

St. Ignatius of Antioch

August 13, 2017– Nineteenth 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

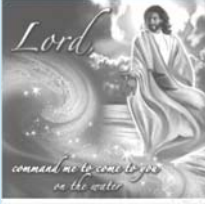
Saturday Vigil: 5 pm
Sunday: 8 am & 10 am
Mon., Wed., Fri.: 8 am Holy Eucharist
Tue., Thur.: 8 am Liturgy of the Word
and Holy Communion
Holy Days: 8 am & 7:30 pm
Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:45 to 4:30 pm

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.



August 13, 2017
19th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

*Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from
heaven.*

— *Psalm 85:12*

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 29-30

Weekend Offering.....\$8,178.66

Second Collection (Parish Assessment).....\$3,109.33

Looking Ahead

August 18: St. Ignatius of Antioch Choir - second annual Cabaret Night - see page 4 for more details.

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.

August 28: YLI #101 of Antioch hosting their Annual Bingo Tournament - more details to follow.

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, August 13

- 8 am & 10:00 am Liturgies
- Hot August Night Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza
- Cabaret Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza
- Grand Raffle Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza
- Second Collection - Parking Lot Loan

Monday, August 14

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

Tuesday, August 15 - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy - 8 am and 7:30 pm (holy day of obligation)
- Silver & Gold Meeting - 2 pm - Parish Hall

Wednesday, August 16

- 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 17

- 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, August 18

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- Second Annual Cabaret Night - 7:30 pm - Reception to follow in Parish Hall

Saturday, August 19

- Vigil - 5 pm
- Hot August Night Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza
- Grand Raffle Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza

Sunday, August 20

- 8 am & 10:00 am Liturgies
- Hot August Night Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza
- Grand Raffle Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza
- Knights of Columbus Breakfast Burrito Sales - Benefits Stand Down on the Delta - Gathering Plaza

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	Kim Tank	Theresa Weathers
Linda Morrison		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

Monday	Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday	Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Wednesday	Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20
Thursday	Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-6; Mt 18:21 — 19:1
Friday	Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday	Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15
Sunday	Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

Lay Ministers—Week of Aug 19th & 20th

5 pm: Lectors – Lisa Marie Cayaban, Melodye Costanza; **Head Cup** – Pam Confetti; **Head Host** – Marla Plurkowski; **Host** – Nancy DiMaggio; Carol Fanfa; **Cup** – Tim Cox, Christoph Holl, Melodye Costanza; **Servers** - Nathan Skrdlant, Gabriel Skrdlant

8 am: Lectors – Pat Kramer, Matthew Bajet; **Head Cup** - Vianney Mendoza **Head Host** – Jeannine Ford; **Host** – Jenawati Kwa, Jeanne Reilly, Nick Suarez, Diane Hack ; **Cup** - Frank Kauer, Monica Kauer, Peggy Lennan, Crispina Malonosan, Mary Kendrick; **Server** - Aizaiah Laxamana, Chauncey Lewis

10:00 am: Lectors – Cecille Mirano, Rey Dollette, Sr., **Head Cup** – Steven Andreatta; **Head Host** – Lesley Eubanks **Host** – Mark Costanza, Cynthia Enrique, Bobby Zabroski, Dilcia Aparicio; **Cup** – Lee Oliver, Amante Asuncion, Gloria Asuncion, Reyna Garcia, Cecelia Kennedy, **Servers** – Alessandra Necor, William Necor

Fr. Robert Presiding & Preaching

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. 5:00 pm	All Military Men and Women
Sun. 8:00 am	Tony Franceschini †
Sun. 10:00 am	Dan O'Connor †
Mon. 8:00 am	Fara Costanza †
Tues. 8:00 am	Our Parish Family
Wed. 8:00 am	All Priests & Deacons
Thur. 8:00 am	All Lay Ministers
Fri. 8:00 am	Moundo & Elizabeth Eli †

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the soul of **Fr. Michael Joyce**. 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

You are Invited to a Cabaret

St. Ignatius of Antioch Choir Presents

CABARET

Second Annual Cabaret Night

When: Friday August 18, 2017

Where: St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

Time: 7:30 PM – 10:00 PM

Come join us for an evening of music presented by talented members

Of the St. Ignatius of Antioch Choir

Broadway tunes! Jazz! Ballads! Country Western! And More!

Donation \$10

Reception after the show

All proceeds will benefit St. Ignatius of Antioch Music Ministry

For Ticket information call Alicia Perez at 925-757-3354

Or Maryann Peddicord at 778-0768

Tickets will be on Sale after all masses starting August 5th

Children under 12 free

Silver & Gold Activities

Saturday, August 19th at 8:00 PM: Join us at the El Campanil Theatre on 2nd Street for an “ELVIS” concert featuring James Clark and the Jail House Rockers. We have a block of tickets (\$23.00 @) reserved in the center, 1st section of seats. Please contact Nancy at 757-8555 to reserve your seat ASAP. Dancing in the aisles is encouraged....

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.

San Damiano Retreat

San Damiano Retreat, 710 Highland Drive, Danville invites you to attend a retreat before the summer closes:

August 19 – Insights into Hinduism

- Dr. Purushottama Bilimoria “Can One be Both Christian and a Hindu?”
- Fr. Zacharia Thomas “The Virgin Mary and the Goddess”
- Sr. Beena Kallely Ph.D. “Goddess Theology and Empowerment of women

For information or to make a reservation, visit www.sandomiano.org or call 925-837-9141

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

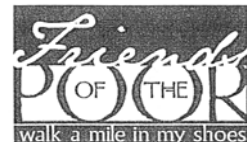
Saturday, September 30, 2017, 9 – 11 am
At St. Agnes Catholic Church
3966 Chestnut Ave, Concord, CA 94519

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

There were twenty people who gave up a Sunday afternoon to attend “Difficult Racial Conversations” at the end of July. Yours truly began the introduction by recommending the Equity report was available on the San Francisco Foundation website which said that the Bay Area is the second most diverse place in the country. “Whites are the single largest group (42%) followed by Asian/Pacific Islanders (24%) and Latinos (22%) with Blacks being about (8%) and a smattering of others.” It behooves us then to learn how to talk to one another, as we rub shoulders in the grocery, the gas stations, and other stores as well as in church.

Devonte Jackson led us in grounding and breathing exercises and then we shared experiences in individual racism. We listed the ways institutional racism shows itself in the job market, affordable housing and the criminal justice system. We also discussed the things that need to change in structural racism—laws, policies, voting rights, etc. The group was dismayed at how the factors of racism still control our society and how we swim in racist ideas such as segregation, assimilation and anti-racism, all part of the fabric of the country.

So what can we do as a Church committed to openness, welcoming and Christ-centered unity? The group named several ways we can make a dent in this overwhelming problem. First, we have to work on ourselves to look at the prejudices within and try not to act on them. We must “be aware, be gutsy and be a bridge.” Being gutsy means that we speak up when we see or hear racism at work. This is hard to do because we risk the wrath of others who want things to remain as they are. We must also build bridges between communities by sharing with them and making friends.

The group was overwhelmed with the hugeness of the problem and asked how we can make a dent in the institutional and structural racism in our area. One participant kept asking, “Where did this come from?” Some history lessons will help us learn how this injustice came about in the US. There is some documentation from Richard Mather and John Cotton (circa 1630’s), the period of the Puritans, that shows that racist ideas were brought from Europe along with slavery. These ideas were expressed earlier in 1440 by a Portuguese biographer, Gomes Eanes de Zurara who wrote in defense of slave trading for the King of Portugal. To keep the institution of slavery going, many lies were told about people of color being less than human, being submissive and easily captured. Some of those ideas are still present, especially in the job market and the criminal justice system.

Racist ideas affect different cultures. We see prejudice based on skin color, language and cultural heritage. “Implicit racism exists and we need to have the courage to admit that we all have racist ideas,” said one person. “We need to continue to educate ourselves” said another. To learn how to have these courageous conversations, we need to become more aware of the discrimination that others have faced and become partners with them in confronting racist ideas. The group spent time exploring what will make change possible in our community so that all people feel included. We hope to model inclusion and respect for all as a church. This is the unity to which Jesus calls us.

Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl’Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

Fall in Love With August

I’ve loved August ever since I was old enough to comprehend that measured time came in months. First of all, I fell in love with August because my birthday is right smack in the middle of the month; that meant toys to a young boy and a day in which I had priority over my older brother Robert. As I grew older, but not much older, it meant that school was still out for summer and it was “maximum fun month” before school started again.

As the ages a person lives through came and went, August meant different things. In high school, it was summer cruises on the 45-foot Sea Scout Ship *Dauntless*. In junior college, it was multi-day backpacking trips in the Tahoe Nation Forrest packing big iron and exploring old gold mines. After university, it was volunteering at air shows and marveling at flight. Then August changed. I suppose it was really I who had changed. August became sacramental. I was married on August 5th of 2000 and it was my wife’s own willful conversion to Catholicism that introduced me to Small Christian Communities and re-introduced me to the sacramental life of the Church. Like a seed planted in rich soil I started to grow in spirituality and in knowledge. The more I learned, the more I wanted to know. The more I did, the more I wanted to be a part of what was going on. That is the wonder of the Church and how God works in and through us. Anyone can grow in any number of amazing ways if we only plant ourselves in the company of the Church and let the growth take place. It’s easy to do and life becomes “bigger,” more intense in an inexplicable way.

Then we have the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary which falls on the 15th of August. Now August became transcendent. It is not about earthly things anymore or even the dates of sacraments obtained. It is a day and month about Mary, the Mother of God, and her role in the plan of salvation that touches us all. Mary is the greatest mystery of pure humanity. Her assumption into heaven is a ratification of the promise of the resurrection Jesus promises to us.

August remains a mystery, a special month full of memories, hopes, changes, and visions of the heavenly things to come. Use this month to search your hearts to find the good changes God, Jesus, and Mary want to bring about in your life. As the sun shines and warms the body and the heart, as its light endures into the late evening, as the fruits of summer taste sweeter, fall in love with August. A month named after a Caser but dedicated to the Queen of Heaven and Earth.



Saturday, August 26, 2017

6:30 pm

Adult: \$15

Children \$5.00



MENU

- Hawaiian Chicken & Pork
- Polynesian Rice
- Hawaiian Green Beans
- Fruit Salad
- Dessert

Entertainment,
Raffle & Door Prizes

St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish Hall
3351 Contra Loma Blvd.
Antioch, California

Sponsored by the Social Events Committee



**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.



500 YEARS

1517-2017



MARTIN LUTHER

*Commemoration of
500 Years
of the
Reformation*

Ecumenical Celebration
Sunday, October 29, 2017
4:00 pm

Join Father Tom Bonacci for
Three Tuesday Evenings Before the Celebration
7:30 PM

October 10, 2017
Revisiting the Ecumenical Teachings of
The Second Vatican Council
That All May be One

October 17, 2017
The Feast of St. Ignatius of Antioch
The Core of Reformed Spirituality
Moving Beyond the Divide

October 24, 2017
Dialogue and the Ecumenical Church
A Vision for the Now and Future Church

St. Ignatius of Antioch Church
3315 Contra Loma Blvd.
Antioch, CA



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

Important Message from Father Robert

August 2017

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

I am so proud of our parish. Since my arrival 12 years ago, I have witnessed a dynamic community with generational, cultural, racial, spiritual and economic differences come together with love to build a vibrant faith community. I continue to see this each and every day. We may not always agree with one another but we always try to be respectful and endeavor to put the Gospel message into practical use in our community. Celebrating good times and overcoming difficult times have made St. Ignatius of Antioch into the strong wonderful community that it is today.

It has been a long journey since May of 2011 when we embarked on a capital campaign to build a new facility and pay off the parking lot loan. The original cost estimate of 3.5 million dollars was, with the benefit of 20/20 hindsight, probably too optimistic. In a little over 6 years, you have more than generously supported this campaign with your gifts of nearly \$1,000,000.

In our town hall meetings last February, we presented recent estimates showing that construction costs for a parish hall would easily equal or exceed the original estimate for the entire project. We concluded that asking you to enter into yet another capital campaign is simply not an option.

These meetings included discussions of alternative uses for the building fund, including the possibility of upgrading the kitchen and expanding our existing parish hall. Last spring, I sent a letter to the Diocese requesting guidance about pursuing an expansion project with our building fund money. Bishop Barber responded positively and requested a feasibility study that demonstrates that the project could reasonably be expected to be completed using only our funds on hand. Several preliminary meetings have taken place with architects in order to look at design alternatives and prepare the feasibility study for the Diocese and our parish.

Another crucial step in this journey is to seek the blessing to proceed with an expansion of our current facility from those who donated to the 2011 Parish Capital Campaign. I asked the Pastoral Council and members of the Pastoral Staff to develop a plan to obtain parish approval to proceed. **On August 26 and 27, we will begin this process with an address at all Liturgies by Steve Rojek.** I will publish Steve's remarks in my insert for the next few weeks to ensure that we reach the entire congregation.

In addition to obtaining parish consent, other significant challenges remain including (1) obtaining positive results from the feasibility study, (2) successful negotiations with the City of Antioch and (3) obtaining final approval from the Diocese. Failure at any one of these steps would derail the project. However, without your overwhelming consent to move forward, there is no reason to proceed with the other steps. **That's why we are beginning this approval process now.**

St. Ignatius of Antioch has worked, worshipped and played together for nearly 40 years. As I said before, it is a blessing to me to be a member of this community. I completely and whole heartedly endorse this proposal. My hope and prayer is that you will join with me and support this effort as well.

Gratefully,

