

# St. Ignatius of Antioch

January 1, 2017 - New Year's Day

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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**  
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: 4pm  
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.



## January 1, 2017 New Year's Day

Mary kept all these things,  
reflecting on them in her heart.

— Luke 2:19

### 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 December 17-18

Weekend Offering.....\$9,866.50

#### New Building Fund

Donations This Week.....\$2,071.00

New Building Fund Balance.....\$949,805.41

### Schedule of Events

#### Sunday, January 1 - New Year's Day

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Second Collection for Parking Lot Loan

#### Monday, January 2 - Offices Closed

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- SPRED Catechist Prep - 5 to 6:30 pm - Parish Hall
- RCIA - 7 to 8:30 pm - office

#### Tuesday, January 3 - Most Holy Name of Jesus

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- Art & Environment Meets - 10 to 11 am - Parish Hall
- Liturgy Committee Meets - 11 am to Noon - Parish Hall
- No Faith Formation

#### Wednesday, January 4

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- Hula Class - 9:15 to 10:15 am - Parish Hall
- No Faith Formation

#### Thursday, January 5

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- G I F T- 8:45 to 10:30 am - Parish Hall
- Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 to 9 pm - Church
- No Faith Formation

#### Friday, January 6

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 8:45 am to noon

#### Saturday, January 7

- Reconciliation - 2:45 - 3:30 pm
- Vigil Liturgy - **4 pm**

#### Sunday, January 8 - Epiphany of the Lord

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies

## Looking Ahead



**January 2, 2017:** Office closed.

**January 4:** Join us at 9:15 a.m. for a hula class in the parish hall. Great way to keep your New Year's resolution to get more exercise.

**January 20:** Mark your calendar now - first organ concert of the New Year. See page 6.

**January 21:** The crab feed is back! Join us at the annual Knights of Columbus crab feed in the parish hall after the Saturday Vigil Liturgy. See page 6

### St. Joseph Missals

St. Joseph Missals with the readings for the new liturgical year are available from parish office. The cost is \$4.00.

**Pray for the Sick**

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

Rocco Battaglia	Terry Malonosan	Theresa Weathers
Archbishop Brunett	Linda Morrison	Guy Worth
Liza Espiritu	Peter Villalpando	
Roxanne Greth		

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 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
<b>Wednesday</b>	1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
<b>Thursday</b>	1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 4:14-22a
<b>Friday</b>	1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]
<b>Saturday</b>	1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11
<b>Sunday</b>	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**Lay Ministers—Week of January 7th & 8th**

**4 pm: Lectors**— Frances Rojek, Mila Ellingwood; **Head Cup**— Melodye Costanza; **Head Host**—Pam Confetti; **Host**—Carol Fanfa, Bernice Campbell; **Cup**—Marla Plurkowski, Rhoda Herrera, Christoph Holl.

**8 am: Lectors**— Kathleen Hayakawa, Matthew Bajet; **Head Cup**—Crispina Malonosan; **Head Host**—Nick Suarez; **Host**—Theresa Stanek, Diane Hack, Jeanne Reilly, Mark Costanza; **Cup**—Stan Stanek, Tim Cox, Jeannine Ford, Frank Kauer, Monika Kauer; **Servers**— Antonio Alvarez, Isaiah Laxamana

**10:00 am: Lectors**— Corrine Bielejeski, Lee Oliver; **Head Cup**—Reyna Garcia; **Head Host**—Dilcia Aparicio; **Host**—Angelina Guieb-Alphonso, Helga Boardman, Cecelia Kennedy, Gloria Olvera; **Cup**—Al Necor, Bobby Zabroski, Estrella Rusk, Nancy Santos, Jane Sharpe; **Servers**—William Necor, Alessandra Necor

Fr. Robert Presiding & Preaching

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

<b>Sat. 4:00 pm</b>	Our Parish Family
<b>Sun. 8:00 am</b>	Our Parish Family
<b>Sun. 10:00 am</b>	Our Parish Family
<b>Mon. 8:00 am</b>	All Priests & Deacons
<b>Tues. 8:00 am</b>	All Military Men & Women
<b>Wed. 8:00 am</b>	All Care Givers
<b>Thur. 8:00 am</b>	Our Parish Family
<b>Fri. 8:00 am</b>	All Priests & Deacons

**Rest in Peace**

Please pray for the soul of **Jack R. Fuchs**. May his soul 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:

**Corn** - 15 oz can                      **Green Beans** - 15 oz can  
**Canned Fruit** - 15 oz can        **Spaghetti** - 16 oz

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

**Adult Confirmation**

If you have not yet received the sacrament of Confirmation and will be 18 years of age or older on February 18, 2017, then Adult Confirmation classes are for you. Confirmation will take place on Saturday, February 18, 2017 at 10AM at The Cathedral of Christ the Light.

The Diocese of Oakland has set the date and opened registration for 2017. Classes will be held (Tuesday evenings) January 17, 24, 31 and February 7 from 7:30 to 9 pm in our parish office.

Contact Pastoral Associate Peter Degl'Innocenti at (925) 756-6172 for registration forms or more details. The Diocese will impose a registration deadline at some point in the near future. Don't delay, call now.

## St. Peter Martyr News



St. Peter Martyr School is accepting applications for 3 yr.-old Preschool, 4 yr.-old Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and grades 1-8. 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 our website:

[www.stpetermartyrschool.org](http://www.stpetermartyrschool.org).

St. Peter Martyr School is located at 425 West Fourth St. in Pittsburg. We are fully accredited and invite you to become part of our Catholic school family. Our Open House is Sunday, January 29, from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Bring the family, meet the teachers, and visit the classrooms. For further information about our affordable rates call the school at (925) 439-1014 or visit [www.stpetermartyrschool.org](http://www.stpetermartyrschool.org).

## Marriage Preparation Program

A Program to Prepare Couples for the Sacrament of Marriage." The Marriage Preparation Registration for the Winter 2017 Sessions are as follows:

Saturday, Jan. 7th - 8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 4th.- 8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 25th - 8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.

Location: St. Vincent's Marinwood  
Saint Vincents Dr., San Rafael, CA

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

## Catholic Social Services

Know someone in need?

Not sure how to help?



Consider referring them to **FAITH IN ACTION**, A Catholic Social Services Directory created by Catholic Charities of the East Bay.

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

This online resource can be accessed on your smart-phone or your home computer and offers detailed information about social service agencies in Contra Costa and Alameda Counties, including referral contact points.

## Mobile Mall News

**Next Sorting** - Saturday, January 7, 2017 - Holy Rosary Dominican Hall - 9 am to 12 pm.

**Distribution** - Saturday, January 21, 2017 - Turner Elementary, 4207 Delta Fair Blvd., Antioch 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

The donation barrel for gently used clothes, towels and sheets is located in the Narthex. For more information about this ministry, please call 757-4020.

## St. Patrick's Seminary

*Many Catholic Men Have Asked Themselves:*

### SHOULD I CONSIDER THE PRIESTHOOD?

St. Patrick's Seminary & University, in Menlo Park, California is offering a Discernment Retreat Weekend, starting Friday, January 27 through Sunday January 29, 2017. To register contact Father Neal Clemens at [vocations@oakdiocese.org](mailto:vocations@oakdiocese.org), or call 510-267-8356.

For more information contact [discernment.retreat@stpsu.edu](mailto:discernment.retreat@stpsu.edu) or call 650-325-5621

## St. Peter Martyr School Crab Feed



Calling all Alumni, Friends and Supporters of St. Peter Martyr School, and Crab lovers; save the date! St. Peter Martyr School will have its fantastic Crab Feed on Saturday, February 25, 2017, at Good Shepherd Church Hall in Pittsburg.

For further information contact St. Peter Martyr School at 925-439-1014. See you at the Crab Feed.

## Prayer for the New Year

Heavenly Father,  
At the beginning of this hew year, help me to accept You in my life.

As Truth, to be spoken,  
As Life, to be lived,  
As Light, to be lighted,  
As Love, to be followed,  
As Joy, to be given,  
As Peace, to be spread about,

I ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

## Justice Corner

By Carolyn Krantz...Pastoral Associate

The staff wishes to thank everyone who filled out a survey in November. 167 of you cared enough to give us your thoughts and direction for the parish in the future. The following are some of the conclusions from the survey. (*The complete survey is available from office on request.*)

It is clear that the sense of fellowship, community, belonging, warmth and familial welcome is the main reason people stay at St. Ignatius of Antioch. Parishioners look forward to uplifting services and relevant homilies. People seek out a sense of community in a fractured and divided world. The presence of an enthusiastic and caring pastor whose leadership, organization and prayerful liturgical skills was mentioned directly by a quarter of those responding. Many said that they knew others who had left for various reasons (28 different reason were listed), but most (141 of 167) had not thought of leaving themselves. This tells us that we have a stable number of returning parishioners week by week.

In the ministry area, 58 of the respondents were volunteering for a liturgical ministry (Lector, Usher, Eucharistic Minister, etc) followed by 15 Knights of Columbus and 13 money counters. 46 different ministries were mentioned. Many respondents were involved in multiple ministries, and many were not involved as well. This suggests an area for improvement in the future.

When listing what is most important, the respondents reinforced the desire of continuing to be a welcoming inclusive parish, a vibrant community where we share our faith and care for one another (72). Others stated that the Mass/liturgies that are lively and uplifting was most important to them (39). A third of the group comes to "get connected to God, feel close to Jesus and gain spiritual guidance" as the most important reason (18). Again Father Robert's leadership was held in high esteem (39).

Some people stated that "everything" was important (12) and "nothing" needed to change (43). While this is nice to hear, these responses did not give us a specific future direction. 32 individual suggestions were offered. Thirteen respondents mentioned the new building, Parish Hall/Center and 13 wanted shortened Masses with less singing, less comments before and after, and an additional Mass at 12:00, etc. Some respondents requested changes beyond our scope of authority like changes in church doctrine and requirements for sacraments which are set by the Diocese. Others were concerned about our outreach to youth, to 18-40 year-olds, and the frail elderly. A few mentioned adult education workshops. There were lots of one's and 2's in the suggestion column.

Then there were the comments about requests for money. With the downturn in the economy, a few felt that constant requests for money brought on feelings of guilt and inferiority and that all economic classes should feel welcome. This raises a question of how to run a parish this size without these requests. We continue to have responsibilities for debts and maintaining our current buildings.

In general, the survey concluded that we should continue on the current path with the following considerations. Liturgy continues to be a top priority. We should continue to invite and train lay leaders and promote the education of our children and adults. We must ensure that all groups are welcoming and respectful of others. Antioch continues to be a very diverse city (1/3 Anglo, 1/3 Latino, 19% black and 19% Asian) with a median income of \$78,000. We have a bright future with committed members.

## Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

*Who's Buck Rogers?*

Happy New Year! 2017, can you believe it? When I was in the third or fourth grade the year 2000 seemed so far off into the future, the world of Buck Rogers (Star Trek wasn't even conceived then), I was sure I wouldn't live to see the day. But here we are 17 years beyond what my young mind could imagine. Some of those comic strip characters are not as popular as they used to be; perhaps because we have acquired so many of their futuristic devices that we have become like Buck Rogers in our daily lives. The voice of my grandfather echoes in my ears as I remember him reading the daily comic strips to me and my brother. Dick Tracy had a "two-way wrist radio/TV" that I was sure would never come to be. Remember, in those days we had 200 lb. TV sets that required 15 minutes for the tubes inside to warm-up before the set would function. Yet almost everyone has an i-phone today (in color no less!). Tracy used to zip around the sky in a flying stand-up capsule that now looks very similar to the autonomous "Drone Taxis" being developed, **today!**

We have made a lot of technological progress in the last 17 years and I believe we have made considerable social progress too. We as a nation are practicing and have established social norms that were only starry-eyed ideals in the 50's and 60's. Social change takes more time than does technological change. It is like a dance, to be sure. Two steps forward and one step back. Then another two or three steps forward, but forward we go; relentless in our quest for a better tomorrow as we are relentless in our pursuit of the next newest neatest gadget.

The electronics gurus have their laboratories to work in. Politicians and ambassadors have their offices, but what do we have? Where is our place of work for social change and justice? We have the whole wide world. Our place of work is the same place where Jesus worked. It is in the rural and outlying places of our own towns and cities. Our workplace is where the lonely and the outcast are huddled. Our work is not to upgrade technology but to upgrade the lives of our less fortunate brothers and sisters. It isn't easy work. At times, it may seem as impossible as shrinking down a 200 lb. TV onto a person's wrist. If the former can be done then the latter is our work, our goal, and our obligation. See you in the Funny Pages.



# Get Your Tickets to the 5th Annual Knights of Columbus Crab Feed

Saturday, January 21, 2017 - 6:30 PM  
St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish Hall

Tickets available after all  
Liturgies beginning this  
weekend on

Call Steve Rojek at  
925-642-2329

All You Can Eat:

Appetizers

Dungeness Crab

Salad – Bread – Pasta – Dessert

No-Host Bar

Raffles

\$50 per person

Space is Limited.  
Buy your tickets  
early. No Tickets  
Sold at the door

Something new in the New Year.

## Did you ever want to learn how to Hula?

Beginning January 4th from  
9:15 to 10:15 am Hula dancing lessons  
will be offered by our parishioner, native  
Hawaiian, Samantha Peralto.

Every movement, expression and  
gesture in the hula has a specific  
meaning. The hand movements are of  
particular significance with a good hula  
dancer watching their hands at all times,  
not the audience.

Space is limited so call the Faith  
Formation Office at 925.778.1631 to  
guarantee you a spot on the floor.

St. Ignatius of Antioch presents  
Angelic Music for the Parish and the  
Community.

Join us for an Organ Concert  
featuring Don Pearson, Director  
of Music and Artist in Residence.

Friday, January 20, 2017  
at 8:00 pm

Artist's reception follows  
immediately in the Parish Hall.



Free will  
offering  
accepted.



# Giving Thanks!

**2016 has come to a close, St. Ignatius of Antioch parish is taking time to reflect upon what we've accomplished this year and all that we have to look forward to in 2017.**

**Undoubtedly, we are a parish blessed with the love, prayers, and support of so many generous individuals.**

**Without the kindness and generosity of our parishioners, so much of what we accomplish in ministry and outreach would not be possible.**

**As you count your blessings this Christmas season, we ask that you prayerfully consider a special year-end gift to St. Ignatius of Antioch.**

**Please know that every gift, no matter the amount, is both celebrated and appreciated!**

