

# St. Ignatius of Antioch

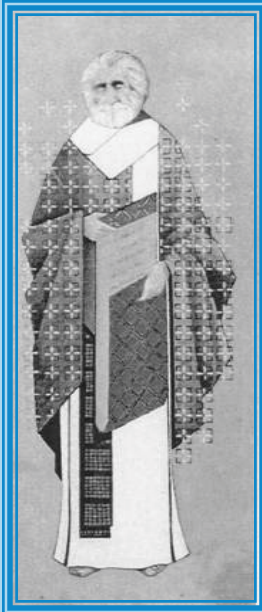
September 17, 2017– Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.



September 17, 2017  
24th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

Forgive your neighbor's injustice;  
then when you pray, your own sins  
will be forgiven.

— Sirach 28:2

### 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.” —Matthew 6:21

### Stewardship of Treasure

Our goal for weekly plate collections is: \$12,500.00

#### Weekend Offering for September 2-3

Weekend Offering.....\$8,731.00

Second Collection (Parking Lot Loan).....\$4,127.11

# Looking Ahead

**Oktoberfest** will be coming up soon...on October 7th following the 5 pm Liturgy in the parish hall. Lots of food, fun, and prizes! More information to follow next week.

**October 10, 17 & 24:** Fr. Tom's series in celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. See page 6 for more information.

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:

**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 17

- 8 am & 10:00 am Liturgies
- Grand Raffle Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza
- Catechist Commissioning - both Liturgies
- Sock Drive Donations
- Oktoberfest Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza
- Confirmation I & II Students/Parents - 12 to 1:15 pm - Parish Hall

#### Monday, September 18

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- RCIA Meets - 7 to 8:30 pm - Office

#### Tuesday, September 19

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- Parent Formation Meets - 7 to 8:30 - Parish Hall

#### Wednesday, September 20

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- Hula Class - 9:15 to 10:15 am - Parish Hall
- RCIC Meets - 6 to 7:15 pm - Office
- Hula Class - 7:30 pm - Parish Hall

#### Thursday, September 21

- 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
- Finance Council Meets - 11 am to noon
- Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 to 9 pm - Church

#### Friday, September 22

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

#### Saturday, September 23

- Vigil - 5 pm
- Grand Raffle Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza
- Oktoberfest Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza

#### Sunday, September 24

- 8 am & 10:00 am Liturgies
- San Lorenzo Ruiz Commemoration - 10 am – Liturgy - Reception to follow - Parish Hall
- Grand Raffle Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza
- Oktoberfest Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza
- Confirmation I & II - 12 to 1:15 pm - Parish Hall

**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 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17
<b>Wednesday</b>	1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35
<b>Thursday</b>	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
<b>Friday</b>	1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3
<b>Saturday</b>	1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15
<b>Sunday</b>	Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

**Lay Ministers—Week of Sept. 23rd & 24th**

**5 pm: Lectors** – Sue Batterton, Mila Elingwood; **Head Cup** – Pam Confetti; **Head Host** – David Simpson; **Host** – Sharon Simpson, Nancy DiMaggio; **Cup** – Rhoda Herrera, Christoph Holl, Tim Cox; **Servers** - Nathan Skrdlant, Gabriel Skrdlant

**8 am: Lectors** – Pat Kramer, Kathleen Hayakawa; **Head Cup** - Crispina Malonosan; **Head Host** – Vianney Mendoza; **Host** – Theresa Stanek, Rick Howell, Sue Howell, Frank Kauer; **Cup** - Stan Stanek, Monika Kauer, Jenawati Kwa, Samantha Peralto, Nick Suarez; **Server** - Isaiah Laxamana, Chauncey Lewis

**10:00 am: Lectors** – Rey Dollete, Sr., Cecille Mirano, **Head Cup** – Dilcia Aparicio; **Head Host** – Rose Necor; **Host** – Amante Asuncion, Noel Fortez, Charlie Mirano, Rhoda Herrera; **Cup** – Gloria Asuncion, Carol Dollete, Nancy Santos, Estrella Rusk, Sheila Fortez, **Servers** – Jean Paul Fortez, Noah Mirano, Jacob Mirano

Fr. Robert Presiding & Preaching

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

<b>Sat. 5:00 pm</b>	Gary & Diane Hack
<b>Sun. 8:00 am</b>	Vera Ugarte †
<b>Sun. 10:00 am</b>	Joel Rusk †
<b>Mon. 8:00 am</b>	Fara Costanza †
<b>Tues. 8:00 am</b>	Our Parish Family
<b>Wed. 8:00 am</b>	Aquino Family
<b>Thur. 8:00 am</b>	All Priests & Deacons
<b>Fri. 8:00 am</b>	Moundo & Elizabeth Eli †

**Rest in Peace**

Please pray for the souls of **Fr. Pearse Timoney and Joe Mackey**. 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:

- Canned Peaches - 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)

## *San Damiano Retreat*

San Damiano Retreat has special events in

*September and October*

**September 17, 4 pm:** Join San Damiano for their annual auction and enjoy a delicious luau meal and entertainment. Tickets are available at [www.sandamiano.org](http://www.sandamiano.org) or call 925-837-9140, Ext. 315. Cost is \$75 per person.

**September 28;** Labyrinth Retreat at San Damiano. A labyrinth is a geometrically designed walking path leading to and from a central point. Dorothy Charbonneau will be your mediation and prayer guide. Cost is \$40 and includes lunch. Please register at [www.sandamiano.org](http://www.sandamiano.org) or call 925-837-9141, Ext. 315.

**September 29 - October 1;** "What is yours to Do?". San Damiano invites you to discern your soul's work during this special Franciscan spirituality retreat. Led by Anne and Terry Symens-Bucher, with music by Jesse Manibusan. Please register at [www.sandamiano.org](http://www.sandamiano.org) or call 925-837-9141, Ext. 315.



## *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.

## *Marriage Preparation Program*

The next Marriage Preparation Session is scheduled for Saturday, October 7th - 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**

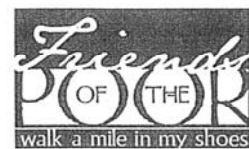
**At St. Paul Catholic Church**

**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](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

These are uncertain times. Uncertainty brings about fear. Will I be able to take care of my family? Have I done enough to help my neighbor? Are we prepared for catastrophes? Will I have enough money to send my kids to college? Am I good enough? These and many other questions keep us up at night. Fears paralyze us into inaction. They eat away at our capacity to trust.

I am recommending a book to help us with our fears called *Freedom from Fear* by Francis Vanderwall. The author suggests that the way to transcend fear is through re-encountering the teachings of Jesus in His parables. In the five chapters, the author deals with fear of God, guilt and shame, fear of people, fear of loneliness and fear of things. Each chapter has prayer exercises to help us reflect on our fears.

The first chapter deals with false images of God from our childhood. If one's childhood was exacerbated by over strict parents, or religious leaders who over emphasized our unworthiness and God's terrible judgment, we tend to place these qualities on God. We see Him as a stern judge who is going to punish me for my sins. But that is not the "Abba" that Jesus recognized as His Father.

The second chapter addresses the emotional consequences of fear. "Unhealthy guilt generates a particular form of anxiety and hence a form of fear--a fear of being found out, caught and punished." But, true guilt has to do with sorrow for fracturing a relationship. If we seek forgiveness from the God who is love, who wants to reconcile with us, who embraces us, we can let go of neurotic guilt that centers on ourselves and not on healing. Shame, too, deals with feelings which tell us we are no good and plays down what we have to contribute in our adult interactions. God is not hounding us with low self esteem. Those feelings come from interactions with authority as children. As adults familiar with the Gospel, we have to rethink these feelings in the light of Jesus' response to the "sinners" of his time. He sought out sinners and forgave them completely. "Forgive each other from your heart" the Gospel says. That certainly includes forgiving ourselves.

The next chapter deals with fear of "the Other", or prejudice. We have said much about this in previous columns. The fourth chapter deals with loneliness, something we all experience, particularly as we grow older and experience the deaths of loved ones, isolation from things that are familiar, and the ignorance of this culture that does not respect with wisdom of elders. Humans are social beings and feel separation from others when we are ignored.

The last chapter deals with reducing whatever other fears we have in our lives: depression, anxiety, illness, etc. He advises us to look it straight in the eye and bring Jesus into the picture. In Him fears are not removed, but transcended through love.

Francis Vanderwall is a spiritual director and retreat master living in Baton Rouge, LA. His book is available on Amazon: *Freedom from Fear*, Acadian House Publishing, Lafayette, LA, 1999. The material here is used with the author's permission.

## Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

### *How Sloppy Can You Get?*

For most of the country, Labor Day marks the end of the summer season. Here in California, it takes us to mid-October to see any real changes in temperatures and weather patterns, i.e. rain. To shrug-off the heat of Labor Day my wife and I decided to buy tickets for the Faith Formation Bingo & Lunch event.

Arriving just after 11:00 am when the doors opened, we were able to find some choice seats fairly close to the large screen TV that posts the numbers "called" by the computer at random. At the end of our row of tables was seated Dorothy Lamendola and her close friend Pat. I rose from my seat, slid my chair in and explained to my wife that I was going to say "hello" to Dorothy. By that time a patroness of the bingo arts had headed down the aisle between the tables. I kissed my wife and headed toward Dorothy and Pat. I greeted each lady with a holy kiss (as is our custom) and asked how they were. The patroness paused briefly surveying the situation and asked inquisitively, "Who is this, the Kissing Bandit?" Dorothy and Pat laughed a little. I stood there, mouth partially opened, not knowing how to respond. Maybe I should have offered to kiss her too!

Soon it was time to eat and Steve Rojek announced the procedures for lining up for the "Sloppy Joe" sandwiches, chips, watermelon, cookies, and soft drinks. Nothing is more frightening than uncontrolled Bingo players stampeding to the food service tables (I know, I was there for the great stampede of '05). I neatly pulled the bag of chips open and poured them onto the paper plate, smartly snapped the can of diet Pepsi open, and had my fork at the ready to attack the watermelon. I reached for the Sloppy Joe and stopped cold in my tracks! "How in the world am I going to do this?" The elongated sandwich roll oozed the Sloppy Joe concoction in every direction. The smell, texture, and deep rich color all begged me to take it up and eat. I made four failed attempts to even pick it up, let alone eat it. I turned and asked, "How do you eat this thing without having it all spill-out at once?" "Just give it a try" was the encouraging reply I got. I took a deep breath slid my fingers over, around, and under it and brought it to my mouth. I could feel the warm spiced meat and sauce dripping down my fingers and chin onto the plate. Yep, half to three quarters of it was now swimming on my plate and a few mini-meatball sized pieces remained in the grasp of my roll. I raised the white flag and surrendered to the fate of eating the rest with my fork.

After pondering the cosmic significance of the existence of Sloppy Joes and finding no rational reason for their being; I asked my wife, "WHY?" She in her infinite wisdom answered, "Because they're fun!" O.K., now that 24 hrs. have passed and we're not having Sloppy Joes for lunch or dinner; yeh, I admit, it was fun.

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

**FEAST OF SAN LORENZO RUIZ DE MANILA  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2017**

10 AM Eucharist  
ST. IGNATIUS of ANTIOCH CHURCH  
Presider: Father Robert Rien, Pastor  
Reception Follows in the Parish Hall



“If I have a thousand lives... I will still give them all to God”.

For our Filipino brothers and sisters, if possible, please wear traditional Filipino attire.

For more information and for food and other donations for the Reception, please contact the ff:

Cecille Mirano – (925) 451-1613  
Charlie Mirano – (925) 487-1062  
Nancy Santos – (925) 628-4046



blessing healers • building community

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.

**Winter Nights Shelter opens Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>. If you can help supply any of the below items, please bring them to the Church Office marked “Winter Nights”:**

**Wish list:** Tents, (10 x 10, 14 x 8, 9 x 7) new or gently used, flash lights, batteries, automobiles, gas, BART and bus cards, packing or duct tape, industrial dispenser for packing tape, sleeping bags, umbrella strollers ( single & double), towels, pillows, twin size plastic mattress covers - non zipper, twin-size fitted single sheets, Target/Walmart cards, movies gift certificates, disinfectant wipes, and wardrobe boxes.

Thank you so much for all of your continued support of this very important ministry to those who are less fortunate.

**Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale**



The School of St. Peter Martyr's 8th grade class will hold a Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale Sunday, October 8th, at Good Shepherd Church Hall, from 7:30 am - 12:00 noon. Proceeds benefit class activities. Please stop by and support the class.

Price: Adults - \$7.00 and Children - \$5.00