

St. Ignatius of Antioch

November 4, 2018 – Thirty-first 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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*You shall love the LORD, your God with
all your heart, and with all your soul, and
with all your strength.*

— Deuteronomy 6:5

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 October 20-21

Weekend Offering.....\$11,370.00

Second Collection (World Missions).....\$1,648.00

Looking Ahead

November 9: Team Matthew Blood Drive from 11 am to 5 pm in the Parish Hall in honor of Matthew Ouimet and Brandon Burnett. Please register for appointments at RedCrossBlood.org. See flyer attached to Fr. Robert’s insert for complete information.

November 17-18: Thanksgiving Basket Collection.

November 17-18: Holly Faire Christmas Boutique in the Parish Hall after all liturgies.

November 24: Breakfast with Santa Hawaiian Style. See page 6 for details.

December 1: St. Nicholas Dinner. Ticket sales next weekend. Get your tickets early as this popular event sells out every year. See page 7 for more details.

Check us out on Facebook...If you haven't viewed the parish's Facebook page recently, check it out. More pictures and events are being posted. Most Sunday homilies are also posted. Go to:

www.facebook.com/stignatiusofantiochchurch

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 - 8:45 to 10:30 am - Parish Hall. Call the Faith Formation office for more details (778-1631).

Schedule of Events

Sunday, November 4 - National Vocation Awareness Week

- Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- YLI Quarterly Mass - 10 am
- Confirmation Class and Knights of Columbus Coat Drive
- Birthday Blessing at both Liturgies
- Second Collection is for the Parking Lot Loan
- Confirmation Class I & II - 12 pm to 1:30 pm - Parish Hall

Monday, November 5

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

Tuesday, November 6

- Voting in Parish Hall all day
- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- Art & Environment meet - 10 to 10:30 am - Church
- Liturgy Committee meets - 10:30 to 11:30 am - Church

Wednesday, November 7

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy - 8 am with Novena following - Church
- RCIC/Sacraments Class & Grades 1 to 8 - 6 to 7:15 pm

Thursday, November 8

- 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, November 9

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist- 8 am
- Team Matthew Blood Drive - 11 am to 5 pm - Parish Hall

Saturday, November 10

- 4 pm Liturgy
- St. Nicholas Dinner Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza

Sunday, November 11

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- St. Nicholas Dinner Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza

Pray for the Sick

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

Rosita Bonayon	Willie Ilas	Diane Schlueter
Tom Bresciani	Linda Morrison	Al Villalpando
Gavin Cano	Jose Palomino	Peter Villalpando
Dorothy	Jose Guillermino Ramos	David Viscay
	Marlene Rideau	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	Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday	Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-30ab, 30e, 31-32; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday	Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday	Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10
Friday	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Saturday	Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday	1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7-10; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 [41-44]

Lay Ministers—Week of Nov. 10th & 11th

4 pm: Lectors – Susan Batterton, Therese Kain; **Head Cup** – Marla Plurkowski; **Head Host** – Pam Confetti; **Host** – Beth Enea, Bernice Campbell; **Cup** – Christoph Holl, Rhoda Herrera, Melodye Costanza; **Servers** - Edward Salas-Garcia

8 am: Lectors – Jack Goncalves, Timothy Cox; **Head Cup** – Vianney Mendoza; **Head Host** – Jeannine Ford; **Host** – Jeanne Reilly, MaryJo Keister, Edith Quiambao, Romeo Quiambao; **Cup** - Sue Howell, Nick Suarez, Rick Howell, Natalia Joyce, Jenawati Kwa; **Servers** - Daniel Galvan, Vincent Martinez

10 am: Lectors – Alicia Solano, Robert Solano; **Head Cup** – Cecelia Kennedy; **Head Host** – Steven Andreatta; **Host** - Angelina Guieb-Alphonso, Helga Boardman, Gloria Olvera, Nancy Santos; **Cup** – Carol Dollete, Amante Asuncion, Gloria Asuncion, Reyna Garcia, Lee Oliver; **Servers** – Dezire Jackson, Giada Godina

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. 4:00 pm	Joann A. Russo †
Sun. 8:00 am	Papa Joe Stralovich †
Sun. 10:00 am	Deceased YLI Members †
Mon. 8:00 am	Our Parish Family
Tues. 8:00 am	All Military Men and Women
Wed. 8:00 am	Liza Espiritu †
Thur. 8:00 am	Marian Favalora †
Fri. 8:00 am	All First Responders

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of **Manuel Castillo, James Auer, Rosita Santos, Michael Parker and the Victims of the Synagogue Shooting in Pittsburgh.** 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 county call 211 or go to: www.211database.org

40th Anniversary Committee

The 40th Anniversary of our wonderful faith community is June 4 2019. If you would like to help with planning the Anniversary activities, you are more than welcome to join this committee. The next scheduled meeting will be **November 29th at 5:00 pm** in the parish hall. This is a great opportunity to get involved with our parish.

Thanksgiving Liturgy



Join us for a special Thanksgiving Liturgy on Thursday, November 22nd at 9 am. Start your celebration by joining with your parish family in thanksgiving for all of God's abundant blessings.

You are invited to bring your bread and wine for your Thanksgiving dinner to be blessed at the conclusion the liturgy.

Thanksgiving Food Basket

Saint Vincent de Paul Society is taking reservations for Thanksgiving Food Baskets on:

**Monday Nov. 5th and Tuesday Nov. 6th
From 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1 pm to 4 pm**

757-7450 (in English)
757-0941 (in Spanish)

Limited to the first 150 callers that live in Antioch
Please do not call any other number or show up in person
The line will be busy, just keep trying

Mobile Mall

Distribution - Sat., Nov. 10th from 8:00 am to 12 Noon
Antioch Middle School
1500 D Street, Antioch

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

*Heavy duty garbage bags are needed

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

YLI News



Are you a woman who loves her Catholic faith? Do you crave meaningful volunteer opportunities with a close sisterhood of likeminded women? Have you wondered how your unique talents can be used to make a difference in your family, your parish, and your community? YLI, a service organization for Catholic women, may be just what you've been seeking! Founded on the principles of faith, hope and charity, YLI #101 is the active Institute at this parish. Want to learn more? Call Jeannine Ford at 925-757-9650.

YLI has limited quantities of cookbooks for sale, featuring tried and true recipes submitted by our members. They are \$12 each or two for \$20, and they make fantastic gifts.

Call Tina Gutilla at 925-642-1465 to secure your copies before they're all gone!

Justice Corner

By Carolyn Krantz...Pastoral Associate

As the nights get longer, we ponder the mysteries of the Faith in the quiet darkness. Jesus says to the truth-seeking scribe, "You are not far from the Kingdom of God." That is what He says to us as we go through life seeking to live as He has taught us. There are days that we know this, that we feel in our hearts. And there are days when we get bogged down in the cares of this world and God seems far away. But "the love of God is close," the song says, whether we feel it or not.

If we set our intention to be as God wills in the early morning hours, then, God is near, even if it does not seem so. By lunch time, we are distracted and frazzled. But that does not take away from our intention to love God and to do as He wills. Take a moment before you eat to renew your awareness that His love is close. If we love Him with "all our strength," He will provide the strength that we need to live a life worthy of the calling He has given us.

At the end of the day when the house is finally quiet and the darkness again slips into our consciousness, we examine our actions in the light of His love. We forgive those who have offended us. Most of all we must forgive ourselves for our imperfect love. In the darkness the mystery of God's never ending love reveals itself. God comes to us and washes away all the frailties and frustrations of the day and readies us for a new dawn the next morning. It is always a dawn filled with surprises.

November brings the season of thankfulness marked by the celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday. It brings the finality of autumn when all the leaves flutter to the ground. It brings the beginning of the long waiting period for the season of Christmas which, thanks to our commercial society begins before Halloween ends. Let us put thankfulness into our prayer this month. If we are sorrowing or longing for anything, let us align ourselves with the saints of old who did not lose heart even in the darkest of nights. In our prayer we offer our longings to God and pray for the grace to know that the Kingdom of God is upon us. It is already here because Christ is with us as we move forward bringing his love to the world.

Jesus saw the Pharisees that he could not convert, the Romans that oppressed His people. We see those who have not heard the Word of God, some of whom are in our own household. We see the oppression of those in power. We see the craziness of those who attempt to kill others, the carelessness of those taken up with their own desires. But that should not discourage us from living in the Kingdom of God. Isn't it amazing that the darkness of evil is the very darkness where we find the mystery of God! Jesus found the Father's will in His own suffering and death. He chose to enter into it because it was the Father's Will. This, too, is our intention: that we enter into this world with all its mistakes and cruelty, that we be the love of God here, no matter how the forces of evil seem to overcome us.

If we have these intentions, this awareness that we love God through every trial, if we love Him with everything we've got (heart, soul, mind and strength), then Jesus says to us, "You are not far from the Kingdom of God."

Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

St. Ignatius of Antioch Days

As fast as the weather is changing, so have things been changing around the parish. Though absent, I hear that the Parish Gala was a tremendous success. Early unconfirmed reports indicate that upward of thirty thousand dollars were raised for the daily workings of the parish. This monetary influx will carry us through to the holiday season where another pulse of generosity will start the cycle over again.

The Parish Festival was also successful. Three major food booths were quickly depleted of their wares after the conclusion of the 10'oclock Mass. The Cake booth and Dessert booth both did admirably well in raising much needed funds for the church. Yet more money was raised by the traditional (almost mandatory) Catholic way, namely; BINGO! Steve Rojek was the almost unflappable bingo caller. Steve would patiently explain each of the bingo games that would be played and what constituted a bingo or not, for that particular game. He has the patience of Job! Some of the simplest of instructions given by Steve can be transmogrified in the minds of bingo players into the most convoluted pathways imaginable. It would give a Navy Signals cryptographer nightmares just to unravel the seemingly endless questions the players come up with.

After the trials and tribulations of winning and losing at bingo, Fr. Robert engaged the crowd with his excellent skills as an auctioneer. The few remaining cakes were auctioned-off, bringing in bids as high as \$200 each. There remained only one thing left to do... draw the winning tickets for our Big Fat Parish Raffle. The third-place winners are: Deacon Gary and Diane Hack! Second-place winner is Lisa Drummond! And finally, the first-place winner of a trip to Greece is Roberta Boccio! Congratulations to all.

Like all the events here, the organizers and staff try to make each year's events even more appealing to the greatest number of our parishioners. Undoubtedly, the committees who worked so hard to bring these worthwhile days for you to enjoy are even now making progress for next year. I am sure they will appreciate any help or useful suggestions they can get from the parish faithful.



St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish Fundraiser

Turnaround Trip to Thunder Valley

- Monday:** November 12, 2018
- Depart:** **8:30 am** – St. Ignatius of Antioch Church
3351 Contra Loma Blvd.
(Secure gated parking lot)
- Return:** 3:30 p.m. - Leave Thunder Valley
- Fare:** \$45.00 Includes:
- Transportation
 - Continental Breakfast
 - Snack on return trip
 - \$15.00 **FREE** Slot Play
 - \$12.00 Food Credit
 - Gratuity for Driver

Reservations: call Frances Rojek – 925.778.1631
Make checks payable to St. Ignatius of Antioch Church.
Not responsible for parked vehicles – Fare non-refundable

Breakfast With Santa

Hawaiian Style



Saturday November 24
9:00 AM – 12 Noon
Pancakes - Sausage - Juice - Milk - Coffee
Breakfast - \$5 per person

Bring your camera and take
pictures with Santa
St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish Hall

Make a Family Advent Wreath
\$5 for Materials



**St. Ignatius of Antioch
Holly Faire
Boutique**

**November 17 & 18
Parish Hall**

**Come in back after the Liturgy and
look around...many wonderful items
and gift ideas for Christmas!! All
types of goodies for sale too.**



Christmas Party

**Cocktail Party to
Benefit St. Ignatius of Antioch
Hosted by Theresa and Joe Nelms
Sunday, December 9th,
4 - 8 pm**

Cost: \$50 per person / \$100 per couple.



**Space is
limited!
Call the
parish office
for
reservations.**



**Thanksgiving
Baskets**

**The annual effort in
support of our St. Vincent
de Paul Ministry and the
Thanksgiving Basket
distribution program is
rapidly approaching. Bring
your baskets to the weekend Liturgies
on Nov. 17-18. Look for the supplies
list in the bulletin.**



**13th Annual
St. Nicholas Dinner**

**“The Stockings
Were Hung!”**

**Saturday, December 1, 2018
5:30 p.m.**

St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish Hall

**\$35.00 per person
Adults only**

Menu:

**Appetizers with
Champagne
Winter Salad
Barbecue Tri Tip &
Chicken Breast
Savory String beans
Rice ala Fara
Bread and Butter
Dessert**

**Silent Auction
Live Auction
Door Prizes
50/50 Raffle**

***Don't Forget:
Bring Your Bells To
Welcome St. Nicholas!***



Sponsored by the Social Events Committee with our Knights of Columbus.