

St. Ignatius of Antioch

July 30, 2017– Seventeenth 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

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 30, 2017
17th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

*All things work for good for those
who love God.*

— Romans 8:28a

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 15-16

Weekend Offering.....\$9,266.50

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 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

Monday, July 31

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

Tuesday, August 1

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

Wednesday, August 2

- 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, August 3

- 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, August 4

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- Adoration - 8:45 am to Noon

Saturday, August 5

- Our Lady of Fatima Prayer Group - Liturgy - 9 am
- Vigil - 5 pm with Birthday Blessing
- St. Peter Martyr Back Pack Weekend
- Hot August Night Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza
- Cabaret Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza
- Second Collection - Missionary Co-Op

Sunday, August 6

- 8 am & 10:00 am Liturgies with Birthday Blessing
- St. Peter Martyr Back Pack Weekend
- Hospitality Sunday Sponsored by SPRED - Gathering Plaza
- Hot August Night Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza
- Cabaret Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza
- Second Collection - Missionary Co-Op

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 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23; Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-13; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday	Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Thursday	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:47-53
Friday	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday	Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

Lay Ministers—Week of Aug 5th & 6th

5 pm: Lectors – Steve Rojek, Frances Rojek; **Head Cup** – Pam Confetti, **Head Host** – Melodye Costanza; **Host** – Carol Fanfa, Bernice Campbell; **Cup** – Rhoda Herrera, Christoph Holl, Tim Cox; **Servers** - Nathan Skrdlant, Gabriel Skrdlant

8 am: Lectors – Ron Lucas, Faye Lucas; **Head Cup** - Vianney Mendoza; **Head Host** – Nick Suarez; **Host** – Jeanne Reilly, Diane Hack, Frank Kauer, Monika Kauer; **Cup** - Jeannine Ford, Jenawati Kwa, Peggy Lennan, Theresa Stanek, Stan Stanek; **Server** - Aizaiah Laxamana, Chauncey Lewis

10:00 am: Lectors – Robert Solano, Alicia Solano; **Head Cup** – Dilcia Aparicio, **Head Host** – Reyna Garcia; **Host** – Sheila Fortez, Estrella Rusk, Nancy Santos, Denise Moss; **Cup** – Noel Fortez, Amante Asuncion, Gloria Asuncion, Cecelia Kennedy, Steven Andreatta; **Servers** – Jacob Mirano, Noah Mirano

Fr. Robert Presiding and Sr. Mary Elizabeth Lawrence, SC Preaching

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. 5:00 pm	Doug Campbell
Sun. 8:00 am	Felipe Mecate †
Sun. 10:00 am	Tony Franceschini †
Mon. 8:00 am	Fara Costanza †
Tues. 8:00 am	Alfredo & Elina Avelar †
Wed. 8:00 am	Hanny & Howard Reingold
Thur. 8:00 am	All Priests & Deacons
Fri. 8:00 am	All Military Men & Women

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the soul of **Larry Ball**. 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:

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

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

“Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart...” Help encourage our own understanding hearts by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend .

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is September 29 - October 1st at San Damiano Retreat Center. Early registration is highly recommended. Contact Mike & Jeanne @ 925-672-2016 or Joe & Sue @ 925-680-7767 or go to oaklandwwme.org.

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** - Saturday, September 23rd from 8 am to noon at Orchard Park Elementary School, 5150 Live Oak Avenue, Oakley.

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

2017 Bishop's Appeal



Thank you to everyone who so generously responded to the Bishop's Appeal this year.

We are now at 100% of our goal!

Parish Goal: \$31,146. Gifts & Pledges to Date: \$31,193.

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.

St. Vincent de Paul Walk for the Poor

St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa County has 3 walks scheduled for this year's Friends of the Poor Walk/Run:

Saturday, September 30, 2017, 9 – 11 am

At St. Isidore Grass Field

440 La Gonda Way, Danville, CA 94526

Saturday, September 30, 2017, 9 – 11 am

At St. Agnes Catholic Church

3966 Chestnut Ave, Concord, CA 94519

Saturday, September 30, 2017, 9 – 11 am

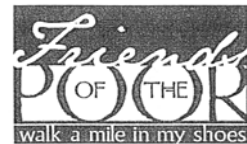
At St. Paul Catholic Church

1845 Church Ln., San Pablo, CA 94806

Your participation will make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate!

All Friends of the Poor Walk funds remain in Contra Costa County to help the poor via SVdP Programs including food pantries, Free Dining Room, Free Medical Clinic, Dental Program for the uninsured, Job Training Program, Daytime Homeless Shelter, Thrift Stores for clothing/furniture

Register for Friends of the Poor Walk/Run at “Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa County” and click on the link below



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

What is the “treasure in the field...the pearl of great price...the net that gathers in?” In one view we can say these are images for finding Christ and His Way of living. If we have them, we are satisfied. Our life is complete. In the knowledge that we are living like Christ, we can let go of desires for money and power because we have all that is necessary for happiness. But I would suggest that the pearl, the treasure and the net are also symbols of the Church Faithful.

We are in the era of the Holy Spirit operating in the Church as People of God, to bring us that place/space of joy and commitment to each other, the place we know as heaven. We are united with all who have gone before us. The functions of the Church are preaching (spreading the Good News), service and being a sign of fellowship. “A community of in-living and in-loving persons does already exist in the meta-future around Christ and there is no need to despair that such a community cannot possibly come into being in the future.”(1)

Today’s world is insanely focused on division and destruction. We have a kind of mania about time, running here and there, and substituting electronic communication for the real thing. How many families have a devise-free meal together at least once a week? In Church we are bound together by Eucharist, the meal of all meals that unites us to not just the historical Jesus or the Scriptural Jesus, but the Christ that is to come. We become the symbol to the world that there is another Way to live, a Way of Justice and Peace. We are optimistic about the future because we are living the reign of God with Christ, the Omega, who leads us into a future of goodness. We are examples of the net gathering in all kinds of fish, different cultures and backgrounds following Christ’s lead. “The ultimate end of history is Christic and has already been achieved.” (2) It is the pull of the “meta-future” already won by Christ that gives us hope for a world based on love.

The Church as the community of Christ is the servant of the world. It is the field hospital acting to heal, to reconcile and to bind up wounds, to build bridges over chasms. Together we learn how to move into a world that is not filled with violence and hatred but love and peace. This is the reason for the workshop on “Difficult Conversations about Race” today after the 10:00 am liturgy. We, together, as members of St. Ignatius of Antioch are living into the future where there are no divisions. Understanding and healing the wounds of the past are a part of our life together and part of our responsibility as members of Christ’s Body. Together we can break through the barriers of racist ideas and be brothers and sisters on the road of life together. We can listen to one another and bring compassion to the sufferings of the past. The Spirit of Christ resides in us to bring unity in diversity. Come enjoy a good lunch provided by the Knights of Columbus, and partake in the discussion to build a better world. We are grateful to Tamisha Walker of the Safe-Return Project and Devonte Jackson from BAJI (Black Alliance for Just Immigration) for leading us in the discussion.

“Come let us go up to the mountain of Yahweh, to the Temple of the God of Jacob, that He may teach us his ways so that we may walk in His paths...He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares and their spears into sickles.’ (Isaiah 2: 3-4) Let us envision a world of unbreakable love.

1. Harvey Cox, *The Secular City*, New York, 1965, pp. 125FF.

2. *Process Catechetics* by Leon McKenzie, New York, Paulist Press, 1970.

Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl’Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

Vive La France

From the very beginning it was fun. It was even fun playing the “Where do you want to sit?” game with my wife as we entered the church and spied the available seats. After a few rounds of “I’ll sit wherever you sit,” I made the command decision to sit next to Erlinda Titus (a faithful daily Mass attendee) and her sister Norma. Settling into the third pew, fairly centered, should give the best balance of sound.

People started flowing in and it wasn’t long before we were surrounded by friends. Directly behind us were the two Annette’s, Romani and Pisani, with their husbands in tow. Annette Romani started the ball rolling by asking me if I had heard a certain rumor that involved her. “No!” I said. She replied with “Who would start such a far-fetched rumor?” Like a hungry trout I took the bait without thinking and blurted out a name and instantly realized I was starting a new rumor. In mock self-punishment, I pretended to slap my own face for doing so. That started a whole string of jokes and quips that kept us amused for quite some time.

The concert started with a brief introduction by Don Pearson, and I almost wished that we could have spent the entire evening in comedic bliss with surrounding friends. The concert did go on and one form a bliss was supplanted by another. The first performer did a solo in the highest range for a male voice, a treble-tenor. It instantly reminded me of the solo part for such a voice in the last act of Puccini’s opera *Tosca*. From then on, the entire choir and those doing solos were a delight to the ear and to the abilities of youth. As the French announcer said “They have no sheet music before them. They know and sing it all by heart, and **from the heart!**” Indeed, it was a tremendous evening of near miraculous magnitude. Their command of languages, voice range, memory, and the pathos needed to produce beauty as well as sound was amazing.

In a 100-year tribute for America’s aid and support for the French that ended World War I, the choir sang *America the Beautiful*. It was a moment of pride, of unity of two nations once linked in mortal combat for the freedom of the world; now linked in the bonds of peaceful music praising God for this wonderful country of ours. Our not too distant ancestors paid the ultimate price that these boys might live as they do and sing and gladden the hearts of people all around the world. You could not help but think that for a future where such boys may continue to live and sing in freedom, that America will be there for France again if she needs us. God Bless America, and Vive La France!

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

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 and Devonte Jackson of BAJI (Black Alliance for Just Immigration)

Facilitated by Carolyn Krantz, Pastoral Associate



St. Ignatius of Antioch Fundraiser

Monday: August 21, 2017

Depart: 8:30 am – St. Ignatius Church
 3351 Contra Loma Blvd, Antioch
7:45 am – Pittsburg Senior Center

Return: 3:30 p.m.

Fare: \$43.00 Includes:

Transportation
 \$15.00 **FREE** Slot Play
 \$12.00 Food Voucher
 Continental Breakfast
 Snacks and Drinks on return trip

Contact: - Frances Rojek – 925.778.1631
 Not responsible for parked cars – Fare nonrefundable

Second Quarter 2017 Financial Report

	Six Month Actual	Six Month Budget	Diff	Annual Budget
Revenue				
Sunday and Holy Day Plate Collections	267,092	259,731	7,361	527,345
Easter and Christmas Plate Collections	19,610	21,205	(1,595)	41,205
Unrestricted Gifts (includes Sacramental Services)	7,522	7,328	194	14,656
Restricted Gifts (e.g. Music, Flowers, Assessment, etc.)	26,258	27,009	(751)	54,017
Fundraising	1,230	1,500	(270)	50,468
Youth & Adult Faith Formation	5,148	8,285	(3,137)	23,439
Other Programs, Ministries and Fellowship	5,897	8,803	(2,906)	19,591
Other Income	3,148	1,862	1,286	3,723
Total Income	335,905	335,723	182	734,444
Operating Expenses				
Administration	27,451	23,705	3,746	47,709
Personnel: Lay	142,990	143,872	(882)	287,444
Personnel: Clergy	32,189	31,220	969	59,440
Payments to the Diocese	67,425	60,975	6,450	116,866
Property Maintenance, Utilities & Taxes	35,534	46,809	(11,275)	93,618
Rectory Living	6,190	4,675	1,515	9,350
Liturgy & Music	13,804	12,731	1,073	25,462
Youth & Adult Faith Formation	5,320	8,571	(3,251)	17,142
Other Programs, Ministries and Fellowship	2,226	2,803	(577)	5,605
Charitable Contributions	5,807	3,000	2,807	6,000
Fundraising	0	1,000	(1,000)	15,500
Total of Expenses	338,936	339,361	575	684,136
Revenue Under/Over Total Expenses	(3,031)	(3,638)	(393)	50,308

REGULAR SUNDAY PLATE COLLECTION

(Excluding 2016 Easter collection)



Sunday Plate in 2016 (25 Sundays): \$250,709. Avg.: \$10,028.
 Sunday Plate in 2017 (25 Sundays): \$260,212. Avg.: \$10,408.
 Sunday Plate Goal: \$12,500. per week.

PARKING LOT LOAN



(January - June Activity)
 Principal Payments: \$35,000.
 Interest Paid: \$4,573.
 Loan Balance: \$195,000.

BUILDING FUND

Cash Balance
 as of
 June 30, 2017
 \$984,878.

OPERATING FUND BALANCES

As of June 30, 2017
 Checking Account: \$153,039.
 Local Reserve Fund: \$11,000.
 Diocesan Reserve Fund: \$11,772.

