

St. Ignatius of Antioch

July 16, 2017 - Fifteenth 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

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.



**July 16, 2017
15th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

You have crowned the year with your bounty, and your paths overflow with a rich harvest.
—— Psalm 65:12

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 July 1-2

Weekend Offering.....\$9,173.12

Second Collection (Parking Lot Loan).....\$3,510.16

Looking Ahead

July 23: French Boy’s Choir in concert at St. Ignatius of Antioch. Mark your calendars now for this wonderful event.

August 5 & 6: 9th Annual Backpack Drive for students of St. Peter Martyr School.

August 21: Inquiry for RCIA 7:00 p.m. Parish Office See page 6 for more details.

October 10, 17 & 24: Fr. Tom’s series in celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.

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 in the Parish Hall.

Thursday: Growing in Faith Together (G I F T) sessions - 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. - Parish Hall. Call the Faith Formation office for more details (778-1631).

Schedule of Events

Sunday, July 16

- 8 am & 10:00 am Liturgies
- Knights of Columbus Tri-tip Sales - Plaza

Monday, July 17

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

Tuesday, July 18

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 pm

Wednesday, July 19

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- Hula Class - 9:15 to 10:15 am - Parish Hall - contact Samantha Peralto at 726-7117 for information or questions.
- Hula Class - 7:30 to 9 pm - Parish Hall

Thursday, July 20

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- G I F T New Study Sessions - Queen of Heaven - 9 to 10:30 am - Parish Hall
- Finance Council Meets - 11 am to noon - Parish Hall
- Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 to 9 pm - Church

Friday, July 21

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

Saturday, July 22

- Vigil - 5 pm
- Second Collection for St. Vincent de Paul

Sunday, July 23

- 8 am & 10:00 am Liturgies
- Second Collection for St. Vincent de Paul
- French Boy’s Choir in Concert - 7:30 pm - Reception to follow in Parish Hall

Pray for the Sick

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

Rocco Battaglia	Tylor Rideau	Peter Villalpando
Dorothy	John Rien	Theresa Weathers
Linda Morrison	Paul Syliangco	Guy Worth
	Kim Tank	

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	Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8; Mt 10:34 — 11:1
Tuesday	Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday	Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday	Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27; Mt 11:28-30
Friday	Ex 11:10 — 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday	Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Sunday	Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]

Lay Ministers—Week of July 22nd & 23rd

5 pm: Lectors – Vince Augusta, Candace Alexander, **Head Cup** – Pam Confetti, **Head Host** – Melodye Costanza; **Host** – Carol Fanfa, Fran Barbanica; **Cup** – Bill Barbanica, Tim Cox, Christoph Holl; **Servers** - Nathan Skrdlant, Gabriel Skrdlant

8 am: Lectors – Angela Bueno, Peter Degl’Innocenti; **Head Cup** - Crispina Malonosan; **Head Host** – Jeannine Ford; **Host** – Jeanne Reilly, Rick Howell, Sue Howell, Diane Hack; **Cup** - Vianney Mendoza, Frank Kauer, Monika Kauer, Jenawati Kwa, Peggy Lennan; **Server** - Aizaiah Laxamana, Chauncey Lewis

10:00 am: Lectors – William Necor, Sofie Zimmerman; **Head Cup** – Steven Andreatta, **Head Host** – Amante Asuncion; **Host** – Gloria Olvera, Angelina Guieb-Alphonso, Cecelia Kennedy, Denise Moss; **Cup** – Al Necor, Nickie Nevado Dilcia Aparicio, Gloria Asuncion, Jane Sharpe; **Servers** – Lorenzo Necor, Jean Paul Fortez

Fr. Robert Presiding and Preaching

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. 5:00 pm	Mike Ambrosini †
Sun. 8:00 am	Guarda Billiona †
Sun. 10:00 am	Joel Rusk †
Mon. 8:00 am	Our Parish Family
Tues. 8:00 am	All Priests & Deacons
Wed. 8:00 am	All Military Men & Women
Thur. 8:00 am	All Care Givers
Fri. 8:00 am	All Lay Ministers

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the soul of **Diane Gonsalves**. May her 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:

Pork & Beans - 15 oz can
White Rice - 1 lb. or 2 lb. bag

Please bring your donations to weekend liturgies or place them in the donation barrel in the Narthex.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

If you can help or need help call (925)757-0941
Food Pantry - Tues., Wed., Thurs. 9-10 am - Parish Center *

Food Bank Fresh Food Truck - 1st & 3rd Friday of the month 1-2 pm Church Parking lot *Most Holy Rosary.

If you can just once a month visit a needy family with us to offer them help call (925)757-0941

For every type of help from the country call 211 or go to: www.211database.org

Hospitality Sunday Thank You

Thank you to our **Knights of Columbus** for hosting Hospitality Sunday on July 2nd as we were blessed to have our new Antioch Police Chief Tammany Brooks and Fr. Richard Mangini with us in celebration of our Mass. Look forward to SPRED providing hospitality in August.

Silver & Gold Activities

Thursday, July 20th at 1:00pm: Join us on a docent-led guided tour into Antioch's past.... and present at the Historical Museum on 4th Street. Great displays and question and answer sessions with those who "know" what they are sharing about this town we live in. **RSVP to Gary (757-1385) or Parish Office (778-0768)**

Mobile Mall News

- **Distribution** - Thursday, July 27th from 8 am to noon Ambrose Community Center, 3105 Willow Pass Road, Bay Point
- **Distribution** - Saturday, September 23rd from 8 am to noon at Orchard Park Elementary School, 5150 Live Oak Avenue, Oakley

2017 Bishop's Appeal



Thank you to everyone who so generously responded to the Bishop's Appeal. We are now at 96% of our goal. 369 households have responded thus far. **If you haven't yet responded to the Appeal, please consider doing so. All gifts are welcome.** Use the Bishop's Appeal Envelopes in the pews and place them in the regular Sunday collection basket.

Parish Goal: \$31,146. Gifts & Pledged to Date: \$30,113.

St. Peter Martyr News

St. Peter Martyr School is accepting applications for Preschool, Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and grades 1st-8th. 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.

Marriage Preparation Program

The next Marriage Preparation Session is scheduled for Saturday, August 5th - 8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. The sessions are held at St. Vincent's Marinwood, Saint Vincents Dr., San Rafael, CA. The cost is \$325.00 per couple. For more information, call (415) 699-8348.

The French Are Coming!

Save Sunday, July 23rd at 7:30 pm when the French Boy's Choir will sing a concert at St. Ignatius of Antioch Church as part of their 2017 American Tour. The choir consists of 30 boys, the conductor and staff. Their program will be mixed sacred and secular music with something for everyone to enjoy. Invite your family, your relatives, and friends to come to this very special concert. We want to have the choir leave Antioch after singing their concert to a packed church.

There will be no tickets, but a free-will offering will be taken and we need housing for the choir for two nights - Saturday, July 22nd and Sunday, July 23rd. **Could you host some of the choir for two nights?** There is a minimum of two boys that have to be hosted together and they need to stay with the same host both nights. Everyone who is hosting the choir must take the VIRTUS training online and also be finger printed, which are requirements of the Diocese of Oakland. This is not difficult and we will make this as easy as possible for you. You will find hosting some of the choir to be one of the greatest experiences to share the culture of two countries and make new friends from France .

If you want to host some members of the choir, please call the parish office at 778-0768 and let us know.

Holy Rosary News

Holy Rosary School serves families in the far East Contra Costa County. We currently have openings for Prekindergarten, Kindergarten, and 1st through 8th grade. Tuition assistance is available for all eligible families.

We are excited to share that BASIC FUND www.basicfund.org has extended their application deadline for all new student applicants seeking a Catholic education. We are offering tours by appointment and look forward to meeting new families and students.

Justice Corner

By Carolyn Krantz...Pastoral Associate

Next weekend after the 10 am liturgy, we will have lunch then the workshop on “Difficult Conversations about Race” given by Tamisha Walker of the Safe Return Project. This organization helps returning inmates get acclimated to society upon their release from prison. This workshop will provide a safe and compassionate opportunity to learn about the struggles of people of color and to take your “social justice heart” into the basic divisions that make a rift in the fabric of our country. We do this so we can have understanding of the issues and bring the peace that Christ promised us to everyone we meet. “My peace I give to you, my peace I bring to you, not as the world gives it.” As I have quoted before in Christianity there is “no Jew or Greek, slave or free, but all are one in Christ.” This is an opportunity for you to examine your own prejudices, face them and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, find ways to bridge gaps and reach out to one another in the love that makes us one.

This training was developed by the staff of BAJI (Black Alliance for Just Immigration) stationed in Richmond, CA. This organization was founded by farsighted black individuals who saw that the immigration question and the struggle of all people of color are one in the same struggle. When one is not free, we all are not free. They have worked extensively with Haiti after the earthquake of 1999, helping to give Haitians temporary protective status in this country. Haiti was the first nation to rise up out of slavery in this hemisphere.

Horrible injustices have been done to African Americans and other people of color and the injustices still continue. Did you know that from 1889-1929 a person of color was lynched on the average of every four days? Did you realize that the founders of the Declaration of Independence were all slave owners? So “All men are created equal” did not apply to women and slaves in their mentality. We are doing this workshop to say, “Enough!” All are equal under God.

Our greatest enemy is fear. We fear people who don’t look like us. We fear people whose ways are different than ours. We fear riots and bombings without understanding what we can do to reverse the process. We have a history of fear in this country’s 241 years. It covers us like a blanket. But as Christians we hear the Gospel call to, “Be not afraid. I go before you always.” One of the things I learned while working with the Black Catholic Church in Louisiana is “Ask rather than tell.” Ask why rather than think we have the answer. People say, “If THEY” only did this...things would change.” There is no “THEY.” How do we create a place of hospitality and welcome in our parish and in our city? In reality, the only change we can accomplish is in ourselves. So come; be informed; learn some techniques to bridge the gaps. Meet some great leaders who can help us see differences and be open to a world that Christ imagined.

Our parish has many diverse groups and cultures. This workshop is part of the effort to help us really see one another, respect one another and grow together. “Be the change you wish to see in the world.” (Mahatma Gandhi) The world belongs to those who show up!

For more information see raceforward.org, an organization created to build awareness, solutions and leadership for racial justice by generating transformative ideas, information and experiences.

Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl’Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

A Rose Blooms in Antioch

It was several weeks ago when Theresa walked into the church for daily Mass. She attends when her chronic back pain allows, an injury she suffered at the hands of violent students when she was a teacher. Holding her hand, this time, was a young girl with the look of awe, mystery, and just a touch of trepidation on her face. She was introduced to us as Erica Rose. Erica Rose is Theresa’s eight-year-old granddaughter, and her name is in honor of the young daughter Theresa lost to a heart condition. From time to time a glance revealed that Erica Rose was intent on learning the times for standing, sitting, and kneeling during the liturgy; always looking up to the one guiding her through this new experience.

After Mass Erica Rose was introduced to others and I just had to ask her if it was her first Mass, and it was. “Congratulations!” I sincerely responded. Theresa informed us that she has been teaching Erica Rose the basics of the faith and doing all she can to set her off on her faith journey. To let Erica Rose know that there are now more people who care about her growth in the faith, a whole Church as a matter of fact, I was honored to include her name in the Prayers of the Faithful during communion service. The expression on her face, one of surprise and joy for being recognized and considered important enough to be mentioned by name was priceless. Without fail, Erica Rose would precede Theresa in the communion line with her arms reverently crossed over her heart to receive the Church’s blessing. At a recent daily Mass I asked the devoted duo if they would like to bring the gifts of bread and wine forward at the Preparation Rite. A quick look at each other signaled that both were ready to take this next step in the journey of inclusiveness and faith. At the proper time and with flawless execution the gifts came forward. Both walked reverently down the aisle, side-by-side and extended the gift laden vessels to the hands of Fr. Robert. With words of thanks and a bow of the head the two returned to their pew. Again, post-Mass congratulations on an outstanding job were given and received with smiles.

For many of us “Cradle Catholics” going to Mass may seem like “no big deal.” Many, especially the millions of children of “lapsed Catholics,” have never been inside a church; let alone attended or participated in a Mass. Theresa has taken the initiative and reached out to Erica Rose, much like Christ the Good Shepherd reaching out and embracing a lost sheep. Erica Rose has taken the hand of a shepherdess and in doing so has heard the Word of God proclaimed and participated in the Mass.

As in the ancient Church, once again it is women who show us what it means to be Church. May we all learn by their example and reach out to invite God’s children to see what Church is all about. They are the very flower of the gospel.

STAND DOWN ON THE DELTA

for Homeless and at risk Veterans
August 11-14, 2017
Contra Costa Fairgrounds

Volunteers Needed

Registration open until August 7th

Planning meetings are at 7pm on the
 1st Thursday of the month

Location: Antioch Veterans Memorial Building
 403 W 6th Street, Antioch, Ca.

Some of the Services Available at Stand Down

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| Complete Medical | On-site Pet Care |
| Transitional Housing | Employment Services |
| Mental Health | Veterans Benefits |
| Court/Legal Services | Wellness & Chaplain Services |
| DMV I.D. Services | Meals/Clothing /Hygiene |
| Substance Abuse Assistance | Live Music Entertainment |



**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION
 FOR ADULTS (RCIA)**

*Are you, or someone you know,
 considering becoming a Catholic?*

St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish offers a process called the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)*, that provides opportunities for you to come to an informed discernment and decision about this life choice. For more information call the Faith Formation Office at 778-1631. Inquiry begins Monday, August 21st at 7:00pm in the Parish Office.



**Contra Costa Interfaith Housing
 Summer Day Camp**

Are you interested in helping run a summer day camp for one week? We are currently putting together summer programming for kids that will run from:

July 10th to August 11th

The week-long camps will have mixed ages:

K-Middle School.



These children come from very low-income families and do not have the resources to attend outside day camps.

Volunteers (teens/adults) help at already formed camps at our housing sites in Concord and Pittsburg. The time frame is flexible between 11am – 5pm, 1 to 4 days, Monday –Thursday.

If you would be interested in helping sign-up at:

<http://tinyurl.com/kfuf5gg>.

All camps are supervised by on-site CCIH staff. If you have questions email Gloria Bertolozzi at

Gloria@ccinterfaithhousing.org.

FRENCH BOYS' CHOIR
 in CONCERT



Maîtrise des Hauts de France
 Young Singers of Lambersart
 Conductor Jérôme Cupelli

Sunday,
July 23
 7:30 p.m.

St. Ignatius of Antioch
 Catholic Church
 3351 Contra Loma Blvd
Antioch
Free Admission



LAMBERSART Maîtrise des Hauts de France Paris Antioch St. Ignatius of Antioch RCF



St. Ignatius of Antioch Faith Formation

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Dear St. Ignatius of Antioch Families,

With summer here and the promise of fun and relaxation, we hope that you will be able to take advantage of more family time.

We are pleased to announce that Faith Formation is premiering a family-based catechetical program called "A Family of Faith". It is our belief, and the church reminds us, that parents are the first and best teachers of faith for their children and that God's love is experienced most profoundly in the family.

This new approach involves bringing parents closer to Christ, and you in turn, will be bringing your children closer to Christ. We will inaugurate "A Family of Faith" this fall.

You are invited to take this opportunity to grow in faith personally and as a family.

You may ask yourself, what does this mean and what do I have to do? Quite simply:

- Parents gather **once per month** for a teaching through a series of presentations and discussions.
- Over the course of the month, parents teach two lessons to their children at home using the step-by-step method we will guide you through and provide for you.
- **Two weeks later**, families gather after Sunday Liturgy for a short community meeting with activities ranging from picnics and feast day celebrations to prayer groups and adoration.

You may think that you aren't prepared to do this. But you already possess all that you need, the love you have for your children. We are here to prepare, assist and support you throughout the year.

The classroom model we have used in the past will still apply to the youth and children in their second year of preparation for the Sacraments of Confirmation or First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

Tuition will remain as follows:

Family with	1 child	\$100
	2 children	\$175
	3 children or more	\$250

You will receive your registration form in August in time for Faith Formation in September.

If you have any questions, please call me at 925-778-1631 or email me at francesrojek@aol.com.

With the love of Christ,
Frances Rojek
Pastoral Associate-Faith Formation & Administration