Faith Formation Bingo - 11:00 am to 3 pm - Parish Hall

Tuesday, September 6

- Rosary and Divine Mercy - 7:25 am - Church
Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion - 8 am
Art & Environment Committee Meets - 10 am to 11 am - Parish Hall
Liturgy Committee Meets - 11 am to 12 noon - Parish Hall

Wednesday, September 7

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

Thursday, September 8 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Rosary and Divine Mercy - 7:25 am - Church
Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion - 8 am
Gift - 8:45 to 10:30 am - Parish Hall
Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 to 9 pm - Church

Friday, September 9

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

Saturday, September 10

- Vigil Liturgy - 5 pm
Grand Raffle Ticket Booth in Gathering Plaza
Gala Dinner and Oktoberfest ticket sales
Second Collection - Diocesan Priests Retirement

Sunday, September 11

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
Catholic Daughters attending 10 am Liturgy
Grand Raffle Booth in Gathering Plaza
Gala Dinner and Oktoberfest ticket sales
Second Collection - Diocesan Priests Retirement
Eucharistic Minister Seminar - 1 pm - Church

## Pray for the Sick

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

Joshua Baquera	Pam Gage	Brian Smith
Rocco Battaglia	Fe Guieb	Paul Syliangco
Louis Bodiford	David Lopez	Marilyn Syliangco
Archbishop Brunett	Karen Narberes	Peter Villalpando
Brian Elliott	Al Perez	

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

<b>Monday</b>	1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19
<b>Wednesday</b>	1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26
<b>Thursday</b>	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
<b>Friday</b>	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42
<b>Saturday</b>	1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49
<b>Sunday</b>	Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]

## Lay Ministers—Week of September 10th & 11th

**5 pm: Lectors**— Steven Rojek, Lisa Marie Cayaban; **Head Cup**— Pam Confetti; **Head Host**— David Simpson; **Host**— Bill Barbanica, Carol Fanfa; **Cup**— Mary Ng, Sharon Simpson, Forrest Towe; **Server**— Pdraig Tiongson

**8 am: Lectors**— Peter Degl'Innocenti, Terese M. Stanek; **Head Cup**— Crispina Malonosan; **Head Host**— Vianney Mendoza; **Host**— Diane Hack, Rick Howell, Sue Howell, MaryJo Keister; **Cup**— Frank Kauer, Monika Kauer, Ruth Beck, Jenawati Kwa, Peggy Lennan; **Servers**— Antonio Alvarez, Isaiah Laxamana

**10:00 am: Lectors**— Cheryna Wright, Cory Cook; **Head Cup**— Amante Asuncion; **Head Host**— Gloria Asuncion; **Host**— Al Necor, Bobby Zabroski, Danielle Herrera, Rhoda Herrera; **Cup**— Denise Moss, Nancy Santos, Lee Oliver, Gloria Olvera, Samantha Peralto; **Servers**— Lorenzo Necor, Alessandra Necor

Fr. Chavez Presiding & Preaching at Saturday Vigil  
Fr. Robert Presiding & Preaching at Sunday Masses

## Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>Sat. 5:00 pm</b>	Joann Russo †
<b>Sun. 8:00 am</b>	Earl Anthony Bulygo †
<b>Sun. 10:00 am</b>	Christina Del Rosario †
<b>Mon. 8:00 am</b>	Emilio C. Escudero, Jr. †
<b>Tues. 8:00 am</b>	All Priests & Deacons
<b>Wed. 8:00 am</b>	Elina Avelar †
<b>Thur. 8:00 am</b>	Joe Lohmeier †
<b>Fri. 8:00 am</b>	Emilio C. Escudero, Jr. †

## Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of **Jim Narberes, Brian Lewis, James George, Caitlyn & Haley Markus and Trista Allen**. 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 requesting the following food items:

**Mac & Cheese** - 7oz. box      **Tuna** - 5 oz can  
**Sliced Peaches** - 15 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.

## 2017 Events Calendar Meeting

An **EVENTS CALENDAR MEETING** for 2017 is being planned for **NOVEMBER 9** at 7:30 in the Parish Hall.. **All parish organizations are asked to begin planning their schedule for 2017, especially if your event requires the use of parish facilities (including the use of the Gathering Plaza for ticket sales to offsite events).**

A preliminary calendar is currently being developed based on traditional events such as the Parish Festival and Gala, St. Nicolas and St. Joseph Dinners, and the Lenten Fish Frys. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to place an event on the **preliminary calendar**. Please note that **NO DATES ARE FINAL AT THIS TIME. The goal is to make better use of our facility while minimizing scheduling conflicts.**

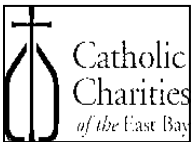
## Silver and Gold News

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. Here are some of our upcoming activities.

**Sunday, September 25 at 3:00 pm:** Join us at the El Campanil Theater to enjoy a tribute to Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons (you know their music). Twenty tickets have been reserved for us at \$25 each. Dancing and singing are encouraged. For tickets, call Gary at 757-1385.

**Wednesday, September 28:** a bus trip to Apple Hill. \$35 per person. Continental breakfast served on the way up. Everyone is on their own for lunch. Bus leaves St. Ignatius of Antioch parking lot at 8:30 am, returning around 6:00 pm. **Advance payment is required by September 9.** Contact the Parish Office for details.

## Catholic Social Services Directory



**Know someone in need?  
Not sure how to help?**  
Check out **FAITH IN ACTION**, the Catholic Social Services Directory

Web address: [FAITHINACTIONOAKDIOCESE.ORG](http://FAITHINACTIONOAKDIOCESE.ORG)

## Classes Offered By NAMI

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is offering classes in our area for families with loved ones with a severe and persistent mental health issue. The series of 12 classes will provide information which builds class by class, understanding and empathy to help families. Space is limited. The course will cover information about:

- Schizophrenia and Schizoaffective Disorder
- Bipolar Disorder
- Panic Disorder
- Borderline Personality Disorder
- Major Depression
- Obsessive Compulsive Disorder

**When:** Mondays 7 - 9:30 pm starting  
September 19, 2016

**Where:** Immaculate Heart of Mary  
500 Fairview Ave., Brentwood

For more information, contact [fam2fam4u@gmail.com](mailto:fam2fam4u@gmail.com) or Nancy at 925.285.5995.

## Attention Catholic Women

Have you ever thought about becoming a Sister? Single Catholic women ages 18-40 are invited to a prayerful and reflective **Religious Vocation Discernment Weekend Retreat** with the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, October 7-9, 2016, Los Altos Hills, CA.

For reservations and more information contact Sister Lisa Laguna, D.C., 650/949-8890, 213-210-9903, or email [srllaguna@doc1633.org](mailto:srllaguna@doc1633.org)

## Marriage Preparation Programs

“A Program to Prepare Couples for the Sacrament of Marriage.” The last Marriage Preparation Registration for the Summer Sessions is as follows:

Saturday, September 17th - 8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.

Location: St. Vincent's Marinwood -  
1 Saint Vincents Drive San Rafael, CA

The cost is \$325.00 per couple. For more information, call (415) 699-8348.

## Project Homeless Connect East County

**SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, October 13, 2016**  
**Antioch County Fairgrounds; 1201 W 10 St. Antioch**

Help is needed for a one-day, one-stop shop that offers a variety of services to people experiencing homelessness, connecting them with benefits, medical care, substance abuse and mental health counseling services, housing and shelter. Volunteers are needed to greet and route people, provide transportation and serve food.

To volunteer, visit [cchealth.org/homeless](http://cchealth.org/homeless) or contact Contra Costa County Health Services Homeless Program at 925.313.7700 or email:

[projecthomelessconnect@hsd.cccounty.us](mailto:projecthomelessconnect@hsd.cccounty.us)

## Volunteer Opportunity

**Caring Hands** Is an organization dedicated to helping aging adults remain independent and safe. As a volunteer in this organization you might be asked to drive someone to the grocery store or doctor, help them with the mail or simply visit to break up the loneliness that many aging adults feel. A training is scheduled on Friday, Sept. 23 from 9-2:30 at John Muir health Center. Contact Stacy Appel at 952-2999. If you can't make this training but are interested, Caring Hands will be represented at our Ministry Fair Oct. 8-9.

## Justice Corner

By Carolyn Krantz...Pastoral Associate

This article defines and explains **Spiritual Direction** and its place in the life of those seeking to be closer to God. It is a process that has its basis in the Middle Ages although there are many examples in the lives of earlier saints where they sought out a person of wisdom to help them find God's voice in the middle of chaotic experiences. I have had the benefit of this practice for more than 40 years. When I was younger, it was thought that Spiritual Direction was only for priests and nuns, but especially after Vatican II, many people have been trained as Directors and many more ordinary Catholics have sought out such people to help them discern God's direction in their lives.

The process goes like this: An individual directee requests a regular period of time with a Director. The sessions are confidential, usually run about fifty minutes and they occur monthly or every six weeks depending on the situation. There is a charge for the sessions based on a sliding scale. Usually the contract for these sessions runs for 4-6 months and can be renewed if there is need. The directee prepares for these sessions by being faithful to regular prayer and examination of conscience. The directee recounts the blessings in his/her life and the places where there is confusion or lack of clarity about the direction God wishes for them. The Director listens, asks questions and often offers insight about where God is leading. The Director does not "direct", that is, does not give definitive answers about God's action in a person's life, but rather provides a platform for the Holy Spirit to make His presence clearer to the directee. The Director does not absolve sin. That's what the Sacrament of Penance is for, but many people today use Confession to seek advice as well as to ask for God's forgiveness. Spiritual Direction is for those for whom the spiritual life is a priority and whose lives are daily based in Christ. They are seeking to eliminate their foibles and learn how to follow the Spirit.

Discernment is part of Spiritual Direction. St. Ignatius of Loyola has set down rules on how to discern God's will in our daily lives. This process tries to free the directee from ego centered decisions and helps to stem tendencies that get in the way of practicing a productive Christian life such as anger, grief, scrupulosity, willfulness, too busy a life style, false humility, etc. It teaches us how to let go and let God direct our lives rather than making decisions out of haste, fear, selfishness, pressure from relatives or friends, etc. An action may be "right", but the time for it may be wrong. Once my Spiritual Director said, "I could have told you that two years ago." I asked, "Why didn't you?" and he responded that I was not ready to hear it. He knew from my defensiveness that God was waiting to reveal the next step, but the time was not right.

In the spiritual life there are times of consolation and times of desolation; times when God seems near and times he seems far away. There are times when prayer is easy and times when one gets fidgety and cannot seem to find God's voice. Either one of these states can be from the Holy Spirit or from false spirits. It takes discernment to know how to respond.

If any of you would like to have Spiritual Direction in your life, you can call the office and leave a telephone number where I can reach you. We can meet for a beginning session to see if this process is right for you.

## Parish Perspective—"Best of"

By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

### Way Up North

The big chartered bus pulled out of the St. Ignatius of Antioch parking lot. As it did, it passed balloons tied to the lamppost and office staffers Estrella, Maryann, Rowena, and Frances. Each had a flower in her hand and waving them rhythmically as they swayed back and forth. They looked like Hawaiian dancers waving Aloha to a departing ship. Hawaii however, was not our destination; it was Alaska! Our voyage of adventure, discovery, learning, and eating had begun.

By 1:30 we were onboard *Grand Princess* and waiting for the 3:30 obligatory "lifeboat" drill. We were instructed to carry our life vests to our assigned muster station. One of our savvy parishioners whispered to me "You know, where we're going the water is so cold this thing is only a body recovery device." I nodded in the affirmative. Having watched many seasons of Discovery's *Deadliest Catch* I learned that a person can only survive about 4 minutes in the water, even when wearing an arctic survival suit. After the drill we were legal to get underway. On our way out to "the gate" we were escorted by two Coast Guard semi-rigid fast boats, one to port, the other to starboard and each sporting a jet black .50 caliber machinegun mounted on the bow. Nobody messes with us!

With three days "at sea" before we reach our 1<sup>st</sup> port of Juneau, our first adventure is one of exploring the ship, recognizing features of the ship so we can navigate the various passageways and decks without getting too lost. Our second adventure is one of discovery. Discovering the nearly overwhelmingly pampering service of the wait staff in the dining salon. *Grand Princess* has 3 luxury dining salons: Michelangelo, Botticelli, and Da Vinci. Here Botticelli gives birth not to Venus but to gourmet food! It becomes so easy to order 1) a starter, 2) an appetizer, 3) a salad, 4) a soup, 5) an entrée in an appetizer sized portion, 6) a choice of six different entrees, and 7) dessert and coffee.

Before departing for the 10-day cruise my wife and I cleaned out the frig. Grocery shopping was tops on the list of things to do upon our return. She asked me what I wanted for dinner and I responded "I'll have the shrimp cocktail appetizer, the caesar salad, the lobster and prawn bisque, the fettuccini alfredo in the appetizer portion, the prime rib, and the chocolate soufflé with coffee." She laughed pertly.



**2016 GRAND RAFFLE**

**MASQUERADE AROUND THE WORLD**

**Grand Prize: a once in a lifetime trip of your choice to New Orleans, Rio, Venice (or book your own)**

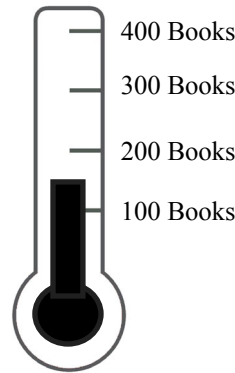
**Early Bird Incentives**

Turn in your **FIRST** sold book of tickets by the date listed and receive the additional **BONUS** tickets for that period

<del>Sunday Aug. 21</del>	<del>5 Bonus tickets</del>
<del>Sunday Aug. 28</del>	<del>4 Bonus tickets</del>
Sunday Sept. 4	3 Bonus tickets
Sunday Sept. 11	2 Bonus tickets
Sunday Sept. 19	1 Bonus ticket

All second (and subsequent) sold books of 10 tickets will receive one chance for a \$300 multiple-book raffle.

**Grand Raffle Goal**



**Help us make our goal for 2016!**  
**Books Sold as of Sunday August 28: 143**

**GALA DINNER**

Join us for an elegant evening filled with good food and great company.

**Saturday, October 15 at 6:30 pm  
Pittsburg Yacht Club**

**Tickets: \$60 per person**

This year's theme:

**MASQUERADE AROUND THE WORLD**

Tickets on sale after all Liturgies and from the Parish Office.

First 50 tickets sold receive 1 complimentary admission ticket to Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 1, 2016 at St. Ignatius of Antioch

**The Fall Festival and Gala Dinner are coming!**

Coming in October are three of St. Ignatius of Antioch's biggest fundraisers, and we need your help to make them the most successful events yet!

Save the dates

**NEW! Oktoberfest:** Beer, root beer, brats, and fun for the whole family—

*Sat., Oct. 1, \$10 per ticket*

**Gala Dinner:** Dazzling masquerade-themed dinner at the Pittsburg Yacht Club—*Sat., Oct. 15, \$60 per ticket*

**Fall Festival:** Food, games, desserts, raffles, gifts & more—*Sun., Oct. 16, free admission*

Your donations really helps to make the Parish Festival a success. We're looking for the following:

- Gift cards (any amount)
  - Knick-knacks and other small game prizes (for any age group, not just kids)
  - Craft and other items for the Holly Faire Booth.
- Please bring donations to the parish office during normal business hours.

Watch for festival supply donation lists in the Gathering Plaza by mid-September. Thank you!

**Liturgical Ministry and Community Outreach weekend coming October 8-9.**

**Discover opportunities to get involved in the parish and in our community.**

It's Back!



St. Ignatius of Antioch  
 Saturday, October 1, 2016  
 6:30 pm

Root Beer - Beer - Brats  
 German Potato Salad  
 Good Food & Fellowship

Tickets on Sale after all Liturgies beginning  
 September 10. Adults \$10, Children \$7

# Faith Formation News

RCIA



Life is a journey and every so often we encounter the big questions of life. "Who am I?" and "Where is God calling me to go?"

Are you, or someone you know considering becoming a Catholic? There is a process called *The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* that provides opportunities for you to come to an informed discernment and decision about this life choice. It begins with a time called *inquiry*, getting answers, clearing up conceptions and beginning to explore the Catholic faith life.

Inquiry will begin on Monday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the parish office.

## Faith Formation



Preparations are in place for our children and youth to begin Faith Formation sessions again. If your child attended classes last year, you should have received the registration form for the 2016-17 school year.

If you intend to enroll your child for the first time, you are required to register in the parish first. Just call the parish office at 778-0768 to inform the parish secretary. She will take your name and phone number so Fr. Robert can make an appointment with you and begin the registration process.

### Dates to remember:

Catechist Commissioning: September 18<sup>th</sup> all liturgies

Classes begin: September 20<sup>th</sup>

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

## Labor Day Bingo

This Monday!

St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish Hall

Doors Open 11:00 AM - Lunch at 11:30 AM  
 Games Begin 12:15 PM

10 Regular Games - \$100 Payout Each  
 Specials

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



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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 by calling Steve at  
 925-642-2329

## Rosary Creations by Alicia Perez and Rowena Cayaban



New and refurbished Rosaries and Rosary bracelets for Sale. All proceeds to benefit the BUILDING FUND. All Rosaries reasonably priced. Visit the Parish Office and check them out.