

St. Ignatius of Antioch

February 12, 2017 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mission Statement:

United in Faith, Ignited by the Spirit, We Reflect the Light of the Living Christ

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Carolyn Krantz, M.Div.
Pastoral Associate, Social Justice

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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, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

For Ministries, Activities & Outreaches in Parish: see Parish handbook, available in the Office.



**February 12, 2017
Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

*What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love [God], this God has revealed to us through the Spirit..
— 1 Corinthians 2:9-10*

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 January 28-29

**Weekend Offering.....\$8,213.50
Second Collection - Parish Assessment.....\$3,588.94**

New Building Fund

**Donations This Week.....\$5,153.18
New Building Fund Balance.....\$958,469.85**

Schedule of Events

Sunday, February 12

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Town Hall Meeting - after 10 am Liturgy - Church

Monday, February 13

- 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, February 14 Valentine's Day

- 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 & Parish Hall
- Pastoral Council Meets - 7:30 to 9 pm - Parish Hall

Wednesday, February 15

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am with Novena following
- 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
- Marriage/Divorce/Re-Marriage Red Box Questions Evening - 7:30 pm- Parish Hall

Thursday, February 16

- 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
- Finance Council Meets - 11 am to noon - Parish Hall
- No Confirmation Class
- Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 to 9 pm - Church

Friday, February 17

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

Saturday, February 18

- Safe Environment Class - 9 am - Parish Hall
- Adult Confirmation at Cathedral - 10 am
- Vigil Liturgy - **4 pm**
- Confirmation Class attending Liturgy

Sunday, February 19

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies

Looking Ahead



Ongoing Events/Classes

Wednesdays: Hula classes 9:15-10:15 am in the Parish Hall. Space is limited so call the Faith Formation Office (778-0768) for reservations.

Thursdays: GIFT (Growing in Faith Together) sessions: 8:45-10:30 am in the parish hall.

February 15: Marriage & Divorce Red Box Question and Answer Evening at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

February 20: Presidents Day Bingo in the Parish Hall sponsored by Faith Formation. See Page 6 of this bulletin for details.

February 24: Jazz Concert at St. Ignatius of Antioch at 8 pm with a reception to follow in the Parish Hall.

March 1: Ash Wednesday.

Pray for the Sick

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

Rocco Battaglia	Terry Malonosan	Peter Villalpando
Archbishop Brunett	Linda Morrison	Theresa Weathers
Liza Espiritu	John Rien	Guy Worth
Roxanne Greth	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	Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday	Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday	Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
Friday	Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
Saturday	Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
Sunday	Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

Lay Ministers—Week of February 18th & 19th

4 pm: Lectors— Mila Ellingwood, Noela Noel-LoFranco; **Head Cup**— Pam Confetti; **Head Host**— Marla Plurkowski; **Host**—Carol Fanfa, Bernice Campbell; **Cup**—Rhoda Herrera, David Simpson, Sharon Simpson

8 am: Lectors— Pat Kramer, Peter Degl'Innocenti; **Head Cup**—Crispina Malonosan; **Head Host**— Nick Suarez; **Host**—Diane Hack, Kathleen Hayakawa, MaryJo Keister, Vianney Mendoza; **Cup**—Mark Costanza, Tim Cox, Jeannine Ford, Frank Kauer, Monika Kauer; **Servers**— Antonio Alvarez, Isaiah Laxamana

10:00 am: Lectors— Robert Solano, Alicia Solano; **Head Cup**— Lesley Eubanks; **Head Host**— Carol Dollete; **Host**— Angelina Guieb-Alphonso, Bobby Zabroski, Samantha Peralto, Nicki Nevado; **Cup**— Lee Oliver, Cynthia Enrique, Noel Fortez, Sheila Fortez, Cecelia Kenndey; **Servers**— Jacob Mirano, Noah Mirano

Fr. George Presiding & Preaching on Saturday

Fr. Robert Presiding & Fr. George Preaching Sunday

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. 4:00 pm	Danny Silveira †
Sun. 8:00 am	Guarda Billiona †
Sun. 10:00 am	Rosario Perez †
Mon. 8:00 am	Fara Costanza †
Tues. 8:00 am	Isidro de Oliveira †
Wed. 8:00 am	Our Parish Family
Thur. 8:00 am	Erika Rose Avalos †
Fri. 8:00 am	All Priests & Deacons

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of **Joseph Palermo and Florentino Virtusio**. 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:

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.

Silver and Gold February

Wednesday, February 22 at 9:00 am: Breakfast at the Bridgehead Café across from Holy Angels Cemetery. Plenty of good food ... great conversation ... friendly atmosphere at a reasonable cost. Come join us for a morning of St. Ignatius camaraderie. Call Nancy at 757-8555 so we can make sure we have enough tables.

Daughters of Charity Retreat

THE DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY have a March Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat for women 18 - 40. **March 10 - 12, Los Altos Hills, Ca** **Contact:** Sr. Lisa Laguna, D.C. 650-949-8890 or 213-210-9903 srllaguna@doc1633.org or www.Daughters-Of-Charity.com/retreats/

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

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

“For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God.” Let the Holy Spirit scrutinize and strengthen your marriage by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is July 14-16 at San Damiano Retreat Center. 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.

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. 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.

Mother-Daughter Retreat



Carondelet’s annual Mother-Daughter Retreat is being held on Sunday, Feb. 26 from 9:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This is a special time for mothers and daughters

to explore, affirm and celebrate their unique bond in a renewing, relaxing and spiritually enriching atmosphere. The event includes the retreat, coffee/juice service, brunch and Mass.

The retreat is open to all mothers, grandmothers, aunts, alumnae and their daughters who are currently in 9th grade or above. To register, please visit: www.carondeleths.org

Safe Environment Training

Just a reminder for anyone who is involved in a ministry here at St. Ignatius of Antioch...it has been three years since our last training! We will have two live training sessions for anyone who did not complete the VIRTUS training online. They are:

Saturday, February 18th at 9:00 am

Monday, March 6th at 7:00 pm

You must register with VIRTUS online by going to the website: www.oakdiocese.org/offices/safe-environment and click on the VIRTUS Registration icon **before** the training. Anyone who does not have access to a computer, please contact Maryann in the church office.

Mobile Mall News

Sorting - Friday February 24th from 2:30 pm to 6pm - Holy Rosary Dominican Hall.

Sorting - Saturday March 11th from 9 am to 12 pm - Holy Rosary Gym

The donation barrel for gently used clothes, towels and sheets is located in the Narthex. For more information about this ministry, please call Barbara at 706-2802.

St. Peter Martyr School Crab Feed



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.

Upcoming Town Hall Meeting



The last in the series of Town Hall Meetings is scheduled for Sunday February 12 after the 10:00 am liturgy. These meetings are the culmination of work over the last half of 2016 and will include recommendations for our parish community going forward. We hope you will join the staff and parish leadership groups and attend one of these important meetings.

Bishop's Appeal Kickoff

The 2017 Bishop’s Appeal kicks off next weekend. Our goal is \$31,146.45 (the same as the goal last year. Watch for more details next week.

Retrouvaille



Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or trouble in their marriage. This program can help you too. There is a Retrouvaille weekend scheduled on February 24 - 26, 2017. For confidential information call 510.276.4118, email Oakland@RetroCA.com or visit the website www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

Justice Corner

By Carolyn Krantz...Pastoral Associate

Recently, someone asked if the homilies “politicized the Gospel.” As a theologian and an educator, I wanted to make sure I understood what that meant. The dictionary said it was, “to give a political tone or character.” Political means, “something pertaining to government or governmental policy.” As a non-profit entity, we as church are forbidden by law to promote any political candidate or party, but, certain issues and concerns that challenge our Christian beliefs need a response. Bishops and popes have always done this. I would encourage you to look on the USCCB website for the latest response from the Bishops .

But I went deeper in thinking about this and considered our humanity. As human beings, we are “political.” Which of you did not know how to get what you want in your growing-up environment? If you thought Dad would say “no”, you first went to mom, often engaging your siblings to help. We learned in the home environment how to maneuver things to our advantage. We learned how to get our family “policies” changed.

Then consider the Old Testament. There are many examples of the prophets stepping on the toes of rulers when they were not following the tenants of Yahweh. Or think of the case of Joseph, thrown in a cistern because his brothers were jealous. They sold him as a slave. But Joseph did not try to get even. He forgave his hungry brothers and rejoiced in reuniting with them. Over and over the prophets remind rulers that the powerful must protect the downtrodden, the widow and the outcast. Those are political policy recommendations.

Then there is the New Testament. In his early life, Jesus and his family had to run from Herod’s oppression. We know He challenged the Pharisees and Sadducees and ended up calling them “a brood of vipers.” There is a whole list of “woes” he calls down on them. He challenged the political policies of the day. He challenged the money changers. He knew the price of this challenge was his eventual death. He knew that, “It is better that one man die for the nation,” was not the political policy He wished His followers to espouse, but he went willingly to die for those who betrayed Him because it was the will of the Father. We are all blessed because of this difficult decision. The followers of Jesus went on challenging the policies of cultures that they preached to, always inviting them to be brothers and sisters, and to share what they had and live in peace. In the beginning of Christianity, the Romans thought that Christian belief was against the “Emperor”, and later the Emperor thought it was useful to incorporate Christianity as part of the Empire. There are times in history where the collusion of church and state yielded anything but Christian values. Throughout the history of the Church, there were many saints who died at the hands of civil and ecclesiastical authorities because they did not agree with their policies. But there were also times where those values were a beacon for those without hope.

No one likes chaos and these are unsettling times. It is not easy or comfortable. It brings up emotions of fear and anger. It is not “peaceful.” We know as Christians that it is not better that one person or group die for the nation. Jesus has already done that, and given us a legacy of openness to the Father’s will. We know we have to be a transformative voice for unity and for the poor who are our brothers and sisters. We have to work to build bridges of communication with those who hold differing opinions than our own. As Pope Francis says, “We have to open our heart to wretchedness.” So our choice is clear. Either we can have a church that is sweet and pleasing, but not in this world, or we can trust Jesus will be with us in the Reality in which we find ourselves.

According to Dr. Kubler-Ross, we go through five stages when something grievous happens. We can deny it; we can bargain that it be otherwise; we can spend our time in anger or despair; or we can come to acceptance. No matter what views one holds, this Reality is a time of division and unrest. Let us go to the Gospel in prayer to find what response the Spirit is asking us to uphold.

Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl’Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

The Test of Love

I took a long hard look at the year-end report that was handed out at Mass a couple of weeks ago. It is good to know that we have managed to pay our bills in a timely manner and that we don’t suffer from a “bad” reputation as some parishes that are greatly in debt. To me, that was the “good” news. The other part of the report doesn’t contain any “bad” news, per say; it’s just that it has implied “sad” news. The sad news is that we aren’t growing in numbers of active families or single attendees. Neither are we growing financially. We are just barely holding on to what we have.

Our parish family is like so many real-life families across this country, we are making do, just barely holding on. We have a little saved in case of minor or mid-level emergencies, but we can’t take a major hit financially and survive as we currently are. People cope by cutting back on unnecessary expenditures and “tightening our belts” when it comes to spending on the necessities. For about two years (or more) now, I’ve witnessed the tightening of the belt of St. Ignatius of Antioch Church. I wonder if our patron saint in heaven has trouble breathing with a belt so tight against his diaphragm. It has been almost a daily sight watching the team of RDJ (Rich, Don, & Jose) doing something to reduce costs; mostly changing the lighting to LEDs. They do a lot more that is unseen and by their volunteer handyman work have saved us thousands in expenditures to outside sources.

Our parish family, like any family, depends on its members to keep each other safe, secure, well looked-after, and thriving! Good families run on the involvement of each member, even the youngest has some simple task and responsibility to the whole family. The older and more mature we are, the greater the workload and responsibility we take on. How often do we evaluate our own personal growth and then re-evaluate our duty to the church family? In early America, the shouldering of hard work and responsibility is what turned boys into men and girls into women.

Above it all, hardship was the test of love for one another. Love is the ultimate bond that holds a family together. I believe that spirit and love is still alive in families and individuals all across America; and I especially believe it is alive at St. Ignatius of Antioch Church and through the long course of time, no hardship can stand in our way!



JOIN US FOR
Pasta Dinner Nights

When: January 15th, February 19th, March 19th, May 21st, August 20th, October 15th, November 19th, and December 17th

Time: 4:30 - 6:30 PM

Where: San Damiano Retreat
710 Highland Drive | Danville, CA 94526


Cost: Adults: \$15 | Children 12 and under: \$10

PURCHASE TICKETS
sandamiano.org
(925) 837-9141



Menu

Spaghetti (with meat and vegetarian sauces)
Salad
Garlic and French Bread
Dessert
Beverage



GIFT Adult Formation Series Continues

Growing In Faith Together


Have you ever thought that it is too late in life to begin or continue learning about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit?

Have you ever wanted to know more about the bible but weren't sure where to begin?

Want to learn some basics at a comfortable pace and ask questions as we go along?

Join Us: Thursdays at 8:45 to 10:30 am in the parish hall.

More details?
Contact Frances Rojek at 778-1631



IMPORTANT

Safe Environment Training is now scheduled for our parish. See page 4 for more details.

This training is mandatory for all those engaged in any Ministry.

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5	23	35	58	73
3	30	32	52	75

Bingo!

Presidents Day
Monday, February 20th
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 — Lunch
Dauber — \$1

Tickets available after Masses
February 11 & 12 and February 18 & 19
or by calling Steve @ 925-642-2329

2017 Bishop's Appeal Goal for St. Ignatius of Antioch is \$31,146.45



All God's People - United in Faith -
2017 BISHOP'S APPEAL

St. Ignatius of Antioch presents

**Angelic Music for the
Parish and the Community!**



The next event in our Concert Series:

*A Jazz Concert featuring the Bolling Suite for flute, piano,
drums and percussion performed by*

Don Pearson

Director of Music and Artist in Residence.



**Friday, February 24, 2017
8:00 pm**

Artist's reception follows immediately
in the Parish Hall.



Upcoming Adult Education Opportunity

Marriage - Divorce - Remarriage

**Do you or someone you know have questions
regarding marriage, divorce and remarriage in
the Catholic Church?**

**Join us on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 7:30 pm in the
parish hall for discussion and answers to your questions
regarding the Church's teachings on these important topics.**