

St. Ignatius of Antioch

September 16, 2018 – Twenty-Forth 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

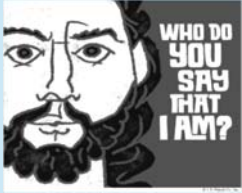
Saturday Vigil: 4 pm
Sunday: 8 am & 10 am
Mon., Wed., Fri.: 8 am Holy Eucharist
Tue., Thur.: 8 am Liturgy of the Word
and Holy Communion
Holy Days: 8 am & as announced
Reconciliation: Saturday, 2:45 to 3:30 pm

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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The Lord GOD is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced.

— Isaiah 50:7

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 1-2

Weekend Offering.....\$9,633.08

Second Collection (Parking Lot Loan).....\$3,780.24

Looking Ahead

OPA! It's full steam ahead for *My Big Fat Church Raffle*. First place winner can choose a romantic cruise of the Greek Isles or a land tour of beautiful Greece. See page seven for details. Thank you for your support.

Parish Directory: In celebration of the Parish's 40th Anniversary in June, 2019, a pictorial parish directory is being planned. Portrait times can be scheduled between 1pm and 8pm on the following days: Monday, September 17 through Thursday, September 20 & Monday, September 24 through Friday, September 28. See the reservation table in the Gathering Plaza after weekend Liturgies or call Steve Rojek 925-642-2329. Reserve early for best available times.

September 21: St. Ignatius of Antioch Cabaret at 7:30 pm in the Church. Tickets on sale now.

September 30: Celebration of San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila during the 10am liturgy. Reception follows in the Parish Hall.

October 6: Oktoberfest is back! Festivities begin after the 4pm liturgy. Ticket sales begin next weekend.

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).

Schedule of Events

Sunday, September 16

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Sock Drive
- Knights of Columbus Breakfast Burritos - Gathering Plaza
- Gala Dinner Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza
- Cabaret Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza

Monday, September 17

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

Tuesday, September 18

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

Wednesday, September 19

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy - 8 am with Novena following - Church
- Family Formation Meets - 6 pm to 7:15 pm - Parish Hall
- Contra Costa Choir Practice - 7:30 pm - Church

Thursday, September 20

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

Friday, September 21 International Day of Peace

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- Cabaret - 7:30 pm - Church - Reception to follow - Parish Hall

Saturday, September 22

- 4 pm Liturgy
- Second Collection for St. Vincent de Paul
- Oktoberfest Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza
- Gala Dinner Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza

Sunday, September 23

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Second Collection for St. Vincent de Paul
- Oktoberfest Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza
- Gala Dinner Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza
- Confirmation I & II - 12 noon - 1:30 pm - Parish Hall

Pray for the Sick

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

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

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	1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday	1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday	1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday	1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50
Friday	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Saturday	1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday	Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16 — 4:3; Mk 9:30-37

Lay Ministers—Week of Sept 22nd & Sept 23rd

4 pm: Lectors – Therese Kain, Susan Batterton; **Head Cup** – Marla Plurkowski; **Head Host** – Melodye Costanza; **Host** – Rowena Cayaban, Mary Angelica Cayaban; **Cup** – Jessie Okon, Pam Confetti, Rhoda Herrera; **Servers** - Edward Salas-Garcia

8 am: Lectors – Kathleen Clarke, Jack Goncalves; **Head Cup** - Vianney Mendoza; **Head Host** – Jeannine Ford; **Host** – MaryJo Keister, Jeanne Reilly, Tim Cox, Kathleen Hayakawa; **Cup** - Rick Howell, Sue Howell, Frank Kauer, Monika Kauer, Jenawati Kwa; **Servers** - Daniel Galvan, Vincent Martinez

10 am: Lectors – Rey Dollete, Sr., Tina Costanza; **Head Cup** – Cecelia Kennedy; **Head Host** – Lesley Eubanks; **Host** - Yvette Young, Estrella Rusk, Al Necor, Samantha Peralto; **Cup** – Gloria Olvera, Noel Fortez, Sheila Fortez, Lee Oliver, Harlan Young,; **Servers** – Jose Moreno, Giada Godina

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. 4:00 pm	Rocco & Josephine Battaglia †
Sun. 8:00 am	Vera Ugarte †
Sun. 10:00 am	Sheryl Young Benson †
Mon. 8:00 am	Fara Costanza †
Tues. 8:00 am	Our Parish Family
Wed. 8:00 am	All Priests & Deacons
Thur. 8:00 am	All First Responders
Fri. 8:00 am	All Care Givers

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of **Charles Adams, Jr., Mary-Jane Walker, Peter Aliotti, William Brock, Jr., Gary Esterlin and Cherie Victs.** 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

A Message from YLI

Once again, we are hosting the bake booth at Holy Rosary's Harvest Faire. The dates are September 21, 22 and 23. Be sure and stop by, say hello and purchase a goodie!

St. Anne Church Fall Festival

St. Anne Catholic Church
2800 Camino Diablo Rd, Byron, CA 94514
www.stannechurchbyron.com

Fall Festival on Saturday, Sept 22nd from 1 to 6 pm
Crafts, Faire, Food, Prizes, Raffles, Music & Pumpkin Patch
Free Admission

Friday September 21st: 6:30 pm - Spaghetti Feed
Bingo at 8 pm (18+)

Faith Formation



Faith Formation

This weekend Jesus tells us "whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." An easier way to understand Jesus' call is to keep in mind how Jesus summarized the commandments into the two greatest, to love God first, then to love neighbor as oneself.

There are many ways that we can live this out. These parishioners have chosen to share their faith and the gospel with the parents, youth and children of our community.

Please pray for: Tina Costanza, Alicia Perez, Carole Miller, Jeanne Reilly, Mary Ewing, Anita Roe, Valerie Nieders, Sharon Bandy, Susan Sermeno, Maryann Peddicord, Lesley Eubanks, Candi Amigo, Cecille Mirano, Ted Fulsas, Kathleen Clarke, Peter Degl'Innocenti, Carolyn Krantz, and Steve and Frances Rojek. And please continue to pray for them throughout the 2018-19 Faith Formation year. They are our teams for RCIA, RCIC, Sacramental Preparations, Confirmation, and grades one through eight. Sessions begin this week.

Shalom, Frances Rojek

Catholic Charities

Dear Parishioners: Please join us for the Catholic Charities "Transforming Lives" Luncheon on Friday, October 12th from 12:00 to 1:00 pm at the San Ramon Marriott. The program will include a review of the work of Catholic Charities. The luncheon is free, but you will be asked to donate whatever you choose to support the work of Catholic Charities; particularly the efforts to house the homeless.

Please email Carolyn at: carolynkrantz@juno.com so we can register together (some of us will be carpooling). Thank you for your generous support.

RCIA News

Have YOU
Thought About
BECOMING
CATHOLIC?

The Rite of Christian Initiation is the process by which the church community accompanies and mentors those wishing to know about the Catholic faith or desiring to become Catholic.

The RCIA celebrates various movements of deepening faith and conversion to Christ. The process uses the parish community, the RCIA Team and sponsors to guide the inquirers to this deeper faith journey, climaxing in the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation at the Great Easter Vigil.

If you are interested in finding out more about becoming Catholic, our meetings are on Monday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the parish office. This first phase, called the Inquiry is just that, asking questions about the faith. All are welcome!

If you know of anyone who might have shown some interest in the faith, bring them to this meeting. Consider becoming a sponsor for one of the catechumens (those never baptized) or candidates (Christians seeking full communion in the church).

It can be a wonderful way to renew your own understanding of and commitment to the faith.

For any questions about the RCIA, please contact Frances at 925-778-1631 or email st.ignatius@sbcglobal.net

CYO Basketball

St. Ignatius of Antioch CYO Lions Basketball
2018-2019 Season



The CYO Basketball program is looking for BOYS & GIRLS
3rd - 8th Grade to participate in the Contra Costa CYO East Diablo League
(Players on all levels)

For more information and to register, go to www.stignatiusofantiochcyo.com or contact
Brenda at 510-812-6670 – CYO Basketball Registrar

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 date in the Parish Hall.

Justice Corner

By Carolyn Krantz...Pastoral Associate

We are a flawed church. We know this because we ourselves are flawed. We want to be perfect, but we slip up and do things that do not show the love of God. Today I write the third article about how we as church handle the church scandals. What is this desire to be perfect? Why is it that we end up with St. Paul saying that the good that I want to do I cannot accomplish? (Rom. 7:13-25)

Again I revert to the work of Brene Brown*. In the chapter on perfectionism she says, "The most valuable and important things in my life came to me when I cultivated the courage to be vulnerable, imperfect, and self-compassionate". Perfectionism is not the path that leads us to our gifts and our sense of purpose; it's the hazardous detour." We are not a perfect church, but a church of struggling sinners. Whatever we are, we are by God's grace and not by our own merits. When we think we can make things perfect, we fall into the oldest ego trip in the book! It is God who makes all things work together for the good. (Rom 8:28)

Most of us have been exposed to criticism from these scandals that make us squirm. To relieve ourselves of this attack from others, we want to correct our behavior and be "perfect." "Perfectionism is not self improvement. Perfectionism is, at its core, about trying to earn approval. Most perfectionists grew up being praised for achievement and performance." So now we as church are not praised, but rather rightly condemned for the acts of clergy that harmed others. We are depressed and anxious about these failures. Perfectionism is self destructive because it fuels the thought that if we just do everything right we can avoid shame. In this crisis, we cannot. This is an opportunity to have our action not based on what people think, but the knowledge that in Christ we can do all things. We can shift our thinking to appreciate the cracks and imperfections as a way to grow and learn from our mistakes. It is not the approval of the world we are after, but our oneness with Christ.

We need to bring compassion and hope to this situation. We need to look at all the Holy Ones (saints, some of whom are clergy) who have taught us how to deal with shame, blame and perfectionism. Most saints were criticized by their peers. They recognized that "It is not I who live, but Christ that lives in me." (Gal. 2:20) And that is enough. In condemning the actions of a few, let us not forget the many that overcame their struggles to be One-in-Christ. It is enough that we strive daily to be one with Him.

Of course, we should do everything we can to heal this wound. That will take time as the wheels of institutions move slowly. In the process, we must bring compassion to both offender and the offended. We also need to bring compassion to ourselves. We have "a common humanity that recognizes that suffering and feelings of personal inadequacy are part of the shared human experience." We can bring a balanced approach to feelings of shame. Some of our members have "missed the mark." But that does not mean that we are "swept away by negativity." We will never be a perfect church. There would be no need of God's grace if we were. Rather, we belong to our common humanity that strives for excellence in Christ. As the old adage says, "If we aim for the stars, we might hit the treetops!" It is obvious that some changes about how our church operates need to be considered and acted upon. Let us pray for the light and the courage to make those changes. As the famous quote from Leonard Cohen says, "There is a crack in everything. That's how the light gets in."

*Brene Brown, *Daring Greatly*, (New York, penguin Random House), p.128-137.

Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

Destinations Three

A few times, in the past, I have written about what a big fan I am of time travel movies and in particular of the British TV show *Dr. Who*. As a young man my brother Marc, cousin Pete, and I would go to conventions around the bay area to meet the star of the silver screen and the "Little Screen" (TV) as they called it back then. During the great panel discussions, a microphone would pass through the audience to ask questions of the celebrities. Each year I always asked the same question of different stars, "If you had a TARDIS (time machine) what three time periods would you visit?" It took three or four years until one actor, Anthony Ainley, who played the Dr.'s arch-enemy, replied "I would like to visit the time of Christ." That has always been my number one destination through time. I would love to be able to hear the inflections in his voice as he speaks, to hear a new unrecorded parable and delve into its meaning, to gain an insight into the complexity of the scriptures, and most of all; to ask him the questions whose answers would bring peace to our day and age. To find the answers that will bind-up the wounds of sin and division in our country and among the nations of the world.

What would my second destination be? Well, that would be to visit myself as a small boy. I'd tell myself that everything in the future will be alright. I'd urge myself to cherish the relationships I have with my family and friends, to cherish and cultivate as deep a relationship with the Lord as I can, and to have the courage to do the things that are right. "Don't be afraid" is the most often repeated phrase by Jesus. I would say to myself, "Don't be afraid and be as strong as your convictions."

What about destination number three? That one's a bit of a mystery. Seems I keep switching around according to the whims of the day. Maybe that's the way it should be. Staying flexible with the interests of life as they come and go, and just maybe taking that bold step into the unknown – into the future. What would be the results of my life 60 years from now? Did I make a difference to anyone, to God?

In a way all three destinations are the same. They all take into account the value of improving the existence of humanity on earth. We start by learning from the master. We try to become better persons because of it and we try to help others be better along the way. Not by force or by might do we do this, but by the teachings of the Holy Spirit.

We may not have all of time and space to "play" in, but we do have the time that God gives us. We have life – in the Spirit, and we have the places where life and the Lord leads us. We don't have a fancy time machine or a theme song of our own, but just maybe we can be a "Dr." who cures a little bit of the world's hurt.

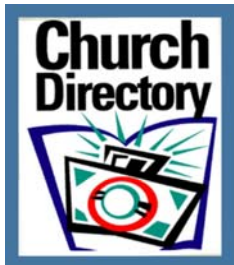


**Celebration of the
FEAST OF SAN
LORENZO RUIZ DE
MANILA
SEPTEMBER 30, 2018
10 AM Eucharist
ST. IGNATIUS of
ANTIOCH CHURCH**

Reception follows in the
Parish Hall. All are
welcome.

“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.



A new parish directory is in the
works. Don't be left out. Stop
by the table in the Gathering
Plaza. Portraits are being
scheduled for the last 2 weeks
in September. For more
information call Steve Rojek at
925-642-2329



OKTOBERFEST

**St. Ignatius of
Antioch Style!**

**Saturday
October 6, 2018
5:30 pm**

Adults \$15 Children \$5

MENU

Beer or Root Beer
Brats or Hot Dog
Sauerkraut
German Potato Salad
Apple Sauce
Dessert: Apple Strudel

**Oktoberfest Games
Raffle & Door Prizes**



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.

**St. Ignatius of Antioch Choir
Presents**



Third Annual Cabaret Night

When: Friday September 21, 2018

Where: St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

Time: 7:30 PM – 10:00 PM

Come join us for an evening of music presented by talented members

Of the St. Ignatius of Antioch Choir

Broadway tunes! Jazz! Ballads! Country Western! And More!

Donation \$10

Reception after the show

All proceeds will benefit St. Ignatius of Antioch Music Ministry

For Ticket information call Alicia Perez at 925-757-3354

Or Maryann Peddicord at 778-0768

Children under 12 free



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**



400 Books
300 Books
200 Books
100 Books

**Goal: 400
Books**

**Ticket Books Sold
as of Sunday
September 9:**

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PUT SOME



ON IT

Mark your calendar!

As part of our October celebrations and events, join us for a free showing of

*My Big Fat
Greek Wedding*

St. Ignatius of Antioch
Saturday, October 13

Admission: Free!
Watch for more details

Gala Dinner & Auction

Join your fellow parishioners for an evening of fun and laughter while supporting St. Ignatius of Antioch.

**Saturday, October 20
6:30 PM**

**Pittsburg Yacht Club
Tickets \$60.**

Tickets on sale now. Seating is limited.