

St. Ignatius of Antioch

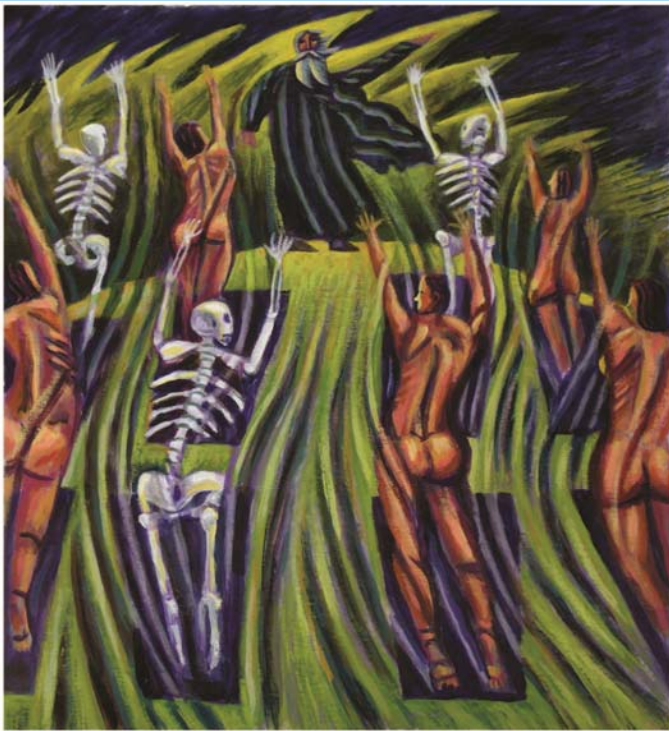
April 2, 2017 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

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Bring Us Back

Father of the living and the dead, you have promised to open the graves and lead people back to life in the Spirit.

Open the graves in our minds and hearts, that we may know of your great love and witness to the Resurrection of your Son.

Give us the strong faith of your servants, Martha and Mary, whose brother Christ led from the tomb.

When we feel bound in tombs of darkness and sin, help us approach the Sacrament of Penance, that our chains may be broken.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

Amen.

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
Pastoral Associate,
Formation & Administration

Peter Degl'Innocenti
Pastoral Associate, Pastoral Care

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

Maryann Peddicord
Pastoral Secretary

Estrella Rusk
Financial Secretary

Rich Confetti
Facilities Manager

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 Office: (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.



April 2, 2017
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice!

—— Psalm 130:1

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 March 18-19

Weekend Offering.....\$12,330.00

Schedule of Events

Sunday, April 2

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Second Collection for Parking Lot Loan
- Birthday Blessing at both Liturgies
- YLI Spaghetti Dinner Ticket Sale - Plaza

Monday, April 3

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- SPRED Catechist Prep - 5 to 6:30 pm - Parish Hall
- Relay for Life Meeting - 6:30 to 8:30 pm - Parish Hall
- RCIA - 7 to 8:30 pm - Office

Tuesday, April 4

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- Art & Environment Committee Meets - 10 to 10:30 am Parish Hall
- Liturgy Committee Meets- 10:30 to 11:30 am - Parish Hall
- Faith Formation - Grades 1-5 - 4:30 to 5:45 pm and 6 to 7:15 pm - Church & Parish Hall

Wednesday, April 5

- 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
- Hula Class - 7:30 to 9 pm - Parish Hall

Thursday, April 6

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- Confirmation I & II - 6 to 7:15 pm - Parish Hall
- Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 to 9 pm - Church

Friday, April 7

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 9am to noon - Church
- Knights of Columbus Fish Fry - 4:30 to 7 pm – Parish Hall

Saturday, April 8

- Vigil Liturgy - 5 pm
- YLI Spaghetti Dinner Ticket Sale - Plaza

Sunday, April 9 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

- 8 am & **10:30** am Liturgies
- YLI Spaghetti Dinner Ticket Sale - Plaza

Looking Ahead



Fish Fry

Last of the season this Friday
April 7, 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

April 9 (Palm Sunday) & April 16 (Easter) The 10:00 a.m. Liturgy moves to 10:30 a.m. for these two Sundays.

April 12: Breakfast in the social area after morning Mass for those celebrating either birthdays or anniversaries during January, February, March and April. Please RSVP to the parish office 778-0768.

April 18: Winter Nights Shelter planning meeting at 7 p.m. in the parish hall. See page 7 for more information.

April 22-23: Garden Ministry Plant Sale after all weekend liturgies. Vegetables and ornamental succulents available.

April 30: Annual YLI Spaghetti Dinner. See page 7 for details.

Ongoing:

Tuesday mornings: 8:15 a.m. Garden Ministry work party. Lasts about 1 hour. Bring gloves and tools. Tasks may include planting, weeding, and general garden maintenance.

Wednesdays: 9:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. - Hula Class.

Pray for the Sick

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

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| Rocco Battaglia | Terry Malonosan | Paul Syliangco |
| Archbishop Brunett | Linda Morrison | Peter Villalpando |
| Dorothy | Archbishop Quinn | Theresa Weathers |
| Liza Espiritu | John Rien | Guy Worth |

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

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| Monday | Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11 |
| Tuesday | Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30 |
| Wednesday | Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42 |
| Thursday | Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59 |
| Friday | Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42 |
| Saturday | Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56 |
| Sunday | Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54] |

Lay Ministers—Week of April 8th & 9th

5 pm: Lectors– Vince Augusta, Candace Alexander; **Head Cup**– Melodye Costanza; **Head Host**– David Simpson; **Host**–Fran Barbanica, Carol Fanfa; **Cup**–Pam Confetti, Christoph Holl, Sharon Simpson

8 am: Lectors– Samantha Peralto, Matthew Bajet; **Head Cup**–Sue Howell; **Head Host**– Jeannine Ford; **Host**–Diane Hack, Rick Howell, MaryJo Keister, Jeanne Reilly; **Cup**–Tim Cox, Frank Kauer, Monika Kauer, Jenawati Kwa, Peggy Lennan; **Servers**– Antonio Alvarez, Isaiah Laxamana

10:00 am: Lectors– Cory Cook, Tina Costanza; **Head Cup**–Dilcia Aparicio; **Head Host**– Jane Sharpe; **Host**–Reyna Garcia, Cecelia Kennedy, Steven Andreatta, Amante Asuncion; **Cup**– Gloria Asuncion, Cory Cook, Mark Costanza, Al Necor, Estrella Rusk; **Servers**– Jean Paul Fortez, Ryan Sims

Fr. Robert - Presiding & Preaching

Mass Intentions for the Week

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| Sat. 5:00 pm | Joann Russo † |
| Sun. 8:00 am | John Nelms † |
| Sun. 10:00 am | Alberto Nevado † |
| Mon. 8:00 am | Our Parish Family |
| Tues. 8:00 am | Pedro Villalpando † |
| Wed. 8:00 am | Hanny Reingold |
| Thur. 8:00 am | All Military Men & Women |
| Fri. 8:00 am | All Care Givers |

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of **Rose DeMartini and Ret. Contra Costa Co. Deputy Sheriff Wes Dodd**. 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.

Exploring Affordable Housing Options

Have more space than you really need? Want to reduce your housing costs? Learn how the new Junior Accessory Dwelling Unit (JADU) legislation and code changes make sharing your home more feasible. On **Wednesday, May 17, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm**, Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church will host a seminar with a cast of experts on code issues, redesigning space and financing alterations. There will also be speakers on making home sharing safe and the pluses and minuses of sharing. The church is at 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek. For more information: Contact Mary Fenelon at 202.257.5223 or maryfenelon@gmail.com. This is an East Bay Housing Organizations Affordable Housing Week presentation sponsored by the Multifaith ACTION Coalition and co-sponsored by the MDUUC Social Justice Council and the League of Women Voters Diablo Valley.

Quo Vadis Camp

Quo Vadis is Latin for where are you going. Quo Vadis Camp is a three day event that aims to assist young men in discerning their vocation as they grow in relationship with Christ.

July 9 - 12, 2017

Young Men ages 13-18 are invited.

Registration \$50

Space is limited

For more details, contact Cielo Branco at 510.267.8356 or Cbranco@oakdiocese.org. For registration forms visit www.oakdiocese.org/vocations

Bulletin Articles Reminder

Bulletins are sent out for printing on the Monday preceding the weekend liturgies. The deadline for submitting articles is the preceding Friday at noon (preceding Thursday if there is a Monday holiday) to allow for formatting and editing. Because of space constraints, EARLY submission is encouraged and appreciated. All bulletin submissions must be in writing. Parish news has priority and articles may be edited for content and length.

Marriage Preparation Program

The Marriage Preparation Registration for the Winter 2017 Sessions are as follows:

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

Saturday, May 6th - 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.

Kelly Moore Paints Offering Discounts

Parishioners, family and friends of the Oakland Diocese - by purchasing your paint through the Kelly Moore Paint Company, a portion of your purchase will be gifted back to the Diocese.

A unique Kelly Moore Account Number (605-DI4711) has been set up to allow us to take advantage of wholesale pricing on paint and paint related products. Use the Diocese of Oakland Parishioners KM Club Number 605-DI4711. Paint and supplies must be purchased through this special account to obtain both the discount and the gift back to the Diocese.

As you prepare for Spring cleanup and spruce-up, keep this special offer in mind.

Mobile Mall News

- **Sort** - Saturday, April 8th from 9 am to 12 pm; Dominican Hall, Most Holy Rosary.
- **Sort** - Saturday, May 6th from 9 am to 12 pm; Gym, Most Holy Rosary

For more information about this ministry, please call Barbara at 706-2802.

New Priests Discernment Gathering

The Office of Vocations with the help of the Knights of Columbus, Christ the Light Council, is hosting a Priesthood Discernment gathering with Bishop Michael Barber at The Cathedral of Christ the Light. There is no cost to attend this gathering. Dinner is included.

Friday, April 7, 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

**The Cathedral of Christ the Light Parish Hall
2121 Harrison Street, Oakland**

If you know someone who might be interested, please invite him and ask him to RSVP with Cielo Branco, 510-267-8356 or Cbranco@oakdiocese.org

Silver & Gold Activities

Wednesday, April 12 at 9:00 am Breakfast in the social area after morning Mass for those celebrating either birthdays or anniversaries during January, February, March and April. Please RSVP either Maryann or Frances in the parish office 778.0768.

Saturday, April 29 at 11:00 am Join us for a personally docent guided tour through the Pittsburg Historical Museum on Railroad Ave. (you will be impressed!) with an "optional" lunch at the New Mecca Café. Call Don for more details at 575-9529.

St. Peter Martyr News



St. Peter Martyr School is accepting applications for Preschool, 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 the website: (www.stpetermartyrschool.org) or call the school at 925-439-1014 for more information.

Justice Corner

By Carolyn Krantz...Pastoral Associate

The story of the raising of Lazarus (John: 11) prepares us for both Jesus' death and His resurrection. It is set in the backdrop of Jesus' opposition with the Pharisees and His knowledge that His hour was coming when His enemies thought they had won. It begins with the disturbing awareness that Jesus knew Lazarus was sick and did not go to him right away. We, too, know of the sicknesses in the world, but must wait for the Spirit of God to know which ones we are to address, which can we change for "God's glory." We know that Jesus was very troubled by the pain of his closest friends. We are troubled by the poverty and vindictiveness in our world. We have friends and relatives who suffer from sickness, poverty, the prison system and the inescapable trauma caused by the bureaucracies of this world. Our social justice hearts hurt at the suffering of others. But we know that we must walk in the light if we are not to stumble.

The disciples are clueless, as usual. They want to protect Jesus from the political intrigues of the temple guardians. "Don't go up to Jerusalem," they plead. "Don't go toward death." But Jesus knows that He must. It is the Father's will. "For your sakes, I was glad I was not there, that you may come to believe." He raises Lazarus as a foretelling of His own and our resurrection.

When we see all the injustices of the world, it is easy to choose false resurrection: Let's stay in our own comfort zone; let's not do anything to disturb our relatives and friends. Let's blame others who don't look like us. Let's lead a quiet life of peacefulness in our own back yard. But that is not what Jesus chooses. He chooses to let Lazarus become the symbol for our own understanding of Resurrection. The sisters, Martha and Mary, in their own way believe in resurrection, but not as fully as Jesus would have them learn. Their idea of resurrection is "on the last day." Jesus is in the here and now. Jesus is "troubled in spirit and moved by the deepest emotions." It pains him that not even His closest friends and disciples understand the ways of God. He is moved by their suffering, but God heals and raises up when it is His time, not ours. We ask, "Why aren't You here?", but He is here in His own time. As the old spiritual says, "God may be late, but He's always on time."

Jesus goes to the tomb. "Roll back the stone." Roll back the barriers that make death an enemy. Death is the way to resurrection. It is only through suffering and death that we come to the light. Even though Lazarus has been in the tomb for four days, Jesus is not deterred, because He listens to the Spirit of God within. He calls Lazarus to "Come forth." He calls to us to, "Come Forth" from fear and inaction. To His disciples and friends He says, "Did I not assure you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God displayed?" This is the hard message of trust. Even when we see the greed and evil in the world, we are called to believe that God is still in charge, that He can heal, unbind, and teach us to love in the midst of hatred and deception. Furthermore, He teaches that we are the ones to heal, unbind and teach love to the world.

True to John's description in the stories of the last few weeks, he describes in the last part of the story that some saw and believed and some resolved to continue with their own devices to get rid of Jesus so they could remain in the life they were used to. In my experience of the call of a social justice heart, this is the choice: To pray with the life we are experiencing and follow the call of the Resurrected One, or to continue with our isolated fearful lives. Who is it in our lives that we need to invite to "come forth." Who is it that we are being asked to "unbind and set free?"

Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

To Knights, Two Nights

The Knights of Columbus continue to hit it out of the ballpark on Fridays with the Fish Fry and Bingo. This past Friday I had the opportunity to volunteer for kitchen duty with the Knights and it proved to be a stellar evening.

Volunteering with the Knights is like no other volunteer work that I've done. It is a delicate balance between the seriousness of providing the healthiest, most flavorful, and plentiful meal possible and the uproarious humor of a bunch of guys acting like High School sophomores. The kitchen morphs in atmosphere to that of a locker room, only there's no naked bodies and guys whipping each other in the butt with towels... check that, one year I did witness some sharp towel snapping. Anyway, the jokes flow freely as the subjects of conversations change and new volunteers enter the fray to give rest to others. Of course, throughout the night all of the different food items are sampled to maintain "quality control." A special dipping sauce available to the kitchen crew only is concocted by one of our Knights (who shall remain nameless) that varies from "tame" to "flaming sinister sauce."

Then there was the bingo. As I took a 5 minute break, the first Bingo game came to an end with none other than the same little boy who had won the first game of the season, winning again! It seems like a natural Bingo champion is on a winning streak. If he wins the next first game then we must have him play the Lotto for us. Good luck kid!

Only St. Joseph's Day Festival Dinner could top the Fish Fry and it did. There is only one word, five syllables, that describes this year's dinner; un-be-lieve-a-ble! Need I say anything about the "superbness" of the food that was served? From the first eager bite of appetizer to the final forced bite of dessert the dining experience was once again top notch. The antipasti was bold and refreshing with a depth of flavor that is seldom achieved by some of the finest and priciest restaurants in the entire bay area (no kidding!). The prosciutto wrapped asparagus was again a delight to the palate. The asparagus was tender yet firm and the artisan made prosciutto, delicately aged for 4 years, left you wanting more. The polenta topped with salmon and capers stimulated the taste buds and gave vigor to the start of the meal. Salad, a unique anise and glazed fruit St. Joseph bread, sweet frittata, and pasta with oil and garlic finish the main course. Italian desserts of all kinds abounded including excellent cannoli in the Sicilian tradition.

The real show stoppers were the live entertainments of Italian themed music performed by Jenny Matteucci and Daniel Lockert, and the live auction battle performed by Kirby McNesby and Marc Costanza. A bidding war like none ever seen in the halls of St. Ignatius of Antioch had everyone in stitches as the bids soared and money found its way into Kirby's hands so he could continue his bidding higher and higher. In the end, Kirby won out by declaration and to the tune of \$275.

Well done, one and all who made this year's event a financial, epicurean, and entertaining success!

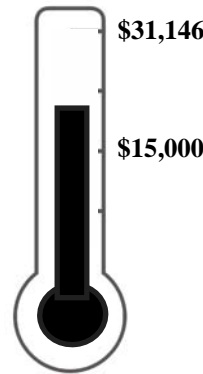
National Crime Victims' Rights Week April 2-8

National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) was established in 1981 to inspire the community, raise awareness of victims' rights, and address unmet needs. Sadly, the needs of many crime victims and survivors, including some who worship in our faith community, remain unaddressed and many feel abandoned by our Church. Americans are victims of more than 20 million crimes each year, and the resulting trauma has long-lasting impact on individuals, their families and communities. Unaddressed trauma resulting from the criminal actions of others may lead to depression, hopelessness, and despair. This year's theme, "Strength. Resilience. Justice," April 2-8, 2017, provides us with an opportunity to reach out to crime victims and survivors with a willingness to minister to their needs. For more information, visit the California Catholic Conference website at www.cacatholic.org or www.restorejustice.com.



2017 Bishop's Appeal

Thank you to everyone who so generously responded to the Bishop's Appeal. We are now at 63% (\$19,523) of our goal. 262 households have responded thus far.



If you haven't yet responded to the Appeal, please consider doing so. All gifts are welcome. Use the Appeal Envelopes in the pews and place them in the regular Sunday collection basket.

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR LENT, HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Daily Liturgies

Monday, Wednesday and Friday
 8:00 a.m. Eucharist

Tuesday and Thursday
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Saturday Vigil
 4:00 p.m. (through March 11)
 5:00 p.m. (beginning March 18)

Sunday
 8:00 a.m. Eucharist
 10:00 a.m. Eucharist

Reconciliation

Saturday 2:45 - 3:30 p.m. (through March 11)
 3:45 - 4:30 p.m. (beginning March 18)

Deanery Communal Reconciliation

Thursday, March 30, St. Ignatius of Antioch, 7:00 pm
 Thursday, March 30, St. Peter Martyr, Pittsburg, 7 pm
 Monday, April 3, Holy Rosary, Antioch, 7 pm
 Tuesday, April 4, St. Anthony, Oakley, 7 pm
 Wednesday, April 5, St. Anne, Byron, 7 pm
 Monday, April 10, Queen of the World, Bay Point, 7 pm

Palm Sunday, Holy Week & Easter

April 8 - Saturday Vigil of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
 5:00 p.m. Eucharist

April 9 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Eucharist

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

April 13 - Holy Thursday
 8:00 a.m. Sung Morning Prayer
 7:30 p.m. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

April 14 - Good Friday
 8:00 a.m. Sung Morning Prayer
 12:00 Noon Ecumenical Service
 3:00 p.m. Solemn liturgy of the Passion and Death of the Lord
 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae

April 15 - Holy Saturday
 8:00 a.m. Sung Morning Prayer
 7:30 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter

April 16 - Easter Day - The Feast of the Resurrection of the Lord
 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Festive Choral Eucharist

YLI #101 ANNUAL PASTA DINNER

AND CELEBRATION OF
FATHER ROBERT RIEN'S
70TH BIRTHDAY

WHEN:

Sunday, April 30, 2017
3:00pm - 6:00pm

WHERE:

St. Ignatius of Antioch
Parish Hall

TICKETS:

\$15 Adults \$5 Children Under 10

RESERVATIONS:

Call Jeannine Ford - 925.757.9650
Tickets also available at the door
Take out meals available

BENEFITTING:

Holy Rosary and St. Ignatius of Antioch

SERVING:

Pasta with famous meat sauce
Green Salad Garlic Bread Punch
Wine (1 glass included)

Join the conversation —

Women Deacons? A Dialogue.

A presentation by Bishop Randolph Calvo
with S. Mary Peter Triviss, OP and S. Gloria Marie Jones, OP
Panel and audience discussion with luncheon.

Join Us

Saturday
April 8, 2017
10am to 3pm
Dominican Center

\$40.00*
Presentation & Lunch

RSVP
by March 29, 2017

*Reduced student rate available

Register at
<http://st.ignatiusofantioch.org/womendeacons>

(530) 933-6334



Participate in an exploration of
the history and contemporary
perspectives on the role of Women
Deacons in the Catholic Church.



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County*

Our Parish is scheduled to provide meals and volunteers to the shelter residents from Monday, May 15 through Friday, May 19, 2017.

The shelter residents will be housed in Pittsburg during this week.

Join us for a planning meeting on Tuesday April 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

Opportunities to participate include:

- Forming or joining a cooking crew for an evening meal.
- Donating Supplies.
- Tutoring and assisting with the children in the evenings.
- Overnight volunteers.