

St. Ignatius of Antioch

September 23, 2018 – Twenty-Fifth 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 fruit of righteousness is sown
in peace for those who cultivate
peace.

— James 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 September 8-9

Weekend Offering.....\$10,406.00

Second Collection (Priests Retirement).....\$3,168.00

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 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 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 4:00 pm Liturgy. Ticket sales begin this weekend.

October 13: Movie Night after the 4:00 pm Liturgy featuring “*My Big Fat Greek Wedding*.” Free Admission.

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 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

Monday, September 24

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

Tuesday, September 25

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- Knights of Columbus Meets - 7:30 pm to 9 pm - Parish Hall

Wednesday, September 26

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy - 8 am with Novena following - Church
- Environment Change to Fall - 9:15 am - Church
- RCIC & Sacraments class and Grades 1 - 8 Meet - 6:00 to 7: 15 pm - Church and Parish Hall
- Contra Costa Choir Practice - 7:30 pm - Church

Thursday, September 27

- 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, September 28

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

Saturday, September 29

- 4 pm Liturgy
- Second Collection for Parish Assessment
- Oktoberfest Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza
- Gala Dinner Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza

Sunday, September 30

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- San Lorenzo Ruiz Commemoration -10 am Liturgy – Reception to follow - Parish Hall
- Second Collection for Parish Assessment
- 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	Marlene Rideau
Tom Bresciani	Willie Ilas	Peter Villalpando
Gavin Cano	Linda Morrison	David Viscay
Dorothy	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	Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday	Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday	Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday	Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9
Friday	Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
Sunday	Nm 11:25-19; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Lay Ministers—Week of Sept 29 & Sept 30th

4 pm: Lectors – Ed Stokes, Sandy Stokes; **Head Cup** – David Simpson; **Head Host** – Melodye Costanza; **Host** – Nancy DiMaggio, Sharon Simpson; **Cup** – Christoph Holl, Beverly Iacona, Rhoda Herrera; **Servers** - Edward Salas-Garcia

8 am: Lectors – Peter Degl’Innocenti, Deanna Ribeiro; **Head Cup** - Vianney Mendoza; **Head Host** – Crispina Malonosan; **Host** – Edith Quiambao, Romeo Quiambao, Nick Suarez, Jeanne Reilly; **Cup** - Tim Cox, Frank Kauer, Monika Kauer, Jenawati Kwa, Jeannine Ford; **Servers** - Daniel Galvan, Vincent Martinez

10 am: Lectors – Cheryna Wright, Lee Oliver; **Head Cup** – Steven Andreatta; **Head Host** – Dilcia Aparicio; **Host** - Gloria Asuncion, Helga Boardman, Mark Costanza, Cynthia Enrique; **Cup** – Amante Asuncion, Reyna Garcia, Nancy Santos, Jane Sharpe, Cecelia Kennedy,; **Servers** – Jacob Mirano, Noah Mirano

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. 4:00 pm	Rocco & Josephine Battaglia †
Sun. 8:00 am	Moundo & Elizabeth Eli †
Sun. 10:00 am	Lino Macedo †
Mon. 8:00 am	Anthony DeOcampo †
Tues. 8:00 am	All Military Men & Women
Wed. 8:00 am	Cristina Enrique
Thur. 8:00 am	Maria Alma Celestial †
Fri. 8:00 am	All Native Americans

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of **Carmen Vinella, Ruth Billeci, Lorraine Shaw and Alex Yaya.** 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!

Marriage Preparation

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

Saturday, Oct 6th - 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.

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

Vindictiveness and vengeance have no place in the healing of the illnesses in our church. In the fourth article about the church scandal, I will try to make some practical suggestions about changes in church structures that may help us toward a better future. Some of these thoughts are taken from an article written by Fr. Jim Bacik, a theologian and priest of the Diocese of Toledo, Ohio. (See jamesjbacik@gmail.com)

Deep wounds take a long time to heal. We now have Bishops statements. We have diocesan processes for handling abuse. We have support groups for the victims. We have law suits that have been or are being settled. We have the Dallas Charter adopted by the U.S. Bishops in 2002 that mandates both a zero tolerance policy for child abuse and background checks for church employees. Now is the time to bring to light some of the structural shadows that have further contributed to this situation and make course corrections. We cannot say, "Now that's done. Let's move on," until some structural changes have been adopted. We cannot pretend these abuses did not happen. They have existed for most of our lives. We are going to live with the effects of them for the rest of our lives. Scandals in the church have existed since the time of Judas Iscariot's betrayal, but the church still survives. So let us channel our energies into making constructive changes. Here are a few ideas:

1. Changes in seminary education- Women professors, women spiritual directors and women students can be added to the all male clerical atmosphere of seminaries. Courses in psychology, sexuality, restorative justice and parish administration can be added to the curriculum.
2. Opportunities for honest dialogue for priests, deacons and parish lay leadership- The pain and shame of this scandal cannot be "swept under the rug". Leadership is feeling the hurt and is struggling with the fallout. There must be open dialogue about what is taking place and development of strategies to handle it. This should be guided by professionals in the field of psychology, sociology, communications and organizational development.
3. Examination of clericalism and abuses of power- The days are past when power in the church is concentrated in the hands of a few. Clerics have been idealized and put on a pedestal by laity and we are at fault for doing so. Dioceses and parishes must take the time to see where clericalism exists and change the systems that support it. Abuses here go beyond sexuality. They also have to do with money and organizational systems. Many churches seem to run by the sole authority of the pastor without lay input or discussion. Parish ministries ought to be shared according to the gifts the Spirit of God gives. There needs to be healthy self-care and communication between all. We have the knowledge and ability to create teamwork and good organizational systems in parishes and on the diocesan level. "There are many gifts, but one Lord," says St. Paul, but we have allowed a church that concentrates all power in the hands of pastors without checks and balances. We can create healthy parish systems that respect the gifts of all and work together in love.

The Bishops have suggested that "investigation, transparency and lay participation" are the hallmarks of this new era. We need to channel our anger into constructive change where deserving pastors are supported and parish leadership is shared. We need seminary training that prepares new leadership for a fast changing world. My hope is that we can develop boards, discussion groups and committees to create new processes where secrecy and cover-ups no longer exist, where all members of one body all called to serve our struggling world. "One bread, one body, one Lord of all..."

Parish Perspective (BEST OF)

By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

Bat One Out of the Park

What ever happened to the "John 3:16" guys you used to see on all the major televised sporting events? I can remember one season of Giants baseball when a "John 3:16" guy sat right behind Homeplate, wore a rainbow colored "Afro" style wig, and waved glow-sticks all while holding his John 3:16 sign. It did get to be a bit much, game after game; but what happened to them all? Is it the technology that all the major networks use today to blot-out tobacco ads, alcohol ads, and anything else considered "offensive or politically incorrect" at work in this? Networks can add or overlay many different advertisements in spaces where only one ad exists in the stadium, thus increasing their profits. Is John 3:16 still there, just invisible to the television viewer; a victim of technological overlay? For a while, I harbored the whimsical desire to go to a game and start a dueling John verses by holding-up a sign that read "John 11:25,26."

Think of the impact. Everyone who took the time to look-up what John 3:16 meant would now be faced with the dilemma of finding out what John 11:25,26 was all about. Then, what would happen if an escalation of people showing up to attend games with 3:16 signs and 11:25,26 signs grew to 25 or 30 people on each side? Could professional sports teams sprout from each group? Could the John 3:16 baseball player at bat have someone behind Homeplate waving a "Giants" sign? In the end, there could be no better pairing of teams, the 3:16'ers and the 11:25,26'ers. The first is the action taken by God and the latter are the two ways we can take action in our daily lives.

So that it all makes sense to you, I'll write out the verses. John 3:16 – For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son; that whoever believes in him may not perish, but have everlasting life. John 11:25,26 – I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even though they die, yet shall they live and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Jesus may sound redundant in the 11:25,26 verses, but he is describing two kinds of people. One who believes and doesn't do much with that belief yet will rise on the last day, and one who has faith to live as Jesus lived, to do the things to help their brothers and sisters as best they can, and have life unending uninterrupted by bodily death because they have their true life with and in Jesus now!

Believers are in a "no lose" situation but there are two "teams" we can play on. Be "doers" of the word and bat one out of the park; for others and for yourself.



**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.



**JOIN US FOR THE MASS OF THANKSGIVING
TO HONOR THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY
- BLUE MASS 2018 -**



**MASS OF THANKSGIVING
HONORING THOSE WHO
SERVE OUR COMMUNITY
— DIOCESE OF OAKLAND —**

Sunday, October 7, 2018 10:00am

The Cathedral of Christ the Light
2121 Harrison Street
Oakland, CA 94612

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Fr. Helmut Richter Fr. Jayson Landeza
925-382-8186 510-917-0125
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**HONORING THOSE IN SERVICE TO OUR
COMMUNITY AND THEIR FAMILIES**

This is an opportunity for the Catholic Community of the East Bay to join together in prayerful thanksgiving and support of those who work to keep our communities safe.

- All are welcome to join us for the Mass
- First Responders are invited to attend in uniform with their families
- The service will include memorial prayers for those who have lost their lives in the line of duty in the past year
- Hospitality to follow the Mass
- Parking at the Cathedral will be limited; Please carpool or make use of public transportation



For details, please visit us at oakdiocese.org/BlueMass2018



Grand Raffle

This year's theme:

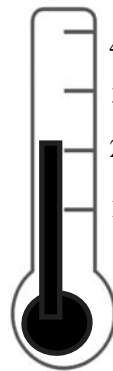
My Big Fat Church Raffle

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

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:
211

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

PUT SOME



ON IT

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.