

St. Ignatius of Antioch

September 11, 2016 - Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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September 11, 2016 Fifteenth Anniversary of September 11, 2001

Blessed are they who mourn,
for they will be comforted....
Blessed are they who hunger and thirst
for righteousness,
for they will be satisfied.
Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy....
Blessed are the peacemakers,
For they will be called children of God.

Mt. 5:4,6,7,9



Fr. Robert K. Rien
Pastor

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.



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A clean heart create for me, O
God, and a steadfast spirit
renew within me.

— Psalm 51:12

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 27-28

Weekend Offering.....\$9,298.50

New Building Fund

Donations This Week.....\$646.00

New Building Fund Balance.....\$921,461.25

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. .

September 26: Antioch mayoral candidates forum.
See page 7 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.

October 15-16: Gala Dinner on Saturday and Parish
Festival on Sunday. See page 6 for more information and
for ways to get involved..

GRAND RAFFLE IS IN FULL SWING:

Turn in your sold ticket sales early to be
eligible for early return bonus tickets. See page 6.



Schedule of Events

Sunday, September 11

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

Monday, September 12

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

Tuesday, September 13

- 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, September 14

- Rosary and Divine Mercy - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am - Novena following
- Festival Committee Meets - 6:30 to 8 pm - Parish Hall

Thursday, September 15

- Rosary and Divine Mercy - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion - 8 am
- Finance Council Meets - 11 am to 12 noon - Parish Hall
- Gift - 8:45 to 10:30 am - Parish Hall
- Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 to 9 pm - Church

Friday, September 16

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

Saturday, September 17

- Vigil Liturgy - 5 pm
- Grand Raffle Ticket Booth in Gathering Plaza
- Gala Dinner and Oktoberfest ticket sales

Sunday, September 18

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Grand Raffle Booth in Gathering Plaza
- Gala Dinner and Oktoberfest ticket sales
- New Parishioners Brunch - 11:30 am - Parish Hall

St. Ignatius of Antioch Volunteer Opportunity

The parish office is looking for volunteers willing
to commit to 1 day a week (8:30am - 12:30pm) to
assist with phones and the front desk.

Interested persons should contact Maryann or
Yvette at 778-0768.

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

Monday	1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday	1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday	Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Thursday	1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 7:36-50
Friday	1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday	1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday	Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 [10-13]

Lay Ministers—Week of September 17th & 18th

5 pm: Lectors– Therese Kain, Susan Batterton; **Head Cup**– Sharon Simpson; **Head Host**– Marla Plurkowski; **Host**– Mary Angelica Cayaban, Rowena Cayaban; **Cup**– Pam Confetti, Mary Ng, David Simpson; **Server**– Pdraig Tiongson

8 am: Lectors– Roy Lucas, Faye Lucas; **Head Cup**– Vianney Mendoza; **Head Host**– Crispina Malonosan; **Host**– Stan Stanek, Kathleen Hayakawa, Jeanne Reilly, Nick Suarez; **Cup**– Theresa Stanek, Ruth Beck, Frank Kauer, Monika Kauer Jenawati Kwa; **Servers**– Antonio Alvarez, Isaiah Laxamana

10:00 am: Lectors– William Necor, Lee Oliver; **Head Cup**– Cory Cook; **Head Host**– Reyna Garcia; Angleina Guieb-Alphonso, Estrella Rusk; **Cup**– Steven Andreatta, Dilcia Aparicio, Cynthia Enrique, Cecelia Kennedy, Jane Sharpe; **Servers**– Jean Paul Fortez, Ryan Sims

Fr. Robert Presiding & Deacon Gary Preaching

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. 5:00 pm	Mike Ambrosini †
Sun. 8:00 am	Alfredo & Elina Avelar †
Sun. 10:00 am	Samuel Azurin †
Mon. 8:00 am	Emilio Escudero †
Tues. 8:00 am	Our Parish Family
Wed. 8:00 am	Hanny Reingold
Thur. 8:00 am	All Priests & Deacons
Fri. 8:00 am	Vera Ugarte †

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.**

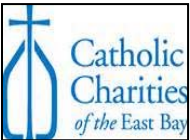
Silver and Gold News

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

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 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

Hospital Ministry

Kaiser – Permanente Hospital on Deer Valley Road's Chaplain, Lisa Sargent will be hosting an informational seminar at St. Ignatius of Antioch parish hall beginning at 4 pm on Wednesday September 21st. Anyone interested in bringing Communion to hospital patients are encouraged to attend. Times and days for administering Communion are flexible. Bring your questions about this ministry to share and learn from others. RSVP to the parish office at 778-0768 or Deacon Gary at 757-1385.

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 or contact Contra Costa County Health Services Homeless Program at 925.313.7700 or email:

projecthomelessconnect@hsd.cccounty.us

Community 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**

In preparation for a meeting at the San Francisco Foundation, I was sent Martin Luther King's speech at Riverside Church on April 4, 1967. I had read this speech before, but I was struck by the relevancy of it for today's world. I will give you a taste of its contents and ask that you reflect on its meaning for our country's current position in world politics.

"Even when pressed by the demands of inner truth, men do not easily assume the task of opposing their government's policy, especially in times of war." I thought about this sentence in relationship to the wars we have undertaken since 9/11-Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria, Yemen, etc. "We are deeply in need of a new way beyond the darkness that seems to close around us...America will never invest the necessary funds or energies in rehabilitation of its poor so long as adventures like Vietnam (etc.) continue to draw men and skills and money like some demonic destructive suction tube."

As a church, we at St. Ignatius have been very aware of the growing poverty in this country and particularly aware of the number of veterans who end up on the street, addicted and with PTSD and other illnesses. We have helped in "Stand Down on the Delta" and the local shelters providing food and a welcoming face to those in need. We have supported a refugee family from Iraq. But I wonder if we could consider opposing the biggest source of the poverty, the wars we continue to fight on foreign soil. MLK says, "I could not be silent in the face of such cruel manipulation of the poor." When we get to the pearly gates, will our Maker accuse us of being silent? Our country's policies continue to reek havoc on foreign soils destroying lives, families, crops and cultures. Our veterans continue to have difficulty adjusting to ordinary life when they return from the violence of worn torn areas and the violence seeps into our own life through the shooting of police, bombings and the murder of innocents in our own country such as the tragic deaths of two nuns in Mississippi (Aug. 25) whose only "crime" was to bring health care to the poor. "There will be no meaningful solution until some attempt is made to know them (the other side) and to hear their broken cries." Every day the wars go on, hatred increases in the hearts of those we are fighting and "we become not a country of freedom and democracy, but of violence and militarism."

Dr. King suggests some solutions: 1. End the bombing and the use of depleted uranium which destroys life. 2. Declare unilateral cease-fire and try negotiation. 3. Stop finding another country in which to escalate the violence. 4. Play a role in meaningful negotiation. 5. Set a date to remove our troops from foreign soils. Some of these may or may not work, but continuing to be silent affirms the choice for "violent co-annihilation" rather than "non-violent coexistence". "If we do not act, we shall surely be dragged down the long dark and shameful corridors of time reserved for those who possess power without compassion, might without morality, and strength without sight....A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death."

As Catholics we know that Jesus came in the midst of the military oppression of Rome against the Israelites. He did not join the Zealots. He taught us that love is the unifying principle of life, and gave his life to prove it. Can we reflect on His example and come up with one action that will begin to move ourselves and our country toward that end? Write a letter. Talk to your political leaders. Do something!

Parish Perspective— "Best of"**By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate***Come Follow Me*

In recent times a few parishioners, those who went on the Alaska Cruise, have been asking a common and almost obligatory question; "Well, are you over Alaska now?" I respond resolutely "I don't want to be over Alaska or the cruising!" "Ah, it was wonderful, wasn't it?" "Yes" I say fondly. That is how it's been for several weeks now.

Photographs are shared and memories come flooding back, but it's more than just Alaska. It's the experience of being Church in a much broader and in some ways "elevated" state. I could have gone on the cruise by myself or with the family and it would not have had the same impact on me. There is something special about doing things as part of St. Ignatius of Antioch that transcend the nominal joys of the world. If we reflect on what causes this heightened joy of experience it may come to us that it is the "field trip" of what we are taught in the "classroom" of many of Fr. Robert's and Dn. Gary's homilies. What we do inside the church during liturgies must be carried with us out the doors and into the world so that we may reflect the light of the living Christ. That, I believe is what makes all these trips, excursions, and journeys so special. We take them as Church, not away from the church. The Church outside the walls of the church becomes alive for those who travel on these outings, be it part of the Knights of Columbus, Silver and Gold Ministry, Y.L.I. or a host of other organizations we have. When we are out there with Fr. Robert the Church is with us as close as it could be i.e. the Masses onboard Grand Princess, the saying of Grace before meals, or a simple blessing of protection as we split off into smaller groups. We recognize ourselves as part of the body of Christ more often when we recognize our parishioner companions traveling with us. When people ask us where we are from, our response is not just a geographical place but one of belonging; "we're from St. Ignatius of Antioch Church!" The one word "Church" changes everything about how others perceive us and reinforces how we perceive ourselves. It is a bringing of Christ to the world.

So, if you want to go on an outing or trip, just go; but if you want to experience something new, alive, and heartwarming then follow the leader of true experience and joy. Follow Jesus with and as His Church on one of our outings. There are plenty coming up, especially the Silver and Gold trip to Apple Hill. Now that is a trip and a half in itself! As Jesus said "Come, follow me".



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)**

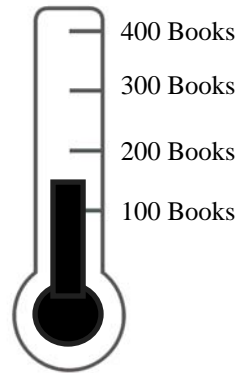
Early Bird Incentives

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

Sunday Aug. 21	5 Bonus tickets
Sunday Aug. 28	4 Bonus tickets
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 is
coming Sunday
October 16!**

Food, bingo and other games, desserts, raffles, gifts & more—

Great Fellowship - Free Admission
Great Raffle Drawing

Your donations really help 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 Fair 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
 or from the Parish Office.
 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. 19th at 7:00 pm in the parish office.

Faith Formation



If you missed the regular registration days and wish to register your child for Faith Formation, contact Frances Rojek at 778-1631

Catechist Commissioning: September 18th all liturgies

Classes begin: September 20th



Mayoral
Candidates
Forum

St. Ignatius of Antioch
Sept 26 at 7 pm - 8:30 pm

As Catholics and as American Citizens, it is important that we participate in the up-coming election. We have partnered with the League of Women Voters to bring the four candidates for Antioch City Mayor to our church. What questions are most important to you as you think about this election? What should be a priority for the new mayor?

Please place your questions in **THE RED BOX** on the weekends of Sept. 11 and 18 so we can prepare for this event and plan to attend on Monday, Sept 26th to learn which candidate will make the best choices for our city.

St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish
Fundraiser

(Turnaround Trip to Thunder Valle

Monday, October 3, 2016

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

Return: 3:30 pm

- Leave Thunder Valle

Fare: \$40.00

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.