

St. Ignatius of Antioch

August 19, 2018 – Twentieth 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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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.



**August 19, 2018
Twentieth Sunday
in
Ordinary Time**

Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.

— John 6:53

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 August 4-5

Weekend Offering.....\$10,923.00

Second Collection (Parking Lot Loan)..... \$3,717.53

Looking Ahead

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

August: Grand Raffle for “My Big Fat Church Raffle.” See page 7 of the bulletin for more details.

August 18th & 19th: Tri-Tip Sandwiches sold in the gathering plaza sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

August 25th: Hot August Night—Western Style. Held in the parish hall after the 4:00 p.m. Liturgy. See page 6 of the bulletin for more information.

August 25th & 25th: Gala Dinner Ticket Sales begin—gathering plaza after all liturgies.

August 27th: YLI Bingo at Holy Rosary (Fr. Vicente Hall); doors open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person.

Ongoing:

Tuesdays: 7:30 p.m. - Hula Class in the Parish Hall.
*TBD - 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, August 19

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Hot August Night Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza
- Knights of Columbus Tri-Tip Sales - Gathering Plaza

Monday, August 20

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

Tuesday, August 21

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- Faith Formation Registration - 7 pm to 8 pm - Parish Hall

Wednesday, August 22

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

Thursday, August 23

- 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
- Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 pm to 9 pm – Church

Friday, August 24

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

Saturday, August 25

- 4 pm Liturgy
- Hot August Night-Western Style! - after 4 pm Liturgy - Parish Hall
- Gala Dinner Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza

Sunday, August 26

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Gala Dinner Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza

Pray for the Sick

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

Peter Aliotti	Gavin Gantt	Peter Villalpando
Rosita Bonayon	Linda Morrison	David Viscay
Tom Bresciani	Jose Guillermino Ramos	Theresa Weathers
Gavin Cano	Marlene Rideau	Guy Worth
Dorothy		

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	Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday	Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday	Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday	Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14
Friday	Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Saturday	Ez 43:1-7a; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday	Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21; Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

Lay Ministers—Week of Aug 25th & Aug 26th

4 pm: Lectors – Melodye Costanza, Susan Batterton; **Head Cup** – Sharon Simpson; **Head Host** – David Simpson; **Host** – Bill Barbanica, Fran Barbanica; **Cup** – Christoph Holl, Beverly Iacona, Jessie Okon; **Servers** - David Simpson, Edward Salas-Garcia

8 am: Lectors – Matthew Bajet, Timothy Cox ; **Head Cup** - Crispina Malonosan; **Head Host** – Jeannine Ford; **Host** – Rick Howell, MaryJo Keister, Jeanne Reilly, Diane Hack; **Cup** - Sue Howell, Edith Quiambao, Romeo Quiambao, , Jenawati Kwa, Natalia Joyce; **Servers** - Daniel Galvan, Vincent Martinez

10 am: Lectors – Cecille Mirano, Cheryna Wright.; **Head Cup** – Jane Sharpe; **Head Host** – Amante Asuncion; **Host** – Angelina Guieb-Alphonso Helga Boardman, Mark Costanza, Gloria Olvera; **Cup** – Lee Oliver, Gloria Asuncion, Samantha Peralto, Estrella Rusk, Nancy Santos; **Servers** – Jose Moreno, Jean Paul Fortez, Jesus Moreno

4:00 pm - Fr. Ricardo Presiding and Preaching

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. 4:00 pm	Rocco Battaglia †
Sun. 8:00 am	Moundo & Elizabeth Eli †
Sun. 10:00 am	Joel Rusk †
Mon. 8:00 am	Fara Costanza †
Tues. 8:00 am	Vince Iacona †
Wed. 8:00 am	Reginald Mendoza
Thur. 8:00 am	Our Parish Family
Fri. 8:00 am	All Priests & Deacons

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of **Rocco Battaglia, Andrew Burke (CalFire Heavy Machinery Operator), and CHP Officer Kirk Griess**. 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 Green Beans - 15 oz.**
- Mac & Cheese - 7 oz. box**

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

Faith Formation



Religious Education Faith Formation

Registration began Saturday
August 18th and continues on
August 21st from 7:00 to 8:00
p.m.

- Bring completed copy of the registration form with you on the date of registration
- For more information call 925-778-1631 if you are enrolling your child in Faith Formation for the first time.

Silver and Gold Ministry

Here are a couple of upcoming events for the Silver and Gold Ministry:

Wednesday, August 22nd: Join us for a breakfast get-together at the Denny's Restaurant on Lone Tree Way. Good food...good conversation...fond memories.

Contact Deacon Gary at 757-1385, or the parish office, if interested.

Catholic Charities



Catholic Charities of the East Bay is the social services arm for the Diocese of Oakland and one of the largest provider of social services throughout Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. We help families in need rise above poverty and live self-sufficient lives. Learn about the programs of Catholic Charities at an upcoming **Transforming Lives Tour**. You will learn about:

- . Legal immigration and refugee resettlement services
- . Homelessness prevention through housing
- . An update on "Claire's House", home for trafficked minors
- . School-based behavioral health services programs for youth
- . Grief counseling and family support for victims of crime

Learn how Catholic Charities moves youth and families from crisis to stability to prosperity. Register at www.cceb.org/get-involved/transforming-lives-tour. For more information, contact Sween Gardner at sgardner@cceb.org or (510)768-3161.

Mobile Mall

Distribution– Sat., Sept 15th from 8:00 am to 12 pm
Fremont Elementary School
1413 F Street, Antioch

For more information about this ministry, please contact

Dee Vergara at 753-1291.

*Heavy duty garbage bags are needed

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, Sept 1st - 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.

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 Street 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.

40th Anniversary Committee Forming

A committee has been formed to help plan our BIG anniversary celebration for next year which will be our 40th Anniversary. If you would like to help with planning the Anniversary activities, you are more than welcome to join this committee. We are asking for members of each Church Ministry to join in this planning. Watch the bulletin for the next scheduled meeting.

Justice Corner

By Carolyn Krantz...Pastoral Associate

In the first reading, we are offered an invitation: “Whoever is simple, turn in here...(whoever) lacks understanding, come eat my food....advance in the way of understanding.” This invitation continues in the second reading: “Watch carefully how you live... Make the most of opportunity...Sing and play to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks for everything.”

Recently I finished a spiritual classic from the Russian orthodox tradition called *The Way of the Pilgrim* written between 1853 and 1863. In the story, the Pilgrim wanders over the steppe of Russia searching for the answer to the question, “How does one pray always?” He carries only a Gospel Book and *The Philokalia*, a compilation of the writings of early Eastern saints. He greets everyone he meets with kindness and graciousness. He asks the same question of everyone. He begs for his bread and often sleeps in the forest. He seeks spiritual advice from learned monks in monasteries as well as the stranger on the road, all the while reciting the Jesus Prayer, “Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me, a sinner.” Eventually this prayer gets inside him and he sees his whole life as a prayer. “To pray means to direct the thought and memory, without relaxing, to the recollection of God, to walk in His Divine Presence, to awaken oneself to His love by thinking about Him, and to link the Name of God with one’s breathing and the beating of one’s heart.” (p.139) The Pilgrim responded to the invitation of the First Reading with his whole life. He remained in God and God in him.

This is the invitation about which Jesus in the Gospel tells us. “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood REMAINS in Me and I in him.” Like the Pilgrim reciting the Prayer over and over, we continue to eat and drink the life of Jesus. In our sufferings and trials, we become one with Him. If we simply turn inward in prayer, uniting our breathing and our heart beat with His, we will “advance in the way of understanding.” We will “sing and play to the Lord in our hearts.”

It is not an easy task to wander about our lives in the centrality of Jesus. There are many days when the darkness of suffering and death seem to overcome us. Sometimes we think “the days are evil.” We look at the misguided efforts of those who want power and riches and wonder where are the compassionate souls that care for the poor and the sick? Where are those who practice forgiveness rather than self importance? Yet we know that if we feed on Him we will have life. We try to live simply. We watch carefully how we move in our daily actions. We find His Presence in daily prayer. We look for signs of His Presence in others. We ask questions of those we consider wise. Like the Pilgrim, it is a wandering through life’s paths, expected and unexpected. Where is Jesus today? How do I remain connected in all of life’s frantiness? How do I respond to this invitation this week?

It takes spiritual work to REMAIN in Jesus. While He is always with us, we are not always with Him. While the invitation is always there, we are not always ready to “advance in the way of understanding.” It takes a life time to complete this journey, to understand the “glorious exchange” of our lives and God’s life. Can we be simple pilgrims this week responding to life’s events with joy and the awareness that Jesus invites us to live with Him forever? Can we enter into the events of this week with the awareness that everything that happens is an invitation to greater life in the Lord?

Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl’Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

M&M’s

Continuing from last week, another view of the spiritual atmosphere in Pennsylvania can be seen in the many ways the Mennonite and Amish people interact to conduct business with the “English” or outside world.

The Amish themselves don’t interact with others other than the Mennonites who may be thought of as Amish-lite just as we saw last week how the Lutherans call themselves Catholic-lite. The Mennonites are the vast majority whom you will see working in the tourist shops, food preparation kitchens, and those who won’t take pains not to be photographed. They are the “go-betweens” between us and the Amish.

Now the term “us” covers a lot of ground. An example of this occurred in the city of Lymone, just outside of New Cumberland. There is a huge two-story market place, active on the week-ends only, but full of eateries, butcher shops, fish mongers, candy shops, bakeries, trinket gift shops, and more. Quite a lot of these shops are staffed by Mennonite women and girls. They are in full Amish style dress complete with classic white prayer bonnets. At one point in my meanderings, I notice a Muslim in a full black burka outfit with her daughter, similarly dressed. They were just finishing a transaction with a Mennonite shop girl and the picture etched in my memory is that of the Mennonite girl reaching and bending over the counter with a bag of goods while the Muslim woman had her hands outstretched receiving the bundle. In half a moment the scene was over and gone, and my hand stopped reaching for my camera. It would have made a great picture of two different, yet similar faiths joined in common benefit. My mind had already fashioned a title for the would-be picture. I would have titled it “M&M”, for Mennonite & Muslim.

I also wonder what the future might bring. Would people ever flock to a Muslim enclave as a tourist attraction? Would the different style of dress or way of life attract a stream of curious visitors to a village somewhere? The Amish are famous for their handmade quilts. What would be the Muslim equivalent? Persian style rugs? Or, perhaps something new? Only the future will tell. It may take years, it may take decades, but it would be nice if that M&M moment could be the sign and beginning of a peaceful world were the people as well as the catchy combination of letters could get along just fine; even sought after.

That may be the time when M&M’s are sweeter than chocolate.



Knights of Columbus Tri-Tip Sandwiches

Saturday & Sunday
August 18 & 19

After all Masses
4 PM – 8 AM – 10 AM



\$5.00 per sandwich
Take-Out only



40th Anniversary

June 1979–June 2019

*Do You
Remember...*

- ◆ celebrating Mass at Park Junior High?
- ◆ when the parish office was in a trailer?
- ◆ working with the Harvesters to build our faith community?
- ◆ when we had chairs instead of pews?

If you do, or even if you don't, we need your help. We are collecting pictures of parish celebrations and events for our 40th Anniversary. Place your pictures in the 40th Anniversary Memory Box located in the Narthex beginning August 24. If you would like your pictures returned, please place them in an envelope with your name and phone number. If you have digital pictures to share, email Vicki at v.a.mccoy@att.net. Please use "40th Anniversary" in subject line.

Bingo



Monday September 3rd
St. Ignatius of Antioch
Parish Hall
Doors Open @ 11:00 AM
Lunch at 11:30 AM
Games Begin @ 12:15 PM

B I N G O				
10	20	42	59	62
5	25	39	56	75
4	17	30	60	71
11	18	32	51	66
15	19	36	47	69

10 Regular Games - \$100 Payout Each
Specials

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

Tickets available after Masses
August 25/26 and September 1/2
Or by calling Steve @ 925-642-2329



HOT AUGUST NIGHT... WESTERN STYLE!

Saturday, August 25, 2018
5:30 pm
Adult: \$20
Children \$10

Raffle & Door Prizes
Barbecue Chicken Dinner
Green Beans/Salad/Dessert

Benefits the
40th Anniversary Event Fund

St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish Hall
3351 Contra Loma Blvd.
Antioch, California



Grand Raffle

This year's theme:

My Big Fat Church Raffle

First Place Winner chooses
A romantic cruise of the Greek Isles

or

A land tour of beautiful Greece

All travel arrangements to be made through Black Diamond Travel.

Total cost of the trip limited to \$8,500.

Can be used within one year of the drawing and is subject to availability.

Cash in lieu of travel: \$5,000.

2nd Prize
\$2,000.
Cash

3rd Prize
\$1,000.
Safeway Gift Card

Early Bird Incentives

Sell your first book of 10 tickets and turn in the sales proceeds within the specified bonus period and receive bonus raffle tickets. The raffle committee will prepare and submit the Bonus Tickets for you automatically. Bonus offer applies only to the first book of tickets sold.

- Turn in your first book of ticket proceeds by Sunday August 12 and receive 5 bonus tickets.
- Turn in your first book of ticket proceeds by Sunday August 19 and receive 4 bonus tickets.
- Turn in your first book of ticket proceeds by Sunday August 26 and receive 3 bonus tickets.
- Turn in your first book of ticket proceeds by Sunday September 2 and receive 2 bonus tickets.
- Turn in your first book of ticket proceeds by Sunday September 9 and receive 1 bonus ticket

All second (and subsequent) sold books of 10 tickets will receive one chance for a \$300 multiple-book raffle.

All ticket proceeds should be placed in a raffle-proceeds envelope and placed in the collection basket or dropped off during business hours at the parish office. For complete rules, see your ticket packet or contact the parish office. Winners are responsible for reporting and paying any applicable taxes.