

St. Ignatius of Antioch

February 18, 2018 – First Sunday of Lent

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Washed Clean

Compassionate God,
whose promise of love spans
all generations,
rouse our hearts to hear your Word
and teach us to act according
to your will.
Give us courage to turn away
from temptation
and strengthen our desire to follow you.
May we, who were washed clean of sin
and saved from death in the waters
of Baptism,
be renewed by your Holy Spirit during
these forty days.
With the elect, guide our hearts
to repentance
so that, sustained by the Living Bread,
we may forever give witness to your love
and mercy.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus
Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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 & 7:30 pm
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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Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths.

— Psalm 25:4

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 February 3-4

Weekend Offering.....\$11,894.11

Second Collection - Parking Lot Loan.....\$4,016.79

Schedule of Events

Sunday, February 18

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Rite of Sending for RCIA & RCIC - 10 am Liturgy
- Confirmation I & II Class -12 to 1:15 pm -Parish Hall
- Bishop’s Appeal Commitment Weekend
- Rite of Election for RCIA & RCIC- 4 pm at Cathedral

Monday, February 19 Presidents Day - Office Closed

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- Presidents Day Bingo - 11 am - Parish Hall
- SPRED Catechist Prep - 4:30 to 6 pm - Parish Hall
- No RCIA

Tuesday, February 20

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- Finance Council Meeting - 11 am - Parish Hall
- Family Gathering - 6 to 7:15 pm - Parish Hall
- Hula Class - 7:30 to 9 pm - Church

Wednesday, February 21

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am, Novena following
- No RCIC/Sacraments Class

Thursday, February 22

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 pm to 9 pm – Church

Friday, February 23

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- Knights of Columbus Fish Fry - 4:30 to 7 pm - Parish Hall

Saturday, February 24

- 4 pm Liturgy

Sunday, February 25

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Confirmation I & II Class -12 to 1:15 pm -Parish Hall

Looking Ahead

February 19: President’s Day - Parish & Faith Formation Offices Closed - BINGO at 11:00 am.

February 23 & March 2, 9, 16 & 23: Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Fridays.

March 7 & April 4: Grains of Wheat women’s group prayer and scripture reading according to the Liturgical season. See page 6 for more information.

Ongoing:

Tuesdays: 9:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. - Hula Class in the Parish Hall. Contact Samantha Peralto at 726-7117 for information or questions.

Thursday: 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).

Pray for the Sick

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

Rocco Battaglia	Robin Goncalves	Tylor Rideau
Rosita Bonayon	Avelina Gordovez	Kim Tank
Tom Bresciani	Linda Morrison	Peter Villalpando
Gavin Cano	Judy Quicho	Theresa Weathers
Nimfa Carnes	Jose Guillermino Ramos	Guy Worth
Dorothy	Mike Ricker	

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	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday	1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Friday	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

Lay Ministers—Week of Feb 24th & Feb 25th

4 pm: Lectors – Sandy Stokes, Ed Stokes; **Head Cup** – Pam Confetti; **Head Host** – Melodye Costanza; **Host** – Carol Fanfa, Nancy DiMaggio; **Cup** – Rhoda Herrera, Christoph Holl, Jessie Okon

8 am: Lectors – Kathleen Clarke, Peter Degl’Innocenti; **Head Cup** - Crispina Malonosan; **Head Host** - Jeannine Ford; **Host** – Diane Hack, Frank Kauer, Monika Kauer, MaryJo Keister; **Cup** - Rick Howell, Sue Howell, Tim Cox, Natalia Joyce, Jenawati Kwa; **Server** - Chauncey Lewis, Aizaiah Laxamana

10 am: Lectors – Rose Necor, Tina Costanza; **Head Cup** – Steven Andreatta; **Head Host** – Harlan Young; **Host** – Samantha Peralto, Amante Asuncion, Ed Cissell, Yvette Young; **Cup** – Lee Oliver, Estrella Rusk, Gloria Asuncion, Sharon Cissell, Mark Costanza; **Servers** – Jacob Mirano, Jean Paul Fortez

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. 4:00 pm	Ruben Tapia †
Sun. 8:00 am	Our Parish Family
Sun. 10:00 am	Joel Rusk †
Mon. 8:00 am	All Priests & Deacons
Tues. 8:00 am	All Military Men & Women
Wed. 8:00 am	Mary Rose †
Thur. 8:00 am	All Care Givers
Fri. 8:00 am	All First Responders

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the soul of **Caroline Wetzel**. May her soul 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:

- 2 lb. bag White Rice**
- Canned Tuna - 5 oz.**
- Chicken Noodle Soup - 10. 5 oz.**

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

Mobile Mall

Sorting - March 17th and April 7th from 9:00 am to 12 Noon - Holy Rosary Dominican Hall.

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

*Heavy duty garbage bags are needed

Don't Give Up Chocolate For Lent

At Dynamic Catholic we are committed to developing world-class resources that inspire Catholics and their parishes to rediscover the genius of Catholicism.

What is Best Lent Ever?

It is a free email program that will guide you and your parish on an incredible 40-day journey to become the-best-version-of yourselves, making this a truly life-changing Lent.

How Does It Work?

1. You encourage everyone in your parish to sign up at **BestLentEver.Com/ParishSignUp**
2. Starting Ash Wednesday, participants receive daily emails with short inspirational videos, practical tips to incorporate into their everyday lives, and encouraging stories from Dynamic Catholic team members.
3. Throughout Lent, participants will discover how to open their hearts to God and do more than just give up chocolate for Lent.....leading to their best lent ever.

Catholic Daughters of America Bingo

Catholic Daughters of America Court 1450 invites you and your friends to come and join us for Bingo every first Tuesday of the month. Bingo is held at the parish hall of the Good Shepherd Catholic Church at 3200 Harbor Street, Pittsburg.

Buy in is \$12.00 which includes 2 cards and a delicious lunch with unlimited fruit punch, coffee and tea. Doors open at 10:30 am. CDA is a nonprofit national Catholic women's organization that supports national and local charities and projects.

Come and meet new friends at our next Bingo on **March 6th**. See you there!

Retrouvaille

Retrouvaille... A lifeline for marriages. Do you feel lost, frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Retrouvaille helps married couples heal and renew their marriages.

The Retrouvaille Program begins with an initial weekend: Friday, February 23, 2018 at 7 pm to Sunday, February 25, 2018 at 5 pm.

There are 12 follow up sessions over six Saturdays: March 3, March 10, March 24, April 7, April 21 and May 5, 2018 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Register at www.HelpOurMarriage.com or contact

Gus and Edda Rivera at (510) 709-6063

Retrouvaille provides marriage Help! You are not alone!

Marriage for Life

A Program to Prepare Couples for the Sacrament of Marriage." The Marriage Preparation Registration for the 2018 Sessions are as follows:

Saturday, March 24th

Saturday, May 5th

Saturday, August 25th

Saturday, October 27th

Location: St. Mary's Cathedral

Gough and Geary Streets, San Francisco, CA

Engaged couples can register for any date on our website, www.marriageforlifef.com. Or if you prefer, the registration form can be printed out from the website and mailed in.

The website has a complete schedule, resource information about engagement and marriage as well as nuts and bolts info about the preparation sessions.

The cost is \$325.00 per couple. For more information, call Connie or Joe D'Aura (415) 664-8108.

Contra Costa Interfaith Housing

Seeking In-Kind Donations

- **DIAPERS** (regular) size 3, 4, 5 for families in our programs.
- Cleaning supplies for our Scattered Site/FISH clients (Comet; Windex, Simple Green, Buckets; mops; etc.) Incentive prizes for Homework Club. \$1-\$5 prizes for K-8th graders for doing excellent work during the week. This is your opportunity to clean out the birthday party leftover drawer from over the years.
- Raffle prizes for resident monthly community meeting (NEW items; \$5 - \$20 value).
- Paper products for after school snacks; printer paper for after school programming.
- Used, working Laptops for families with children in school; Wi-Fi ready. We have 2 families whose children stay afterschool to use the computers and work schedules will make this harder on the family. For more information contact Gloria Bertolozzi at

Mother-Daughter Retreat

Carondelet High School's annual Mother - Daughter Retreat is a special time for women to explore, affirm and celebrate their unique bonds in a renewing, relaxing and spiritually - enriching atmosphere. It is open to all mothers, grandmothers, aunts, alumnae and their daughters who are in 8th grade, high school, college or beyond. Sunday, February 25, from 9:15 am to 1:30 pm, at Carondelet's Garaventa Center. Tickets on sale now at:

www.CarondeletHS.org/Mother/Daughter.

Justice Corner

By Carolyn Krantz...Pastoral Associate

The sixth Essential for Parish Life is existence of **Small Christian Communities** within the parish. SCC's are "gatherings of Christians who come together regularly to pray, sing, share human stories, read scripture and seek ways to respond to God's presence in their lives and in the world." These are members who know one another personally and support one another through the trials of life. In 1999, Pope John Paul II said, "In such a human context, it will be easier to gather to hear the word of God, reflect on the range of human problems in the light of this Word, and gradually to make responsible decisions inspired by the all-embracing love of Christ." (Ecclesia in America) A small Christian Community is a sample of the parish as a whole.

As a parish, we continue to offer the opportunity for such gatherings in Family Faith Formation, R.C.I.A, G.I.F.T, Grains of Wheat, the Fatima Group, and other opportunities, but this does not meet the need for the 615 registered families in the parish. Many different kinds of groups may function as an SCC. Each group is focused on bringing the Gospel values to life in our modern world. They may be connected to a project, but the focus is on learning and growing together through scripture, prayer and sharing. Members must have a commitment to sharing with one another and seeing where the Spirit is at work in our local area and activities.

Many religious groups such as the Franciscans, the Jesuits, and various orders of religious women have started "Companion" and third order groups with the same purpose. These groups are based on the belief that Christians are not meant to tackle the problems of this world alone, but need each other for discernment and reflection to find what God is saying to us and to "read the signs of the times."

It is hard for the people of this parish to make time for such regular monthly meetings because of work and family responsibilities, driving distances, etc. Night meetings are often not possible because of the commute and day meetings exclude those who work. Often some short term solutions help such as workshops, short retreats, etc. But still the need remains.

So, I will end this segment with a question. What will work for you? If you can begin a neighborhood group in your home, staff can come to help you with the beginning of a Small Christian Community. If you can gather 5-6 people that are interested in an SCC, we can provide materials and leadership. It has to be something that works for you.

Leave a message in my box if you would like to get started or talk to one of the staff if you have questions. The more groups we have, the more the Sunday experience comes alive. An unreflective life is a tragedy. SCC's are a way to grow closer together as a parish, understand what God is asking of us, and appreciate the gifts God has given us.

Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

Sensibility and Ability

When it was announced at a Parish Staff meeting that the Bishop's Feb. 1st Spring Formation Day would focus on mental health, I had a flood of mixed feelings about it. Was it to be an examination of our own mental health status, the clergy in general, the community at large, or something entirely different? Curiosity, trepidation, excitement, and a boldness of heart lead me and the staff to plunge into the meeting held at St. Stephen's Church in Walnut Creek.

As we entered the hall most of the tables were fully occupied except for one, way up in the front, where a single folder of hand-out materials lay. Maryann, Estrella, and I seized our chance to sit together while Fr. Robert decided to hang-out in back with his fellow priests. We found out why our table was treated like a leper colony when it was too late to move. The lone folder belonged to the bishop and that is where he would be sitting.

Before the meeting started, I took the opportunity to write the first draft about our recently held crab feed for this column. The bishop sat down as I had two minutes of writing left to finish the article. I closed the book and wished him a good morning. The meeting focused on the works of Catholic Charities of the East Bay and NAMI, the National Alliance of Mental Illness. Testimonials were given by people recovering from severe mental illness (SMI). A wealth of resources, referrals, and basic courses of action were addressed. The single most important thing to remember is to treat people with mental illness as People!

Now, on Feb. 2nd the very next day, those who attended the 8 am Liturgy sponsored by the Fatima Prayer Group were treated to the loveable yet somewhat zany witticism of Fr. Ricardo Chavez. I refrain from the use of the word crazy, yet I've always said, (like ESP) "We're all crazy to some degree, just some of us have it to a greater ability than others!" I have a lot of ability. That Saturday was the feast day of St. Blaze, Bishop and Martyr. Fr. Ricardo recalled how St. Blaze had one day saved a man's life from choking to death by dislodging a fish bone from his throat. Since then St. Blaze has been the patron saint of every condition of the throat and mouth. Fr. Chavez assured us of receiving the special blessing invoking the name of St. Blaze at the end of Mass. "And if I start to walk out without giving you the blessing, do something that will remind me of it." He paused then added "I don't know...throw a fish at me, I guess."

The Mass went smoothly and, sharp-as-a-tack Fr. Ricardo hit on all three points of the day; the scriptures, St. Blaze, and St. Fatima. At the conclusion of the Mass Fr. took one step toward the door, stopped, and in sotto voce said, "I don't want a fish across the face, do I." Reverently, he gave the blessing to everyone and proclaimed for all to hear, "Now you can say your one thousand or two thousand Hail Mary's with the help of St. Blaze to save your throats from getting sore!" I like that man's ability.



Catholic Charities of the East Bay

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

Like CPR, **Mental Health First Aid** prepares people to interact with a person in crisis and connect them with help. Our **Experience Hope Training Institute** teaches basic restorative and trauma-responsive philosophies and practices.

Many people with mental health struggles find solace in their faith. But church members or staff may not know how to respond to their struggles or help in a crisis. This training offers tools and answers to questions like, "What do I do?" or "Where can someone find help?"

The course is appropriate for anyone who wants to learn how to help someone who may be experiencing a mental health-related crisis or problem. Participants can use the skills learned in their daily lives, including within their own families, churches, or neighborhoods. For more information, contact Cat Willett at cwillett@cceb.org or call 510-290-6103

Grains of Wheat

This women's group, held on the first Wednesday of the month, is inviting all women of the parish who desire to grow spiritually and mature in the Lord to attend. The meetings will be March 7 and April 4th from 9:15 - 11:00 in the Parish Hall. Prayer and scripture according to the liturgical season as well as shared meditations will be offered. Regular prayer life and commitment to attend all three meetings is required. This is a special opportunity to grow together as women of faith of St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish.

Father McGivney Wants YOU! *Knights of Columbus Membership Drive*

In 1882 Father Michael McGivney established the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic fraternal organization. Today, the Order is still true to its founding principals of charity, unity and fraternity. Knights are visible at St. Ignatius of Antioch as lectors, ushers, parking lot attendants and many more volunteer activities. Knights raise funds for the church and other charitable causes by sponsoring the Annual Lenten Fish Frys, Pancake Breakfasts, Breakfast Burritos & Tri-Tip sales, the annual Crab Feed and more. If you would like more information on what it takes to become a member, please contact our Membership Director Ron Yarolimek at (925) 550-1182 or email: ronyar@gmail.com

St. Peter Martyr School Crab Feed

Calling all Alumni, friends and Supporters of SPM School, and crab lovers:
St. Peter Martyr School will have its fantastic Crab Feed on Sunday, February 24, 2018 at Good Shepherd Catholic Church Hall in Pittsburg.

For further information and tickets contact St. Peter Martyr School at 925-439-1014
Save the date!

See you at the Crab Feed.



Most Holy Rosary Retreat

Would you like to renew and strengthen your relationship with Jesus? Please join us at a weekend retreat March 2nd - 4th at Holy Rosary in Antioch. Retreat hours are Friday evening, March 2nd, 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm; Saturday March 3rd, 7:30 am - 9:00 pm, and Sunday, March 4th, 7:30 am - 5:00 pm.

All activities will be held at:

Most Holy Rosary Parish Center, 1313 A Street, Antioch.
No fee to attend: donation requested.
For more information, please call Brenda, 925-779-9718.
Registration closes February 23, 2018

Bingo



President's Day



Monday February 19th

*St. Ignatius of Antioch
Parish Hall*

Doors Open @ 11:00 AM

Lunch at 11:30 AM

Games Begin @ 12:15 PM

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10	20	42	59	62
5	29	39	56	75
4	17	FREE SPACE	60	71
11	18	32	51	66
15	19	36	47	69

10 Regular Games - \$100 Payout Each
.....Specials.....

\$25 per person includes - 10 Games & Lunch

Daubers - \$1.00

Tickets available after Masses

February 10/11 and February 17/18

Or by calling Steve @ 925-642-2329