

# St. Ignatius of Antioch

November 19, 2017– Thirty-Third 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: **4 pm (New Time)**  
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, **2:45 to 3:30 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.



**November 19, 2017**  
**33rd Sunday in**  
**Ordinary Time**

*Blessed are you who fear the*  
*LORD.*

*— Psalm 128:1a*

## **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 November 4-5**

**Weekend Offering.....\$11,284.00**

**Second Collection (Parking Lot Loan).....\$4,551.90**

# **Looking Ahead**

**YLI Comfort Bags Drive** - bring in all your unopened travel size shampoo, conditioner, soaps, etc. More information to follow next week.

**November 25:** Breakfast with Santa (see page 4 for info).

**December 2:** St. Nicholas Dinner will take place at 5:30 p.m. See page 7 of the bulletin for all additional information.

**December 8:** Immaculate Conception - Holy Day of Obligation - Masses at 8am, 12 noon & 7:30 pm

**December 15:** Brentwood Community Chorus Christmas Concert at 7:30 p.m. with a reception following in the Parish Hall. All are welcome!

### **Ongoing:**

**Tuesdays:** 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

## **Schedule of Events**

### **Sunday, November 19**

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Confirmation I & II meet - 12 to 1:15pm - Church
- Thanksgiving Basket Collection - both liturgies
- Second Collection - Campaign for Human Development
- Holly Faire Boutique - Parish Hall
- St. Nicholas Tickets on sale - after both liturgies

### **Monday, November 20**

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- SPRED Catechist Prep - 4:30 to 6 pm - Parish Hall
- RCIA meets - 7 to 8:30 pm - Parish Office
- Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 pm to 9 pm - Church

### **Tuesday, November 21**

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- Hula Class - 9:15 to 10:15 am - Parish Hall
- Finance Council Meeting - 7:30 to 9 pm - Office

### **Wednesday, November 22**

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am with Novena following - Church

### **Thursday, November 23 -Thanksgiving - Office Closed**

- 9 am Liturgy

### **Friday, November 24 - Office Closed**

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

### **Saturday, November 25**

- Breakfast With Santa - 9am to 12 Noon - Parish Hall
- Vigil - 4 pm

### **Sunday, November 26 - Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe**

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Family Gathering - (Parents & Children) - Advent Wreath Making - Parish Hall

**Pray for the Sick**

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

Angelina Alphonso	Dorothy	Kim Tank
Rocco Battaglia	Robin Goncalves	Peter Villalpando
Rosita Bonayon	Linda Morrison	Theresa Weathers
Tom Bresciani	Tylor Rideau	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 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43
<b>Tuesday</b>	2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10
<b>Wednesday</b>	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28
<b>Thursday</b>	1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44
<b>Friday</b>	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48
<b>Saturday</b>	1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40
<b>Sunday</b>	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

**Lay Ministers—Week of Nov 25th & Nov 26th**

**4 pm: Lectors** – Joe Salvador, Carmen Garces; **Head Cup** – Melodye Costanza; **Head Host** – Sharon Simpson; **Host** – Fran Barbanica, Bill Barbanica; **Cup** – David Simpson, Pam Confetti, Rhoda Herrera; **Servers** - Nathan Skrdlant, Gabriel Skrdlant

**8 am: Lectors** – Peter Degl’Innocenti, Samantha Peralto; **Head Cup** - Sue Howell; **Head Host** – Jeannine Ford; **Host** – Rick Howell, Jeanne Reilly, Tim Cox, Diane Hack; **Cup** - Frank Kauer, Monika Kauer, Jenawati Kwa, Crispina Malonosan, Vianney Mendoza; **Server** - Chauncey Lewis, Aizaiah Laxamana

**10 am: Lectors** – Alicia Solano, Robert Solano; **Head Cup** – Gloria Olvera; **Head Host** – Dilcia Aparicio; **Host** – Reyna Garcia, Cecelia Kennedy, Ed Cissell, Yvette Young; **Cup** – Al Necor, Lee Oliver, Sharon Cissell, Harlan Young, Cory Cook; **Servers** – William Necor, Alessandra Necor

Fr. Robert Presiding and Preaching

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

<b>Sat. 4:00 pm</b>	Mike Ambrosini †
<b>Sun. 8:00 am</b>	Evan Mendoza Bicomong
<b>Sun. 10:00 am</b>	Joel Rusk †
<b>Mon. 8:00 am</b>	Fara Costanza †
<b>Tues. 8:00 am</b>	All Priests & Deacons
<b>Wed. 8:00 am</b>	William Michael Joyce †
<b>Thur. 8:00 am</b>	Our Parish Family
<b>Fri. 8:00 am</b>	All First Responders

**Rest in Peace**

Please pray for the souls of **Joseph Stralovich and those killed in the shooting last weekend at the Baptist Church in Texas.** 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 Tuna - 5 oz.**
- Canned Peaches - 15 oz can**
- Chicken Noodle Soup - 10. 5 oz.**

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)

### *Breakfast with Santa - Hawaiian Style*



Saturday, November 25th  
9:00 AM – 12 Noon  
Pancakes - Sausage – Juice – Milk –  
Coffee  
Pictures with Santa

Breakfast & Picture with Santa  
\$5 per person

St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish Hall

### *Adult Confirmation Classes*

All those seeking the benefits of the sacrament of Confirmation who are already baptized and will be 18 years of age or older on January 13th, are urged to call Pastoral Associate, Peter Degl'Innocenti, immediately at (925) 756-6172. Four classes will be given on Tuesday nights starting December 19th at 7:30 pm in the Parish Office. Confirmation will be held on January 13th at the Cathedral of Christ the Light at 10:00 am. Registration deadline is December 22nd. Call now!

### *Most Holy Rosary School*

Holy Rosary School is now Accepting Applications for grades Pre-K through 8th grade for the School Year 2018-2019.

Holy Rosary also offers Pre-School Learning Center for 2 & 3 year olds.

Application packets are available for pick up at the school office, or visit the website at [www.holyrosarycatholicschool.org](http://www.holyrosarycatholicschool.org). For questions or to schedule a tour: Call 925-757-1270.

### *St. Joseph Missals Have Arrived*

If you would like to purchase a St. Joseph Missal for the new liturgical year through the parish, please contact the parish office at (925) 778-0768. The cost is \$4.00.

### *Shelter Inc.—Contra Costa*

*Help needed to provide, cook and serve dinner at Mountain View Emergency Family Shelter.*

Volunteers are needed to provide and serve dinner for homeless families living at this emergency shelter in Martinez. By providing a meal, you're providing a family dining experience while ensuring no one goes hungry. Your participation and support is greatly appreciated.

Location: 1391 Shell Avenue, Martinez, CA (entrance is on Orchard Avenue).

For more information or questions about volunteering, please contact Stephanie Harrison at (925) 228-6920 or at [StephanieH@shelterinc.org](mailto:StephanieH@shelterinc.org).

### *Christmas Cocktail Party*



Hosted by Joe and Theresa Nelms' from 4:00 to 8:00 pm at their lovely home in Clayton on Sunday, December 10th. This was one of the fundraising items at the Gala Dinner, and the Nelms' wanted to open it up to everyone. Come and tour

their beautifully decorated home in the Christmas spirit and see how each room has its own theme and tree! The cost is \$50.00 per person or \$100 per couple. The proceeds benefit our Parish Operating Account. Space is limited, so please call the Parish Office for reservations and directions. You won't want to miss this holiday extravaganza!

### *Worldwide Marriage Encounter*

"When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls." Spouses, find value in one another by enjoying a World Wide Marriage Encounter (WWWME) weekend. Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are held at **San Damiano Retreat Center**, Danville on January 12-14th or May 18th-20th. Space is VERY limited! Early registration is highly recommended. For more information contact Greg & Mary @ 925-754-1284 or Joe & Sue @ 925-680-7767 now or go to [oaklandwwme.org](http://oaklandwwme.org).

*Justice Corner*

By Carolyn Krantz...Pastoral Associate

Today's Epistle again admonishes us with a hint of the Advent theme to come. "Stay alert and be sober." Stay awake, be watchful. Being sober here does not mean staying away from "one too many" at a party, but rather an exhortation to moral vigilance. Look for the Light and remain in the Light. If the third servant in the Gospel had looked for the Light rather than operated out of fear, he would have done something with his "talent," not buried it in the ground.

Each of us is born with "talents" or gifts that God has given to build up the kingdom. We have been given the ability to think, to plan for the future, to dream of a world that is filled with Light rather than darkness. It is hard to focus on the Light in the midst of the darkness that surrounds us.

These latter months of 2017 have had much darkness and I don't just mean the clouds of a couple of rainy days: Hurricanes in Houston, Louisiana and Florida, fires that have displaced 4700 families from their homes, a president that threatens to destroy all the people of North Korea, a tax proposal that "overwhelmingly provides the greatest benefits to wealthy households and large corporations"\* and puts the country in more debt with reductions in Medicare and other poverty programs. How do we maintain a moral vigilance in the midst of today's news telling us of terror attacks, bombings and even homicides here in Antioch?

One thing that the Scriptures assure us of is that the Master will return and take evil doers into account. He will cast them outside into the darkness where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth. But that seems little consolation for the present. Our moral vigilance is being tested. Are we able to focus on the Light in the midst of the darkness? Only we can train our consciousness to do that. We have the brightness of the dawn and the song of the birds to remind us that the Light is coming.

In the meantime, that hope does not excuse us from taking part in efforts to bring the Light of Christ into our everyday world. God placed us here in this time because we have the talent to do something to make a difference. We as a church in East County have focused on immediate, helping the poor in our area, supporting the police and fire departments that provide safety, and helping veterans in the "Stand Down" efforts, etc. But our "moral vigilance" must also include bringing Light to the systemic darkness that pervades our era.

Here are some suggestions:

1. Write or call your Congress persons expressing your views.
2. Attend Town Hall, City Council and Education meetings when topics are on the agenda that you wish to speak about.
3. Research the areas that concern you to stay informed.
4. Choose to live simply and teach your children to do likewise. Be always thankful for the life you have been given.
5. Examine your life in the light of Pope Francis' *Laudato Si* and live respecting our "common home."

See [catholicclimatecovenant.org](http://catholicclimatecovenant.org) for more information.

\*[cabudgetandpolicy.org](http://cabudgetandpolicy.org)

*Parish Perspective*

By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

*Back in the Saddle Again*

As most of you may know, I'm back from vacation. It's good to be writing the *Perspective* again, in real time. I hope all the "Best Of" articles tickled your fancy and inspired you to full participation in parish events.

The event I missed participating in the most was, of course, the Apple Hill trip. I heard from various people fortunate enough to go on the excursion that a scant, dozen or so people, went. Those who did go reported having a wonderful time. The only complaint was that there just wasn't enough time to take-in all the sites, smells, and tastes of what was available. Whether you enjoy a nice piping hot slice of apple pie on a cold winter's day or would rather warm yourself with a smooth mellow cabernet sauvignon swirled in a wineglass, obtaining these sensual products of God's good earth from the church trip to Apple Hill is the best way to procure them.

I also heard, through the grape vine, that the annual gala and parish festival were great successes. These are truly fun, entertaining, and financially critical events that deserve our most considered participation. They are the lifeline that holds the parish together and keeps our financial ledger "in the black" until the peak of the holiday season and holy days arrive.

Now, Thanksgiving is rapidly approaching. Luckily my dutiful wife has been, little-by-little, adding the items listed for the Thanksgiving Baskets for the poor to her shopping cart over the past few weeks. Now all that remains is to buy the perishable items and decorate a box to put them in. We would really like to see a record number of boxes donated, well beyond the 200 mark of last year. It can be done if **you** do it.

Some of you may be wondering "Where did he disappear to in the middle of October?" Granted it's not a typical vacation month, but it did coincide with the historical aspect of our trip to Tombstone Arizona. Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> marks the anniversary date of the famous shoot-out at the OK Corral. It was a combination of weather in the mid 80's, late 1880's western co splay, museum and history tour, gasoline at \$2.29 a gallon, and being able to stroll through town with a loaded .45 on your hip. It was almost like traveling through time. But, it's good to be back both temporally and physically. Now it's time for another sarsaparilla.

## Mobile Mall Ministry

Next Distribution Date is:  
**Saturday, December 2nd- 10am to 12 noon**

**Fremont Elementary School**

*Come and shop at no cost to you. Large selection of clothing, shoes, blankets, table linens, coats, jackets, etc. are all available.*

*Everyone is welcome and everything is free. For more information call Barbara at 925-706-2802.*

*Please look for future dates and locations coming soon.*



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# Holly Faire Boutique

**THIS WEEKEND!!**

November 18 & 19  
 In the Parish Hall after all weekend liturgies!

**Wonderful handcrafted items -  
 delicious homemade goodies -  
 unique gift ideas.**

**Proceeds benefit our Parish.**



**THE BRENTWOOD  
 COMMUNITY CHORUS**

*With  
 The Celebration Ringers Handbell Choir*

*Presents*

**THE SEASON OF SONG**

**Friday, December 15, 2017  
 7:30 p.m.**

**ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH  
 CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Free Will offering  
 Reception to follow



Preparations are being made for the annual Spirit of Giving Program. Anyone interested in helping families and individuals in need at Pleasant Hill, Concord,

Pittsburg/Bay Point, and other sites, please contact CCIH. Profiles of each family or individual will be provided, along with a wish list and guidelines on how to help. The clients are matched up with each donor to ensure that each resident receives something special for the holidays. Anonymity will need to be preserved in order to protect confidentiality. Please contact Gloria Bertolozzi at:

[gloria@ccinterfaithhousing.org](mailto:gloria@ccinterfaithhousing.org)





**12th Annual  
St. Nicholas Dinner  
“O’ CHRISTMAS TREE”**

**Saturday Evening  
December 2, 2017**

**5:30 PM**

**\$35.00**

**St. Ignatius of Antioch  
Parish Hall**

**Adults Only Event**

**Menu:**

**Appetizers with Champagne**

**Winter Salad**

**Barbecue Tri Tip &**

**Chicken Breast**

**Savory String beans**

**Rice ala Fara**

**Bread and Butter**

**Dessert**

**This event is sponsored by the  
St. Ignatius of Antioch  
Social Events Committee  
with our Knights of Columbus**



**Don't forget  
to bring  
your bells to  
welcome  
St. Nicholas!**