

St. Ignatius of Antioch

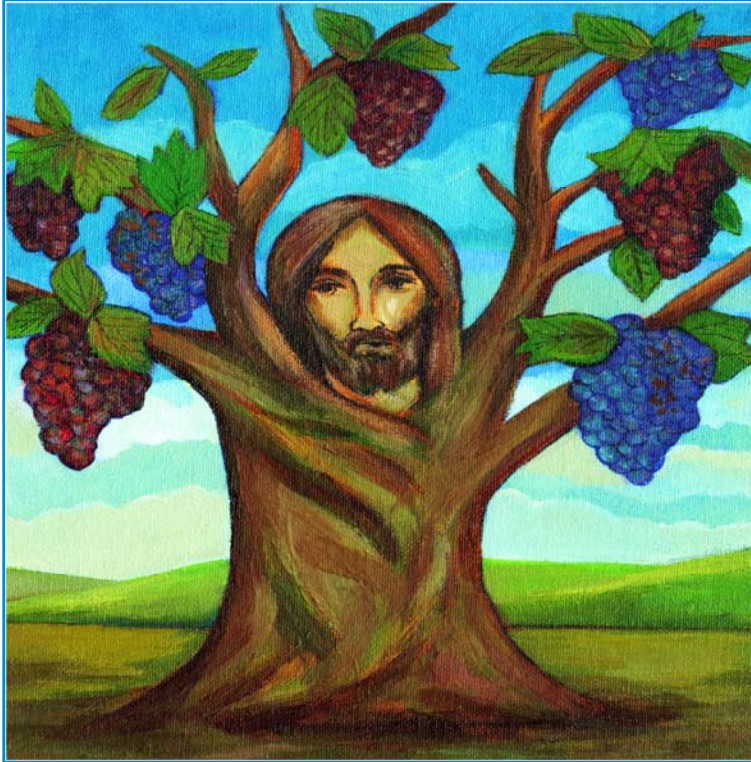
April 29, 2018 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

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In the Vineyard

God, the giver of joy,
in Baptism you join us to Christ,
the true Vine,
and, through your Word,
we are sustained in holiness
and wisdom.

Send your Holy Spirit upon
your vineyard
so that, each branch may thrive
and reveal your glory by yielding love
and joy.

Sustain the Church in holiness
and help it bear much fruit for
your kingdom.

When our parched hearts begin
to wither,

draw us close to you and nurture us
with your grace.

And on that final day, may we be found
praising your holy name
in the assembly of your people.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fr. Robert K. Rien
Pastor

Fr. George Griener, S.J.
Assisting Clergy

Fr. Richard Mangini
Assisting Clergy

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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.



**April 29, 2018
Fifth Sunday
of Easter**

*Let us love not in word or speech
but in deed and truth.*

— 1 John 3:18

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 April 14-15

Weekend Offering.....\$8,557.00

Looking Ahead

Due to family illness, Grains of Wheat Women’s Prayer Group is cancelled until further notice.

May 3rd: 40th Anniversary Planning Meeting to plan for the 40th Anniversary of St. Ignatius of Antioch in 2019. All are welcome to attend, along with a representative from each ministry. Contact Marla Plurkowski with any questions.

May 6th: Catholic Daughters of America will be attending the 10 am Liturgy.

May 11th: Mayflower Chorus Presents, Showtime, A Tribute to Broadway. Friday at 8 pm and Saturday May 12th at 2:30 pm and 7:30 pm. Marin Center Showcase Theater, 10 Avenue of the Flags, San Rafael. Don Pearson Guest Director.

May 12th & 13th: The Mary Project is returning for its 10th year!. For more information see page 7.

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.

Thursdays: 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).

Saturday Liturgy will remain at 4:00 pm.

Schedule of Events

Sunday, April 29

- Knights of Columbus 5th Sunday Rosary - 7:30 am - Grotto
- 8 am & 10:00 am Liturgies
- Second Collection for Parish Assessment
- Garden Ministry Plant Sale - after Liturgy - Gathering Plaza
- YLI Pasta Dinner - 3 to 6 pm - Parish Hall

Monday, April 30

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- No SPRED
- Mystagogy - RCIA - 7 to 8:30 pm - Office

Tuesday, May 1

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

Wednesday, May 2

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

Thursday, May 3 National Day of Prayer

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) sessions - 8:45 to 10:30 am - Parish Hall
- 40th Anniversary Planning Meeting - 6 to 7 pm - Parish Hall
- Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 pm to 9 pm – Church

Friday, May 4

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

Saturday, May 5

- Our Lady of Fatima Mass - 9 am – Novena to follow
- 4 pm Liturgy
- First Eucharist for Faith Formation Children
- Second Collection for Parking Lot Loan
- Birthday Blessing

Sunday, May 6

- 8 am & 10:00 am Liturgies
- First Eucharist for Faith Formation Children
- Catholic Daughters of America attending 10 am Liturgy
- Second Collection for Parking Lot Loan
- Birthday Blessing - both liturgies
- Hospitality Sunday Sponsored by YLI

Pray for the Sick

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

Rocco Battaglia	Nimfa Carnes	Kim Tank
Rosita Bonayon	Dorothy	Peter Villalpando
Tom Bresciani	Linda Morrison	Theresa Weathers
Gavin Cano	Jose Guillermino Ramos	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	Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday	Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday	Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday	1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
Friday	Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday	Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday	Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17

Lay Ministers—Week of May 5th & 6th

4 pm: Lectors – Susan Batterton, Therese Kain; **Head Cup** – Pam Confetti; **Head Host** – Melodye Costanza; **Host** – Beth Enea, Nancy DiMaggio; **Cup** – Rhoda Herrera, Christoph Holl Jessie Okon

8 am: Lectors – Ron Lucas, Faye Lucas; **Head Cup** - Crispina Malonosan; **Head Host** - Vianney Mendoza; **Host** – Diane Hack, Kathleen Hayakawa, MaryJo Keister, Jenawati Kwa; **Cup** - Tim Cox, Romeo Quiambao, Edith Quiambao, Jeannine Ford, Natalia Joyce; **Servers** - Aizaiah Laxamana, Chauncey Lewis

10 am: Lectors – Rose Necor, William Necor; **Head Cup** – Cecelia Kennedy; **Head Host** – Steven Andreatta; **Host** – Angelina Guieb-Alphonso, Helga Boardman, Ed Cissell, Yvette Young; **Cup** – Sharon Cissell, Dilcia Aparicio, Cynthia Enrique, Harlan Young; **Servers** – Jacob Mirano, Noah Mirano

4:00 pm - Fr. Richard Presiding and Preaching
8:00 am & 10:00 am - Fr. Richard Presiding and Preaching

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. 4:00 pm	Terry Mercurio †
Sun. 8:00 am	Eva & Guido Romani †
Sun. 10:00 am	Manuel Martins †
Mon. 8:00 am	Our Parish Family
Tues. 8:00 am	All Care Givers
Wed. 8:00 am	Janie Blaney †
Thur. 8:00 am	All Military Men & Women
Fri. 8:00 am	All First Responders

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of **Margit Atwood, Emmanuel Balbas, Steven Encarnacion and Infant Scarlet Simpanco**. 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 Corn - 15 oz.**
- Canned Peas - 15 oz.**
- Chicken Noodle Soup - 10.5 oz. can**

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 - Sat., May 12th from 9:00 am to 12 Noon - Holy Rosary Dominican Hall.

Distribution - Sat., May 19th - Fremont Elementary - 8 am to 12 pm
1413 F Street, Antioch

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

*Heavy duty garbage bags are needed

Carondelet Golf Tournament

Join Carondelet High School on Monday, April 30th for its Cougar Classic Golf Tournament — a fun filled day at Blackhawk Country Club all to benefit young women's education. Ticket includes green and cart fees and all on-course gaming, box lunch, course treats, refreshments, 19th Hole premium hosted bar and clubhouse banquet. Register at CarondeletHS.org/Golf.

Marriage Preparation Programs

"A Program to Prepare Couples for the Sacrament of Marriage." The last Marriage Preparation Registration for the Summer Sessions is as follows:

Saturday, May 5th - 8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.

Location: St. Vincent's Marinwood -
1 Saint Vincents Drive San Rafael, CA.

The cost is \$325.00 per couple. For more information call (415) 699-8348.

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 *May 1st*. 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 2 sessions over 1 Saturday:
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!

Marriage For Life

A Program to Prepare Couples for the Sacrament of Marriage." The Marriage Preparation Registration for the 2018 Sessions are as follows:

Saturday, May 5th

Saturday, August 25th

Saturday, October 27th

Location: St. Mary's Cathedral
Gough and Geary Streets, San Francisco, CA

Engaged couples can register for any date on our website, www.marriageforlifef.com. Or if you prefer, the registration form can be printed out from the website and mailed in.

The website has a complete schedule, resource information about engagement and marriage as well as nuts and bolts info about the preparation sessions.

The cost is \$325.00 per couple. For more information, call Connie or Joe D'Aura (415) 664-8108.

At Home Communion Services

If you or someone you know would like to receive Communion at home, we have a number of parishioners who would like to bring Communion to either you or to those you know. If you - or they - might be interested in receiving the body of Christ, please call the office at 778-0768 or Deacon Gary at (925) 757-1385.

St. Peter Martyr School Fall Enrollment

St. Peter Martyr School is accepting applications for 3yr-old Preschool, 4yr.- old PreKindergarten, Kindergarten and grades 1- 8. 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 our website - www.stpetermartyrschool.org. St. Peter Martyr School is located at 425 West Fourth St. in Pittsburg. We are fully accredited and invite you to become part of our Catholic school family. For further information about our affordable rates call the school at 925-439-1014 or visit our website.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

In the second reading today, John encourages us to love one another in deed and truth not in speech. Do you show your spouse that you truly love them, not just say it. Love your spouse in *deed* by giving the gift of yourself, make time to participate 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 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

Today's Gospel makes it clear that we have an intimate relationship with Christ. Just as He is in the Father and the Father in Him, we are in Him and He in us, as close as a branch is to the vine. We are dependent on Him for pruning and caring for us. If we are living His life, we cannot be separated. His "sap," His Divine love, runs through us. How do we know this? We know it by the works He does through us, works that are beyond our physical and spiritual capabilities.

I often hear people say, "I prayed and the words came," words that were right for the situation, words that were a balm to others. That is God's "sap" running through us. When we use our gifts for the building of the Kingdom that is God's sap running through us. When the words of the Scriptures touch us that is God's life penetrating us and making us His own.

The Eighth Essential of the Ten Essentials of Parish Life is stewardship. When we hear this word we think of money. But stewardship is so much more than that. It is recognizing and responding to the intimate life in God to which we are each invited. It is caring for the gifts God gives us and sharing them with others. 1 Peter 4:8-10 says, "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." Just as Christ is in the Father and we are in Him, we are united to each other by this "sap" called grace that runs through us. That is what makes us the vineyard of His church.

The Eighth Essential invites us to "reach out and respond to the needs of others." We do this by supporting the needs of the Parish financially, but we also have a responsibility to "discern the talents" that one has and to share that in the ministries of the Parish. If anyone needs help to discover his/her gifts and find a way to use them in the Parish, the Parish Staff can help. Ask for an appointment with one of the staff to see what "sap" you have that can be shared with others.

"Stewardship works best in a Parish that offers hospitality and opportunities for participation." This Essential suggests that we have a yearly opportunity to commit or recommit to a ministry in the Parish. We do that yearly. The people serving in ministries are regularly thanked in the bulletin insert. One of the "ministries" I am most grateful for is that people who clean the church and the bathrooms. Every time I walk in to a clean sink and mirror, I think of them and say a prayer of thanksgiving that someone in our parish is willing to do this humble task. Others help to provide for the poor through food distribution and the Mobile Mall. Others like St. Vincent de Paul and YLI raise monies for various causes. All these examples say that we are a Parish of stewardship and the "sap of God" runs through us.

This week, spend some time thinking about the stewardship of the gifts and talents that God has given you. Maybe you would be able to increase your weekly support of the Parish. Maybe you need to consult a staff person about what you can do to help others in a ministry of the Parish. Maybe there is a neighbor who needs help that you can provide so that others will see what it is to belong to the Vineyard of Christ. What is the way that this "sap," this grace of God, is working in you this week? Where are you showing His love? Recognize it and say thank you for God's continual grace. It is a love that endures forever. All we have to do is to open ourselves to it.

Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

In the Fire for Sure

Star Trek has endured for a long time. Some of us older fans can recall lines from the original series that have become legendary like the paraphrase "Beam me up Scotty." In *A Taste of Armageddon*, Scotty responds to McCoy's interjection "Well Scotty, now you've done it." With the classic line "Aye, the haggis is in the fire for sure..." We all went scrambling for our dictionaries to find out what a haggis was. Scotty's saying was an expression meaning there was no turning back, that authority and orders would not be obeyed.

In the Acts of the Apostles, Peter is spokesman for all who continued to preach in the name of Jesus and those who stand before the Sanhedrin. The Sanhedrin we must remember, was the highest power the apostles had ever known. They were like the congress, the executive branch, and the supreme court all rolled into one. They thought themselves to be the holiest of men and demanded respect, obedience, or your life! "We gave you strict orders, did we not, to stop teaching in that name...and now you want to bring that man's blood on our heads!" Peter responded as do they all, "We must obey God rather than men." Peter points a finger at them saying "The God of our ancestors raised Jesus, though you had him killed...we are witnesses as is the Holy Spirit whom God gives to those who obey him." With those words the Sanhedrin was stripped of all false trappings and was reduced to the mere men that they were.

The cruel death of Jesus was clearly placed on them. To add truthful insult to injury the gift of God's Holy Spirit was the proof of the apostle's statement. The apostles clearly had the Holy Spirit at work in the curing of the sick; and the members of the Sanhedrin knew and must have admitted to themselves that they didn't have what the apostles had. Point blank they are told they are no different from other men, the blood of Jesus was by their order, and they didn't obey God. The "spiritual" haggis was in the fire for sure.

Over two thousand years ago the apostles faced that moment where there would be no turning back, no compromise, no giving-in to the will of those in power no matter how frightening it might have been to stand firm before them to speak their mind, heart, and soul. We, too, have the same Holy Spirit that the apostles have living within us. We must obey God in our lives, finding the courage every day to do what may seem most frightening to us. With faith and courage, we too can toss the haggis of commitment into the fire of daily life. (Oh, if you don't have a dictionary handy a haggis is a traditional Scottish meal consisting mostly oats and onions, other grains and some organ meats stuffed into a sheep's stomach and roasted. For sure!)

Bingo



Monday May 28th

St. Ignatius of Antioch
Parish Hall

Doors Open @ 11:00 AM
Lunch at 11:30 AM

Games Begin @

12:15 PM



10 Regular Games - \$100 Payout Each
Specials

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

Tickets available after Masses
May 19/20 - May 26/27



The Mary Project is returning for its 10th year!

Help support Birthright of Brentwood with your donations this coming Mother's Day Weekend, May 12th and 13th.

Birthright can use new and/or gently used baby items and clothing up to size 2T. Suggested donations are – diapers, wipes, body wash, lotion, pacifiers, bottles, sealed food and/or formula that has not expired, blankets, and clothing.

For questions or more information please contact Kathleen Clarke at kstuhldreya@yahoo.com or 209-373-8707.

