

St. Ignatius of Antioch

July 23, 2017– Sixteenth 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

Fr. Richard Mangini
Assisting Clergy

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Permanent Deacon

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Director of Music, Organist,
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Pastoral Associate,
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Peter Degl'Innocenti
Pastoral Associate, Pastoral Care

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

Maryann Peddicord
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Estrella Rusk
Financial Secretary

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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 23 2017
16th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

*You taught Your people that
those who are just must likewise
be kind.*
—Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

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 July 8-9

Weekend Offering.....\$11,162.00

Second Collection (Peter’s Pence).....\$1,891.00

Looking Ahead

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.

August 21: Turnaround bus trip to Thunder Valley.
For more information call the Faith Formation Office at 778-1631.

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. Contact Samantha Peralto at 726-7117 for information or questions

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 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

Monday, July 24

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

Tuesday, July 25

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 pm
- Knights of Columbus Meets - 7:30 to 9 pm - Parish Hall

Wednesday, July 26

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- Hula Class - 9:15 to 10:15 am - Parish Hall .
- Hula Class - 7:30 to 9 pm - Parish Hall

Thursday, July 27

- 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
- Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 to 9 pm - Church

Friday, July 28

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

Saturday, July 29

- Vigil - 5 pm
- Second Collection for Parish Assessment

Sunday, July 30

- Knights of Columbus 5th Sunday Rosary - 7:30 am - Grotto
- 8 am & 10:00 am Liturgies
- Second Collection for Parish Assessment
- Difficult Racial Conversations Workshop - 11:30 am - Light Lunch & workshop - 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 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday	2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
Wednesday	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday	Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52-56; Mt 13:10-17
Friday	Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday	Ex 24:3-8; Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 Lk 10:38-42
Sunday	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]

Lay Ministers—Week of July 29th & 30th

5 pm: Lectors – Mila Ellingwood, Noela Noel-LoFranco
Head Cup – David Simpson, **Head Host** – Sharon Simpson; **Host** – Bernice Campbell, Nancy DiMaggio; **Cup** – Pam Confetti, Melodye Costanza, Tim Cox; **Servers** – Nathan Skrdlant, Gabriel Skrdlant

8 am: Lectors – Kathleen Clarke, Matthew Bajet **Head Cup** – Vianney Mendoza; **Head Host** – Crispina Malonosan; **Host** – Kathleen Hayakawa, Diane Hack, MaryJo Keister, Jeannine Ford; **Cup** – Nick Suarez, Frank Kauer, Monika Kauer, Jenawati Kwa, Peggy Lennan; **Server** – Aizaiah Laxamana, Chauncey Lewis

10:00 am: Lectors – Cecille Mirano, Lee Oliver; **Head Cup** – Cory Cook, **Head Host** – Harlan Young; **Host** – Ed Cissell, Bobby Zabroski, Helga Boardman, Sharon Cissell; **Cup** – Yvette Young, Lesley Eubanks, Samantha Peralto, Mark Costanza, Cynthia Enrique; **Servers** – Alessandra Necor, William Necor

Fr. Robert Presiding and Deacon Gary Preaching

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. 5:00 pm	Marianne Siino
Sun. 8:00 am	Tony Franceschini †
Sun. 10:00 am	Humberto Bustamante †
Mon. 8:00 am	Alfredo & Elina Avelar †
Tues. 8:00 am	Michael Dunleavy †
Wed. 8:00 am	All Military Men & Women
Thur. 8:00 am	Our Parish Family
Fri. 8:00 am	Mary Ann Richardson †

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the soul of **Marian Favalora**. 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

The 5th Sunday Rosary

Join the Knights of Columbus on Sunday July 30th at 7:30 am in the Grotto to pray the Rosary.

We will pray the Rosary on each of the following 5th Sundays:

October 29th and December 31st.



Silver & Gold Activities

Wednesday, August 9 after the 8:00am Mass : Breakfast will be served in the Parish Hall for those celebrating birthdays and/or anniversaries during the months of May, June, July and August. Please **RSVP to the parish office (778-0768)** so Bill and Dave can prepare the “gourmet” breakfast appropriately.

Mobile Mall News

- **Distribution** - Wednesday, July 26th from 10 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

This is the fourth article I have written in preparation for the workshop on July 30th, after the 10 a.m. Liturgy. The first was on the history of racist ideas as presented in Ibraim Kendi's book, *Stamped from the Beginning*. The second was on my personal learning about racism. This one is on the systematic racism that permeates our country. The statistics given are from the Federal data bases and the Census Bureau and the Pew Research Center.

Let's start with the statistics from Antioch 2016: Antioch is 48% White, 31% Hispanic, 17% Black-African American and the rest Asian and "Other." That gives us a big opportunity to get to know those who are not like us. Across the country, 75% of White Americans have "White only" friends. 65% of African Americans have "Black-only" friends. We have not gotten very far since the Civil War of over 150 years ago. What is our commitment as Christians to build bridges and trust in one another? Because Antioch is 52% people of color, there is no event that one can go to in the city without rubbing shoulders with each other. The Pew Research Center says that 45% White, 61% Black and 58% Hispanic adults think that race relations are bad. We cannot be indifferent to the world in which we find ourselves.

When we compared jobs, home ownership and education, people of color rank much lower than their white counterparts. The net worth of White homeowners in the country is 13 times that of Black homeowners. Perceptions of how one is treated by the police, the courts, the mortgage companies, and in the workplace vary widely. As a white person, I grew up thinking of the police as helpers to "serve and protect." It was only when I lived in the Black community that I began to see police as a threat. "Driving while Black or Brown" became a reason to be stopped, frisked and treated badly or shot and killed.

The prison system has become a prime example of racist ideas coming to fruition in the country. Many in the Black Community call it the new slavery system. 32% of those incarcerated are White, 22% Hispanic and 37% Black (Federal Statistics). By far the most incarcerated and the most in the military sent to fight our wars for resources in the Middle East, are people of color.

When one looks at the figures, certain feelings arise. Why are certain groups tagged as less able than others? The reasons behind these disparities are often not based on human qualities, like lack of trying to succeed in life, laziness, etc., but simply skin color. I remember being in a group that thought all Mexicans were lazy. Then I looked at the jobs Mexicans have: picking our fruit, putting on roofs in the hot sun, gardening, cooking in hot restaurant kitchens, etc. None of those jobs were done by lazy people. Every group has honorable people who try to contribute to society, and every group has a few "bad apples." The reasons behind the statistics are largely not having a fair and just pathway to succeed if you are a person of color.

So what can we do about it? The first step is to examine our own prejudices and try to overcome them. Then we can risk being in a mixed group who may not think like we do. Also, we can learn how other people think and ask them what experiences have led them to their conclusions. We can enter into discussions that bring jobs and educational opportunities to our area. Lastly, come to the workshop on "Difficult Racial Conversations" after the 10 a.m. Liturgy on July 30th. Make time to learn and grow in this area.

"To be a Christian is to take sides with those who are marginalized, dehumanized and subject to violence. Whether we like it or not, neutrality is not an option. In the face of violent activity, to hide behind the mirror of ignorance is to take sides with the powers that be." (Dr. Elizabeth Vasko, *Beyond Apathy*)

Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

Quo Vadis 3.0

Quo Vadis is the diocesan program designed to let young men take a glimpse at what life would be like as a priest. The name of the program comes from the scripture when Jesus appears to Peter, while fleeing from Rome, and asks him "Where are you going (*Quo Vadis* in the Latin)."

Set high in the hills of Lafayette at the Youth Retreat Center, the young men spend several days reflecting on the best possible way to spend their lives and if a call to the priesthood might be part of that. It is a combination of retreat, camp, spiritual reflection, and discernment. For the past three years, the Knights of Columbus have been volunteering to prepare and serve lunch and dinner for one of those days. This is the first year that anyone from St. Ignatius of Antioch has gone to *Quo Vadis*. In fact, two youths have taken the generous opportunity to experience what the newly ordained priests, retired priests, and the seminarians have to say about a life dedicated to the Lord. We all know some of the sacrifices a young man will make to enter into the priesthood, but little is known of the many rewards of such a life. *Quo Vadis* allows these young men to hear the testimonies of those who are living this life and how rewarding it can be. Living an ordained life is not as constrained as one might think. Priests are not like prisoners held on Alcatraz with little or no freedoms; quite the contrary, the ordained life is perhaps one of the freest forms of living life contemporary times has to offer. Simply put, *Quo Vadis* opens eyes to reality, dispels falsehoods and mysteries, and speaks the words "Fear not to say "Yes" to the Lord" into the ears of our youth.

As the kids have a great multifaceted experience, so do our Knights. There is the excitement of getting everything prepared to serve the meals, the confidence of having done it the previous year, and the satisfaction of watching hungry kids devour food as fast as you can set it on the table. That lasagna flew off the table so fast I thought there would be a sonic boom. All of this combined with the friendly comradery of the Knights is priceless. One of the Knights, when asked if he would be serving the main course like last year, commented "Did I serve last year? I can't remember." To which I responded, "You can't remember if you served, or you can't remember last year?" He retorted "Both!" Touché, I yield to the master comeback.

One of the new things they had the kids do was to build, from wood, something representing where they were going in life. One team chose to build an altar. "An altar?" several of the Knights asked. I saw an opportunity for a good biblically based joke, so as straight-faced as I could I said "Yeah, and ironically two of the kids on the team are named Abraham and Isaac; and the kid name Isaac is getting awfully nervous!" No one was sacrificed **on** the altar. We only need young men to be priests **at** the altar.

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.



Difficult Racial Conversations

“Difficult Racial Conversations” is the second in the series of workshops to help us learn information and techniques to combat violence, understand the dimensions of racism and grow together as a diverse Catholic community.



Help bridge the gaps and create a world where love rules over hatred. Take the time to grow together.

Join us for lunch and workshop after the 10 AM Mass on:

**Sunday, July 30, 2017
 Parish Hall
 11:45 AM to 1:30 PM**

Given by Tamisha Walker of the Safe Return Project

Facilitated by Carolyn Krantz, Pastoral Associate

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





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