

St. Ignatius of Antioch

January 13, 2019 – The Baptism 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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*He saved us through the bath of
rebirth and renewal by the Holy
Spirit.*

— *Titus 3:5*

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 Dec. 29-30

Weekend Offering.....\$11,145.71

Second Collection (Parish Assessment).....\$3,750.00

Dec. 31-Jan. 1

Mary, Mother of God (New Year's).....\$2,124.00

Looking Ahead

January 19: Annual Knights of Columbus Crab Feed. See page 7 for more information.

February 10: *40th Anniversary event* - Reception in the Parish Hall after 10am liturgy celebrating all who were married at St. Ignatius of Antioch.

February 18: Presidents Day Bingo in the Parish Hall. See page 6 for more details.

March 6: Ash Wednesday.

March 16: St. Joseph & St. Patrick Feast Days dinner. Watch for details.

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:

www.facebook.com/stignatiusofantiochchurch

Schedule of Events

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 - Church

Monday, January 14

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- SPRED Total Community - 6 to 8 pm - Parish Hall
- RCIA - 7 to 8:30 pm - Office

Tuesday, January 15

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- Hula Class - 7 to 9 pm - Church

Wednesday, January 16

- 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 17

- 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 to 12 noon - Parish Hall
- Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 pm to 9 pm - Church

Friday, January 18

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

Saturday, January 19

- 4 pm Vigil Liturgy
- Knights of Columbus Crab Feed - 5:30 pm - Parish Hall - contact Steve Rojek for more information or for tickets

Sunday, January 20

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- 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	Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday	Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday	Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday	Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday	Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday	Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday	Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

Lay Ministers—Week of Jan 19th & 20th

4 pm: Lectors – Mila Ellingwood, Noela Noel-LoFranco; **Head Cup** – Pam Confetti; **Head Host** – Marla Plurkowski; **Host** – Nancy DiMaggio, Beth Enea; **Cup** – Rhoda Herrera, Christoph Holl, Jessie Okon; **Servers** - Edward Salas-Garcia

8 am: Lectors – Peter Degl’Innocenti, Mark Webster; **Head Cup** - Vianney Mendoza; **Head Host** – Jeannine Ford; **Host**– Deanna Ribeiro, Jeanne Reilly, Diane Hack, Kathleen Hayakawa; **Cup** - Carol Fanfa, Natalia Joyce, Jenawati Kwa, Tim Cox, Nick Suarez; **Servers** - Daniel Galvan, Vincent Martinez

10 am: Lectors – Andrew Ngo, William Necor.; **Head Cup** – Dilcia Aparicio; **Head Host** – Jane Sharpe; **Host** - Steven Andreatta, Gloria Asuncion, Reyna Garcia, Angelina Guieb-Alphonso; **Cup** – Cynthia Enrique, Amante Asuncion, Cecelia Kennedy, Al Necor, Estrella Rusk; **Servers** – Giada Godina, Dezire Jackson

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. 4:00 pm	Rocco Battaglia †
Sun. 8:00 am	Alfred & Elina Avelar †
Sun. 10:00 am	Juliet Posadas †
Mon. 8:00 am	Thelma Chio †
Tues. 8:00 am	Mena O. Papa †
Wed. 8:00 am	Mary Kendrick †
Thur. 8:00 am	All Military Men and Women
Fri. 8:00 am	Librada Gutierrez-Oyos †

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of **Evelyn Giacomini, Rich Cotter and Wayne Lein, Sr.** 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.

Volunteers wanted:

If you can visit a needy family with us to offer them help just once a month, please call us (925)757-0941.

If you need help:

St. Vincent de Paul phone number: (925)757-0941.

Emergency Food Pantry - Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 9:00 and 10:00 am. Most Holy Rosary Parish Center.

Food Bank Fresh Food Truck - First and Third Friday of each month between 1:00 and 2:00pm. Most Holy Rosary Church parking lot

To access county social services, 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

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Married Couples: 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.

Contra Costa Interfaith Housing

Do You Want to Make a Difference in a Child’s Life?
Support students in CCIH’s Youth Enrichment program on Fridays in Concord from 3:00 to 4:30 pm. Homework help is available Monday—Thursday, but Fridays are reserved for fun! There are fun games and activities to bolster learning, and increase self-esteem and community. This is a low-commitment opportunity to help kids have a great time, while learning in a safe environment. If you are interested, contact: Gloria@ccinterfaithhousing.

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

Celebrating all who were Baptized at St. Ignatius of Antioch after the Sunday 10:00am Liturgy this weekend.

Come celebrate with your parish family.



Discernment Day for Women

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 at:

215 Oak Grove Avenue in Menlo Park, California. For those outside the San Francisco Bay Area, the nuns also have limited accommodations for overnight guests.

For more information and to register visit www.opunsmenlo.org/upcoming-events or contact Sister Joseph Marie O.P. at vocations@opunsmenlo.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!

Justice Corner

By Carolyn Krantz...Pastoral Associate

What is the Lord calling us to in 2019? Christmas festivities are over. New Year's is past and the ordinary life of work, family, school, meals, bill paying etc., takes over. The economy is suffering, stocks are down and the government is paralyzed. Where do we hear the voice of the Lord? What is new? What awaits our creativity in this year? What awaits us as 2019 progresses?

In the first reading today, Samuel, a neophyte in the Temple service hears a call. He does not recognize it as the Lord's voice. He thinks it is his teacher calling him and runs to do his duty. On the third try, Eli recognizes that it is the Lord's voice and instructs him to say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."

Today we hear the Lord's voice in many ways: in our care of the sick, in the poor, in family needs, in the pain of a co-worker, in children who need to be loved, etc. Does it take us three tries to recognize that it is the voice of the Lord that is calling us to lovingly respond?

In my own life, when things are hard and difficult, I want them to change. Accepting the suffering that life offers, is hard. Welcoming each day with its troubles, take grace and patience. Our world has so many needs. Our own community suffers its losses and heartaches each week. Jesus invites us to "Come and see" how he handles things. He brings His attention to what is before him. He teaches the disciples to do just that. Be present! Hard to do in this world of cell phones, media and advertising.

Instead of worrying, we need to give our anxieties to Him who can do all things. Again I recommend Dr. Gregory Bottaro's book, *The Mindful Catholic*, to help with this perspective. He speaks of giving our worries to the Lord and not taking them back. See the difficulties before you as the call of the Lord and respond lovingly without anxiety, but with peace in the knowledge that He has placed us in this particular circumstance because He knows we can be His Love for others. He trusts us to be His hands and feet. Do we trust Him?

Sometimes as we go through each week, we feel our words have no effect on people, but that is not true. What is true is that we do not know their effect. If we develop a deep trust in God, then when we speak, our words will have an effect because they come from the depth of a spiritual life that is practiced every day. They will come from the depths of the silence in which God is found. "When all the world was in silence and the night was in the midst of its course, the almighty Word leaped down!" And we respond to the suffering in our lives in trust by saying, "Here I am Lord...I come to do Your will!"

Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

Why Baptize Jesus?

One of the questions I always ask at the baptism classes I hold is, "Why does a sinless Jesus need to go through the process of washing away of sins in baptism?" Usually that question results in silence or a partially correct answer. Do you know the answer? Obviously, it is not to wash away his sins, Jesus hasn't any. So, Why?

To help us find the answer, we start at the beginning. John the Baptist and Jesus both receive their marching orders from God the Holy Spirit. John, is sent to baptize with water knowing full well that one greater than he is coming who will baptize with the Holy Spirit. From the gospel of St. John, we find John the Baptist proclaiming he was sent to reveal the one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit. John fulfills part of his mission by proclaiming, "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" and "... he is the Son of God." So, once again we ask, if John proclaimed who Jesus was, why the water of baptism?

Try to call to mind the times you've seen someone at the beach coming out of the ocean's water all at once. Recall some movie scenes of this, particularly the slow-motion shots. Even if we know who is coming out of the water, the water itself has a shielding and obscuring effect on the person's identity. We see a good amount of water before we ever see the person's face. That vision of human-shaped water is what God sees. He sees Waters of Baptism long before he sees the humanity underneath. Every time he sees someone rising out of the waters of baptism, he sees his Son's rising. God recognizes the water and the act of baptism as his sinless Son. Jesus knew that for God to recognize us as his sons and daughters we have to share something in common. That commonality is our baptism.

This is not the first time God has placed symbology in our hands to command his will. A bold statement for sure but remember the last plague in Egypt before the exodus. Blood of a lamb was painted onto the doorpost and lintel (forming a cross) and the angle of death passed over that house sparing all inside without judging their goodness or wickedness. Seeing the blood was all that mattered. With baptism, all that matters to God is seeing the waters of baptism. The waters of baptism not only save us from death but give us a share in the Lord's eternal life.

We, too, receive the Holy Spirit and its gifts and fruits as well. So, why did a sinless Jesus let himself be baptized? So God would recognize us as his own sons and daughters sinless and as pure and holy as Jesus.

SPRED



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** (SPecial RELigious EDucation), 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, contact Vicki McCoy at 925-408-7731 for more information.

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.



Bingo Presidents Day

Monday February 18

St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish Hall
Doors Open @ 11:00 AM
Lunch at 11:30 AM

Games Begin @ 12:15 PM



10 Regular Games - \$100 Payout Each
Specials

\$25 per person includes
10 Games and Lunch
Dauber — \$1

Tickets available after Masses
February 9 & 10 and February 16 & 17
or by calling Steve @ 925-642-2329



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.

Get Your Tickets to the
7th Annual Knights of Columbus
Crab Feed

**Next
Weekend!**



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)