

St. Ignatius of Antioch

January 8, 2017 - The Epiphany of the Lord

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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

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 8, 2017 Epiphany of the Lord

They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

—— Matthew 2:11b

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 24-25

Weekend Offering—Christmas.....\$27,944.50

New Building Fund

Donations This Week.....\$714.33

New Building Fund Balance.....\$950,444.74

Schedule of Events

Sunday, January 8 - Epiphany of the Lord

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies

Monday, January 9 - Baptism of the Lord

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- SPRED Total Community - 6 to 8 pm - Parish Hall
- RCIA - 7 to 8:30 pm - office

Tuesday, January 10

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- Faith Formation - Grades 1-5 - 4:30 to 5:45 pm and 6 to 7:15 pm - Church
- Pastoral Council Meets - 7:30 to 9 pm - Parish Hall
- Adult Confirmation Class - 7:30 to 9pm - Office

Wednesday, January 11

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- Hula Class - 9:15 to 10:15 am - Parish Hall
- Faith Formation - Grades 2, & 6-8 - 6:00 to 7:15 pm - Church and Parish Hall
- RCIC - 6:00 to 7:15 pm - Office

Thursday, January 12

- 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
- Confirmation I & II - 6 to 7:15 pm - Parish Hall
- Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 to 9 pm - Church

Friday, January 13

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am

Saturday, January 14

- Reconciliation - 2:45 - 3:30 pm
- Vigil Liturgy - 4 pm
- Second Collection for Seminary

Sunday, January 15

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Second Collection for Seminary

Looking Ahead



January 16: Office Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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

Monday	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17
Tuesday	Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday	Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday	Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday	Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday	Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday	Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

Lay Ministers—Week of January 14th & 15th

4 pm: Lectors— Therese Kain, Noela Noel-LoFranco; **Head Cup**— Sharon Simpson; **Head Host**—Pam Confetti; **Host**— Fran Barbanica, Nancy DiMaggio; **Cup**—Melodye Costanza, David Simpson, Forrest Towe.

8 am: Lectors— Tim Cox, Angela Bueno; **Head Cup**— Jeannine Ford; **Head Host**—Crispina Malonosan; **Host**—Rick Howell, Sue Howell, MaryJo Keister, Jenawati Kwa; **Cup**—Peggy Lennan, Vianney Mendoza, Mark Costanza, Theresa Stanek, Nick Suarez; **Servers**— Antonio Alvarez, Isaiah Laxamana

10:00 am: Lectors— Alicia Solano, Robert Solano; **Head Cup**—Cory Cook; **Head Host**—Steven Andreatta; **Host**—Samantha Peralto, Ed Cissell, Yvette Young, Nicki Nevado; **Cup**—Sharon Cissell, Glory Asuncion, Amante Asuncion, Dilcia Aparicio, Harlan Young; **Servers**—Jean Paul Fortez, Ryan Sims

Fr. Robert Presiding & Preaching

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. 4:00 pm	Joann Russo †
Sun. 8:00 am	Lino Mecedo †
Sun. 10:00 am	Alberto Nevado †
Mon. 8:00 am	Mark McDonald †
Tues. 8:00 am	Our Parish Family
Wed. 8:00 am	All Priests & Deacons
Thur. 8:00 am	All Military Men & Women
Fri. 8:00 am	Michael Enos †

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the soul of **John Gava**. 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.

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.

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, 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.

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

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

Next Sorting - Saturday, February 10, 2017 - Holy Rosary Dominican Hall - 9 am to 12 pm.

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, or call 510-267-8356.

For more information contact 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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

“Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” Offer your spouse the treasures of each other by participating in a Worldwide Marriage encounter weekend at **San Damiano Retreat Center**, Danville.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is July 14-16 or September 29-October 1st. 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.

Justice Corner

By Carolyn Krantz...Pastoral Associate

As we leave the season of Christmas behind and make (and break) our New Year's resolutions, we enter 2017 with uncertainty. Mall riots and other senseless acts of violence make us aware that we lived in chaotic times. What provides the steadiness needed to face this time with love and generosity? One such staff that we can lean on when the rest of the world is stumbling is the Church. From her we receive Jesus weekly to strengthen our resolves. From her ministers we hear the Word of God and are encouraged toward making right decisions toward a productive life. From her sacraments we receive forgiveness when we miss the mark. But what about all the Church-hurts we have experienced in our lifetime: the priest who did not hear us; the hurtful actions of pedophiles and cover-ups; the grasping at status and power by leaders? How do we process the feelings of betrayal and anger and move on?

One way is to examine our understanding of Church. While on the one hand it is an institution with a complicated bureaucracy, on the other it is a group of people walking on the road together when suddenly Jesus is in their midst. It is the group of believers who recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread. We do this weekly as a Parish.

When I worked in Louisiana, I had a bishop who on the one hand affirmed the training of one-hundred and fifty Pastoral Ministers and on the other turned a blind eye to the pedophilic priests under his command, moving them around from parish to parish hurting many families in the process. It was very confusing and took me several years to practice forgiveness and lose my anger at the injustices that were condoned. He also fired my brother-in-law, pastor of the largest black Catholic Church Parish in the country, because he stood up to the racism that was going on in the school district at the time. I remember marching sixty miles with him to the state capital in protest in 1987 and supporting him while he was in jail for "disturbing the peace".

It took lots of prayer and an understanding of my own flawed human nature to forgive him and see the good as well as the mistakes of the Church. Any reading of history will acquaint us with the evils of power and wealth that leaders have ascribed to in the name of the Church. But how do we see things in 2017? We have a Pope who leads by example and is taking steps to reform the bureaucracy. He shows us how to embrace the poor and disenfranchised. We have a Bishop who marches for justice and serves in a soup kitchen, and works to save young girls from human trafficking. We have a pastor who works hard to serve his people and is gifted in consoling those who experience suffering and death. The answer, my friends, is in recognizing Jesus where we see His Spirit at work and in speaking out against injustice when we find it. The answer is in looking to our own mistakes and practicing forgiveness of ourselves and others. I had to let go of my Church-hurts and give them to God. Dorothy Day stated that when leadership gets wrapped up in power and aggrandizement, God sends us saints to show the way. Many of these saints were ostracized for their faithfulness. Think of John of the Cross, Joan of Arc or many others. St. Francis of Assisi had the right idea when he set out to build God's Church, only it wasn't a building, it was people. He gave us a simple way of living the life of Jesus, even though he had lots of hierarchical and cultural interference.

I hope we can approach 2017 with a spirit of openness and forgiveness. I hope we can move beyond anger and misunderstanding and build up God's Kingdom where we are. We can show others that they can lean on the staff of a Church that cares for the poor and homeless. We can witness a Church that is a group of faithful people here in Antioch trying their best to live as Jesus taught us. We can bless Jesus in the outcasts and the lonely. We can focus our attention on affirming Jesus' Spirit wherever we find it and let go of anger and resentment.

Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

Come Lord Jesus

One of my all-time favorite movies is *Come September*. In it singer Bobby Darin, after losing Sandra Dee due to his rash behavior, comments to Rock Hudson "Sir, do you know what a lemming is? It's a creature that destroys itself. Well, I must have some lemmings in my family tree." Sometimes we all feel as if there are lemmings in our family trees. It comes from being human and all the frailties that go with it. It is part of our inescapable sin nature that seems to provide an outward appearance of self-destruction. Far too often we find our own good intentions "boomeranging" back at us with disastrous results and we wonder, why? This is particularly true when we want good things for others and not in selfishness for ourselves. A key to understanding this may rest in one of the gospel passages where Jesus tells the people "You desire, but you do not ask. You ask, but you ask wrongly." The latter half of his statement is a big pill to swallow. At times, we may ask God for the things we need to keep us or someone else going but we don't get them because we have asked wrongly. If we ask for the healing of a sick person to get credit for ourselves for praying for the cure, instead of giving God all the credit; we ask wrongly.

The power and immense value of prayer is a precious thing. We can do a lot with our hands and minds but something's only prayer can do. It is the path we choose for our prayers to travel that make them effective or not. It may take time and practice to learn how to set our prayers on the path to God rather than on the lemmings' path that leads to a cliff of destruction. We ourselves should be ever mindful of which path we are on. Jesus spent a lot of time in prayer and knew its value as only the Son could know.

The next time we feel like we've pushed the self-destruct button in the course of our lives it is best to stop and examine our conscience to find our true motivations for doing things. Like the Bobby Darin character, we learn not to take the things of great value that God has given us and treat them like bargain-basement specials, lose them, and spend the rest of our lives looking for something half as good. After all, look at how highly God has valued us; that he sent his only Son for us. *Come September...* it's a good movie, "Come Lord Jesus" ...now that's an even better prayer.



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 or

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?

Join us on Wednesdays from
9:15 to 10:15 am for Hula dancing
lessons 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.

Mobile Mall Ministry

Thank you to everyone who so
generously donated to the
Mobile Mall in 2016. Your
donations go to families in our
community who are in need.



Items ready for the December distribution

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.

Don will perform a concert of great
masterworks for the organ.

Friday, January 20, 2017
at 8:00 pm



Artist's reception follows
immediately in the
Parish Hall.

Free will offering
accepted.