

St. Ignatius of Antioch

August 27, 2017– Twenty-first 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,
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 27, 2017
21st Sunday in
Ordinary Time

“Whatever you bind on earth, shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth, shall be loosed in heaven”

— *Matthew 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.”



Looking Ahead

August 28: YLI #101 of Antioch hosting their Annual Bingo Tournament - see page 4 for details.

September 2 at 7:10 PM: A professional baseball game between the Stockton Ports and their San Jose league opponent. See page 4 for more information.

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 27

- 8 am & 10:00 am Liturgies
- Grand Raffle Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza

Monday, August 28

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

Tuesday, August 29

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- Norway 2018 Meeting - 7 pm - Parish Hall

Wednesday, August 30

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

Thursday, August 31

- 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, September 1

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 8:45 am to Noon

Saturday, September 2

- Our Lady of Fatima Prayer Group - Liturgy at 9 am
- Vigil - 5 pm
- Birthday Blessing
- 2nd Collection - Parking Lot Loan
- Grand Raffle Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza

Sunday, September 3

- 8 am & 10:00 am Liturgies
- Birthday Blessings
- Grand Raffle Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza
- 2nd Collection - Parking Lot Loan
- Hospitality Sunday - Sponsored by Catholic Daughters - Gathering Plaza

Pray for the Sick

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

Rocco Battaglia	Linda Morrison	Peter Villalpando
Sal Bruno	Tylor Rideau	Theresa Weathers
Dorothy	Kim Tank	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	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday	1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mk 6:17-29
Wednesday	1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday	1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51
Friday	1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday	1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday	Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

Lay Ministers—Week of Sept. 2nd & 3rd

5 pm: Lectors – Ed Stokes, Sandy Stokes; **Head Cup** – Pam Confetti; **Head Host** – Melodye Costanza; **Host** – Rhoda Herrera, Bernice Campbell; **Cup** – Marla Plurkowski, Christoph Holl, Tim Cox; **Servers** - Nathan Skrdlant, Gabriel Skrdlant

8 am: Lectors – Kathleen Clarke, Peter Degl’Innocenti; **Head Cup** - Vianney Mendoza; **Head Host** – Crispina Malonosan; **Host** – Diane Hack, Jeanne Reilly, Kathleen Hayakawa, Stan Stanek; **Cup** - Theresa Stanek, Jeannine Ford, Monika Kauer, Jenawati Kwa, Frank Kauer; **Server** - Aizaiah Laxamana, Chauncey Lewis

10:00 am: Lectors – William Necor, Cory Cook, **Head Cup** – Dilcia Aparicio; **Head Host** – Gloria Olvera; **Host** – Angelina Guieb-Alphonso, Jane Sharpe, Yvette Young, Harlan Young; **Cup** – Reyna Garcia, Carol Dollete, Amante Asuncion, Gloria Asuncion, Mark Costanza, **Servers** – Noah Mirano, Jean Paul Fortez

Fr. George Presiding & Preaching at 5 pm Liturgy

Fr. Robert Presiding & Fr. George Preaching at 8am & 10am

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. 5:00 pm	Mike Ambrosini †
Sun. 8:00 am	Gary & Diane Hack
Sun. 10:00 am	Dan O’Connor †
Mon. 8:00 am	Bonnie Morris
Tues. 8:00 am	Our Parish Family
Wed. 8:00 am	All Police and Fire Fighters
Thur. 8:00 am	All Deacons and Priests
Fri. 8:00 am	Paul Syliangco †

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of **Oak Firefighter Jake Walter, Jared Tucker and the Victims of the Barcelona attack**. 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:

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

Santa Rosalia Festival

**Branch 72, Pittsburg of the
Italian Catholic Federation
invites you to Monterey
for the 84th Annual:**

Saturday September 9th, 2017

Bus leaves Good Shepherd in Pittsburg at 8:30 am.
2nd pickup following in the Sun Valley Mall parking lot
in Concord (near Baja Fresh)

Bus leaves Monterey for return trip at 4:30 pm.

At the festival enjoy:

Food Booths

Entertainment

Parade

Blessing of the fleet

Italian Dancers

Vendors

Bocce



To reserve your bus ticket, contact chairperson
Joann Thilgen at (925) 625-0863

Your check for \$45 confirms your bus reservation. Space
is limited. Please respond by August 25th.

YLI Bingo Tournament

YLI #101 of Antioch is hosting their Annual Bingo
Tournament on **August 28th at 6 pm** at Most Holy
Rosary's Fr. Vincente Dominican Hall, at 1313 A
Street. Cost is \$20/person. Includes access to Salad Bar
dinner and 2 Bingo Cards. Doors open at 5:45pm.
Reservations are recommended. Contact Teri or
Estrelle at 925-757-2700 for questions or reservations.

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.

Silver & Gold Activities

September 2 at 7:10 PM: A professional baseball game
between the Stockton Ports (an Oakland A's minor league
affiliate) and their San Jose league opponent (stadium opens
at 6 pm). Great seats on the 3rd base side by the dugout for
\$13 (+ parking \$5). Easy access with a low key approach to
our national pastime. Call Rick @ 439-9225 for information.

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

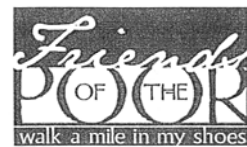
At St. Paul Catholic Church

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

The current immigration system is confusing and filled with pitfalls. One wrongly filled out section disqualifies the application. I learned early to seek legal advice if helping someone preparing to apply. The current law allows 675,000 applicants. It is based on the following principles: reunification of families, skills valuable to the US economy, protecting refugees, and promoting diversity. Petitioners must meet eligibility criteria, be a certain age and meet financial requirements. They must be sponsored by a family member who is a US citizen or a legal permanent resident. One must be a legal permanent resident for five years before applying for citizenship.

Employment based immigration is listed in five categories and is limited to 140,000 per year. There is a cap on how many immigrants are allowed from various countries. Refugees, asylees and other vulnerable populations must have "a well founded fear of persecution." This number is determined each year by the Congress and the President. It fell after 9/11, but has steadily increased with better security checks. In 2016, the refugee ceiling was set at 85,000. A Diversity Visa lottery allots 55,000 randomly to nationals from countries that have had less than 5,000 per year in the last five years. They must have a high school education and a minimum of two years working in a profession. There are all kinds of exceptions and restrictions about each of these categories.

The proposed RAISE Act (S 354) would significantly reduce levels of legal immigration by "drastically cutting some of the family based categories, redefining others and eliminating the diversity visa." It is based on a rigid point system that often conflicts with the core values of the country such as providing equal opportunity for all and protecting minorities and disadvantaged groups. Women, people without formal education and people who work in informal economies, middle-aged and older adults would be disadvantaged. Every family has some members in these groups, so families would be divided.

Each person would have a 30 point "pass mark" to be eligible and the cap would be 140,000 including family members. The allocation of points are based on age, education, English-language proficiency, extraordinary achievement, job offer and intention to invest in the US.

The immigration issue is sticky and complicated. While the point system has been used successfully by other countries, adoption of the RAISE Act would need take into account values based on family relationships and humanitarian concerns. The bill as proposed, would favor youth and a narrow set of skills over family values and diversity. What values do we as Catholics uphold? See the Bishops statement on *Strangers Among Us* on the USCCB website and many other documents that speak to protecting the poor and the vulnerable and welcoming the alien. Our salvation history would be very different if Abraham had used the point system to justify welcoming his three "visitors." (Genesis 18)

*The Information in this column is taken from two articles on the American Immigration Council website:
Americanimmigrationcouncil.org*

Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

High Hopes

Frank Sinatra used to sing a cute little song about a tiny ant that had "High Hopes" of accomplishing great things like moving an entire rubber tree plant. The song was quite popular in its time because the nation had high hopes of accomplishing great things. The race was "on" to see who would get to the moon first; us or the Soviet Union, the nascent Civil Rights movement with all its birthing pains was shedding a light of hope on the country, Pope John XXIII opened the Second Vatican Council, and the "Age of Aquarius" was supposed to bring peace and love to the whole world. Some of these things we, as a nation, have accomplished; others...we're still working on.

The essence of what we accomplish lies in our hopes and seeds of aspiration that grow into action. If we're very lucky or down-right intractable to failure, they lead us to success. Hope, in and of itself, has no physical power to exert change on anything. So, how does our little plucky friend the ant move his rubber tree plant? He does it in cooperation with all the other like-minded ants who want to see the plant moved. When we feel helpless, inadequate, or insignificant to solve the world's problems or our own local problems we should be encouraged to do what we can, even if it's ant-sized.

Volunteering our time, abilities, knowledge, and donations to many worthy charities can change things in a big way. Our recent Stand Down on the Delta is a prime example of how we as a Church (a veritable giant) and as individuals (lowly little ant) can have a profound effect on the lives of local vets. If one person donated only one small item, say...a pack of tissues, then that small ant-sized donation distributed by others at the Stand Down is just as meaningful and significant as if the person donating it had been there themselves. Add to that one small donation to someone else's donation and then to all the donations combined and you have a force of love, generosity, kindness, and amazing results that will astound the world of the homeless vets. The recipients will be amazed at your generosity as if they had indeed seen an ant move a rubber tree.

The things they cannot do for themselves, you have done for them. Our high hopes are that their lives are made better through what we do. Their high hopes are that we continue to do what we do, lest they lose the ability to survive on the margins, as they do.

St. Ignatius of Antioch CYO Basketball 2017-2018 Season

The CYO Basketball program is looking for BOYS and GIRLS 3rd - 8th Grade to participate in the Contra Costa CYO East Diablo League (Players on all levels)

For more information and to register, go to www.stignatiusofantiochcyo.com

or contact Brenda at 510-812-6670
CYO Basketball Registrar



Calling All Women!

Magnificat SOTI, a Ministry for Catholic Women

invite all to join them at a Prayer Breakfast

September 16, 2017 9:30-12:30

Crowne Plaza

45 John Glenn Drive, Concord, CA

Please join us in welcoming our speaker, author Annette Baber! Annette was born and raised into a Jewish Orthodox family. She committed her life to Christ 48 years ago after a life shattering crisis leads her to cry out for salvation! She begged the Father to save her family and amid many miracles, one by one her family members turned their lives over to Christ. Come and hear her fascinating testimony and how she has served the Lord since that incredible night.

Men are always welcome to attend!

Tickets are \$33/\$40 after Sept. 9th.

Go to www.magnificat-ministry.net for more information about our guest and tickets or call Jennifer at 503 709 8449 for reservations.

500 YEARS

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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

Grand Raffle



- 1st prize - trip to Scandinavia (limited to \$8,500)
- 2nd prize \$2000 cash
- 3rd prize \$1000 Safeway Gift Card

For tickets, contact the parish office or visit the ticket table in the Gathering Plaza after weekend liturgies.

Bingo



Monday September 4th
 St. Ignatius of Antioch
 Parish Hall
 Doors Open @ 11:00 AM
 Lunch at 11:30 AM
 Games Begin @ 12:15 PM

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10	20	42	59	62
5	29	39	56	75
4	17	FREE SPACE	60	71
11	18	32	51	66
15	19	36	47	69

10 Regular Games - \$100 Payout Each
 Specials

\$25 per person includes
 10 Games – Lunch
 Dauber - \$1

Tickets available after Masses
 August 26/27 and September 2/3
 Or by calling Steve @ 925-642-2329