

# St. Ignatius of Antioch

September 3, 2017– Twenty-second 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,  
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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.



**September 3, 2017  
22nd Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

*Be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.*

——— *Romans 12:2*

**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 August 19-20**

**Weekend Offering.....\$10,948.00**

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.....\$1,231.00**

# Looking Ahead

**Sunday, September 17:** There will be a Eucharistic Minister training session after the 10am Mass. If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister please plan to attend. All are welcome. For more information please contact Harlan Young at 925-858-8451.

Sung Evening Prayer and candlelight procession for the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady’s Apparition in Fatima on **October 13, 2017**. More information 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, September 3**

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

**Monday, September 4 - Labor Day - Office Closed**

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- Faith Formation Bingo - 11 am to 3 pm - Parish Hall

**Tuesday, September 5**

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- Environment Committee Meets - 10 am to 10:30am - Parish Hall
- Liturgy Committee Meets - 10:30 am to 11:30 am - Parish Hall

**Wednesday, September 6**

- 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, September 7**

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- G I F T New Study Sessions - The Privileged Planet - 9 to 10:30 am - Parish Hall
- Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 to 9 pm - Church

**Friday, September 8**

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

**Saturday, September 9**

- Vigil - 5 pm
- Second Collection for Diocesan Priest Retirement
- Grand Raffle Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza
- Knights of Columbus Tri-Tip Sales - Gathering Plaza

**Sunday, September 10**

- 8 am & 10:00 am Liturgies
- Second Collection for Diocesan Priest Retirement
- Grand Raffle Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza
- Knights of Columbus Tri-Tip Sales - 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

<b>Monday</b>	1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37
<b>Wednesday</b>	Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44
<b>Thursday</b>	Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11
<b>Friday</b>	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6 Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
<b>Saturday</b>	Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5
<b>Sunday</b>	Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

## Lay Ministers—Week of Sept. 9th & 10th

**5 pm: Lectors** – Vince Augusta, Therese Kain; **Head Cup** – Marla Plurkowski; **Head Host** – Pam Confetti; **Host** – Nancy DiMaggio, Fran Barbanica; **Cup** – Bill Barbanica, Tim Cox, Rhoda Herrera; **Servers** - Nathan Skrdlant, Gabriel Skrdlant

**8 am: Lectors** – Faye Lucas, Ron Lucas; **Head Cup** - Crispina Malonosan; **Head Host** – Sue Howell; **Host** – MaryJo Keister, Jeannine Ford, Diane Hack, Kathleen Hayakawa; **Cup** - Nick Suarez, Rick Howell, Samantha Peralto, Frank Kauer, Monika Kauer; **Server** - Aizaiah Laxamana, Chauncey Lewis

**10:00 am: Lectors** – Alicia Solano, Robert Solano, **Head Cup** – Steven Andreatta; **Head Host** – Dilcia Aparicio; **Host** – Lesley Eubanks, Cecelia Kennedy, Helga Boardman, Gloria Asuncion; **Cup** – Estrella Rusk, Lee Oliver, Amante Asuncion, Noel Fortez, Sheila Fortez, **Servers** – Jacob Mirano, Noah Mirano

Fr. Robert Presiding & Deacon Gary Preaching

## Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>Sat. 5:00 pm</b>	Joann Russo †
<b>Sun. 8:00 am</b>	Carlos Garcia †
<b>Sun. 10:00 am</b>	Dave Bosch †
<b>Mon. 8:00 am</b>	All Labor Workers
<b>Tues. 8:00 am</b>	June Hanson †
<b>Wed. 8:00 am</b>	Howard & Hanny Reingold
<b>Thur. 8:00 am</b>	Alfredo & Elina Avelar †
<b>Fri. 8:00 am</b>	Joe Lohmeier †

## Rest in Peace

Please pray for the soul of **Ronda Kinney**. 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](http://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.

## *A Message From the Ladies of YLI*

YLI once again would like to ask our parish family to help out during the Holy Rosary Harvest Faire. The YLI is looking for all bakery goodies, especially cookies, cupcakes, breads, pies or any other wonderful dessert that your family would love to share with the YLI booth.

Holy Rosary Harvest Faire dates are

September 22nd, 23rd and 24th

Please call Joanne Bilbo @925-757-4169 or Emily Silva @  
925-757-0229 with any questions

## *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](http://www.stpetermartyrschool.org)) or call the school at 925-439-1014 for more information.

## *Silver & Gold Activities*

**Saturday, September 9 at 9:00:** A docent guided leisurely and informative walk on the historical registered Antioch Sand Dunes off Fulton Shipyard Road by the river. Check out the Delta, what the dunes like in Antioch's history and unique "inhabitants" on the shores of the river. Call Don for information and reservation @ 925-757-9529

## *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**

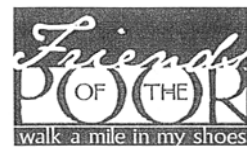
**At St. Paul Catholic Church**

**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](http://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

A friend of mine described the period of time when one is in the seventies in this way: Your children are grown and married. They don't want or need your advice. All one can do is, "Cook food and wash dishes." In doing this, the grandmother/father is providing a stable and gracious space for family in a hectic world of rapidization and technology. This reminded me of the Buddhist admonition, "When you chop wood, chop wood. When you carry water, carry water." In other words, be present to the moment, whatever tasks you have. Whatever labor we are involved in, we must do it wholeheartedly.

I am also reminded of "The Guest House" by the Afghan poet Rumi in the thirteenth century:

"This being human is a guest house, every morning a new arrival.

A joy, a depression, a meanness, some momentary awareness comes

As an unexpected visitor.

Welcome and entertain them all....

The time of elder years has many lessons, but they are not the lessons of a younger time when energy was plentiful and multitasking was a juggling act toward some goal. The time of elder years is a blessing. It is time to go within and prepare a place for the Lord to dwell with you. It is a time of silence and aloneness. It is a time of change. One's body does not respond like it used to and one's environment is often unrecognizable. The child-rearing is done and we can be present to the emptiness. The world is certainly not the world we grew up in. We bring with wisdom of an elder to the changes.

We are faced with a choice of how to bear these new lessons. Do we spend time in nostalgia wishing for what was, or do we face the future with courage and openness. Do we sit back and bemoan how things used to be or trust that Christ, the Omega, will show us the way into the future.

It is a time to clean out papers and books, pictures and file cabinets. It is a time to empty-out all the mistakes of the past, to make amends, and open our hearts to forgiveness.

Even if they are a crowd of sorrows

Who violently sweep your house,

Empty of its furniture,

Still treat each guest honorably.

He may be clearing you out

For some new delight.

The dark thought, the shame, the malice,

Meet them at the door laughing,

And invite them in.

Be grateful for whoever comes

Because each has been sent

As a guide from the Beyond.

**Parish Perspective**

By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

*Blown Away*

If I wasn't there I would not have believed it! The second annual Cabaret was, in the parlance of show biz, "Off the Charts!" This wasn't just a thrown together talent show, or a "give it your best shot, kid" kind of affair, nor was it as Kirby McNesby (the evening's M.C.) described the first Cabaret show; "a big Karaoke." This was a performance of the highest caliber. It had production values such as we had never seen before. There was a multitude of microphones for performers, hand held instruments, and even microphones on extensions reaching to the heights of the shining organ pipes. There was a lighting technician seated on a raised platform at the back of the church who applied colored lights and a baby spotlight in the most artful way. Most of all was the way in which we were blown-away by the stunning performances given by the vocalists.

We have all heard our choir members singing at Mass. We know what their voices sound like when they sing hymns and Psalms, but few of us know what they are capable of vocalizing in another musical genre. This hit home when Cheryna Wright sang *Broken Wing*. What a powerhouse of vocal talent! A thrilling voice unheard by the majority of church-goers until that night. Chip Sharpe sang two folk-style songs of men and sailing ships on the sea. Cecille Mirano showcased her operatic voice and her artful manner of emoting extreme feeling with her rendition of *Don't Cry for Me Argentina* from *Evita*, as well as Megan McNesby singing beautifully *She Used To Be Mine* from *Waitress*. Many in the audience sang along with, but could not match the beautiful phrases of, Maryann Peddicord as she sweetly yet strongly sang *Blue Bayou*. A show stopper was Gino Ramos' *It Must Be Him*. Here was acting, comedy, and vocal musicianship all rolled into one. This was total dedication to performance medium and it showed most splendidly! A special guest appearance by "Elvis" generated more laughs and appreciation for Kirby's vocal range of musical styles. Paul Riofski sang *Down "N" Outer* and here was a song worthy of his talents as I have never heard him sound better. Heading into the home-stretch, we were treated with Alicia Perez sing *Big Spender* with her husband, Jose, sitting front and center. During the song, she wrapped her feather boa around Jose's neck and seductively let it slink around as she pulled away. I swear I could see Jose blush red in the shallow darkness (and he's married to her!).

All of the performers offered invaluable pleasure to the listeners that evening. There isn't enough ink or space to tell how much we love them; for their performances and for how they are such a crucial part of our Church and spiritual lives. Bravo and Brava to all.

## 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](http://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

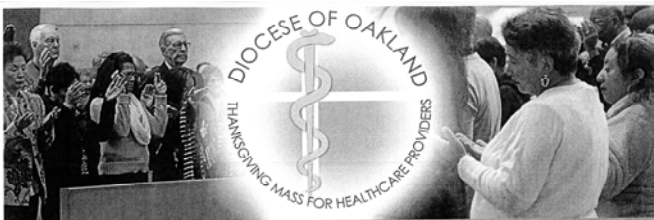
45 John Glenn Drive, Concord, CA

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. 9<sup>th</sup>.

Go to [www.magnificat-ministry.net](http://www.magnificat-ministry.net) for more information about our guest and tickets or call Jennifer at 503 709 8449 for reservations.



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Thank & honor those in physical, mental & spiritual healthcare professions.

Saturday, September 30, 2017

Mass: 10:00 am Mass

Celebrant: Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ

Reception: After Mass

The Cathedral of Christ the Light

2121 Harrison St., Oakland, CA 94612



We encourage all who provide healthcare services, direct and administrative, to attend this multicultural Mass, as we celebrate your energy, dedication & generosity.



For more information:

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Details, updates, & invitations at [oakdiocese.org/BlessingHealers](http://oakdiocese.org/BlessingHealers)

# Grand Raffle



Cash out value on the trip is \$5000

- 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.

## *Building Presentation Announcement from Steve Rojek*

I am following up on the letter that Fr. Robert wrote in the bulletin recently regarding the history and the current status of our Building Expansion. He reminded us of our dream in 2011 of a Parish Center, with classroom, offices, and a Great Hall. The estimated cost at that time was about 3.5 million dollars. We had a Capital Campaign and were able to raise about one million dollars. That put us a little short, so we adjusted our dream to a hall only, but due to several factors, including the recovery of the economy, the price tag was still somewhere around 3.5 million.

And so, we faced reality, and as was explained during the Town Hall meetings earlier this year, the goal was adjusted again. After analyzing what we really need, the decision is to get done what we can with the money we have.

The Reader's Digest version is this, in consultation with an architectural firm that has done church construction, and another firm that specializes in commercial kitchens, both of whom have done work in this Diocese, and with the knowledge of how much we can spend, we know from them that we can expand and update our kitchen, replacing most of the appliances, and expand the hall to seat 200 comfortably, and get cozy with up to 240. Please be aware that no funds from the parish or the Building Fund were spent on these consultants. A generous donor has been covering these costs.

We have consulted with the Diocese and have been advised to make a good faith effort to inform those who pledged and contributed to the Capital Campaign, and you then sign off that you are aware and approve of this. And so, for the next 3 weekends there will be tables and clipboards with papers that look like petitions out in the Gathering Plaza with some friendly folks at the tables to get your signatures. We would greatly appreciate your help and cooperation with this. After the 3 weekends, we will then make efforts to contact through the mail those we don't have signatures for.

A couple of other items I would like to cover – we do not have architectural drawings or scale models of what the expansion will look like. The eventual plans will depend on what we can do with the money we have. Nothing is final until all the pieces are in place. As Fr. Robert explained in his letter, we will have to jump through some fiery hoops that include the Diocese and the City. Our experience tells us that, without a doubt, there will be surprises that will increase our costs. One good thing that needs to be announced, the Diocese has given us a dispensation regarding the payoff of the parking lot loan. Due to Fr. Robert's diligence and the great support of the parishioners, and paying down the loan at \$5000 a month, we are being allowed to pursue this project without having to first pay off the balance of the parking lot loan. We still have to continue to make our monthly payments, but the Diocese is bypassing their usual requirement.

You will continue to see routine maintenance work going on, and from time to time, some special capital projects that are needed to keep our facility up to date and efficient. It's just like your car, regular maintenance is important, and from time to time, we get to spend money on parts that are needed.

Secondly, in order to keep rumors and "Fake News" to a minimum, I will be the spokesperson for this phase of the project. The Parish Staff has been instructed to direct any questions that you may have to me.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support. With God's help we will see the fruits of all of our efforts.