

St. Ignatius of Antioch

January 6, 2019 – The Epiphany of the Lord

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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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of the Lord

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.

— Isaiah 60:1

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 December 22-23

Weekend Offering.....\$11,097.74

Second Collection (St. Vincent de Paul).....\$3,008.00

Looking Ahead

January 12-13, 2019: 40th Anniversary Celebration for all who were baptized in our parish over the past 40 years. See page 4 for more details.

January 19, 2019: Annual Knights of Columbus Crab Feed. See page 6 for more information.

Ongoing:

Tuesdays: 7:00 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).

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 Sundays homilies are also posted.

www.facebook.com/stignatiusofantiochchurch

Schedule of Events

Sunday, January 6 - The Epiphany of the Lord

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Birthday Blessing - Both Liturgies
- Second Collection for the Parking Lot Loan
- Confirmation I & II - 12 to 1:30 pm - Parish Hall

Monday, January 7

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- SPRED Catechist Prep - 4:30 to 6 pm - Parish Hall
- RCIA - 7 to 8:30 pm - Office
- Lector/Eucharistic Minister Evening of Reflection - 7 to 8 pm - Church

Tuesday, January 8

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

Wednesday, January 9

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

Thursday, January 10

- 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, January 11

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

Saturday, January 12

- 4 pm Vigil Liturgy
- Second Collection for the Seminary

Sunday, January 13 - The Baptism of the Lord

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Second Collection for the Seminary
- 40th Anniversary Committee Celebrates those Baptized at this parish after 10 am Liturgy with a Reception in the Parish Hall
- Confirmation I & II - 12 to 1:30 pm - Parish Hall

Pray for the Sick

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

Tom Bresciani	Linda Morrison	Diane Schlueter
Gavin Cano	Jose Palomino	FF Cole Smith
Stacia DeBuhr	Jose Guillermino Ramos	Dr. Deborah Stec
Dorothy	FF Mark Rezac	Peter Villalpando
FF Brandon Earhardt	Marlene Rideau	David Viscay
Willie Ilas		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	1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday	1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday	1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday	1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday	1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday	1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday	Is 60 1- 6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2a, 5 - 6; Mt 2: 1– 12

Lay Ministers—Week of Jan 12th & 13th

4 pm: Lectors – Melodye Costanza, Vince Augusta; **Head Cup** – David Simpson; **Head Host** – Sharon Simpson; **Host** – Mary Angelica Cayaban, Bernice Campbell; **Cup** – Beverly Iacona, Pam Confetti, Rowena Cayaban; **Servers** - Edward Salas-Garcia

8 am: Lectors – Ron Lucas, Faye Lucas; **Head Cup** - Vianney Mendoza; **Head Host** – Jeannine Ford; **Host**– Jack Goncalves, Edith Quiambao, Romeo Quiambao, Rick Howell; **Cup** - Sue Howell, Frank Kauer, Monika Kauer, Crispina Malonosan, Tim Cox; **Servers** - Daniel Galvan, Vincent Martinez

10 am: Lectors – Rose Necor, Melissa Hoang.; **Head Cup** – Lesley Eubanks; **Head Host** – Harlan Young; **Host** - Samantha Peralto, Helga Boardman, Ed Cissell, Yvette Young; **Cup** – Sharon Cissell, Mark Costanza, Noel Fortez, Sheila Fortez, Lee Oliver; **Servers** – Alessandra Necor, William Necor

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. 4:00 pm	Maryjean Simão †
Sun. 8:00 am	Pilar Bayani †
Sun. 10:00 am	Ave Maria Aderonmu
Mon. 4:00 pm	Fara Costanza †
Tues. 11:00 am	Marian Favalora †
Wed. 8:00 am	Our Parish Family
Thur. 8:00 am	All Priests & Deacons
Fri. 8:00 am	All Care Givers

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of **Edy Aparicio and Maria Isabel Mendoza**. 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

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, Feb 2nd - 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.

Mobile Mall

Distribution – Sat., Jan. 26th from 9 am to 12 Noon -
Turner Elementary School
4207 Delta Fair Blvd, Antioch

Sorting - Sat., Feb 9th from 9:00 am to 12 Noon -
Most Holy Rosary Gym

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

*Heavy duty garbage bags are needed

SPRED Ministry Opportunity



Do you have a loving heart? Feel like you have talents to contribute, but haven't found a fulfilling channel for them? We have the ministry for you! We are **SPRED** (**S**pecial **R**eligious **E**ducation), a small, well established, diocesan ministry of catechists

sharing our Catholic faith with adults with special needs living in East Contra Costa County. Our SPRED center is located here at St Ignatius of Antioch Church and we meet on Monday evenings during the school year. If you are interested in joining our group as a catechist, please contact Vicki McCoy 925-408-7731 for more information.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Married Couples: This New Year, make a Resolution to make your marriage the *best it can be* by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend held at **San Damiano Retreat Center**, Danville.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is June 28 – 30, 2019 or November 15-19, 2019. Space is limited Early registration 4 to 6 weeks ahead is highly recommended. For more information and/or to register for a weekend, Contact Chuck & Anne at applications@oaklandwwme.org or 925-849-5466 or visit oaklandwwme.org.

Adult Confirmation Classes

If you have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation and will be 18 years of age or older on Feb. 16th, then Adult Confirmation classes are for you! The Diocese of Oakland has set the date and opened registration for 2019. Classes will be (Tuesday evenings) Jan, 8, 15, 22, 29, and Feb. 12 from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Become a fully initiated Catholic and receive the power of the Holy Spirit, and its gifts. Contact Pastoral Associate Peter Degl'Innocenti at (925)756-6172 to receive this year's registration forms and more details. The Diocese will impose a deadline at some point in the near future. Don't delay, call now!

40th Anniversary News



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Were you or a family member baptized at St. Ignatius of Antioch?

The **FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD** is being celebrated on January 13 and marks the end of the Christmas Season. As part of our year-long celebration of the Anniversary of St. Ignatius of Antioch, we also want to celebrate and remember all who received the Sacrament of Baptism in our parish over the past 40 years. This celebration will take place on the weekend of January 12-13 and culminate with a reception in the parish hall after the Sunday 10:00 am Liturgy.

The Anniversary Committee is collecting pictures of parish baptismal celebrations for our Baptism Celebration. If you have pictures that you would like to share, please place them in the 40th Anniversary Memory Box located in the Narthex. 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 them to Vicki at v.a.mccoy@att.net. Please use “40th Anniversary” in subject line.

Justice Corner

By Carolyn Krantz...Pastoral Associate

The feast of the Epiphany holds many scriptures that we can apply to our troubling times. In Isaiah 60: "Darkness covers the earth, thick clouds cover the people." Sometimes in prayer when we ponder the state of the earth, the economy, the political scene, it feels like that. Things seem without light; cloudy like the fog we are so used to in the Bay Area. But the next line says, "But upon you the Lord shines. Nations shall walk by your light." This is the light of Christ reflected in the star that guided the Wise men to find the babe in the manger. They were wealthy and knowledgeable folk, yet they had the wisdom of the Holy Spirit to recognize the power of the babe born in poverty and his parents who trusted in the words of angels.

So we, who look back over Christmas and recognize the times that God's Spirit has guided us, know that that Light is still shining in us. It shines in the love of our families. It shines in the prayer we offer each morning. It shines in the good deeds we do unselfishly for others. It shines in the splendid liturgies we celebrate as a community. It shines in the wise words we are given in difficult situations. It shines in our hopeful hearts that 2019 may be a better year. We are co-partners with Christ in bringing forth the riches that He has promised.

The rulers of the earth are troubled by this. Like Herod before them, they only imagine that God favors them and not the little ones of the earth. They want to know where the Power of such Light is so they can capture and destroy it. They lie about their purpose. They cannot see the humanity of the homeless, the clear purpose of those seeking refuge from violence and oppression. They cannot BE with those who have lost someone dear to them. They cannot share the pain of the suffering of others. It is only by God's light within us that we can do these things. Only by trusting in the Promise of Christ can we dream of a better world. We can trust in His dream of a world built on Love and not hate, goodness and not deceit. Only by the Light of the Spirit can we move forward into 2019 with hope.

Again I want to refer to the works of Brene Brown*. In her latest book she refers to the "Stockdale Paradox", named for Admiral Jim Stockdale who was a prisoner of war in Vietnam. When asked who made it out and who didn't as prisoners of war, he responded, "That's easy. The optimists..." those who set up a belief that they would be out of the prison camp by Christmas. Then when it did not happen, they despaired. This is a key learning for us. We must have "gritty faith" that things can be better, but also gritty facts. We must be dreamers, but also do a reality check on the way things are. We must research possibilities and find ways through tough situations with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Once I had my handwriting analyzed. The expert said that I was "a dreamer with my feet in reality." We have been given "gritty faith" in Baptism. We can see God's Presence in the world. But we also must have "gritty facts." We must see the world's suffering and ask for the Light of the Spirit to see what part we can play to make 2019 a better year.

*Brene Brown, *Dare to Lead*, New York, Radom House, 2018, p. 57.

Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

Talking Candles and the Return of Censor Man

By my rudimentary calculations, we should now be into a new year; 2019. Advent just flew by (only 3 weeks and 1 day). I feel sorry for that fourth purple Advent candle. It hardly ever gets lit as much as the others. When I do my communion rounds to the homebound The Advent wreaths on display all have that fourth purple candle taller than the rest, sometimes twice as tall. I feel a compulsion to tell the folks they should rotate their purple candles but the fate of the fourth candle would remain the same even if all their sizes were identical. I can imagine a conversation between the purple candles. "I don't want to be the fourth candle, you be the fourth candle!" "I was the fourth candle last year, it's your turn". "Let's get Mikey to be the fourth candle...yeah". Everybody wants to shine bright for the holidays.

Christmas was heralded by our hosting the Filipino tradition of Simbang Gabi, for the second year in a row. The novena of nine Masses at 5AM is not an easy thing to complete and my hat's off to all who completed the full nine days. If you think giving-up something you like for Lent is difficult, try giving Simbang Gabi due consideration. You definitely don't have to fast (in fact, feasting is almost mandatory) and the "penitential" aspects of getting up at 0' dark :30 is (according to me) transferable to Lent.

Christmas proper was magnificent! All of the traditional highlights of a St. Ignatius of Antioch Christmas were present this year. The environment was resplendent in Christmas greens, reds, and just a touch of seasonal purple and gold. The lights added an impressive brilliance to the entire church interior. The liturgies, the homilies, and the music could make your head "swim" with ecstatic delight for the love of God and the true meaning of Christmas as only we, as an entire Church can produce. There was something for everyone this year. We even had incense at the 9PM "Midnight Mass" with a great procession up and down the isles with the Book of the Gospels. The sweet smell of incense brought back memories when incense was used at all the Christmas Masses. For a brief moment I thought of reprising my role as Censor Man the comic book styled action hero whose super-power is his ability to breath-in copious amounts of smoke without coughing. I wonder what costume Edna Mode from *The Incredibles* would have designed? Now, much older, I cough without any smoke around, but that night it didn't bother me. I think wonderful and glorious worship causes us to rise above the rising incense and all the little things of life.

Discernment Day:

Are you seeking for Truth? Are you yearning for the infinite and for happiness? Christ is the Answer! Come and See! The Dominican Nuns of Corpus Christi Monastery are hosting a Come and See Day for single, Catholic women ages 18-38 on January 19, 2019 at their monastery on

215 Oak Grove Avenue in Menlo Park, California.

For those outside the San Francisco Bay Area, the nuns also have limited accommodations for overnight guest.

For more information and to register visit

www.opunsmenlo.org/upcoming-events or contact

Sister Joseph Marie O.P. at vocations@opnunsmenlo.org

The day begins with Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed by

Divine Office, Rosary.

Conferences on Discernment, Recreation with the nuns, Adoration and More!



Could YOU be a friend to the Caring Hands Program?

The next Caring Hands Volunteer training is coming up on January 25th. If you have just an hour or two each week to offer friendship and occasional rides to a senior in your neighborhood, please consider joining the team as a non-medical volunteer caregiver.

Enriching matches and deep relationships are created with frail or isolated Contra Costa County seniors who treasure a friendly visit, a walk, a social outing, or a ride to the doctor. Reading mail or providing occasional respite care are services which make a big difference. The program is flexible and you can help someone in your own neighborhood. The program provides substitutes for when you're away.

Perhaps you'll be that friend who gives a waiting senior hope and help—or maybe you know just the person to do so! For an application or more information about John Muir Health's Caring Hands program, please contact Stacy Appel, Volunteer Coordinator, at (925) 952-2999 or email caring_hands@johnmuirhealth.com.

Get Your Tickets to the

7th Annual Knights of Columbus

Crab Feed



Saturday, January 19, 2019
5:30 PM

St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish Hall

All You Can Eat:

Appetizers

Dungeness Crab

Salad – Bread – Pasta – Dessert

No-Host Bar

Raffles

\$50 per person

Tickets sold after Mass

December 28/29 & January 5/6 & 12/13

or

Call Steve Rojek at 925-642-2329

(No tickets sold at the door)



425 West Fourth St. in Pittsburg.
OPEN HOUSE

January 27, 2019 - 10 am until Noon

St. Peter Martyr School is now accepting applications for 3 yr. 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:

<http://www.stpetermartyrschool.org/>.

St. Peter Martyr School is fully accredited and invites you to become part of our Catholic school family. Bring the family, meet the teachers, and visit the classrooms. For further information about our affordable rates call the school at 925-439-1014 or visit stpetermartyrschool.org.



As 2018 draws to a close, please take some time to reflect on what YOU HAVE been able to do this year.

Your kindness, generosity and commitment to the Gospel message of Love supported the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry EVERY week, the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, meals on wheels, Winter Nights emergency family shelter, Catholic Charities, the Mission Cooperative Appeal, Contra Costa Interfaith Housing, the Northern California fire relief efforts, the Mary Project, St. Peter Martyr school, the sock and coat drives, the Giving Tree, the Thanksgiving Basket outreach and so much more.

Our liturgical celebrations, the wonderful music and choir ministries and our faith formation programs exist solely with your support.

As you count your blessings this Christmas season, we ask that you prayerfully consider a special year-end gift to St. Ignatius of Antioch.

Please know that every gift, no matter the amount, is both celebrated and appreciated!

