

St. Ignatius of Antioch

March 4, 2018 – Third Sunday of Lent

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Let Water Flow to the People

Father of all the nations,
in the desert, your servant Moses
struck the rock,
and water flowed for the people.
At the well, Jesus talked to a woman,
who led many to believe in him.
Like her, we long for your living water.
Fill our empty buckets so that we can
give a drink
to the thirsty we meet today.
Refresh our minds and move us
to bring others to your Son.
Lead us again to the paschal waters
of faith
that bring forgiveness and peace.
We ask this through our Lord
Jesus Christ,
your Son, who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. Amen.

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
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.



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*I, the LORD, am your God . . .
You shall not have other gods besides
me.*

— Exodus 20:2a, 3

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 February 17-18

Weekend Offering.....\$11,029.00

Ash Wednesday Collection.....\$2,349.00

Looking Ahead

March 7 & April 4: Grains of Wheat women’s prayer group and scripture reading according to the Liturgical season. See page 6 for more information.

March 9, 16 & 23: Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Fridays. See page 7 for details and coupon.

March 11: Daylight Savings Time begins...spring forward!

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 am. - Parish Hall. Call the Faith Formation office for more details (778-1631).

Schedule of Events

Sunday, March 4

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Birthday Blessing
- YLI Attending 10 am Liturgy
- First Scrutiny - Presentation of the Creed - 10 am
- Second Collection for the Parking Lot

Monday, March 5

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

Tuesday, March 6

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- Hula Class - 9:15 to 10:15 am - Church
- Art & Environment Committee Meets - 10 to 10:30 am - Parish Hall
- Liturgy Committee Meets - 10:30 to 11:30 am - Parish Hall
- Parent Formation - 6 to 7:15 pm Parish Hall
- Hula Class - 7:30 to 9 pm - Parish Hall

Wednesday, March 7

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am, Novena following
- Grains of Wheat Prayer Group - 9:15 to 11 am - Parish Hall
- RCIC & Sacraments Class - 6 to 7:15 pm - Parish Hall

Thursday, March 8

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) - 8:45 to 10:30 am - Parish Hall
- Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 pm to 9 pm – Church

Friday, March 9

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- Knights of Columbus Fish Fry - 4:30 to 7 pm - Parish Hall

Saturday, March 10

- 4 pm Liturgy
- Second Collection for Catholic Relief Services

Sunday, March 11 - Daylight Savings Time Begins

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Second Scrutiny - 10 am
- Second Collection for Catholic Relief Services
- Confirmation I & II Class - 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	Robin Goncalves	Tylor Rideau
Rosita Bonayon	Avelina Gordovez	Kim Tank
Tom Bresciani	Linda Morrison	Peter Villalpando
Gavin Cano	Judy Quicho	Theresa Weathers
Nimfa Carnes	Jose Guillermino Ramos	Guy Worth
Dorothy	Mike Ricker	

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	2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday	Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

Lay Ministers—Week of Mar 10th & 11th

4 pm: Lectors – Melodye Costanza, Sue Batterton; **Head Cup** – Pam Confetti; **Head Host** – Marla Plurkowski; **Host** – Bernice Campbell, Nancy DiMaggio; **Cup** – Christoph Holl, Rhoda Herrera, Jessie Okon

8 am: Lectors – Angela Bueno, Tim Cox; **Head Cup** - Vianney Mendoza; **Head Host** - Crispina Malonosan; **Host** – Rick Howell, MaryJo Keister, Jenawati Kwa, Romeo Quiambao; **Cup** - Sue Howell, Samantha Peralto, Frank Kauer, Monika Kauer, Edith Quiambao; **Server** - Chauncey Lewis, Aizaiah Laxamana

10 am: Lectors – Rey Dollete, Sr., Tina Costanza; **Head Cup** – Dilcia Aparicio; **Head Host** – Reyna Garcia; **Host** – Angelina Guieb-Alphonso, Nancy Santos, Helga Boardman, Noel Fortez; **Cup** – Carol Dollete, Sheila Fortez, Cecelia Kennedy, Al Necor, Gloria Olvera; **Servers** – Jacob Mirano, Jean Paul Fortez

4 pm - Fr. Robert Presiding and Preaching
8 am & 10 am - Fr. Richard Presiding, Fr. Robert Preaching

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. 4:00 pm	Joann D. Russo †
Sun. 8:00 am	Joseph Stralovich †
Sun. 10:00 am	Jesus Perez †
Mon. 8:00 am	Amiel Pagsuyuin †
Tues. 8:00 am	Our Parish Family
Wed. 8:00 am	Joe & Stella Duarte †
Thur. 8:00 am	Marian Favalora †
Fri. 8:00 am	All Priests & Deacons

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the soul of **Hildegarde Augustine**. 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:

- 2 lb. bag White Rice**
- Canned Tuna - 5 oz.**
- 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

Mobile Mall

Sorting - March 17th and April 7th from 9:00 am to 12 Noon - Holy Rosary Dominican Hall.

For more information about this ministry, please contact Dee Vergara at 753-1291.

*Heavy duty garbage bags are needed

Don't Give Up Chocolate For Lent

At Dynamic Catholic we are committed to developing world-class resources that inspire Catholics and their parishes to rediscover the genius of Catholicism.

What is Best Lent Ever?

It is a free email program that will guide you and your parish on an incredible 40-day journey to become the-best-version-of yourselves, making this a truly life-changing Lent.

How Does It Work?

1. You encourage everyone in your parish to sign up at **BestLentEver.Com/ParishSignUp**
2. Starting Ash Wednesday, participants receive daily emails with short inspirational videos, practical tips to incorporate into their everyday lives, and encouraging stories from Dynamic Catholic team members.
3. Throughout Lent, participants will discover how to open their hearts to God and do more than just give up chocolate for Lent.....leading to their best lent ever.

Catholic Daughters of America Bingo

Catholic Daughters of America Court 1450 invites you and your friends to come and join us for Bingo every first Tuesday of the month. Bingo is held at the parish hall of the Good Shepherd Catholic Church at 3200 Harbor Street, Pittsburg.

Buy in is \$12.00 which includes 2 cards and a delicious lunch with unlimited fruit punch, coffee and tea. Doors open at 10:30 am. CDA is a nonprofit national Catholic women's organization that supports national and local charities and projects.

Come and meet new friends at our next Bingo on **March 6th**. See you there!

Retrouvaille

Retrouvaille... A lifeline for marriages. Do you feel lost, frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Retrouvaille helps married couples heal and renew their marriages.

There are 10 sessions over five Saturdays: March 10, March 24, April 7, April 21 and May 5, 2018 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Register at **www.HelpOurMarriage.com** or contact Gus and Edda Rivera at (510) 709-6063

Retrouvaille provides marriage Help! You are not alone!

A Letter from Bishop Barber

Dear Fr. Robert:

MICHAEL C. BARBER, S.J.
BISHOP OF OAKLAND



I would like to thank you for sending me a copy of the Annual Pastoral and Financial Report for St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish for 2017. I am glad your parish is doing so well.

Please convey my blessings to your parish community and my sincere appreciation for their commitment and service to so many ministries in your parish.

With the assurance of my prayers and best wishes for a blessed Lenten Season. I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Michael Barber S.J.

The Most Reverend Michael C. Barber, SJ
Bishop of Oakland

Contra Costa Interfaith Housing

Seeking In-Kind Donations

- **DIAPERS** (regular) size 3, 4, 5 for families in our programs.
- Cleaning supplies for our Scattered Site/FISH clients (Comet; Windex, Simple Green, Buckets; mops; etc.) Incentive prizes for Homework Club. \$1-\$5 prizes for K-8th graders for doing excellent work during the week. This is your opportunity to clean out the birthday party leftover drawer from over the years.
- Raffle prizes for resident monthly community meeting (NEW items; \$5 - \$20 value).
- Paper products for after school snacks; printer paper for after school programming.
- Used, working Laptops for families with children in school; Wi-Fi ready. We have 2 families whose children stay afterschool to use the computers and work schedules will make this harder on the family.

For more information contact Gloria Bertolozzi at Gloria@ccinterfaithhousing.org

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." Let the Holy Spirit acknowledge and increase our love for our spouses by participating in a Worldwide Marriage encounter weekend held at **San Damiano Retreat Center**, Danville.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is May 18-20th or September 7-9th. Space is VERY limited Early registration 4 to 6 weeks ahead is highly recommended. Contact Greg & Mary @ 925-754-1284 or Joe & Sue @ 925-680-7767 now or go to oaklandwwme.org.

Justice Corner

By Carolyn Krantz...Pastoral Associate

Recently I read a book by Pulitzer Prize winner, Viet Thanh Nguyen called *The Refugees*. Its chapters portrayed various stories of refugee families and how hard it is to adjust to a new culture when they come to the United States. It seems that one cannot forget the values and dreams of the culture that was left. Yet one does not feel at home in the new culture either. Refugee families are always “displaced persons.” Anyone who has picked up and left the place of childhood and moved to a strange new place can identify with those feelings. Change and upheaval are always hard to integrate into one’s life. The Holy Family must have had some of these feelings when forced to flee to Egypt to escape Herod’s wrath.

At the end of the book the author writes a reflection on what it is to belong to a nation that has caused much of the refugee crisis. He points out that after the Korean War, we had an influx of Koreans. After the Vietnamese war, we had an influx of Vietnamese, Laotians, and Cambodians, the latter because we bombed them, too, although supposedly in secret. After the war in the Middle East we have an influx of Iraqis’, Afghans and now Syrians. Whoever we bomb comes to this country for refuge after years in refugee camps with little food, lost sense of belonging and post traumatic stress. The fate of these families is controlled by those who unleashed the bombs.

Catholic Charities reports that they have placed about 150 refugees with 35 parish teams in the Diocese. This was at the behest of the Bishop, following the example of Pope Francis, who has made it known that he embraces all people. Our own parish took an Afghan family who is now on their own and doing well. Our team opened their hearts and their wallets to help this family. It takes about two years for a refugee family to get established and on their feet. English has to be learned. Jobs have to be found. Appointments have to be kept and stable housing has to be found. The latter is the most difficult as the housing crisis in the county is severe.

Many Afghans get a visa because they helped and worked for the US armed forces and it is no longer safe for them to be in their own country. Most refugees just want what we all want: food, a job, safe housing, good schools for their children and a stable life. Now it is time to begin again. If St. Ignatius of Antioch could develop a new team to provide hospitality for another family, we would be able to demonstrate our welcoming spirit once again. The Team Support coordinator, Jude Stephens, will come out and train you on what to expect and how to do this ministry. This is a two year commitment with monthly meetings to coordinate the effort. Please pray on this. If you feel so called, leave your name and contact information in my box in the office or just call the office and give it to the secretary. You can help a refugee family rebuild their lives and adapt to their new homeland.

We need to share what we have with those in need. We can rationalize why we spend our wealth on ourselves and our own families, but then Matthew 25 comes to haunt us: “I was hungry and you gave me to eat...” We can be uncomfortable among “foreigners and strangers,” but if we let those feelings control our actions, we will not be following the Gospel and other church teachings that invite us to “Welcome the Stranger.” So I invite you to pray and to see if the Lord is asking more of you. Could you give some time and energy to supporting a new refugee family in our parish? Let the office know.

Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl’Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

Fish, Bingo and More Bingo

The first big news is...the Fish Fry is back for Friday nights! The trusty volunteers for the Lenten Fish Fry haven’t skipped a beat since last year. It is as if they hadn’t stop cooking or serving since last year.

Steaming hot pieces of thick cut white fish coated in a delectable golden-brown deep-fried batter filled the plate as much as it filled the nostrils with the heavenly scent of mouth-watering goodness. Add to that the sweet smooth yet tangy crispness of the coleslaw nicely balanced with the indulgent French fries and there was absolutely nothing to complain about. Life is good at the Fish Fry. It was very refreshing to see the familiar faces from last year’s gathering at the first Fish Fry in hopes of not missing a single evening. New faces also meant that the fame of our Fish Fry has spread well beyond the parish community into the realm of the gastronomically and frugally wise. For the price, you just can’t beat the quantity and quality of the food, the lightening fast and dedicated service, and the friendship shared with others as only a fine meal can do. To top it off, in addition to the scrumptious desserts, the bingo games (called by veteran caller and unlimitable Ron France) kept the people well entertained and for the lucky, it also paid for their meal.

Speaking of Bingo, there was an excellent day of Bingo in the parish hall on Presidents’ Day. Steve and Frances Rojek and a select group of volunteers once again held the benefit bingo game to raise money for the graduating class from St. Peter Martyr School. These funds will help provide for a safe and secure graduation night for these young people. The games guaranteed a \$100 pay-out for each game (unless, of course there are more than one “Bingo” at the same time) and some of the pots could have yielded more than the \$100.

The doors opened to the blast of cold arctic air that had descended upon us throughout the weekend. Quickly enough everyone was seated, and it was time to orderly advance on the lunch table to be served penne rigate pasta smothered in a mushroom and meat sauce, fresh mixed green salad, tasty garlic bread, choice of soft drink, and (in honor of George Washington) cherry pie for dessert. Warmed by the food, everyone was raring to go for the first game and every game after that. The oohs, ahhs, and “darn its” filled the hall as people won, came close to winning, and flipped their cards around to show they hadn’t scored a single number called. But, even some of those who couldn’t string three numbers in a row found themselves winners as there were plenty of give-away prizes selected at random and a raffle ticket drawing for a good half dozen or more select prizes.

In the end, it was all for a good cause and as we all marched to our cars in the cold air, the sky was clear and sunny; kind of like the future of all those kids about to graduate from St. Peter Martyr, bright, clear, and sunny.



Catholic Charities of the East Bay

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

Like CPR, **Mental Health First Aid** prepares people to interact with a person in crisis and connect them with help. Our **Experience Hope Training Institute** teaches basic restorative and trauma-responsive philosophies and practices.

Many people with mental health struggles find solace in their faith. But church members or staff may not know how to respond to their struggles or help in a crisis. This training offers tools and answers to questions like, "What do I do?" or "Where can someone find help?"

The course is appropriate for anyone who wants to learn how to help someone who may be experiencing a mental health-related crisis or problem. Participants can use the skills learned in their daily lives, including within their own families, churches, or neighborhoods. For more information, contact Cat Willett at cwillett@cceb.org or call 510-290-6103

Grains of Wheat

This women's group, held on the first Wednesday of the month, is inviting all women of the parish who desire to grow spiritually and mature in the Lord to attend. The meetings will be March 7 and April 4th from 9:15 - 11:00 in the Parish Hall. Prayer and scripture according to the liturgical season as well as shared meditations will be offered. Regular prayer life and commitment to attend all three meetings is required. This is a special opportunity to grow together as women of faith of St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish.

Father McGivney Wants YOU! *Knights of Columbus Membership Drive*

In 1882 Father Michael McGivney established the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic fraternal organization. Today, the Order is still true to its founding principals of charity, unity and fraternity. Knights are visible at St. Ignatius of Antioch as lectors, ushers, parking lot attendants and many more volunteer activities. Knights raise funds for the church and other charitable causes by sponsoring the Annual Lenten Fish Frys, Pancake Breakfasts, Breakfast Burritos & Tri-Tip sales, the annual Crab Feed and more. If you would like more information on what it takes to become a member, please contact our Membership Director Ron Yarolimek at (925) 550-1182 or email: ronyar@ymail.com



Day Star Mentoring & CSEC Education is a Catholic Charities of the East Bay program developed to engage and empower youth impacted by human trafficking through relationship building, increasing awareness, and fostering advocacy. Day Star connects the survivor community to positive, trauma-informed supports and opportunities to achieve their goals and continue to thrive! Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children exists in every community, let's fight back.

For more information about volunteering and supporting young thrivers through **Day Star**, contact Joy Thompson, Program Coordinator, at joythompson@cceb.org. Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/daystarmentoring

A Thank You from the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill

Sister Jane Ann Cherubin, S.C. would like to thank the parishioners of St. Ignatius of Antioch Church for our concern, prayers and thoughtful donation they received when they visited for the Missionary Cooperative Appeal 2017.

"Please continue to remember our Community in your prayers and know that you and the faithful of your parish will always have a special place in ours. The Lord blesses us through wonderful people like you who join us in this mission of charity. It is through sharing with each other that we become more united in the love of the Lord. May you be blessed with much peace and happiness!"



MARCH 26, 2018
BUNCO - \$20.00 PER PERSON

Where: Father Vicente Dominican Hall

At Most Holy Rosary Church
 1313 A Street, Antioch

- Doors Open at 5:30
- Buffet begins at 6 PM – includes assorted salads, jello’s, lunchmeat & cheese trays with dinner rolls, coffee/punch & cookies
- Bunco will start at 7 PM
- Cash Bunco Prizes awarded
- Lots of Raffle prizes
- RESERVATIONS ARE ENCOURAGED

Please list the names of everyone in your party and return this form with payment to reserve your seat/s. Please include a contact phone #. Make your check payable to Antioch YLI #101 and mail to

Jeannine Ford
 208 Boulder Drive, Antioch, CA 94509 or contact her at
 925-757-9650 Hm. / 925-783-4460 Cell

Antioch
 Y.L.I. #101
 Annual Bunco
 Event
 2018

March 26, 2018

Fun, Fun, Fun

Invite family,
 friends & neighbors

If you’ve never
 played, that’s ok, we
 will teach you!
 No experience
 required!!!