



**St. Ignatius of
Antioch
2016
Annual Pastoral
and Financial
Report**

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*United in Faith, Ignited by the Spirit,
We Reflect the Light of the Living Christ*

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Dear Parishioners,

One of my responsibilities each year is to prepare and present an Annual Pastoral and Financial Report. Each year I maintain a history of all the events, activities and special liturgies that take place in our parish. I do this to demonstrate how the Holy Spirit has moved in and through the community that is St. Ignatius of Antioch this past year.

The monthly summaries show that Ministry and Evangelization takes place not only within the walls of our church but extends out into the wider community as well.

The report also contains important financial information with respect to 2016 as well as the projections for income and expenditures for 2017.

It was truly a blessing for me to be appointed to serve this community in December of 2005. Every year, I am amazed and grateful for the commitment that so many parishioners have made and continue to make towards building the Kingdom of God here at St. Ignatius of Antioch. The honor of being appointed as your Pastor this year was due in large part to the dynamic and vibrant community that I am privileged to serve.

As a parish, we have been abundantly blessed by God and we are confident that His blessings will continue into the New Year.

Your Grateful Shepherd,

Father Robert Rien

Father Robert Rien
Pastor, St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

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JANUARY



New Year's Day – the first day of the New Year was marked with the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, New Year's Day, and the World Day of Prayer for Peace.

Epiphany – the first weekend of the month marked the Solemnity of the Epiphany. Our parish observes two very special traditions as a part of the liturgies this weekend: the singing of “The Twelve Days of Christmas,” and the Procession of The Three Kings. Our thanks to those who became “Kings” and “Starbearers”: **Terri McNesby, Kirby McNesby, Louis Renner, Gino Ramos, Peter Degl’Innocenti, Jack Goncalves, Robert Goncalves, and Rick Howell.**

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord – the Christmas Season concluded with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord at which the assembly gave thanks to God over the waters of our baptismal font and then were sprinkled with them.

Volunteers in Ministry – where would the parish be were it not for all the volunteers who do so much every month to help us maintain our buildings, assist with parish operations and ministries? Please see the **Volunteers in Ministry** report after the December summary.

Birthday Blessing – was given to all those with a birthday in the month of January on the first weekend.

The Environment – the day after the Christmas Season concluded, the members of the Art & Environment Committee, along with additional parishioners, came together to remove the Christmas environment and to install Winter’s Ordinary Time environment. Our thanks to: **Rich Confetti, Don Benson, Jose Palomino, Bob Carvalho, Peter Degl’Innocenti, Pablo and Norma Villegas, Denise Moss, Dave Simpson, Nancy DiMaggio, Gail Burgarino, Theresa Nelms, Dorothy O’Connor, Carole Miller, Bobby Zabroski, Ralph Guerrero, Diane Sampson, Lorraine Lohmeier, Harlan Young, Tom and Stevie Catchings, and Patricia Britton.**

Bingo – on Saturday, January 2nd, our Faith Formation Group sponsored a post New Year’s Day lunch followed by an afternoon of Bingo. Funds raised were donated to our “adopted” school, St. Peter Martyr.

Monthly Antioch Neighborhood Cleanup – thank you to those who joined in this monthly event sponsored by the Antioch Police Department and the Volunteers in Police Service: **Tracy Wetzel, Kelly Wetzel, Paul Burgarino, and Joanna Burgarino.**

G.I.F.T. –The Adult Faith Formation Program Growing In Faith Together continued each Thursday morning in January. Thank you to **Peter Degl’Innocenti, Frances Rojek and Jeanne Riley** for facilitating this program.

Adult Confirmation – on Saturday morning, January 16th, Adult Confirmation was administered at the Cathedral by The Bishop. Our congratulations to **Mark Costanza and Janice Silva Moore.** Also, many thanks to **Peter Degl’Innocenti** who prepared the Confirmandi for the Sacrament.

First Reconciliation - On Friday evening, January 15th, the children in our Sacramental Preparation Program received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Congratulations to **Nina Cabanilla, Mary Clarke, Noah Crisologo, Luke Dijanic, Joseph Espinosa, Ryan Franciso, Sophia Galicia, Jasmine Gonzalez, Moraima Gonzalez, Aiden Hamilton, Andrew Hilton, Michael Krywokulsky, Sofia Lucido, Henry Nguyen, Kim Nguyen, Justin Nguyen, Edgar Ortega, Alexis Rayrao, Aquilles Rios, Jacey Travers Sandy Sison, Maria Arce, Pedro Arce, and George Villalobos.**

Retirement Celebration for Beverly Iacona – on Sunday, January 17th, at the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist, the parish honored **Bev Iacona** for her almost forty years of service and ministry to the parish. Bev and her husband, Vince, are Charter/Founding Members and Bev has served in various ministries including: the first Pastoral Secretary, the first Director of Faith Formation, and Financial Secretary. During the liturgy she received the parish’s “Distinguished Discipleship Award” as well as a beautiful arrangement of flowers. She was additionally gifted with her own parking space for this year. A wonderful reception followed in the parish hall at which parishioners, family, and friends were able to greet and congratulate her. She received a plaque from the Knights of Columbus as well as testimonials from **Cynthia Enrique and Judy Quicho**, cards, gift cards, and monetary gifts. Following the reception, she donated all her money gifts to the Building Fund, in honor of the parish, for the building of the proposed Parish Hall. She will continue to be involved in ministry through our Grief Support Ministry and St. Martha’s Guild.

Welcome – we welcomed our new financial secretary, Estrella Rusk. Estrella comes to us from the finance department of San Damiano Retreat Center in Danville. We also welcomed Yvette Young to the staff. Yvette comes to us from the private sector and will serve as an administrative assistant and coordinator of the volunteer office staff.

Funeral Liturgy – was celebrated for **Theresa Romano.**

St. Peter Martyr – students from our “adopted” Catholic School in Pittsburg addressed each of the Liturgies on January 23 and 24. Invitations were extended to attend the open house on Sunday January 31st. We, as a parish, are blessed by this relationship with the St. Peter Martyr community.

Football Frenzy - our Social Events Committee hosted their second Football Frenzy on Saturday, January 30th. It was a fun evening of food, drink and NFL games! Thank you to the committee members who helped in all phases, including set up, clean up and working at the event: **Will and Catherine Avitabile, Lesley Eubanks, Lorraine Lohmeier, Maryann Peddicord, Jane Sharpe, Bob and Marla Plurkowski, Susan Batterton and MaryAnne Douville.** A special thank you to **Jane Sharpe** for preparing and donating the pulled pork, to **June Stuhleyer** for the chocolate dessert, **Al Cosce** for donating the wonderful homemade “beer-drinking pretzels” and **Reggia Desmond** for the wonderful silent auction baskets.

Knights of Columbus Mass – on January 31st, our Knights of Columbus Council worshiped as a group at the 10:00 a.m. Liturgy. Knights performed all the support functions at the liturgy, including lectors, Eucharistic ministers, cantor and ushers. Following the liturgy, the Knights and their families gathered for a brunch in the parish hall. Thank you to **Tony Bugarino** who spearheaded this event..

Annual Pastoral and Financial Report – was presented at each of the liturgies on the last weekend of the month. The Report, as required by Diocesan Statute, is an accounting of all the activities, programs, ministries, and outreaches as well as an accounting of the parish’s stewardship of its financial resources and the presentation of the Budget for 2016.

FEBRUARY

Funeral Liturgies – were celebrated for **Mary Jean Cannata, Manuel Martins, Luciano Malfitano Sr., Barbara Roberts,**

Faith Formation Bake Sale – following each of the liturgies on the First Sunday of the month, our Faith Formation Program sponsored a Bake Sale in the Gathering Plaza to raise funds for on-going formation for the catechists. Proceeds made it possible for our catechists to attend the Religious Education Congress in Anaheim which attracts upwards of 40,000 religious educators, clergy, and laity each year.

Birthday Blessing – was given to all those with a birthday in the month of February on the first weekend.

The Rite of Reception – the Rite of Reception, Profession of Faith, Confirmation, and First Eucharist were celebrated for **Stanley Todd.** Following the Rite of Reception, the Blessing of the Marriage of **Stanley and Felisa** took place.

Super Bowl Pool – thanks to **Bob Plurkowski,** a Super Bowl Pool was held to raise funds for the Building Fund.

Congratulations to the winners: **Lisa Camacho, Chip Sharpe, Jose Palomino, and Father Robert.** The pool raised \$1,250 for the Building Fund.

Lenten Environment – once again, the members of our Art and Environment Committee created a beautiful and appropriate environment for the Lenten Season. Our thanks to **Rich Confetti, Don Benson, Jose Palomino, Nancy DiMaggio, Denise Moss, Theresa Nelms, Patricia Britton, Pablo & Norma Villegas, Tom and Stevie Catchings, Denise Moss, Lorraine Lohmeier, Patricia Britton, Carole Miller, and Gail Bugarino.**

Ash Wednesday – the beginning of Lent was observed with four beautiful liturgies throughout the day: Eucharist and the Blessing and the Imposition of Ashes at 8:00 a.m.; Liturgy of the Word and the Blessing and Imposition of Ashes at 12:00 Noon and 5:30 p.m.; and Solemn Sung Evening Prayer at 7:30 p.m.

Night Walk Against Violence – as a contributing and participating member of CCISCO, our parish participated in the monthly Night Walk Against Violence on Friday, February 12th. This Night Walk was distinguished by being held during the Jubilee Year of Mercy and The Bishop was present to lead an Ecumenical Prayer Service at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Walk and Witness at 6:30 at the intersection of E. 18th and A Street. Our parish was represented by **Deacon Gary and Diane Hack, Peter Degl’Innocenti, Carolyn Krantz, Lee Oliver, Cynthia Enrique, Oscar Jovel, and Fr. Robert.**

Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry – once again, our Knights of Columbus offered their traditional Lenten Fish Fry on the Fridays of Lent, beginning with February 12th. Dinners began to be served at 4:30 p.m. through 7:00 p.m. Delicious pieces of battered cod, french fries, and cole slaw were served and those who chose to dine in, also had the choice of beverage and dessert. Take out service was also offered. Another fun feature of these events was “Lightning Bingo” with **Ron France** as the entertaining caller.



The First Sunday of Lent – began with the Penitential Procession and the singing of The Great Litany at each liturgy. During the 10:00 a.m. Liturgy, the Rite of Sending was celebrated for our Catechumen and Candidate, **Xochil Perez and Tina Costanza.** Later that afternoon, the RCIA Team along with Xochil and Tina, and their Sponsors, went to the Cathedral for The Rite of Election at which Catechumens and Candidates were “elected” for the Easter Sacraments.

Bishop’s Appeal 2016 – this year’s Bishop’s Appeal was launched on the weekend of February 6th and 7th. The Education Weekend was held on February 13th and 14th and Commitment Weekend was held on February 20th and 21st. Our parish’s goal this year was \$31,000. In order to meet the goal, each registered household was invited to make a one-time contribution of \$60. The appeal funds a variety of services and ministries of the Diocese of Oakland.

Winter Nights Shelter – on Wednesday February 24th through Sunday February 28th, our parish provided volunteers and dinners for the Winter Nights Rotating Family Shelter at Community Presbyterian Church in Pittsburg.

Wednesday evening members of our Pastoral Council took responsibility for preparing and serving dinner. A delicious dinner consisting of homemade beef stew, steamed rice, french cut green beans with a butter/orange zest, a mixed green salad, rolls & butter, and ice cream bars were served to a very appreciative group. Our thanks to **Will Avitabile and Catherine Vidauri, Oscar and Zoila Jovel, Kathleen Clarke, Mary Clarke, Don Benson, Reggie Desmond, and Father Robert.**

Our Knights of Columbus provided dinner on Thursday night. dinner consisted of meatloaf vegetables and rice, peas and chocolate chip cake. Thank you to **Vince & Kathy Augusta, Bill & Fran Barbanica, David Costanza, Brian & Vicki McCoy, Chip & Jane Sharpe and David & Sharon Simpson.**

On Friday, the menu included barbequed tri-tip, ribs & fresh salmon, macaroni salad, fruit salad and lemon bars & chocolate squares for dessert. Thank you to **Don Benson, Rich Confetti, Rick & Sue Howell, Donnie & Susan Fleming, Brian & Vicki McCoy and Estrella Rusk.**

On Sunday, **Bobby Zabroski** volunteered his skills as a barber and provided haircuts and trims to the shelter residents.

Since October, our parishioners have also been performing another valuable service for Winter Nights. Shelter guests are able to utilize the shower facilities at St. Vincent de Paul in Pittsburg, and we have a group of parishioners who volunteer to pick up, wash and deliver freshly laundered bath towels each week. Thank you to **Liz Carnero, Ronda & Chris DeMay, Sue & Rick Howell, Barbara Jackson, Lorraine Lohmeier, Vicki & Brian McCoy and Barbara Snow.**

G.I.F.T. – The Adult Faith Formation Program Growing In Faith Together continued each Thursday morning in February.

Wedding Anniversary – on Saturday evening, February 27th, the parish celebrated the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Marriage of **Larry and Jeanine Ford.** They received the Silver Anniversary Blessing during the Vigil Liturgy which was followed by a reception and dinner in our parish hall.

MARCH

The Bishop's Appeal – our goal this year was \$31, 145.00. As of the Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 5/6, 263 families had contributed 57% of the goal for a total of \$18,055.00

The Scrutinies – were celebrated for **Tina Costanza and Xochil Christina Perez.**

Birthday Blessing – was given to all those with a birthday in the month of March on the first weekend.

Reception of New Members and Brunch – during the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist on Sunday, March 6th, the parish formally received new members and then, following the liturgy, the Pastoral Council hosted a New Members Brunch in the parish hall. Joining us were the members of the Pastoral Staff, the Pastoral Council, and the Finance Council. All were introduced and gave some history on their membership and participation in the various programs, ministries, and outreaches of the parish. We are especially grateful to **Will Avitabile, Catherine Vidauri, and Reggia Desmond** who did such an outstanding job of preparing a Brunch of epicurean proportions. We are also grateful to **Don Benson, Jose Palomino, and Zoila Jovel** who assisted with serving and to **Kathleen Clarke** who served Mango Mimosas! In addition, **Grand Knight Bill Barbanica** joined us and introduced everyone to our Knights of Columbus and their mission and ministry. The families and individuals welcomed were: **Carolyn Krantz, Vincent and Kathleen Augusta, Stanley and Felisa Todd, Natalia Joyce, Robert Isaacson, Carolyn Godfrey, Edward and Illiena Zick, Alice Lideros, Rachelle Martin, Cory Cook, Adrian Villasenor and Jasmyne Gonzalez, Cheryna Wright and Jose Estrada-Cardenas, and Raymond and Nallely Malaspina.**

St. Joseph's Festival Dinner – on Saturday evening, March 19th,



our Social Events Committee hosted the 10th annual St. Joseph Dinner. Thank you especially to our Confirmation students who served and helped that evening: **Illiana Vitug, Isabelle Nguyen, Diantha Ngo, Joren Hitosis, Andrew Nguyen, Madison Perry and Daphne Francisco.** To all

those who worked or contributed to the success of the evening: **Joanna Burgarino, Marie Collins, Lesley Eubanks, Mary Ewing, Emily Douville, Jane Sharpe, Susan Batterton, MaryAnne Douville, Maryann Peddicord, Chip Sharpe, Steven Rojek, Will and Catherine Avitabile, Dave Costanza, Carole Miller, Tomas Lucia, Brian and Vicki McCoy, Mark Costanza, Al Cosce and Father Robert.** A wonderful thank you to all who donated baskets, auction items and the delicious desserts!!

The Chrism Mass – the Annual Chrism Mass was celebrated in the Cathedral on Wednesday, March 16th. Our parish representatives this year were **Frances Rojek, Estrella Rusk, and Harlan Young.** The Oils of the Sick and Catechumens were blessed and the Oil of Chrism consecrated. The clergy of the Diocese renewed their Vows of Priestly Commitment and the homily was preached by the distinguished scholar from Georgetown University, **The Reverend Dennis McManus,** who grew up in St. Philomena Parish in West Pittsburg.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion – was celebrated with beautiful sung liturgies at which palms were blessed and distributed, followed by a procession through the church. The Passion of the Lord was proclaimed in Reader's Theater fashion and following the homily, the Rite of Reception, Profession of Faith, and Confirmation were celebrated for **Tina Costanza** and then

her First Eucharist. The church environment was enhanced with massive palm branch arrangements around the ambulatory and accents of Ox Blood panels over the Icon veils. The singing and the music were especially outstanding as we began Holy Week. Our thanks to the Art & Environment Committee and other volunteers for creating such a beautiful environment as well as the parishioners who cut, washed, dried, and bundled the more than 3,000 palm fronds that were blessed and distributed as a part of each liturgy: **Rich Confetti, Don Benson, Jose Palomino, Vangie Parrilla, Harlan Young, Angela The, Jodie The, Doris Radovan, Carole Miller, Patricia Britton, Diane Hack, Judy Quicho, Belen Farin, Pablo and Norma Villegas, Ed and Sandy Stokes, Bob Goncalves, Lee Oliver, Natalia Joyce, Gail Bugarino, Denise Moss, Tom and Stevie Catchings, and Theresa Nelms.**

Triduum – The Sacred Paschal Triduum began with Sung Morning Prayer at 8:00 a.m. and we were blessed to have it accompanied by **Don Pearson along with Cantors Louis and Stella Renner.** The meditation was given by **Peter Degl’Innocenti.** The Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper was celebrated at 7:30 in the evening. The Art and Environment Committee spent the morning preparing both the church and parish hall for the celebration. The new Icons for the First Class Relics of the Saints that are in Altar Reliquary were installed and added a great deal to the art work and environment of the worship space. The Altar of Repose was prepared in the parish hall. The liturgy was beautiful and began with the Presentation of the Holy Oils which were presented by **Bobby Zabroski, Estrella Rusk, and Diane Hack.** Parishioners were invited to participate in the Washing of the Feet, along with our Elect, **Tina Costanza and Xochil Perez.** A candlelight procession brought the liturgy to a conclusion as the Blessed Sacrament was carried to the Altar of Repose.

Good Friday began with Sung Morning Prayer, once again with the musical leadership of **Don Pearson, and Cantors Louis and Stella Renner.** The meditation was also given by **Peter Degl’Innocenti.**

Outdoor Stations of the Cross were prayed at the new garden site at the North West corner of the parking lot at 12:00 Noon. For the majority of parishioners in attendance, it was the first time they had seen the Stations.

The principal liturgy, The Solemn Commemoration of the Lord’s Passion and Death was celebrated at 3:00 p.m. with Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion.

Tenebrae, a service of “Light and Shadows,” was celebrated at 7:30 in the evening that consisted of seven scripture passages from the Passion Narrative following which candles were extinguished in a seven branched candelabra. The music for the liturgy was provided by **The Choir** with **Don** accompanying. The anthems they sang were stunning and deeply moving. Between the sixth and seventh lessons, Veneration of the Cross took place which was also deeply moving and emotional.

Holy Saturday began once again with Sung Morning Prayer and then the members of the Art and Environment Committee arrived to begin the transformation of the church to its Easter splendor. Ficus trees, hydrangeas, azaleas, mums, Peace Lilies, and Easter Lilies graced the sanctuary as well as the Icons. Four massive arrangements of palm fronds were placed in the four corners of the sanctuary. The baptismal font was filled and prepared for baptism. The Great Vigil of Easter was celebrated at 7:30 p.m. and as parishioners arrived, the New Fire of Easter was burning brightly, thanks to **Marc Douville** who has faithfully tended to and provided the New Fire for many years. The liturgy began outside at the fire sculpture with the blessing of the fire, the lighting of the Paschal Candle, and then the procession into church for the Exultet, sung by candlelight. The Liturgy of the Word followed, building to the Gospel Proclamation of Easter. The Liturgy of Initiation was celebrated for **Xochil Perez** who received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Following the liturgy, a festive reception was held in the parish hall to congratulate both Xochil and Tina on the occasion of their reception of the sacraments.



Easter Day was a magnificent day and the church was filled to overflowing for both liturgies. Parishioners were joyous and beautifully dressed for the feast. The music was glorious and **Don** and **The Choir** were thrilling in their accompanying and singing. We were fortunate to have our Knights of Columbus provide security in the parking lot for both Holy Saturday night and Easter Sunday morning.

Thanks is in order for the parishioners who volunteered to assist in the assembly of our annual Easter mailing: **Bernice Campbell, Joe and Carol Fanfa, Clem Bushman, Filomena Macedo, Jackie King, Gloria Olvera, Mary Kendrick, Anthony and Claudette Gumina, Ruth Landry, Geri Chiechi, Anne Peck, Nancy Newton, Carole Miller, Lorraine Lohmeier and Bev Iacona.**

G.I.F.T. – The Adult Faith Formation program Growing In Faith Together continued on Thursday mornings this month.

Funeral Liturgy – was celebrated for **Ruben Tapia**, husband of Lorrie.

APRIL

Divine Mercy Celebration – on the first Sunday of the month, The Second Sunday of Easter, those who follow the Divine Mercy Devotion gathered for the celebration of Sung Evening Prayer, the blessing of images of the Divine Mercy, followed by a wonderful dinner in the parish hall. Many thanks to **Bobbie Ocang and Steve Andreatta** for facilitating this annual observance. Those gathered gave a free will offering totaling \$300 to the Building Fund.

Birthday Blessing – was given to all those with a birthday in the month of April on the first weekend.

Leadership Dinner – twice a year, the Leadership of the parishes gathers for dinner, fellowship, and working together so that they are unified in the mission and ministry of the parish. An outstanding dinner of a Spring Salad was prepared by **Brian and Vicki McCoy**, followed by a dinner consisting of Tri-tip, Vegetable Rice, Green String Beans with Bacon prepared and donated by **Chef Dave Costanza** assisted by his faithful “Kitchen Crew”: **Carole Miller and Tomas Lucia**. The program for this particular gathering focused on the work of the Finance Council with a presentation by **Theresa Nelms**, Chair of the Finance Council.

YLI Pasta Dinner – our YLI hosted their annual Pasta Dinner on Sunday, April 10th, at the Dominican Hall. The proceeds benefit both Holy Rosary and St. Ignatius of Antioch. Our parish responded in great numbers and made the event a wonderful success. The dinner of Mixed Green Salad, Garlic Bread, Penne with a Meat Sauce, and Ice Cream and home-made cookies was prepared and served by the YLI members. In addition, five women from St. Ignatius of Antioch made the decision to join the YLI. Our thanks, especially to **Lee Oliver, President, Jeannine Ford, Dorothy Lamendola, Carlyn Costello, and Kathy Augusta**.

CCISCO Night Walk Against Violence – was cancelled for April due to rain.

Antioch Shelter Project – on Tuesday evening, April 12th, the Leadership of our parish (Pastoral Staff, Pastoral Council, and Finance Council) met with other churches and citizens who are supportive of the Antioch Shelter Project before the City Council. A presentation was made by **Pastor Jonathan Gee, Director and Pastor of the New Life Dream Center, Pastor Will McGarvey, Executive Director of the Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County, and Gary Kingsbury, the “heart” behind the project**. The City Council approved the project unanimously and it will now move forward through the Building Commission.

Garden Ministry Plant Sale on April 16-17 – over \$500 was raised and donated to the parish to offset the community garden irrigation costs. Produce from the garden supplements the canned goods donated to St. Vincent de Paul and is used, when available, in providing meals to area shelters. All of the plants available for sale were donated by parishioners; **Gail Burgarino, Joe Fanfa, Brian**

McCoy, Carole Miller, Bill Stuhldreier and Sherry Webb.

CROP Walk – the annual event to raise awareness of both global and local hunger took place on Sunday, April 17th, beginning at 3:00 p.m. from St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church. Father Robert was the parish designated walker and parishioners supported him with free-will contributions totaling \$444.00. The total raised by the parish exceeded \$700. Additional walkers from our parish included **Brian and Vicki McCoy, Bev Iacona, Steve Rojek, Olivia Rojek, Gary and Kumiko Freedman, Lorraine Lohmeier, Isabelle Rennther, Carole Miller, Mark and Tina Costanza**.

Relay For Life Bunco – our parish Relay for Life Team hosted a lively and fast-paced Bunco party on Monday April 18th to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. Thank you to **Dave Costanza, to Lorraine Lohmeier, Maryann Peddicord, June Stuhldreier, Sherry Webb, Kathleen Clarke, Pat Dunleavy, Pam Confetti, Don Benson, Jose Perez, and Rich Confetti** for helping to make this event such a success. Congratulations to **Mamie Pollard** for the most wins, to **Ed Cissell** for the most losses and **Carolina Delfin** for the most Buncos.

Funeral Liturgies – were celebrated for **Marcel Pinard and Carolyn Bartlett**.

Mountain House Shelter Dinners – from April 25th - April 29th parishioners and parish organizations provided evening meals and supplies to the Mountain View House Family Shelter in Martinez. Mountain View House is operated by Shelter Inc. and serves to get homeless families with children off the streets and into a safe temporary home. The shelter accommodates 7 to 10 families (up to 30 people) who meet regularly with a case manager who assists with stable housing placement and links families to services such as education, employment and therapy. On average, 90% of the families exiting this family emergency shelter move to stable housing, including long-term housing and stable, transitional housing. Many thanks to **Vince Augusta, Will Avitabile, Bill Barbanica, Don Benson, Dave Costanza, Reggia Desmond, Sue Howell, Rick Howell, Oscar Jovel, Zoila Jovel, Lorraine Lohmeier, Vicki McCoy, Brian McCoy, Mrs. Oncena, Claudine Oncena, Nicholas Oncena, Chloe Oncena, Jose Palomino, Dave Simpson, Frances Rojek, Steve Rojek, Estrella Rusk and Catherine Vidaurri**.

Concert – A Spring Concert, “April in Paris” was held on Friday evening, April 29th, featuring our Director of Music, Organist, and Artist-in-Residence, **Don Pearson**, performing Master Works of French Composers: Vierne, Franck, Alain, Messiaen, Mulet, Lemmens, Boellmann, Dupre and Widor. A reception followed the concert in the parish hall. Our thanks to: **Frances Rojek, Nancy Newton, Lorraine Lohmeier, Alicia Perez, Maryann Peddicord, Mary Anne Douville, Estrella Rusk, Yvette Young, Brian & Vicki McCoy, Will Avitabile and Catherine Vidaurri**. Special thanks to **Rich Confetti and Don Benson** who prepared the console for the concert.

First Communion – for the children in our Faith Formation Program was celebrated at the Saturday evening Vigil Eucharist on April 30th. Our congratulations to: **Nina Cabanilla, Noah Crisolago, Luke Dijanic, Sophia Galicia, and Jacey Travers.**

G.I.F.T. – The Adult Faith Formation program Growing In Faith Together continued on Thursday mornings this month.

MAY

First Communion – was celebrated for the children in our Faith Formation at both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Liturgies. Our congratulations to: **Mary Clarke, Jasmine Gonzalez, Moraima Gonzalez, Michael Krwokulsky, Edgar Ortega, Aquiles Rios, Sandy Sison, Maria Arce, Pedro Arce, Joseph Espinosa, Ryan Francisco, Aiden Hamilton, Andrew Hilton, Sofia Lucido, Henry Nguyen, Justin Nguyen, Kim Nguyen, Alexis Rayrao, and George Villalobos.**

Confirmation – the high school students in our Faith Formation Program were confirmed at the cathedral on Saturday, May 7th.

Our congratulations to: **Chloe Abenoja, Brianna Cabanilla, Melvin Carrillo, Sandra Carrillo, Lisa Marie Cayaban, Maryfrances Dimaggio, Miguel Espinosa, Daphne Francisco, Matthew Hilton, Danielle Mirano, Diantha Ngo, Andrew Nguyen, Madison Perry, Baruch Rios, Phillip Spielman, Roger Spielman, Jason Tanique, and Kyle Thomas.**

Hospitality Sunday - Hospitality Sundays are held on the first Sunday of the month from May through October after the 8 am and 10 am liturgies on the first Sunday of the month. Thank you to **Lee Oliver** for heading up this project and inviting various parish organizations to host. Our thanks to our **YLI** for sponsoring and hosting the first Hospitality Sunday of the year.

Birthday Blessing – was given to all those with a birthday in the month of May on the first weekend.

Mother's Day – was observed with intercessions for all mothers during the Universal Prayer as well as a special Mother's Day Blessing from the Book of Blessings at the conclusion of each liturgy. A contribution in the name of all mothers was made to the Building Fund by the parish as well as a matching contribution from our Knights of Columbus.

The Mary Project – A wonderful tradition associated with Mother's Day weekend continued again this year. The Mary Project under the direction of **Kathleen & Mike Clarke** and **June & Bill Stuhldreier** invites parishioners to bring new and gently used baby items to each of the weekend's liturgies. Items collected are given to Brentwood Birthright. As is the norm, our parishioners responded to this outreach effort by filling the sanctuary with a wide assortment of items needed for new mothers and their babies.

Surf 'n Turf Dinner – because of the unavailability of crab this season, our Knights of Columbus made the decision to offer a "Surf 'n Turf" dinner, featuring BBQ Tri Tip, Deep Fried Calamari,

Mixed Green Salad, Garlic Bread, Spring Vegetables, and Dessert. The dinner was held in our parish hall along with a raffle and door prizes. Our thanks to: **Steve & Frances Rojek, Dave Costanza and his crew, Rich Confetti, Clem Bushman, Bill & Fran Barbanica, Marc & Emily Douville, Brian & Vicki McCoy, Kelly & Kristi Ouimet, Fr. Robert, Dave Simpson, Stan & Theresa Stanek, Oscar & Anna Tellez, Don Benson, Tony Burgaarino, Joanna Burgarino, Steven Rojek and Walter Schlueter.**

Pentecost Environment – the Art & Environment Committee prepared a beautiful environment for Pentecost. Our thanks to: **Monika Kauer, Carole Miller, Denise Moss, Lorraine Lohmeier, Rich Confetti, Don Benson, Pablo Villegas and Tom and Stevie Catchings.** Special thanks to Tom and Stevie for bringing the wonderful bakery goods



Pentecost – was celebrated with great festivity as it also included the Blessing of the six new Icons that grace the sanctuary wall. A spectacular environment was created by our Art & Environment Committee that included new banners and art work behind the altar, a mobile of "flames" above the altar, and panels of red cloth that were "flown" out over the assembly, as well as beautiful panels of red at each of the Icons surrounding the sanctuary. Pentecost also marked the conclusion of the final period of RCIA, Mystagogia, during which our two neophytes, **Tina Costanza and Xochil Perez,** declared how they will participate in the life and ministry of the parish and then received a special blessing to conclude their journey through the RCIA. Our thanks to the Art & Environment Committee for their ongoing creativity: **Denise Moss, Tom & Stevie Catchings, Lorraine Lohmeier, Rich Confetti, Don Benson, Pablo Villegas, Carole Miller, and Monika Kauer.**

Supervisor Candidates Forum – as a part of our participation in CCISCO (Contra Costa Interfaith Supporting Community Organizing), the parish hosted an Forum at which the candidates for Districts 3 and 5 were present to present their qualifications for the position of Supervisor and respond to questions from the Interfaith Community. The forum was facilitated by The Reverend Leslie Takahashi, Pastor, of Mt. Diablo Unitarian-Universalist Church, Walnut Creek. Our thanks to the members of our parish who set up, provided security, and the wonderful hospitality/reception: **Rich Confetti, Don Benson, Jose Palomino, Steve Rojek, Tony Burgarino, Clem Bushman, Yvette Young, Estrella Rusk, Maryann Peddicord, and Frances Rojek.**

An Evening of Welcome and Discovery – parishioners were invited to submit questions into a “Big Red Box” which was placed in the narthex for several weeks. The Evening of Welcome and Discovery was offered to respond to and answer the variety of questions that addressed doctrinal, pastoral, and local church issues. A panel from the Pastoral Staff that included **Frances Rojek, Carolyn Krantz, and Peter Degl’Innocenti** responded to the questions.

Catechist Appreciation Dinner – as each Catechetical Year draws to a conclusion, the Catechists are recognized and appreciated for all the work they have done with regard to the Faith Formation of the children of the parish in Grades 1 through 8, High School, Children’s Liturgy of the Word, Baptismal Catechesis, SPRED and Confirmation Catechesis. A Thank You Dinner was held for them at “Little Manuel’s” and was hosted by our Director of Faith Formation, **Frances Rojek**. On behalf of all of us, our thanks to: **Adult Formation:** Fr. Robert Rien, Deacon Gary Hack, Peter Degl’Innocenti, Carolyn Krantz, and Frances Rojek.

Children’s Formation/Reconciliation/Eucharist: Anita Saunders, Kathleen Clarke, Pam Confetti, Alicia Perez, Maryann Peddicord, Belen Farin, Anita Roe, Rowena Cayaban, Geny Stubbs, and Marivic Espinosa. **Middle School:** Denise Moss and Ted Fulsas. **High School/Confirmation I & II:** Steve Rojek, Candi Amigo, Cecille Mirano, and Maryann Peddicord. **RCIA:** Fr. Robert Rien, Carole Miller, Alicia Perez, Bob Carvalho, Jeanne Reilly, and Frances Rojek. **SPRED:** Vicki McCoy, Susan Fleming, Mitzi Reagan, Yolanda Garcia, and Evie Viera. **Children’s Liturgy of the Word:** Mary Ewing, Anita Roe, Susan Sermenon, Sharon Bandy, and Valerie Nieders.

Appointment Of The Pastor – On Tuesday, May 10th, the Personnel Board met and recommended that Father Robert be appointed as Pastor of the parish. The Bishop accepted their recommendation and made the appointment, effective June 1, 2016. The announcement was made to the parish at each liturgy on Pentecost, May 14th and 15th.

Relay for Life Dinner – our parish Relay for Life Team hosted a delicious pasta dinner on Saturday, May 25th. This event raised \$2,411 for the American Cancer Society. Many thanks to: **Jose Palomino, Jose Perez, Don Benson, Rich & Pam Confetti, Bob & Marla Plurkowski, Dave & Melodye Costanza, Carole Miller, Tomas Lucia, Al Cosce, Mark Costanza, Jason Curiel, Brian & Vicki McCoy, Lorraine Lohmeier Isabel Cage, Christina Cage, Jim Peddicord and the Nite Notes, Maryann Peddicord, Bobby Zabroski, Carol Huff, Alicia Perez, Patty Zupo, Pat Dunleavy, Mary Ewing, Estrella Rusk, Rachelle, Martin and Jose Perez, Jr.**

G.I.F.T. – The Adult Faith Formation Program Growing In Faith Together continued on Thursday mornings this month.

Bingo – on Monday, May 30th, our Faith Formation Group kicked off the summer season with a Memorial Day lunch followed

by an afternoon of Bingo.



JUNE

Summer’s Ordinary Time Environment – our Art & Environment Committee created a beautiful, calming environment for Summer’s Ordinary Time: Thank you to: **Denise Moss, Pablo Villegas, Tom & Stevie Catchings, Don Benson, Jose Palomino, Lorraine Lohmeier, Rich Confetti, and Theresa Nelms.**

The Rectory – for the past couple of years, we have been aware that the Rectory has been in need of being repainted as well as repairing the fascia boards (trim). From May 31st through June 6th, this project was completed by **Zarcoli Professional Painting of Antioch**. The fascia boards were meticulously sanded, filled, sealed, primed, and then received two coats of “Crème.” The stucco was pressure-washed, sealed, and then painted with “Sage.” No parish funds were required for this project as we received an anonymous gift from a parishioner to cover the cost.

The Antioch Neighborhood Cleanup – on Saturday morning, June 4, our parish participated in the monthly Antioch Neighborhood Cleanup, which this month coincided with National Trails Cleanup Day. We met at the Water Park and cleaned up the trails surrounding it. Thank you to **Father Robert, Sharon Wetzel, Tracy Wetzel, and Steven Rojek** for representing our parish community.

Hospitality Sunday – Thank you to our **Social Events Committee** for sponsoring and hosting Hospitality Sunday on June 5 after the 8 and 10 am liturgies.

Birthday Blessing – was given to all those with a birthday in the month of June on the first weekend.

CCISCO Night Walk Against Violence – This month’s Night Walk Against Violence took place on Friday, June 10th, at the intersection of “L” Street and Sycamore. It was here that the fifth homicide of the year took place just a few weeks previous. Our thanks to **Steve Rojek** who witnessed on behalf of our parish.

Father’s Day – on June 19th, parish thanked fathers, grandfathers, great grandfathers, adoptive fathers, step-fathers, foster fathers, and all those men who so faithfully and lovingly

support and give life to their families. In honor of all fathers, the parish made a donation to the Building Fund which was matched by our Knights of Columbus Council. At the conclusion of each liturgy, a special blessing from the Book of Blessings was given.

Welcoming The Stranger - What an incredible two weeks! On May 20th, our Family to Family Ministry team (F2F) was contacted by Catholic Charities of the East Bay (CCEB).

“There is a family of 5 from Iraq scheduled to arrive in Oakland on Thursday, June 2nd. Can you help?”

A series of emails between CCEB and F2F ensued. F2F reached out to a member of the Iraqi family (Ali) who had immigrated to the U.S. six years ago. Because of the dangerous situation in his homeland, Ali has been working almost 5 years to get his parents and younger siblings out of Iraq. When contacted, Ali immediately agreed to meet with the F2F team. The meeting took place on Thursday, May 26th in the parish offices.

At the meeting, the F2F team was introduced to **Ali, his wife Hawraa and their two young daughters, Ban (age 8) and Sama (age 2 ½)**. CCEB was also there and provided some important suggestions on how to proceed.

In the meantime, one of our St. Ignatius of Antioch families stepped forward with a wonderful offer. Our family from Iraq was arriving in 7 days and would need a place to stay. This parish family graciously made a vacant home available.

At the weekend liturgies on May 28th and 29th, the F2F team reached out to our entire community. A family with nothing but what they carried in their luggage was arriving in 4 days. A home needed to be furnished – from beds and dressers to pots and pans – virtually everything. The response was astonishing! Everything needed, and more, was donated.

Our community responded generously with financial support as well. This support will be critical as we work to transition our family to permanent housing in the next 30 days.

On Monday, Memorial Day, members of our parish met at the house that was to become the temporary home of the family from Iraq. Personal items and furniture belonging to the previous tenants had to be packed and transported to storage. The vacant home was cleaned from top to bottom. Ali and his young family joined us and worked side by side with our parishioners.

One of our parishioners went shopping with Hawraa, showing her the location of a nearby market that featured Halal food. Nonperishable staples were purchased and the pantry stocked. Arrangements were made to return to the grocery store on Thursday June 2nd to stock up on fresh meat, vegetables and fruit.

Preparations for the family’s arrival continued on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (May 31 – June 2). Donated furniture was picked up and delivered to the home. Cleaning and minor maintenance continued up to the afternoon of June 2nd, beds were

made, linens folded and stored, pantry and kitchen supplied, and more. Finally, in anticipation of their arrival that evening, the kitchen table was festooned with fresh flowers, red white and blue balloons and a beautiful display of fresh fruits and vegetables. Sunflowers, fresh garlic and onions from the St. Ignatius of Antioch garden were included.

On the evening of June 2nd, Ali and his family, parishioners and CCEB met in terminal 2 at the Oakland airport. The family was scheduled to arrive at 9:10 PM. However, Ali’s reunion with his parents, brother and sisters did not happen that night. We were told that the flight would be delayed at least 3 hours and even then there was no guarantee that the flight wouldn’t be cancelled at the last minute. The representatives from the International Organization for Migration (IOM) who met the family in LA decided that a good night’s sleep was in order, put the family into a motel near the airport and arranged for a flight on Friday June 3rd. Ali, though relieved that his family was safely in the U.S., was clearly disappointed that the reunion would not take place that night.

On Friday, June 3rd, Ali and his family, parishioners and CCEB again reconvened at the Oakland airport. This time it happened! Our parishioners observed a truly heartwarming reunion of a son and his parents. Ali had not seen his family in six years and for all of those 6 years, their safety was a constant concern. Those concerns all melted away on Friday afternoon. We saw brothers and sisters reconnecting after a long separation; grandparents meeting their youngest grandchild for the first time; grandchildren shyly greeting their grandparents, uncle and aunts; and most important, a family separated far too long finally reunited.

Following the happy reunion, luggage was loaded, people assigned to different cars, and the family was transported to Antioch.

When everyone arrived in Antioch, parishioners who assisted in the transportation attempted to leave but Ali and his family would have none of that. Instead, a wonderful dinner was laid out and our parishioners were privileged to share in this wonderful “first” meal.

With Ali serving as translator, Ali’s father Mohammed expressed his gratitude for all the kindness that our community had shown his family. He spoke eloquently about the Islamic concept of the Universal Brotherhood of Human Beings. While Muslims are one brotherhood and Christians are members of another brotherhood, we are all part of the larger Brotherhood of Humanity. He called us all members of the same family. It was clearly a heartfelt sentiment that bridged any communication or cultural barriers that may have existed.

Following the dinner, our parishioners said their goodbyes and left the family to their reunion and preparations for Ramadan which continues from now through Tuesday, July 5th.

On Monday, June 6th, parishioners assisted Ali in transporting his family to the Catholic Charities offices in Concord for an orientation meeting and then to Social Security to apply for their

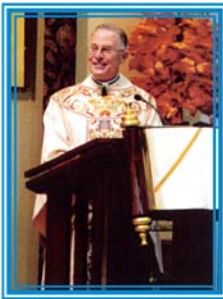
Social Security cards. This is just the beginning of a long and, with the prayers and support of St. Ignatius of Antioch, a successful transition for the family to a new life in the U.S.

One final note. You may notice that no parishioners were named in this update. That's because SO many folks have stepped forward to help and offer assistance making this truly a Year of Mercy project for our entire community! By their actions, our faith community is responding in a very concrete way to Pope Francis's call to "Welcome the Stranger" and to the Gospel message "For I was a stranger and you welcomed me." (Matthew 25:35)

G.I.F.T. – The Adult Faith Formation Program Growing In Faith Together continued on Thursday mornings this month.

JULY

Installation of Father Robert as Pastor – the first Sunday of



July was absolutely beautiful with the weather, thankfully, not too hot, as parishioners and friends from each of the parishes Father Robert had served joined our parish for Sung Evening Prayer and the Installation of Father Robert as our Third Pastor. The Dean Emeritus, **Fr. Jerry Brown**, presided for the Installation and the homily was given by **Fr. George Griener, S.J.** Priests

from the Diocese joined clergy from our sister Protestant congregations and Muslim Community for this historic event. **The Choir** was expanded with guest singers and the organ was played by both **Don Pearson and William Vaughan**. The music and singing was nothing short of thrilling. The liturgy was followed by a festive dinner reception in the tent, under the direction of our Social Events Committee directed by **Marla Plurkowski** and our Knights of Columbus, and the Installation Committee. A spectacular meal was prepared and served by **Louie and Jen Zandonella of Zandonella Catering**. There were toasts and hysterical "roasts!" The tent was decorated beautifully in all red, white, and blue in honor of our national holiday, the Fourth of July. It was truly a memorable occasion.

Hospitality Sunday – Thank you to our **Knights of Columbus** for sponsoring and hosting Hospitality Sunday on July 3rd after the 8 and 10 am liturgies.

Birthday Blessing – was given to all those with a birthday in the month of July on the first weekend.

Knights of Columbus Installation of Officers – On Tuesday evening, July 5th, new officers for the upcoming Columbian Year were installed in the church, followed by a reception in the parish hall. Our congratulations to: Grand Knight: **Dave Simpson**, Deputy Grand Knight: **Tom Bilskemper**, Chaplain: **Father Robert Rien**, Chancellor: **Peter Degl'Innocenti**, Recorder: **Noel Fortez**, Treasurer: **Jose Palomino**, Advocate: **Bob Carvalho**, Warden: **Rich Confetti**, Inside Guard: **Kenny Lane**, Outside Guard: **Phillip**

Rio, One Year Trustee: **Bill Barbanica**, Two Year Trustee: **Jack Goncalves**, Three Year Trustee: **Clem Bushman**.

Funeral Liturgies – were celebrated for **Tina Konieczny, James Plummer, Grant D. Collins, and Danny Silveira**.

Rectory Dinner – the first of four dinners at the Rectory were held on Sunday afternoon, July 17th. A spectacular five course Gourmet Dinner was prepared by **Will and Catherine Avitabile**. The dinner was bid at auction during the Gala Parish Celebration at the Pittsburg Yacht Club last October. Our guests were **Joe and Theresa Nelms, Chris and Annette Romani, Joe and Crystal Stahl, and "Papa" Joe Stralovich**.

Police Chaplain Training – Father Robert attended the annual Police Chaplain Training which was held in Albuquerque, New Mexico this year, during the week of July 10th through the 15th. The trainings are offered by the International Conference of Police Chaplains of which Father Robert is a member and holds the Senior Chaplain level of chaplaincy.

The Sacrament of Infant Baptism – was celebrated for **Addison Fetty, daughter of Shawn and Jacquie Fetty and Viviana Estrada-Wright, daughter of Jose Estrada-Cardenas and Cheryna Wright**.

G.I.F.T. – The Adult Faith Formation Program Growing In Faith Together continued on Thursday mornings this month.

The Diocesan Cooperative Missionary Appeal – our parish participated in the Diocesan-wide Cooperative Missionary Appeal on the weekend of July 30th and 31st. We welcomed **Sr. Rosaline Nguyen of the Sisters of the Holy Cross from Viet Nam**.

AUGUST

Peace Vigil – our parish joined with other Christian and non-Christian denominations to pray for peace in our wounded world at a Prayer Vigil held at Community Presbyterian Church in Pittsburg, hosted by Pastor Will McGarvey and Father Tom Bonacci, CP. **Father Robert, Carolyn Krantz, and Steve Rojek** represented our parish.

Antioch Neighborhood Clean-up – on the First Saturday of each month, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., the VIPS (Volunteers in Police Service) host a neighborhood cleanup somewhere in our city. Our parishioners have joined in this effort regularly. Representatives from our parish this month included **Father Robert, Joanna Burgarino, and Susan Sermenio**.

Hospitality Sunday – Thank you to our **Catholic Daughters of the Americas** for sponsoring and hosting Hospitality Sunday on August 7th after the 8 and 10 am liturgies.

Birthday Blessing – was given to all those with a birthday in the month of August on the first weekend.

Alaskan Cruise – 35 parishioners joined Fr. Robert on a ten

day cruise out of San Francisco to Alaska, visiting Juneau, Skagway, Glacier Bay, Ketchikan, and Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. They sailed on the "Grand Princess."

Backpack Project – at the weekend liturgies of August 6th and 7th, parishioners donated over 125 backpacks filled with grade-appropriate school supplies for our adopted school, St. Peter Martyr. This is the 8th year of this outreach effort in support of Catholic education. Thank you to **David Costanza, Carole Miller** and **Bob Carvalho** for transporting the backpacks to the school.

Hot August Night – 60's Style - the Social Events Committee hosted their annual Hot August Night. This year the theme was 1960's. It was a lot of fun with fabulous food, great music and a sea of colorful tie-dyed shirts! Even the weather was perfect!

Thank you to our great Knights of Columbus who helped with set up, clean up and cooking. They also were our busy bartenders! Thank you to Rich Confetti, Chip Sharpe, Don Benson, Jose Palomino, Steve Rojek, Bob Plurkowski, Jose Perez, Steven Rojek and Marc Douville. Also a big thank you to our Social Events Members who helped make this event so special. **Thank you to Jane Sharpe, Gail Bugarino, Brian and Vicki McCoy, MaryJo Keister, Sharon Bandy, Emily Douville, Reggia Desmond, MaryAnne Douville, Frances Rojek, Maryann Peddicord, Pam Confetti, Mary Ewing, Lorraine Lohmeier, Sue Batterton, Lesley Eubanks, Anna Tellez, Rachelle Martin, Marla Plurkowski, June Stuhlreyer and Judy Blakemore.** This event made over \$800.00 which will go into the general church fund. A special **THANK YOU to Rachelle Martin** who donated two fantastic San Francisco 49er tickets for our special raffle. This raffle made \$590.00 for the Building Fund. The winner of the football tickets was **Marla Plurkowski.** **THANK YOU** to all the parishioners who supported this fun evening and the raffle! We hope to see everyone at our Hot August Night next summer!

Grand Raffle Tuckets – thank you to the volunteers who assembled the ticket packets: **Bernice Campbell, Melodye Costanza, Clem Bushman, Marguerite Bloomfield, Judy Quicho, Mena Macedo, Rowena Cayaban, Claudette Gumina, Anthony Gumina, Bobbie Ocang, Vangie Parrilla, Geri Chiechi, Anne Peck, Jane Enos, Sofie Zimmerman and Carole Miller.**

The Antioch Neighborhood Cleanup – on Saturday morning, August 6th, our parish participated in the monthly Antioch Neighborhood Cleanup. Thank you to **Father Robert, Joanna Bugarino and Susan Sermeno** for representing our parish.

Wedding Anniversary – **Rick and Sue Howell** celebrated 50 years of marriage by receiving the Golden Wedding Anniversary at the 10:00 am liturgy on August 21st.

Funeral Liturgies – were celebrated for **Jim Narberes and Brian Lewis.**

Wedding – on Sunday afternoon, August 28th, Father Robert had the honor of witnessing the marriage of his Godson, **Brian Mark Armstrong** to **Shiobhan Marie Kiernan** in a beautiful ceremony in our church. **Steve Rojek** was the Wedding Coordinator.



SEPTEMBER

The Canonization of St. Theresa of Calcutta – at each of the liturgies on the weekend of September 3rd and 4th, the parish celebrated the Canonization of St. Theresa of Calcutta. Her Icon was decorated with a beautiful arrangement of all white flowers, specially lighted, and the Paschal Candle was placed next to her Icon and lighted. Following the homily, Father Robert led the assembly in praying the Prayer for her Canonization and then incensed the Icon.

Hospitality Sunday – Thank you to our **SPRED Ministry** for sponsoring and hosting Hospitality Sunday on September 4th after the 8 and 10 am liturgies.

Birthday Blessing – was given to all those with a birthday in the month of September on the first weekend.

The Fifteenth Anniversary of 9/11 – on the weekend of September 10th and 11th, the parish observed the Fifteenth Anniversary of 9/11. Patriotic banners were hung from the pillars at the entrance of the church with the words "*We Will Never Forget,*" special hymns and music for the Prelude, Service Music, and Postlude were selected to highlight the commemoration of this day; The American Flag was placed behind the Presidential Chair; and special prayers were composed and prayed to remember all those who lost their lives as well as in support of, and in thanksgiving for, all the First Responders who came to the Twin Towers that day.

Catechetical Sunday – at each of the liturgies on the weekend of September 17th and 18th, the catechists for the coming Catechetical Year were recognized, blessed, and commissioned for their ministry.

New Members Welcomed – during the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist on Sunday, September 18th, New Members were welcomed and received. Following the liturgy, the Pastoral Council hosted a Welcome Brunch at which the Leadership of the parish was present to share with the new members a little bit about each of the

councils' work as well as the members of the Pastoral Staff.

Mayoral Candidate Forum –our Adult Faith Formation Program, in conjunction with the League of Women Voters, presented a Mayoral Candidate Forum on Monday evening, September 26th.

Parishioners were given an opportunity to prepare questions ahead of the forum to present to the candidates regarding issues affecting the City of Antioch and its citizens.

Fall Environment – our Art & Environment Committee once again performed their collective “magic” as the environment in the church was transformed from Summer’s Ordinary Time to Fall. Panels of cloth surrounded the worship space reflecting the palette of colors with which creation clothes herself at this time of year, along with trees, pumpkins, and vestments that announced the change of the season. Our thanks to: **Carole Miller, Anne Peck, Rich Confetti, Don Benson, Nancy Di Maggio, Pablo and Norma Villegas, Gail Burgarino, Bob Carvalho, Erika Fernandes, Stevie and Tom Catchings, Denise Moss, Harlan Young, Maria Sparling, Oscar Tellez, Jose Palomino, Theresa Nelms, Patricia Britton, and Lorraine Lohmeier.**

The Feast Day of St. Michael the Archangel – Thursday, September 29th, was the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, the Patron Saint of Police Officers. Our Knights of Columbus prepared lunch for Antioch Police Department as well as all the Fire Houses and Paramedics in honor of their Patron Saint and as a way of showing our support for all they do for our City and East County. **Our thanks to Knights Rich Confetti, Dave Simpson, Bill Stuhldreier, Bob Pluskowski, Bob Carvalho, Jose Palomino, Vince (and Kathy!) Augusta, Don Benson, and Brian McCoy.**

Funeral Liturgies – were celebrated for **James George, Carlos Garcia, and Alberto R. Nevado.**

The Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila – was celebrated at the 10:00 a.m. Liturgy on Sunday, September 25th.



Members of our Filipino Community participated by proclaiming the readings, leading the Universal Prayers, serving as Giftbearers, cantoring, and honoring the first native born Filipino to be canonized. His Icon was decorated with a beautiful floral arrangement and the Paschal Candle was placed next to it and lighted. A lovely reception followed the

liturgy in the parish hall. Our thanks to: **Virgil and Nancy Santos, Roberto and Vicky Ancheta, Frances Rojek, Sally Padua, Doris Radovan, Rudy and Vangie Fernandez, Amante and Gloria Asuncion, Pablo and Norma Villegas, Belen Farin, Reno and Thelma Benasfre, Josie Papanggo-Diaz, Ramon and Mercy Espinosa, Villa Serrano, Linda Con-ui, Nick and Lilia Suarez, Antonio and Rowena Cayaban, Tony and Didi Cagulangan, Judy Quicho, Estrella Rusk, Zenaida Harrington, Hanny Reingold, Nieves Buclatin, Charlie and Cecille Mirano, Marilou Mendiola and Lina Badeo, Marco and Evelyn Ponce, Angela Bueno and Mercy Osborne, Rose Salamanca, Al and Rose**

Necor, Romy and Edith Quimbao, Cynthia Enrique, Cecil and Shirley Jemera, Bobbie Ocang, Vangie Parrilla, Arnold and Beng Lim, Mark and Angeline Santos, Rey and Carole Dollete, and Rey and Leny Khan.

G.I.F.T. – The Adult Faith Formation Program Growing In Faith Together continued on Thursday mornings this month.

Eucharistic Ministers Commissioned – at the 10:00 am Liturgy on September 25th, new Eucharistic Ministers **Alicia Perez and Christoph Holl** were installed and commissioned for this ministry.

OCTOBER

Oktoberfest – parishioners and friends gathered in the parish hall on the first Saturday of the month to begin a month-long celebration of the parish and our patron saint, St. Ignatius of Antioch. Under the direction of our Social Events Committee, guests dined on grilled brats, home-made German Potato Salad, and sauerkraut with Apple Strudel served for dessert along with kegged beer and a variety of red and white wines. The parish hall had been decorated beautifully as a German Bier Garden. Our thanks to: **Bob & Marla Plurkowski, Paul Schmidt, Brian & Vicki McCoy, Clem Bushman, Will Avitabile & Catherine Vidaurri, Emily & Marc Douville, Rich & Pam Confetti, Lorraine Lohmeier, Samantha Peralto, Carol Fanfa, Maryann Peddicord, Reggia Desmond, Frances & Steve Rojek, MaryAnne Douville, Sue Batterton, Rachele Martin, Gail Burgarino, Jose Palomino and Ken Douville.**

Fall Environment – our Art and Environment Committee created another beautiful environment for Fall. Thanks to: **Carole Miller, Anne Peck, Rich Confetti, Don Benson, Jose Palomino, Nancy DiMaggio, Pablo and Norma Villegas, Gail Burgarino, Bob Carvalho, Erika Fernandes, Stevie and Tom Catchings, Denise Moss, Harlan Young, Maria Sparling, Oscar Tellez, Theresa Nelms, Patricia Britton, and Lorraine Lohmeier.**

Hospitality Sunday – Thank you to our **Rosary and Divine Mercy Groups** for sponsoring and hosting Hospitality Sunday on October 2nd after the 8 and 10 am liturgies.

Birthday Blessing – was given to all those with a birthday in the month of October on the first weekend.

Ministry Faire – the second weekend of the month featured a combined Ministry and Community Outreach Faire. A number of new candidates for **Lector, Eucharistic Ministers**, and the **Christmas Children’s Choir** stepped forward. Our **SPRED** ministry also received a number of inquiries regarding the program. Other parish organizations participating included **Faith Formation, Children’s Liturgy of the Word, Knights of Columbus, YLI, and Catholic Daughters of the Americas.** Community organizations included **East County Veterans, Bay Area Crisis Nursery, Contra Costa Interfaith Housing, Winter Nights Shelter, the Antioch Shelter**

Project, Brighter Beginnings, Caring Hands, Meals on Wheels, and Multifaith Committee on Housing.

The Gala Dinner – was once again held at the Pittsburg Yacht Club. The facility was beautifully decorated in gold, green, and royal purple to enhance the theme of “Masquerade Around The World!” In keeping the theme, guests were invited to wear masks. We dined on Crab Cakes with a Remoulade Sauce, Grilled Jumbo Prawns and an assortment of cheeses with accompanying baguette. Dinner consisted of either Chicken in a white wine/butter and capers or grilled steak with seasonal vegetables, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Salad, and Pumpkin Cheesecake for dessert. An assortment of wines and spirits were available from the bar. The auction and raffles were very successful and raised more than \$10,000. Our thanks to **Theresa Nelms** for chairing this event and to the decorating committee: **Theresa Nelms, Dorothy O’Connor, and Rich Confetti**. Thanks to all who donated items for the auction: **Dorothy O’Connor, Joe & Theresa Nelms, Steve & Frances Rojek, Will Avitabile & Catherine Vidaurri, Dave & Melodye Costanza, Jim & Maryann Peddicord, David & Barbara Jackson and Keith & Jennifer Hrabchak**.



The Parish Festival – on the third weekend of the month, we celebrated our Parish Feast Day of St. Ignatius of Antioch. Parishioners were invited to wear RED to add to the festivity of each liturgy.



The Icon of St. Ignatius of Antioch was decorated with Gold Lame, candles, and a beautiful arrangement of fresh Hawaiian flowers: torch ginger, birds of paradise, and purple vanda orchid sprays. Following the 8:00 a.m. Eucharist, our Knights of Columbus hosted breakfast in the tent and then following the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist, parishioners were invited up to the tent for lunch from one of the International Food Booths, games, activities, Bingo, and finally the Grand Raffle Drawing at 3:00 p.m. This year festival goers were treated to a wonderful, elegant Hula Dance recital by members of the Antioch Senior Center under the direction of **Samantha Peralto**. Thank you to **Ramar Foods** and **Little Manuel’s** for their in-kind donations. Our thanks to all those who helped, set up, decorated, served, danced: **The Women of the YLL, our High School Confirmation Class, our Guadalupana Society, our Filipino-American Community, our Knights of Columbus, our CYO, Amante & Gloria Asuncion, Don Benson, Gail & Tony Burgarino, Joanna Burgarino, Clem Bushman, Kathleen & Mike Clarke, Pam & Rich Confetti, Maria Elena de Leon, Rey & Carol Dollete, Rudy & Vangie Fernandez, Bev Iacona, Lorraine Lohmeier, Theresa Nelms, Mike & Doreen Manalac, Vicki & Brian McCoy, Denise Moss, Jose Palomino, Jim Peddicord, Samantha Peralto, Doris Radovan, Mitzi Reagan, Hanny Reingold, Frances & Steve Rojek, Estrella Rusk, Steven Rojek, Sharon & Dave Simpson, June & Bill Stuhlreyer, Lidia Tarango, Angie The, Norma & Pablo Villegas**.

Grand Raffle - congratulations to first place prize winner **Thelma Fields**, second place prize winner **Marian Devereaux** and third place prize winner **Emma Teixeira** and multiple book seller drawing prize **Annette Romani**. Thank you to our Grand Raffle Committee members for all their hard work on this important fundraising effort: **Annette Romani, Chair, Theresa Nelms, Chris Romani, Crystal Stahl, Kathleen Clarke, and Carla McBrayer**. A special thanks to **Crystal Stahl** tracking names and ticket numbers each week and to **Nancy Newton, Annette Pisani and Theresa Nelms** for doing all the accounting work.

The Gubbio Project – once again this year, our parish participated in the Annual Gubbio Project, under the direction of **Chris & Ronda DeMay**. Parishioners were invited to bring both black and white crew socks for our sisters and brothers in the Tenderloin of San Francisco which were distributed by the Gubbio Project that is sponsored by St. Boniface Church. More than 500 pairs of socks were donated.

Commitment Weekend – each year, in the month of October, our parish once again reflects on the significance of Stewardship: Our Time, Talent, and Treasure. A Commitment/Covenant Form was placed in the bulletin on the third weekend of the month and additional copies were made available on the fourth weekend of the month for those who may have forgotten theirs at home. At the Preparation Rite, the assembly was invited to come forward to the Altar, and place their tithes in one basket, their food donations for St. Vincent de Paul in another basket, and in the Covenant Chest their Commitment/Covenant forms for the coming year. This is the only time in the entire Liturgical Year that everyone is invited to come forward and it is a powerful experience to witness.

Operetta – on Friday, October 21st, we had the blessing of experiencing **Nancy Bachmann’s** latest musical offering, “Mutts and Maribel Walk To The Moon.” It was an absolutely delightful and engaging Children’s Operetta featuring Nancy playing the piano and **Jennifer Gapsin** singing Soprano and **Kjira Christiana Robinson** singing Mezzo-soprano. The singing of these two young women was astounding! Their clarity, diction, and range of vocal production was amazing and I hope they will both continue to develop and perfect their art. Following the operetta, a lovely reception was held at which fresh gallettes of pomegranate and frangipane were served by **Catherine Vidaurri** along with savory and sweet delectables served by **Lorraine Lohmeier and Maryann Peddicord**, with preparation help and set-up provided by **Frances Rojek**. An assortment of fine wines, including a new Hannah-Nicole “Rosé” release, were expertly served by **Will Avitabile**. It was an extraordinary evening all around!

October Concert – was held on Friday evening, October 28th, featuring **Don Pearson** accompanying the silent film classic, released in 1922, “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow and the Headless Horseman.” The unique feature of this concert is that there are no “composed” notes for the organist, rather, he composes the

accompaniment for the film as it plays. There are very few organists who have the artistic ability to improvise in this genre and fortunately, Don is one of the few remaining. The concert was followed by a lovely reception in the parish hall that offered Halloween cupcakes and cookies, cheeses and pate, and a variety of both red and white wines, coffee, and punch. Our thanks to our wonderful volunteers who provided the reception: **France Rojek, Maryann Peddicord, Father Robert, Brian and Vicki McCoy, Will Avitabile, and Catherine Vidaurri.**

G.I.F.T. – The Adult Faith Formation Program Growing In Faith Together continued on Thursday mornings this month.

Kitchen Table Catechism – new this year, this 6 session Adult Formation Program facilitated by Carolyn Krantz began this month. It was offered for parents and grandparents looking for creative ways to enliven the Faith for their children in the home.

Firefighter of the Year Award – once again the members of our Knights of Columbus made a formal presentation before the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County during a meeting in the Council Chambers in Martinez for the Firefighter of the Year. This year's recipient was **Captain/Paramedic Ben Sanders** from Station #88 here in Antioch. **Father Robert** made the formal presentation on behalf of the Knights along with **Grand Knight Dave Simpson and a contingent of Brother Knights.**

NOVEMBER

All Saints Day – the first day of November was celebrated with two liturgies for All Saints Day, beginning with the singing of the Litany in procession.

All Souls Day – following the day after All Saints Day, the Commemoration of All The Faithful Departed took place on November 2nd with the celebration of Holy Eucharist at 8:00 a.m. Parishioners had filled out All Souls envelopes with the names of their beloved deceased which were placed on the Altar for the liturgy. The Parish Book of Remembrance with the names of deceased family and friends was enshrined next to the tabernacle for the month which is dedicated to prayer and remembrance of the Holy Souls.

Birthday Blessing – was given to all those with a birthday in the month of November on the first weekend.

Liturgy of Remembrance – the parish's annual Liturgy of Remembrance was celebrated on Sunday afternoon, November 6th, with Sung Evening Prayer. Memorial Tables were set up across the front of the church where parishioners were able to place photographs, holy cards, and other memorabilia of their beloved dead. Also, candelabra were placed on the tables with memorial candles which were lighted during the Intercessions for all those whose funeral liturgies were celebrated in our church since last All Souls Day. The candles were given to families at the conclusion of the liturgy as a gift from the parish. Following the liturgy, a lovely wine and cheese reception was held in the parish hall. Our thanks

to **Susan Batterton** for preparing everything necessary for this annual commemoration and to **Frances Rojek, Sharon Simpson, Brian & Vicki McCoy, Nancy Newton, Rowena Cayaban, Bev Iacona, Mila Rodrigo and Lorraine Lohmeier for preparing and serving the reception.**

Closing of the Holy Door and the Conclusion of the Jubilee Year of Mercy – at the conclusion of the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist on Sunday, November 13th, parishioners processed through the Holy Doors for the final time as we brought the Jubilee Year of Mercy to a conclusion. After prayers thanking God for the blessings, graces, and mercies that we have experienced individually as well as a parish community, the doors were solemnly closed, the assembly was blessed and dismissed.

Fall Concert Series – the next in the series of Fall Concerts took place on Friday evening, November 18th when **William Vaughan**, Director of Music Ministry for Church of the Assumption, San Leandro, Assistant in Music at the Cathedral, and newly-elected Dean of the San Francisco Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, was the featured artist. He performed a program of orchestral transcriptions for the organ. A special addition to the concert was the performance of one of his ten year old students, William Warncke, who played the Prelude and Fugue in F Major by Bach. A lovely reception followed in the parish hall at which the audience was able to greet and thank Mr. Vaughan for his recital. Our thanks to: **Lesley Eubanks, Frances Rojek, Pam Silva, Will Avitabile, Catherine Vidaurri, Maryann Peddicord, Rich Confetti, Don Benson, Jose Palomino, and Steve Rojek who set up and cleaned up afterward.**

The Solemnity of Christ the King – the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year of Grace that had been 2016 was celebrated in a festive way with special music and **Fr. George Griener, SJ** presiding and preaching. The parish celebrated the Rite of Acceptance to the Catechumenate for seven adults and ten children in our Faith Formation Program. Congratulations to: **Rod and Barbara Conner, Jason Skrdlant, Jessie Okon, Bill and Heather Hatterroth, Brenda Vagenas, Jaxx Armstrong, Jett Armstrong, Jason Dillon, Adriana Bonilla, Cezar Carnero, Chauncey Lewis Jr, John Thomas Perez, Gabriel Skrdlant, and Nathan Skrdlant.**

Thanksgiving Basket Project – at weekend liturgies on November 19th and 20th parishioners brought baskets/boxes filled with the items necessary to prepare a complete Thanksgiving Dinner. Special thanks to our adopted parochial school of St. Peter Martyr in Pittsburg, our CYO teams and our own Faith Formation classes who donated baskets especially for this project. The boxes/baskets were moved from the church at 6:00 a.m. Monday morning in preparation for distribution. Our St. Vincent de Paul Society distributed the boxes/baskets beginning at 8:00 am and added a turkey to each box. More than 200 baskets were distributed. Thank



you to **Catherine Vidaurri** for donating butter, fresh broccoli and kale which was added to each basket. Thank you to: **Dave Simpson, Rich Confetti, Don Benson, Steve Rojek, Peter Lozano, Bob Carvalho, Jack Goncalves, Robert Goncalves, Tony Burgarino, Bill Barbanica, Brian McCoy, Jose Palomino, Bob Plurkowski, Manny Soliz, Jr., Pablo Villegas, Pablo's daughter and grandson, Ed Cissell and to everyone who so generously contributed a basket.**

Thanksgiving Day – our parish gathered together to celebrate our National Day of Thanksgiving with Holy Eucharist at 9:00 a.m. This year we invited **Larry & Jeannine Ford** to be the homilists and give the Thanksgiving Reflection. They did a wonderful job of sharing all for which they are grateful and the meaning of Thanksgiving for them as well as for our community. The music, under the direction of **Don Pearson** and **the Parish Choir**, was beautiful and set a wonderful atmosphere for giving thanks. At the conclusion of the liturgy, bread and wine for parishioners' Thanksgiving dinner was blessed. Before the final blessing, **Samantha Peralto** performed an elegant and inspired Hula.

Environment – with the Year of Mercy ended, the Liturgical Year ended, and Thanksgiving celebrated, it was time to remove the Fall/Harvest environment and transform the sanctuary in preparation for the beginning of a new Liturgical Year and the beginning of Advent. Royal Purple panels were installed at each Icon, massive purple panels were hung across the sanctuary wall, and the Great Advent Wreath was placed behind the Altar with its three purple candles and one Antique Rose Candle. Large arrangements of fresh evergreens were placed at the Altar and Ambo and fresh variegated evergreen wreaths were placed between the Stations of the Cross. Our thanks to: **Rich Confetti, Don Benson, Jose Palomino, Pablo and Norma Villegas, Tom and Stevie Catchings, Pat Kramer, Patricia Britton, Denise Moss, Cora Sandajan, Vangie Parrilla, and Lee Oliver.**

G.I.F.T. – the Adult Faith Formation Program Growing In Faith Together continued on Thursday mornings this month.

The First Sunday of Advent – at each liturgy of the First Sunday of Advent, the Great Wreath was blessed and the first candle lighted. Also, **Mark Costanza** was commissioned as a Eucharistic Minister during the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Eucharist. A special part of the Saturday evening Vigil Eucharist was the **60th Anniversary Blessing for Len and Geri Chiechi** whose children, grandchildren and great grandchildren were present for this joyous occasion. Their children also provided a beautiful arrangement of purple flowers with seasonal evergreens at the Altar.

The Giving Tree – was also placed in the Narthex the last weekend of November. As part of the outreach projects, parishioners were invited to take an ornament from the tree and purchase a gender and age appropriate gift based on the information on the ornament. All the gifts were distributed to St. Peter Martyr School in Pittsburg and Turner, Marsh and Sutter Elementary Schools in Antioch.

DECEMBER

Funeral Liturgy – was celebrated for **Rose Malfitano and Jack R. Fuchs.**

St. Nicholas Festival Dinner – was held on the first Saturday evening of December with a **SOLD OUT** crowd! The hall was beautifully decorated in an assortment of lighted snowflakes surrounding the beautifully decorated tables, each sponsored by a different parishioner with the theme of “Coming Home For Christmas” as the



inspiration for the place settings and centerpieces. A cocktail hour preceded the serving of dinner with a variety of both cold and hot appetizers and an assortment of wines and beer. Dinner consisted of a delicious Winter Salad of Mixed Organic Field Greens with Fuji Apple bites, sugared pecans, onion pieces, and a White Balsamic Dressing, followed by Grilled Tri Tip, Grilled Chicken, Rice Medley, French Style Green Beans, Italian Bread and butter, with Egg Nog Cheese Cake for dessert. With the ringing of bells, St. Nicholas himself arrived right on time to preside for the Door Prize Giveaway, the Silent Auction, and finally the Live Auction. This extraordinary event would not be possible were it not for all the volunteers who work so hard at organizing and assisting in so many ways. Thank you to our table sponsors: **Samantha Peralto, Rachele Martin, Gail Burgarino, Reggia Desmond, Annette Pisani, Frances Rojek & Mary Anne Douville, Monika Kauer, Jeannine Ford, Pam Confetti & Fran Barbanica, Maryann Peddicord & Alicia Perez, June Stuhlreyer & Ruth Beck, Jane Sharpe, Melodye Costanza, Sue Batterton and Marla Plurkowski**; our chef **Dave Costanza** and his kitchen crew – **Tomas Lucia, Carole Miller, Mark Costanza, Chad Curiel, Bob Plurkowski, and Will Avitable & Catherine Vidaurri**; the set up team of **Rich Confetti** and the **Knights of Columbus** and our faithful friends: **MaryAnne Douville & Faultless Cleaners** for our table cloths, **Pat Dunleavy** for the wonderful door prizes, **Judy Blakemore** for the beautiful handmade aprons.

Birthday Blessing – was given to all those with a birthday in the month of December on the first weekend.

Parish Advent Retreat – on the first weekend of December, we welcomed **Sr. Patricia Bruno, OP and Fr. Jude Siciliano, OP** who preached at each liturgy and introduced the retreat that took place from Monday through Thursday, December 5th – 8th. Each day, three opportunities for prayer and reflection were offered: 8:00 a.m. Liturgy, 8:45 - 9:30 a.m. for Reflection and Scripture Sharing and 7:30 p.m. for Evening Prayer. Each evening focused on a different symbol, ritual, prayer, and singing to help parishioners embrace what God is doing in each of our lives this Advent. Hospitality was a part of each session. Our thanks to the following parishioners who helped make each session so fulfilling.

Parishioners who assisted with the Advent Retreat:

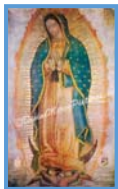
- Monday evening – Coordinators: **Frances Rojek and Yvette Young**. Volunteers: **Nickie Nevado, Lorraine Lohmeier, Sofie Zimmerman, Peter Degl’Innocenti, Estrella Rusk, Belen Farin, Harlan Young, Steve Rojek, Don Pearson and Rowena Cayaban**.
- Tuesday evening – Coordinators: **Brian McCoy and Maryann Peddicord**. Volunteers: **Lorraine Lohmeier, Emma Teixeira, Rowena Cayaban, Jeffrey & Carmelita Boatright, Jeffrey Jr. & Angelica Boatright, Jasmine Betts, Emily Claire Freking, Vicki McCoy, Brian McCoy, Yvette Young, Alicia Perez, Harlan Young, Peter Degl’Innocenti, Steve Rojek, Don Pearson and Frances Rojek**.
- Wednesday evening – Coordinators: **Deacon Gary Hack and Estrella Rusk**. Volunteers: **Bev Iacona, Norma Villegas, Meloye Costanza, Sofie Zimmerman, Natalia Joyce, Peter Degl’Innocenti, Rowena Cayaban and Don Pearson**.
- Thursday evening (Immaculate Conception) – Coordinators: **Peter Degl’Innocenti and Carolyn Krantz**. Volunteers: **Estrella Rusk, Crispina Malonosan, Peter Degl’Innocenti, Carolyn Krantz, Paul & Evelyn Syliangco, Don Pearson and the 10 am choir**.

Winter Coat Drive – Once again, parishioners responded overwhelmingly to the Faith Formation/Confirmation Class Winter Coat Drive. Parishioners brought coats, scarves, mufflers, and mittens for our sisters and brothers who live outside and who are adversely affected by the cold winter temperatures. All donated items were shared with our sisters and brothers here in Antioch.

G.I.F.T. – The Adult Faith Formation Program Growing In Faith Together continued on Thursday mornings this month.

The Giving Tree – by the beginning of the last liturgy of the Second Sunday of Advent, all of the ornaments had been taken from the Giving Tree. Many gifts had already been returned and placed beneath the tree. Parishioners were invited to replace the Giving Tree Ornaments with a Family Ornament featuring their photograph to make the tree our Parish Family Christmas Tree. Gifts from The Giving Tree benefitted our adopted parochial school of St. Peter Martyr in Pittsburg, as well as Sutter, Turner and Mission Elementary Schools in Antioch.

Our Lady of Guadalupe – at the December 10th Vigil liturgy, the parish received a wonderful cultural gift from our Guadalupana Society. We celebrated Mary under this title as the Patroness of the Americas. Aztec dancers performed a traditional dance as part of the liturgy and dinner hosted by the Guadalupana Society followed in the parish hall. Thank you to **Lidia Tarango** for coordinating this important cultural event again this year.



Breakfast & Picture With Santa – Thank you to **Steve & Frances Rojek** for organizing and hosting this event for the younger members of our parish. On Saturday morning, December 10th, the children and their parents enjoyed a breakfast of pancakes, sausage,

juice, milk and coffee followed by a visit from Santa Claus and one of his helpers. A special thank you to **Steve & Sherry Morris** aka Santa and his helper.

Las Posadas – the children of our Faith Formation Program led the traditional Mexican celebration of “Las Posadas” on Tuesday evening, December 13th. The children acted out the parts of Mary and Joseph, seeking refuge in an inn but denied entrance. The celebration was followed by hot cocoa, cookies, and a piñata in the parish hall.



Christmas Environment – once again, the members of our Art & Environment Committee created a spectacular environment for the three weeks of the Christmas Season, beginning December 25th and concluding on January 9th with Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. A new magnificent mural of Bethlehem, the Manger, and the Three Kings Guided By The Star, in shades of midnight blue, deep royal purple, crimson red shaded the figures of the tableau and gave focus and new meaning to the scriptures and music of the season. The environment also included lighted garland and wreaths between the Stations of the Cross, lighted trees with both white and multi-colors in the Organ Gallery, majestic Silver Tip trees with white lights in the East and West corners of the sanctuary, along with lighted wreaths and garland adorned with red carnations and Christmas Red ribbon in the East and West Niches. The Chapel of the Nativity was more beautiful than ever after a thorough cleaning, dusting, and polishing as well as red poinsettia plants to accent the figures of the crèche. Our thanks to: **Rich Confetti, Theresa Nelms, Don Benson, Jose Palomino, Pat Kramer, Denise Moss, Pablo and Norma Villegas, Tom and Stevie Catchings, Harlan Young, Patricia Britton, Gail Burgarino, Dave Simpson, Tony and Claudia Gumina, Lee Oliver, and Dorothy O’Connor**. A special thank you to **Mary Anne Douville & Faultless Cleaners** for some last minute cleaning of the linens in the Chapel of the Nativity.

Festival of Lessons and Carols – on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, our **Choir**, under the direction of our Director of Music/Organist/Artist-in-Residence, **Don Pearson**, performed the traditional service of Seven Lessons and Carols to help prepare us for the Christmas Feast. Scripture passages were proclaimed that foretold the birth of the Messiah and led up to the Christmas Story. Each lesson was followed by a beautiful choral anthem that accentuated the scripture passage. Christmas Carols were also woven into the fabric of the service which brought in the singing of

the congregation. A lovely reception in the Spirit of the Season followed in the parish hall served by: **Frances and Steve Rojek, Lesley Eubanks, Will Avitabile, Catherine Vidaurri, Alicia Perez, Gino Ramos, Isabel Reneggenathen-Cage, Maryann Peddicord, Kirby and Terri McNesby, and Estrella Rusk.**

The Feast of the Nativity – was celebrated with two beautiful liturgies on Christmas Eve: 4:00 p.m. was liturgy for families with children and 10:00 p.m. was Festive Choral Eucharist with Procession and Incense. On Christmas Day, Festive Choral Eucharist was celebrated at both 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. The music of all the liturgies was inspiring, majestic, emotional, and heartfelt as the assembly sang with great energy the beautiful carols of Christmas along with the acclamations of the liturgy.



New Year's Eve – the parish gathered for the Vigil Eucharist of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, The Octave Day of Christmas, New Year's Eve, and the World Day of Prayer for Peace on Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. As we remembered and gave thanks for all the blessings to us as individuals and as a parish, the lights in the sanctuary were dimmed and by candlelight, we sang "Auld Lang Syne" at the conclusion of the distribution of Holy Communion.

Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

VOLUNTEERS IN MINISTRY

Our parish is blessed with wonderful parishioners who volunteer throughout the year. Every attempt has been made to list all our volunteers who do so much to make our parish the incredible Catholic community that it is. We sincerely regret any inadvertent errors or omissions.

Permanent Deacon – Deacon Gary Hack

Pastoral Associates – Peter Degl'Innocenti and Carolyn Krantz

Altar Servers and Acolytes – Ester Carrillo, Leyzy Carrillo, Zachary DeBuhr, Zoe DeBuhr, Jean Paul Fortez, Heredia Ramon, Jacob Mirano, Noah Mirano, William Necor, Alessandra Necor, Lorenzo Necor, , Brigitte Perea, Alexander Pollard, , Ryan Sims, Antonio Alvarez, Isaiah Laxamana, Josiah Stubbs, Michael Stubbs, Vinney Stubbs, Bobby Zabroski, Harlan Young, Rose Necor, Dilcia Aparicio,

Al Necor, Sharon Simpson, Pam Confetti, Dave Simpson,, MJ Nagtalon, Crispina Malonosan, Monika Kauer, Frank Kauer, and Peter Degl'Innocenti.

Head Ushers – Rich Confetti, Al Cosce, Joe Stahl, Oscar Tellez, Mike Stubbs and Steve Rojek.

Eucharistic Ministers – assist the presider in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ. **Steven Andreatta, Dilcia Aparicio, Amante Asuncion, Gloria Asuncion, Bill Barbanica, Fran Barbanica, Ruth Beck, Helga Boardman, Clem Bushman, Bernice Campbell, Mary Angelica Cayaban, Rowena Cayaban, Edward Cissell, Sharon Cissell, Pam Confetti, Richard Confetti, Melodye Costanza, Mark Costanza, Tim Cox, Kevin Daley, Carol Dollete, Emily Douville, Pat Dunleavy, Cynthia Enrique, Lesley Eubanks, Carol Fanfa, Jeannine Ford, Noel Fortez, Sheila Fortez, Mary France, Ron France, Reyna Garcia, Angelina Guieb-Alphonso, Diane Hack, Deacon Gary Hack, Kathleen Hayakawa, Danielle Herrera, Rhoda Herrera, Bev Iacona, Rick Howell, Sue Howell, Cecil Jemera, Shirley Jemera, Monika Kauer, Frank Kauer, MaryJo Keister, Mary Kendrick, Cecelia Kennedy, Jenawati Kwa, Peggy Lennan, Lorraine Lohmeier, Susan Lozano, Crispina Malonosan, Vianney Mendoza, Charlie Mirano, Denise Moss, M. J. Nagtalon. Mary Ng, Rose Necor, Al Necor, Karen Oliver, Lee Oliver, Sharon Oliver, Gloria Olvera, Samantha Peralto, Marla Plurkowski, Judith Quicho, Jeanne Reilly, Chieko Reyes, Frances Rojek, Estrella Rusk, Nancy Santos, Diane Schlueter, Paul Schmidt, Jane Sharpe, David Simpson, Sharon Simpson, Stan Stanek, Theresa Stanek, Nick Suarez, Forrest Towe, Harlan Young, Yvette Young, Bobby Zabroski and Sofie Zimmerman.**

Lectors – assist the presider by proclaiming the scriptures and leading the Universal Prayer. Thanks to: **Candace Alexander, Vince Augusta, Matthew Bajet, Susan Batterton, Corrine Bielejeski, Angela Bueno, Lisa Marie Cayaban, Kathleen Clarke, Cory Cook, Melodye Costanza, Tina Costanza, Tim Cox, Peter Degl'Innocenti, Rey Dollete, Mila Ellingwood, Carmen Garces, Kathleen Hayakawa, Pat Kramer, Therese Kain, Faye Lucas, Ron Lucas, Rose Necor, William Necor, Cecille Mirano, Noela Noel-LoFranco, Lee Oliver, Samantha Peralto, Frances Rojek, Steve Rojek, Steven Rojek, Joe Salvador, Alicia Solano, Robert Solano, Terese Stanek, Cheryna Wright and Sofie Zimmerman.**

Faith Formation Catechists – our parish provides for spiritual growth and faith formation opportunities for all age groups, kindergarten through adult. We are thankful for our Catechists: **Deacon Gary Hack, Candace Alexander, Janine Alexander, Candi Amigo, Sharon Bandy, Bob Carvalho, Rowena Cayaban, Kathleen Clarke, Pam Confetti, Peter Degl'Innocenti, Marivic Espinosa, Lesley Eubanks, Mary Ewing, Belen Farin, Ted Fulsaas, Carolyn Krantz, Carole Miller, Denise Moss, Valerie Nieder, Maryann Peddicord, Alicia Perez, Judy Quicho, Jeanne**

Reilly, Anita Roe, Frances Rojek, Steve Rojek, Anita Saunders, Susan Sermeno, Geny Stubbs, and Theresa Travers.

Choir – great music at our liturgies are at the heart of the worship life of the parish. Thanks to our Choir members and Cantors: **Alicia Perez, Maryann Peddicord, Kirby McNesby, Joelan Tanique, Doreen Manalac, Gino Ramos, Terri McNesby, Stella Renner, Louis Renner, Cecille Mirano, Nancy Bachmann, Chip Sharpe, Isabel Renggenathen, Gloria Loyola, Blanca Hernandez, Sofie Zimmerman and Cheryna Wright.**

Funeral Coordinators – help prepare the church and assist the Presider in the celebration of the funeral liturgy. Thanks to: **Fran Barbanica, Rowena Cayaban, Marie Collins, Peter Degl’Innocenti, Jeannine Ford, Rick Howell, Sue Howell, Monica Kauer, Carole Miller, Vangie Parrilla, Frances Rojek, Pam Silva, Dave Simpson and Sofie Zimmerman.**

St. Martha’s Guild – is a significant component of the parish’s funeral ministry and assists families in providing hospitality after the funeral liturgy. **Mary Kendrick, Rowena Cayaban, Nancy Newton, Bev Iacona, Sharon Simpson, Lorraine Lohmeier and Frances Rojek.**

Social Events Committee – this committee is charged with building fellowship in the parish and hosts/coordinates a number of events each year. Thanks to **Willy Avitabile, Catherine Vidauri, Sharon Bandy, Susan Batterton, Don Benson, Julie Bilotti, Judy Blakemore, Gail Burgarino, Joanna Burgarino, Clem Bushman, Sharon Cissell, Kathleen Clarke, Marie Collins, Pam Confetti, Rich Confetti, Al Cosce, Dave Costanza, Melodye Costanza, Mark Costanza, Reggia Desmond, Emily Douville, Marc Douville, MaryAnne Douville, Pat Dunleavy, Lesley Eubanks, Mary Ewing, Carol Fanfa, Jeannine Ford, Dotty Graham, Barbara Jackson, MaryJo Keister, Mary Kendrick, Alice Lideros, Lorraine Lohmeier, Tomas Lucia, Rachelle Martin, Pat Mattern, Carmen Mayne, Vicki McCoy, Brian McCoy, Carole Miller, Lee Oliver, Jose Palomino, Maryann Peddicord, Samantha Peralto, Alicia Perez, Annette Pisani, Bob Plurkowski, Marla Plurkowski, Frances Rojek, Steve Rojek, Steven Rojek, Jane Sharpe, Chip Sharpe, Sandy Stokes, June Stuhldreier, Anna Tellez, Jennifer Webster and Yvette Young.**

Communion to the Sick – bring the Holy Eucharist to those in our community who are homebound, in convalescent facilities or hospitals. **Deacon Gary, Dilica Aparicio, Rowena Cayaban, Maryse Delgadillo, Peter Degl’Innocenti, Diane Hack, June Johnson, Peg Lennan, Jenny Matthew, Carla McBrayer, Vianney Mendoza, Lee Oliver, Alicia & Jose Perez, Doris Radovan, Theresa & Stan Stanek, Sandra Stokes, Bill & June Stuhldreier, and Jovita Vera.**

SPRED Catechists – Special Religious Education (SPRED) at our parish serves adults with special needs. Our thanks to **Vicki McCoy, Yolanda Garcia, Susan Fleming, Mitzi Reagan and Evie Viera.**

Parking Lot Security – volunteers provide a visible security presence in the parking lot during weekend liturgies, funerals, weddings and special events. This year our thanks to **Steve Rojek, Bob Goncalves, Mark Webster, Jose Perez, Dave Simpson, Sharon Simpson, Vince Augusta, Bev Iacona, Bob Carvalho, Natalia Joyce, Tom Catchings, Stevie Catchings, Rachelle Martin, Steve Andreatta, Richard Olvera, Steve Pollard, Dave Costanza, Tony Gumina, Clem Bushman, Tony Burgarino, Jose Palomino, Bill Stuhldreier, Fran Barbanica, Bill Barbanica, Kyle Thomas, Oscar Tellez and Don Benson.**

Church Cleaning – each weekend, faithful volunteer parishioners come to clean and prepare the church and parish hall for the weekend and the coming week. Our gratitude and thanks to: **Steve Rojek, Rose Salamanca, Angela Bueno, Cathy Romeo, Mency Osborne, Alfred Madoshi, Jack Goncalves, Emilia Freking, Kelly Wetzel, Tracy Wetzel, Carole Miller, Mila Rodrigo, Nancy Santos and Jun Bajet.**

Bathroom Cleaning – the bathrooms in both the church and parish hall are maintained by volunteer parishioners all through the week. Our thanks to: **Robert Goncalves, Mary Ewing, Mila Rodrigo, Gino Ramos, Geri Abaya, Cathy Romeo, Patricia Britton, Virginia Noack, Steve Rojek, and Harlan Young.**

Parish Office - daily volunteers assist the office staff in many ways, including answering the phones, filing, and so many other ways. Our thanks to **Mary Ng, Karen Oliver, Jeannine Ford, Sofie Zimmerman, Barbara Jackson, Nancy Newton, Lorraine Lohmeier, Rowena Cayaban, Mary Angelica Cayaban, Melodye Costanza, Harlan Young, Alicia Perez, Brian McCoy, Joe Fanfa and Bev Iacona.**

Sacred Linens – our thanks to **Dilcia Aparicio** who does such an excellent job of washing, ironing, and caring for the Sacred Linens.

Sacristans and Altar Guild – prepare the sanctuary for the celebration of Eucharist each week. Our thanks to **Peter Degl’Innocenti, Pam and Rich Confetti, Vincent Rodriguez, Harlan Young, Rowena Cayaban, Monika Kauer, Cynthia Enrique, Belen Farin, Nancy Santos and Rose Salamanca.**

Counting Teams – these volunteers count and reconcile the weekly offerings. Because of confidentiality issues, we do not list the team members, however, the parish is certainly thankful for these dedicated parishioners.

St. Vincent de Paul and Mobile Mall – our thanks to volunteers who transport the food and clothing donations received each week: **Bob Carvalho, Barbara Jackson and Lorraine Lohmeier.**

Bulletin Assembly Team – each week these parishioners meet and assemble the weekly parish bulletin: **Bob Carvalho, Carole Miller, Dave Costanza, Judy Quicho, Dilcia Aparicio, Belen Farin, Vangie Parrilla, Sherry Webb and Ester Dimacali.**

End of Year Statistics

Number of Registered Households: 570

Number of Infant Baptisms: 15

Number of Children/Youth Baptisms: 0

Number of Adult Baptisms: 1

Number of First Communions: 26

Number of Adult Confirmations: 2

Number of High School Confirmations: 18

Number of Weddings: 2

Number of Convalidations: 2

Number of Sick Calls: 6,348

These are calls made to Sutter-Delta and Kaiser Hospitals, convalescent homes, care homes, and shut-ins by Fr. Robert, Deacon Gary, Pastoral Associate Peter Degl'Innocenti, and the Pastoral Care Ministers to administer the Sacrament of the Sick and to bring Holy Communion.

Number of Funeral Liturgies: 21

Second Collections and Parish Charitable Contributions

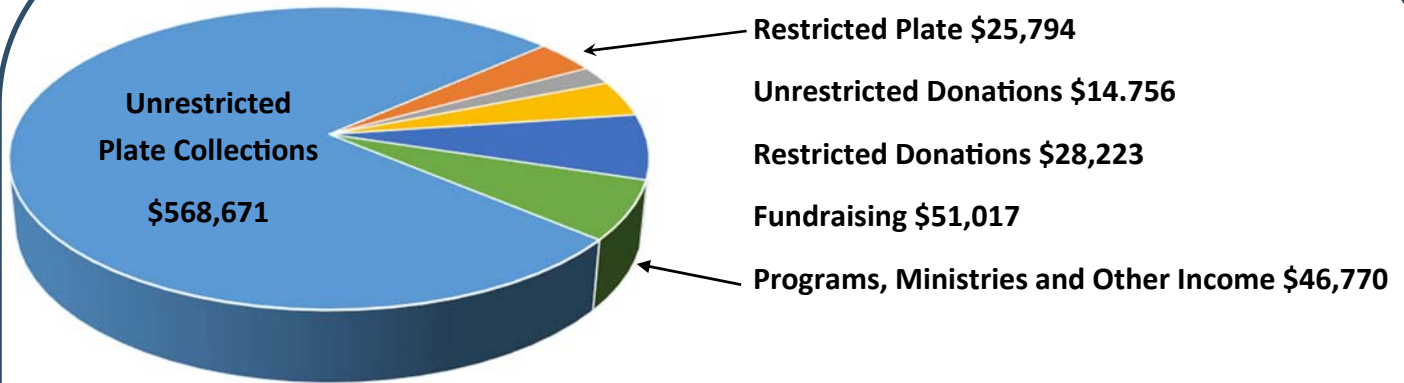
Seminary	\$2,373.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$1,911.00
Holy Land	\$2,368.00
Catholic Charities	\$2,435.00
Catholic Communications	\$1,795.00
Holy Father (Peter's Pence)	\$2,063.00
World Mission	\$2,034.00
Project Starfish (Refugee family)	\$2,288.00
Military Archdiocese	\$2,854.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$2,142.00
Religious & Diocesan Priest Retirement	\$5,694.00
Mission Coop Appeal	\$3,620.00
St. Vincent De Paul	\$10,250.75
St. Peter Martyr	\$10,582.72
Contra Costa Interfaith Housing	\$650.00
Total	\$53,058.85

Looking To 2017

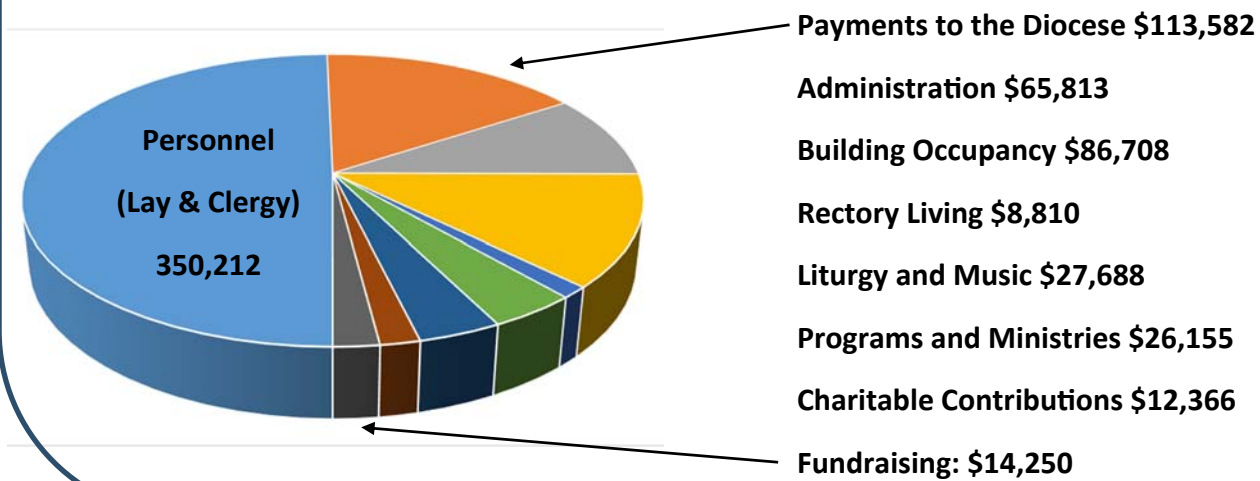
- ♦ To continue our commitment to the best possible experience of Liturgy, music, and preaching.
- ♦ To empower every member of the parish to live their baptism and deepen their understanding of what it means to be a member of the Priesthood of all the Faithful.
- ♦ To continue to offer challenging, inspirational, and relevant Adult Faith Formation classes, seminars, and workshops along with Scripture Study.
- ♦ To strengthen our Liturgical Ministries through ongoing training and formation.
- ♦ To continue to invite and challenge every registered household to take ownership and support the parish through their Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure.
- ♦ To honor our financial commitments to the Diocese of Oakland with respect to the Parking Lot Loan, the Diocesan and Catholic Voice Assessments, liability insurance and Retirement Fund contributions.
- ♦ To practice good Stewardship of the resources that have been given to us: maintaining the Church, Rectory, landscaping, and, where possible, increase the efficient use of those resources.
- ♦ To continue and, where possible, expand our Social Justice Ministries in the parish and in the wider community.

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Operating Revenue



Operating Expenditures



REGULAR SUNDAY PLATE COLLECTION

(Excluding Christmas & Easter)

2015 (51 Sundays):	\$502,827.	Average: \$9,859.
2016 (50 Sundays):	\$502,830.	Average: \$10,057.

Building Fund

Cash Balance
\$950,520.



PARKING LOT LOAN (2016 Activity)

Principal Payments: \$60,000.
Interest Paid: \$10,194.



Operations Checking Account Balance:

\$167,028.

Emergency Fund: \$11,664

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Summary

All bills and assessments that came due in 2016 were paid in a timely manner.

Unrestricted Plate Collections

The largest single source of revenue is unrestricted plate collections and amounted to just over 77% of our operating revenue. Briefly, this is the money placed in the collection basket or sent via EFT that is not designated for specific purpose (e.g. flowers, music, second collections, etc.).

Our weekly target of \$12,500 for regular Sunday plate collection continues to be a challenge. Plate collocations (50 Sundays, Easter and Christmas) totaled \$502,830 for a weekly average of \$10,057.

The recent Christmas collection totaled a very generous \$29,664.50.

Parking Lot

The parking lot loan remains the only long-term liability on the parish's balance sheet. This year, 12 monthly principal payments of \$5,000 each reduced the loan balance to \$230,000, down from \$290,000 at the beginning of the year. Second collections for the parking lot totaled \$55,556. Loan interest payments to the Diocese amounted to \$10,194.

Other Payments to the Diocese

In addition to the parking lot principal and interest, the following payments were also made to the Diocese this year:

Assessment:	\$71,433.
Catholic Voice	\$10,716.
Insurance:	\$21,239.

Reserve Fund

As part of the 2016 budget, the Finance Committee recommended that a portion of the parish's operating revenue be placed in a Reserve Fund. The purpose of this fund is to build a cash balance in anticipation of capital expenditures that will arise with respect to our facility. \$10,000 was placed in the Reserve Fund from 2016 operating income.

Operating Account Balances

Operating Account: \$167,028.

Reserve Fund: \$10,000.

Diocesan Savings: \$11,664.

Capital Expenditures

Capital Expenditures totaled \$18,825 this year as follows:

- A \$5,000 payment was made to the woodworking artist who created the presidential and diaconal chairs in the sanctuary. These funds were donated for this specific purpose.
- \$9,070 was donated to the parish specifically to replace the weathered icon over the front door.
- \$4,755 was used to purchase and install a new security system for the rectory.

2016 Building Fund Activity

A total of \$78,719 was donated to the Building Fund. Total interest received was \$5,011. An additional \$20,827 was credited to our account at the Diocese as our parish's 25% share of the Diocesan Capital Campaign. Total cash in hand for the building fund is \$950,520.

2017 Budget Notes

For budgeting purposes, operating revenue is set at 2016 levels (i.e. no increase).

Lay salary expenditures were reduced by \$17,000 from 2016 levels, however some of the savings will be offset by increased costs for employee benefits (e.g. medical insurance).

A significant savings resulted from the elimination of one high speed printer and a restructured lease agreement signed in August 2016. The new agreement reduced the monthly lease from \$1700 per month to \$500 per month. That savings will continue for the entire year in 2017. Under the new contract, any reduction in the use of the printer will directly benefit the parish operating budget.

The 2017 Diocesan Payments are: budgeted as follows:

Assessment:	\$72,400.
Catholic Voice	\$10,764.
Insurance:	\$24,612.

The Parish & Rectory Property budget increased nearly 8% due to anticipated rising utility, property tax and maintenance costs.

If budget targets are met, an additional contribution to the reserve fund should be possible.

Statement of 2016 Activity and 2017 Budget

Income	2016 Actuals	2017 Budget
Sunday Plate Collections	502,829.59	512,376.00
Holy Days	14,972.33	14,971.00
Easter	21,205.00	21,205.00
Christmas	29,664.50	20,000.00
Restricted Plate Collections	25,794.09	25,794.00
Unrestricted Donations	14,756.00	14,656.00
Restricted Donations	28,223.05	28,223.00
Fundraising	51,017.23	50,468.00
Education & Ministries	43,070.50	43,030.00
Other Income	3,699.45	3,723.00
Total Operating Revenue	735,231.74	734,446.00
Expenditures		
Lay Personnel	295,257.74	287,444.00
Clergy	54,954.22	59,440.00
Diocesan Payments	113,582.01	116,866.00
Administration	65,812.78	47,409.00
Church & Rectory Property	86,708.23	93,433.00
Rectory Living	8,810.01	9,350.00
Music & Liturgy	27,687.62	25,462.00
Formation	20,007.36	18,500.00
Charitable Contributions	12,365.90	6,000.00
Programs & Ministries	6,147.40	5,605.00
Fundraising	14,250.46	15,500.00
Total Operating Expenditures	705,583.73	685,009.00
Income less Expenditures	29,648.01	49,437.00