

St. Ignatius of Antioch Catholic Parish



**ANNUAL PASTORAL
AND FINANCIAL
REPORT FOR
2022**

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Letter from Pastor

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Once again it is my privilege to present the Annual Pastoral and Financial Report for 2022. As you will see, the major movements of the Holy Spirit in our midst are archived by month, the activities, programs, ministries, and outreaches that are a hallmark of our faith community.

None of it would be possible were it not for your presence, support, and whole-hearted participation. We have come through a major pandemic, we have completed a dream of many years with the building of the kitchen and the expansion and renovation of the parish hall, we have continued to touch the lives of those in need in many ways, especially through our participation in Winter Nights, Shelter, Inc., and becoming the major point of distribution for the Contra Costa-Solano Counties Food Bank, as well as our wonderfully successful Thanksgiving Giving Basket outreach. Our support of our adopted parochial school of St. Peter Martyr, Pittsburg, continues even as they supported our Thanksgiving outreach. Our Adult Faith Formation program offered several outstanding courses taught by Dave and Susannah Nelson, Carolyn Krantz, Father Mangini, and Peter Degl'Innocenti. We continue to offer the best possible experience of worship through our liturgies, the hospitality and welcome, exceptional and beautiful environments, and welcoming Karen Hastings-Flegel as our new Director of Music and Organist. Additionally, we participated in the Diocesan MAP (Mission Alignment Project) that will decide the future of the Diocese as well as the Synod Listening Process undertaken by Pope Francis for the Universal Church.

I also wish to thank you for your amazing generosity to the parish that enables us to care for our buildings and grounds as well as supporting programs, outreaches, ministries, and staffing. The Financial Report indicates the exceptional health financially of the parish. Quarterly Reports were given throughout the year, building to the final report as well as presenting the Budget for 2023. I trust that your generosity will continue to be as faithful as it has been in the past.

It has been one of the greatest privileges and honors of my life to serve as your Shepherd for these past 18 years and I look forward to all that will be in 2023 and then celebrating my 50th Anniversary of Ordination with you in 2024. Thank you again for your prayers, your support, your participation, and your love for the parish and me personally.

With gratitude, and every good wish and blessing,

Father Robert Rien
Pastor

2022 PASTORAL STAFF

Father Robert K. Rien
Pastor

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Assisting Clergy

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Permanent Deacon

Shelli Daviess
Faith Formation
Coordinator

Peter Degl'Innocenti
Pastoral Associate,
Pastoral Care

Maryann Peddicord
Pastoral Secretary

Carolyn Krantz
Pastoral Associate,
Social Justice

Karen Hastings-Flegel, DMA
Director of Music and Organist

Estrella Rusk
Financial Secretary

Phil Hadsell
Facilities Maintenance Helper

2022 PASTORAL COUNCIL

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JANUARY

New Year's Day – the parish began the New Year with a very reverent and beautiful celebration of Holy Eucharist.

The Feast of the Epiphany – the celebration of the Twelfth Day of Christmas was celebrated with a full church at each of our liturgies this weekend, concluding with a Birthday Blessing for all those who are celebrating the day of their birth this month.

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord – was celebrated with the Renewal of Baptismal Promises and the Sprinkling Rite as well as the Rite of Acceptance into the Catechumenate for **Brice, Michael, and Joseph**. It also marked the conclusion of the Christmas Season. A beautiful new Icon of the Baptism of the Lord was placed as the central piece of art work behind the altar to honor the feast.

Funeral Liturgies – were celebrated for Clark Fuller, Mary Alice Munoz, Carmela “Millie” Barrese, Richard Eugene Coffman, Gaetano “Tom” Gumina, Anthony Roy Mozzetti, and Firefighter Richard Carlson.

Environment – the members of the Art & Environment Committee removed the environment for the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany Season and created the environment for Winter's Ordinary Time, a brief period of 7 weeks between Christmas, Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of Lent. Forest Green panels

were installed beside the Icons and the White Christmas Poinsettias,



along with Peace Lilies, were used as well. Our thanks to **Doris Radovan, Leo and Minnie Rivera, Pablo and Norma Villegas, Jean Rogers, Alejandra Garcia Hernandez, Claudia and Tony Gumina, Don Benson, Rich Confetti, Peter Degl'Innocenti, Philip Hadsell, Dave Simpson, Kathleen Maasberg, and Christine Shoemaker.**

The Expansion Project – the painting of the ceiling of the parish hall was completed and the electrical fixtures for the ceiling were installed this month. Final inspections by Contra Costa Fire and the City of Antioch were still pending.

Final Invoices - Oliver & Co. presented their FINAL invoice for the construction of the new kitchen in the amount of \$130,862. This is the last payment on the \$1,353,138 construction contract. The invoice was certified by the architect, submitted to the diocese for approval, and paid in full. Banis Restaurant Design, the other contractor on this project also submitted a final invoice in the amount of \$8,181.58. It also was approved by the diocese and fully paid using parish funds. It's important to note that, thanks to your generosity, the Expansion Project will be fully paid for WITHOUT having to incur any parish debt.



**FOOD
BANK**

Food Bank Distribution – this bi-monthly outreach takes

place on the first and third Fridays of each month in our parking lot. Thank you to **Werner Hoch** and **his cadre of volunteers** who assist in this effort.

Sanctuary Lamp – a generous gift that covers the cost of lighting the sanctuary lamp for all of 2022 was received from **Teresa Pedras** in loving memory of her parents **Alfredo and Elina Avelar**.

FEBRUARY

Black History Month – for the first time in the parish's history, Black History Month was observed with the addition of Kinte Cloth panels over the dark green panels on either side of the Icons. Additionally, "Icons" of Black Saints were temporarily installed between the Stations of the Cross for the month to give parishioners a sense of how many canonized saints there are from the African American Community. A brochure was prepared by **Shelli Daviess** to compliment the installation and give parishioners a description of each saint corroborating with each "Icon."

Environment – the Christmas poinsettias were replaced with green peace lilies. On several Sundays, beautiful floral arrangements in memory of loved ones were placed at both the Altar and the Ambo.

Baptisms – were celebrated for Zane Matthew Rayos, Robin Ethan Rafanan Alejo, Hayes Francis Clancy Enas, Lillian Marie Montes, Hector Valente Herrera Jr., and Kalei Amina Auli'Ilani Torres Huddleston.

Funeral Liturgies – were celebrated for John Tarango Sr., Anna Odello, Ralph Ramirez, Victor Michael Tamblyn, Sherry Lynn Mangini and Anthony L. Borelli.

Wedding – the Sacrament of Matrimony was celebrated for **Jose Zamora and Frena Zamudio** on Friday afternoon, February 4, 2022. Father Robert presided and preached for the wedding liturgy.

Synod Forums – facilitated by **Susannah Nelson, Brian McCoy, and Carolyn Krantz**, parishioners were invited to a series of forums to respond to the questions sent from Pope Francis concerning the future of the Roman Catholic Church. Forums took place on February 8, 15, and 22. Zoom Sessions were offered for those who were not able to attend in person. Following the sessions, a report was prepared for the Diocese of Oakland as well as for the General Secretary of the Synod in Rome.

Parish Leadership and The MAP Project – the members of our Pastoral Staff, Pastoral Council, and Finance Council were invited to a Parish Leadership Meeting on Wednesday,

February 16th, to review and respond to the input for the Mission Alignment Project and the survey that was taken by our parishioners regarding the parish and diocese. The report which was submitted to the diocese reflected our goals and vision for the parish going forward.



YLI 100th Anniversary - the members of our YLI Institute #101 held an Anniversary Celebration and Luncheon on Saturday, 19 February 2022, at Lone Tree Event Center. Members from all over the state of California joined them in this historic celebration. It also marked the Official Visit of the Grand President, Jeannette Borges. We extend our heart-felt congratulations and wish them much success and every blessing for all the years to come.

Super Bowl Raffle – profits from this year’s annual event were designated for our Expansion Fund Project.



Congratulations to our winners: 1st Quarter: **Melodye Costanza**; 2nd Quarter: **Leo Garcia**; 3rd Quarter: **Rachelle Martin** and 4th Quarter/End of Game: **Leo Garcia**. Thank you to **Clem Bushman and Bob Plurkowski** for their work on this successful fundraiser!

Winter Nights Family Shelter – This year our parish partnered with St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church in Walnut Creek. Our week was February 21 through February 27. The number of

clients was strictly limited to accommodate social distancing and other safety protocols.



**Winter
Nights
Shelter**

Our parish has supported Winter Nights for over 15 years and as is our tradition, this community responded generously again this year. Items on the shelter wish list were purchased, including sleeping bags, fitted sheets, pillows, and gift cards. Cash donations exceeded \$400. During our week, our parishioners celebrated the second birthday for a little one with special birthday cupcakes and a new book for each of the children.

Sixteen parishioners purchased, prepared, and served a variety of homecooked meals including what has become another parish tradition, a ‘cook-to-order’ breakfast on Sunday morning. Our adopted school, St. Peter Martyr in Pittsburg, also assisted by preparing a spaghetti and meatball dinner. On Sunday afternoon, one of our parish families treated the shelter residents to an afternoon of fun at Pixieland in Concord. A special thank you to **Chip Sharpe** for bringing his guitar and providing live entertainment for two evenings of our week.

MARCH

Ash Wednesday – the parish celebrated Ash Wednesday with three liturgies throughout the day and the sanctuary was filled for each liturgy. In addition, Deacon Gary and Diane Hack brought

Holy Communion and Ashes to both Tre Vista and Quail Lodge Residents, while Father Robert did the same for the residents of Dallas Commons and the firefighters of East Contra Costa.

Funeral Liturgies – were celebrated for Emily Silva and Vincent Cortese.



Father Thomas P. Bonacci, CP
Lenten Series –
EXPLORING THE
MIND OF
CHRIST,
ENCOUNTERING
THE HEART OF

JESUS. Reflections inspired by the Gospel of St. Luke. Six Tuesday Evenings, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm, on ZOOM. With St. Luke as our guide, we followed in the footsteps of Jesus from Galilee to the Cross. We rediscovered the heart of Jesus which, as the Liturgy proclaims, “continues to beat with love for us.” May his love for us be our love one for another. March 1, 2022 - The Mind of Jesus and the Heart of Mary; March 8, 2022 - He Opened the Scroll and Found his Heart; March 15, 2022 - Do not be Afraid!; March 22, 2022 - Blessed are you who are Poor; March 29, 2022 - The Heart of Jesus was Broken; April 5, 2022 - This Day in Paradise.

St. Ignatius of Antioch Altar Servers Lorenzo Necor and Daniel Galvan were honored on March 26 at the annual Knights of Columbus Bishop’s Vocations Dinner. This year the dinner

was held at St. Raymond Catholic Church in Dublin. Certificates of appreciation were awarded to Lorenzo and Daniel by the Most Reverend Michael Barber, Bishop of Oakland. Proudly observing the tribute were parents Al and Rose Necor, and Gerry Galvan. Representing our St. Ignatius of Antioch Knights of Columbus Council were Grand Knight Chip Sharpe and his wife Jane, and Deputy Grand Knight Walter Schlueter and his wife Diane.

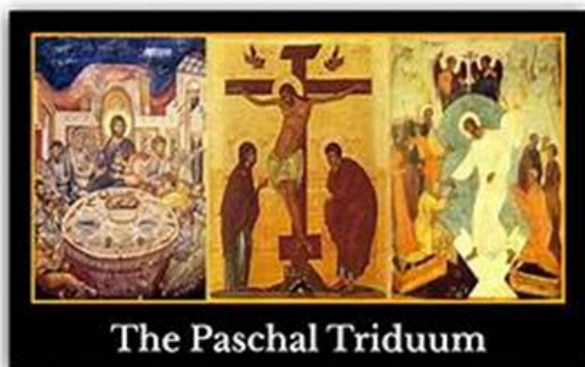
Annual St. Joseph Celebration – Final construction inspections prevented our annual celebration of the St. Joseph Feast Day. However, our ever-resourceful **Social Events Committee** pivoted to instead host a Sneak-And-Peak event for the expanded parish hall and new kitchen. The event took place 417 days after the Construction Agreement between the Oakland Diocese and Oliver & Company was signed. It featured a wine and cheese reception after the 4:00 pm Saturday liturgy and coffee and breakfast pastries after the 8:00 am and 10:00 am Sunday liturgies. The St. Joseph Raffle and Silent Auction added to the festivities.



Retirement – on March 26th at the 4:00 p.m. Vigil Eucharist, the parish celebrated the retirement of our Facilities Manager, **Rich Confetti**, after many years of faithful service. At the conclusion of the Liturgy, Rich was invited forward to receive a Plaque in recognition of all he has done and even more, for who he is.

APRIL

Palm Sunday – was celebrated the weekend of April 9th and 10th, with three beautiful liturgies. The Art & Environment Committee prepared a beautiful and meaningful environment with red panels overlaying the purple panels at each Icon and arrangements of fresh fan palms at the Tabernacle, the Altar, and Ambo. The Passion According to Luke was proclaimed at each liturgy in a “reader’s theater” version, adding interest and intense listening. Palms were prepared by the Art & Environment Committee to be blessed and distributed as parishioners entered the church.



The Sacred Paschal Triduum – the days of the Triduum were well-planned and celebrated. Unique to Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy

Saturday, Sung Morning Prayer was celebrated with women of the parish presiding and preaching: **Shelli Daviess** on Holy Thursday, **Alicia Solano** on Good Friday, and **Jeannine Ford** on Holy Saturday. Each morning’s liturgy was well attended and the congregation was deeply moved by the powerful homilies given from the perspective of the women who were present historically on each of these holy days.

The Evening Liturgy of the Last Supper began with the reception of the newly-blessed Oils, follow by the Liturgy of the Word, the Washing of Feet in which everyone present participated, Liturgy of the Eucharist, and then concluded with the candlelight procession from the sanctuary, outside the church and entering into our beautifully renovated and expanded parish hall. The Art & Environment Committee once again created the most beautiful Altar of Repose for the Reserved Sacrament. The Solemn Commemoration of the Lord’s Passion and Death was celebrated on Good Friday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. with the Liturgy of the Word, the Passion according to John proclaimed in “reader’s theater” version, the Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion. A second liturgy, much simpler, was offered in the evening at 7:00 p.m. and included a Liturgy of the Word and Veneration of the Cross.

Our Knights of Columbus also offered outdoor Stations of the Cross in the north part of our parking lot at 12:00 Noon.

The Great Vigil of Easter was celebrated on a beautiful Saturday evening beneath a clear sky and a Passover Moon. The New Fire was enkindled and from which the Paschal Candle was lighted and then processed into the darkened sanctuary. As it moved through the assembly, its light was passed from parishioner to parishioner until the sanctuary was aglow in Easter Light. An extended Liturgy of the Word followed with the readings that tell the story of salvation, leading up to the Gospel of the Resurrection. The Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist were celebrated for **Brice, Michael, and Joseph**. What a joy it was to experience their joy at being initiated into the church! A festive and beautiful reception took place following the liturgy in our parish hall to welcome the neophytes.



Easter Day was celebrated with two beautiful liturgies, the church filled to overflowing as parishioners and guests came together to join us for the celebration of the Resurrection. Once again, our Art & Environment Committee created a magnificent environment for Easter and its Season with beautiful flowering plants, cut

flower arrangements, candles, and panels of gold and white at the Icons. It was a truly glorious day!



Divine Mercy Celebration - the Evening Prayer and Chaplet took place the Second Sunday of Easter, celebrated on April 24, 2022 at 3:00 pm in the church. A small reception was held afterward. Thank you to **Bobbie Ocang** and **Steve Andreatta** for this lovely celebration.

Funeral Liturgies – Carol Esterlin, and Rick Howell.

First Holy Communion – was celebrated on Saturday, April 23 and again on Saturday, April 30th. Congratulations to: **Giovanni Gaytan, Jacqueline Gaytan, Andrew Fajardo, Emily Figueroa, Amber Ramos, Miguel Sanchez, Brenda Zamaroni, Andre Contreras, Lauren Hudson, Nicholas Macha, Ryan Trippany, Cera Wright and Jaxson Towe.**

Father Robert's Birthday - on Saturday, April 30th, the parish joined Father Robert in celebrating his 75th birthday with a reception in our newly renovated and expanded parish hall. Louis and Jen Zandonella catered the event with delicious appetizers and wine

and beer, poured by Will and Catherine Avitabile. The Social Events Committee, under the direction of Marla Plurkowski, decorated the parish hall in black and gold, with beautiful table centerpieces, as well as gifting Fr. Robert with various gifts in celebration of this milestone. A birthday cake with 75 candles was presented with him blowing out all the candles in one breath! The next morning, May 1st, following both of our liturgies, receptions were held in the parish hall for parishioners attending the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., with Mimosas and Breakfast Pastries, singing Happy Birthday, and Father Robert once again blowing out birthday cake candles at each reception. He asked that in lieu of personal gifts, that gifts be given to furnish the kitchen with everything it needs in addition to contributing to the purchase of banquet chairs. Parishioners and friends contributed in excess of \$18,000 towards the project and in Father Robert's honor.

MAY

Funeral Liturgies – were celebrated for Victor Seeley; Dennis, Patricia, and Jennifer Kinsel; Lucy Obiague, Sharon Heaney, Catherine Darretta, Pascual Mena Mena, Ligaya Ibay, and Angela Savnik.

New Member Brunch – the members of the Pastoral Council prepared a magnificent Sunday Brunch for our newly-registered families following the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist on Sunday, May

15th. The parish hall was beautifully decorated in the colors of Easter and of Spring, festive table settings, and a buffet table laden with items prepared for a delicious brunch/lunch to honor these new members, along with Mimosas!

The Mary Project -

Founded by our former parishioner, **Kathleen Clarke**, in thanksgiving for the Gift of Her



Children, **Mary and Joseph**, our longstanding tradition of supporting Birthright of Brentwood continued in 2022. Parishioners brought donations of cash, baby blankets, crib layettes, baby clothes, and disposable diapers and other items to the weekend liturgies on May 7-8. We thank all those who once again responded to this outreach of our parish in faith, gratitude, and generosity as well as our Knights of Columbus who sponsored this event.

Baptism – was celebrated for Althea Jean Magbanua Cavestany.

Breakfast Burritos – After a two-year COVID hiatus, this popular event returned on Sunday May 29th as our Knights of Columbus offered their signature breakfast burritos for sale after the 8:00 and 10:00 am liturgies.

The MAP Project – parishioners **Brian McCoy, Chip Sharpe, Susannah Nelson, Theresa Nelms, and Will Avitabile** joined Father Robert in a regional planning meeting for the Mission Alignment Project for the



Diocese. The meeting was held at St. Bonaventure for the members of Region #3. Participants were shown detailed information from the

MAP Survey last fall that are being utilized to make decisions regarding parish closures, mergers/consolidation, soft mergers of parishes, and a realignment of clergy to serve the new configurations. Deanery meetings were announced to continue the process and make recommendations as how to proceed to the MAP Project Task Force and the Bishop.

Parish Relay for Life High Tea – was held at the home of **Alicia Perez** who along with **Maryann Peddicord** are the co-captains of our parish's Relay for Life Team. It was a beautiful, summery afternoon with warm sun, traditional High Tea fare, raffle and prizes, and fellowship. The Tea raised almost \$2,000 for the American Cancer Society.

The Conclusion of Mystagogia – on the last Sunday of the month, the Order of Christian Initiation was brought to a conclusion as **Brice, Michael, and Joseph** wore their baptismal albs for the final time and shared with the congregation during the Saturday Vigil Eucharist how they will make use of the talents, gifts, and abilities with which God has blessed them in service to our parish community and the wider church.

JUNE

Hospitality Sunday after the 8:00 and 10:00 am liturgies were hosted by St. Martha's Guild and the Prayer Chain Ministry.

New Staff - Phil Hadsell joined the Pastoral Staff as a maintenance helper on June 1.



Pentecost – brought the Easter Season to a wonderful conclusion on the weekend of June 4th and 5th. Our neophytes concluded the Season of Mystagogia, laid aside their white garments and shared with the parish what their involvement and ministry will be going forward. Our Art & Environment Committee created yet another spectacular environment for the feast; our thanks to: **Tom & Stevie Catchings, Kris Shoemaker, Peter Degl'Innocenti, Doris Radovan, Rima LaLough, Pablo & Norma Villegas, Leo & Minnie Rivera, Don Benson, Rich Confetti, Theresa Nelms, and Phil Hadsell.**

Team Ouimet Blood Drive - on Friday, June 10th, the blood drive was held in

our Parish Hall from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm in honor of Matthew Ouimet. Many people, both parishioners and non-parishioners, came to support this very important blood drive.

St. Peter Martyr Baccalaureate and Graduation – on Thursday, June 2nd, our parish once again hosted the Baccalaureate and Graduation for our adopted parochial school of St. Peter Martyr, Pittsburg.

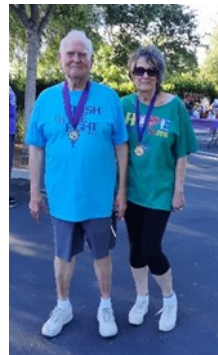
Funeral Liturgies – were celebrated for Diana Siino, A Committal Service for the cremated remains of Evelyn Siino, a Funeral Liturgy for Marie Porter, Linda Lopez, Committal Service for Rick Howell, and Funeral Liturgy for David Fejarang.

Brentwood Community Chorus Concert – under the direction of Sue Stuart, was held in our sanctuary on Sunday afternoon, June 12th to a very appreciative audience. It was their first concert in over two years due to the Covid pandemic.

Baptisms – were celebrated for Brianna Azalea Heslip, Eloise Marie Hedge, and Kristofer Nicolo Dilan Imperio.

Mini Relay for Life - The St. Ignatius of Antioch Relay for Life team worked to create our second annual St. Ignatius of Antioch Mini Relay for our parishioners on this lovely Saturday, June 11th. The event began at 6 pm at our back parking lot with a warm welcome from **Alicia Perez**, team co-Captain.

Tables for eating were set up under canopies as well as three raffle prize tables, a luminaria table and a serving table (set up and run by our fantastic Knights of Columbus).



At 6 pm our honorary survivors **Ron and Jackie Yarolimek** led our walkers on our first walk around the designated area. The area was marked with rows of luminaria bags that were set in place in honor or in memory of those touched

by cancer. The Knights of Columbus headed by **Steven Rojek and Blake Rojek** supplied the delicious sausage sandwiches, with a pasta salad donated by **Ron Yarolimek** and cookies donated by the YLI. **The Black Diamond Mine Rhythm Band** lead by **Ralph Ruiz**, presented their wonderful oldies but goodies music at 6:30 and played until 8:30 pm. Our walkers decided to dance it up and it was enjoyable to see everyone having a great time.

At 8:45 pm, **Maryann Peddicord**, team co-Captain, read a beautiful poem to begin our Luminaria Ceremony as each guest was given glow sticks that were then lit and placed in our luminaria bags. It was a beautiful and touching ceremony and tears of joy, love and hope flowed among our guests. We remember those who fought valiantly against this dreaded disease but left this world to live in eternal happiness in heaven. We hope, pray and embrace our survivors who fought and some still fighting to

survive. They inspire us all to be so brave and full of faith.

Heartfelt thanks to **Lorraine Lohmeier, Mark and Tina Costanza, and Jose Perez** who carried our Memory Book; to **Knights of Columbus** for the delicious food they cooked for the event and the set up and breakdown of our canopies, tables, and chairs; to our Relay team members **Don Benson and Rich Confetti and Steve Rojek** who brought everything out for the event; and our donors for donations of water and cans: **Lorraine Lohmeier, YLI, Lori Curiel, Dave Simpson, Vicki McCoy, Pam and Rich Confetti, Bruce Costa, Monika Kauer, Kathleen Maasberg, Mark and Tina Costanza, Jeanne Reilly and Vince and Kathy Augusta.**



Ordinary Time Environment – the environment for Pentecost was removed on Wednesday, June 22nd and the environment for Summer's Ordinary Time was created and installed by the members of our Art & environment Committee. Our thanks to: **Don Benson, Rich Confetti, Doris Radovan, Leo and Minnie Rivera,**

Tom and Stevie Catchings, Theresa Nelms, Tony Gumina, Fr. Robert and Pablo and Norma Villegas.

Knights of Columbus –on June 28th, our Knights of Columbus Council installed new officers for the coming year. Congratulations and best wishes to: **Grand Knight – Walter Schlueter, Financial Secretary – Stephen M. Rojek, Deputy Grand Knight – Jack Goncalves, Chancellor – Bill Stuhlreyer, Recorder – Larry Demonteverde, Treasurer – Ron Yarolimek, Advocate – Bob Motl, Warden – Phil Hadsell, Inside Guard – Leo Rivera, Outside Guard – Doug Cobalis, and Chaplain – Father Robert.**



JULY

Hospitality Sunday after the 8:00 and 10:00 am liturgies was hosted by our Knights of Columbus.

Funeral Liturgies – were celebrated for Grace Anne Darone, Ernie Romero, Gloria Pinell, and Kymberly Hopwood.

The Fourth of July – was commemorated on the first Sunday of the month, with the church resplendent in patriotic bunting and the placing of the American Flag behind the Presider's Chair, along with the singing of "America, The Beautiful." The Birthday Blessing was given to all those celebrating a birthday in July and our Knights of Columbus provided hospitality in the Gathering Plaza after

both Liturgies on Sunday Morning.

Baptisms – were celebrated for Arabella Curiel, daughter of Chad and Lori; and Jacob Knoa Forrest, son of Kenneth and Katrina Forrest.

YLI Installation and

Dinner – was held in our beautifully renovated and expanded parish hall on Monday evening, July 25th. The new officers installed for 2022-2023 are:



Past President – Teresa Glenn, President – Yolanda Lord, 1st Vice President – Gwenn Ehrlich, 2nd Vice President – Lynn Velasquez, Recording Secretary – Beth Enea, Financial Secretary – Sammie Garcia-Johns, Treasurer – Mel Costanza, Trustees: Mary Greenberg, Deanna Ribeiro, Lee Oliver, Suzanne Glynn-Ortega, and Giovanna Fleming, Sentinal – Grace Mariner, Marshall – Susan Lentrip, Organist – Rosemary Anyanwu, and Chaplain – Deacon Gary Hack.

The delicious dinner was catered by Louis Zandonella of Zandonella Catering.

Expansion Project – continued with the building of the Keystone Wall that follows the sidewalk along the East Wall of the sanctuary along with the placing of pavers. Also, a venting system was installed on top of the new roof to allow it to “breathe” and prevent condensation from building up on the inside of the glue-lam beams. The architectural drawings done by parishioner, **Rick**

Cross, were approved to begin preparing the site behind the church and new kitchen for landscaping.



The Grand Raffle Kickoff – took place on the last weekend of July as the members of the Grand Raffle Committee: **Annette Romani, Theresa Nelms, Crystal Stahl, and Laurie Ford** introduced this year’s Grand Raffle to the parish. This year’s Grand Prize is a trip to Ireland! The Second prize is \$2,000 cash and the Third Prize is \$1,000 cash. The drawing will take place following the 10:00 a.m. Liturgy on Sunday, October 9th. For the first time since its inception, the Gala Dinner will be held in our newly-remodeled, refurbished, expanded parish hall! Parishioners were asked to buy or sell a book of tickets, 10 tickets per book at \$10 each, which would enable us to raise the full amount of our goal of \$50,000..

AUGUST

Hospitality Sunday after the 8:00 and 10:00 am liturgies was hosted by the Rosary Group and the Divine Mercy Ministry.

Backpack Sunday – for the 14th year, our parishioners participated in the Annual Backpack



Sunday for our adopted parochial school of St. Peter Martyr, Pittsburg. Three weeks before the actual date, backpacks filled with school supplies began arriving and were placed on tables around the ambulatory. Following Backpack Sunday, 92 backpacks were delivered to St. Peter Martyr School in preparation for its opening for the 2022-2023 Academic Year by **Dave Costanza, Steve Rojek, Brian** and **Vicki McCoy**.

Wedding – the Sacrament of Matrimony was celebrated for Jose Palomino Jr. and Jennifer Seery.

Baptisms – the Sacrament of Infant Baptism was celebrated for Samuel David Chestnut, Rian Rose FitzPatrick, Liam Ayden Francisco, Cruz Joseph Desmond, Catalina Marie Hudson, and Jacob Antonio Gulick.

Funeral Liturgies – were held for Tom and Rose Napolitano, Joyce Graziadei, and Gary Clausen.

50th Wedding Anniversary – the 50th Wedding Anniversary Blessing was given to Aurelio and Leona Castillo as a part of the Vigil Eucharist on Saturday, August 20th, followed by a beautiful reception in our parish hall.

Annual Diocesan Missionary Cooperative Appeal – took place on the weekend of August 20th and 21st. Fr. John Prochaska, a pastor in our diocese, had ministered under the umbrella of the Society of St. James for whom the second collection was

designated and preached about the missionary order for each of our liturgies that weekend.

Part III of the Expansion Project – the keystone wall was completed on the East Side of the sanctuary along with pavers; a bobcat was rented to shape the hillside and cut into it as a part of the new landscaping for the back of the building as well as spreading excess dirt to cover tree roots and smooth out the back area for planting, a possible water feature, and placing decomposed granite in a large area of the proposed landscape area. Parishioner **Rick Cross** has done the renderings for the new landscape. Our thanks to **Rick, Rich Confetti, Don Benson, Steve Rojek, Brian McCoy, and Phil Hadsell**.



SEPTEMBER

Baptisms – were celebrated for Emmie Noelle Crump, Alexis Bloes Curry, Domiano James Costanza, and Jax Jeet Singh Dhillon.

Hospitality Sunday after the 8 and 10 am liturgies was hosted by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

Funeral Liturgies – were celebrated for Dolores Monnens, Joseph Boyd, Margorie McNally, and Dorothy Lamendola.

G.I.F.T. Growing In Faith Together sessions resumed on Friday, September 9. This adult formation activity,

facilitated by **Peter Degl'Innocenti**, was suspended during hall construction.



Annual September 11 Memorial -

Once again, a very powerful memorial display was placed in our Gathering Plaza remembering all those First Responders who lost their lives in the events of 9/11. The display was put into place early Thursday morning, June 30th by a faithful group of parishioners, led by **Don Benson: Rich and Pam Confetti, Brian and Vicki McCoy, Tony and Claudia Gumina, and Dave Simpson**. On behalf of all of us, I wish to thank them for helping us to “Never Forget” the sacrifice that was made that day 21 years ago today by First Responders: fire fighters, police officers, ambulance/ medical personnel, and transit authority officers, along with men, women, and children whose lives were taken from them in New York, Washington, D.C., and Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Thank you for helping us to keep their memory alive and to “Never Forget.” And as we remember, reflect, and pray on this anniversary, may we work to become instruments of peace, healing, forgiveness, and reconciliation.

Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz - All parishioners were invited to join the members of our Filipino Community to celebrate the Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila, during the 10:00 a.m.

Eucharist on Sunday, September 25th. Members of the Filipino Community were also invited to wear traditional Filipino Cultural Attire.



The Gathering Music was the Hymn to San Lorenzo, the readings were proclaimed in Tagalog with English translations in the worship leaflet; members of the Filipino Community presented the Gifts as well as served as Eucharistic Ministers. A simple reception followed in the parish hall.



Oktoberfest – was held on the last Saturday of September as a way for the parish to begin celebrating our parish feast day in honor of St. Ignatius of Antioch. Our beautifully renovated parish hall was decorated as if it were a German “beer garden.” Wonderful grilled German sauerbraten, sauerkraut, baked apples, German String Beans, German Beer and German Moesel Riesling Wine were available to compliment the meal. Following dinner,

there were a number of games, including a Pretzel Toss. There was lots of laughter! Dessert consisted of baked apple pie and ice cream. Everyone had a great time and the **Social Events Committee** did a wonderful job of hosting the event.

Environment – on the last Wednesday of the month, the members of our Art & Environment Committee, with parishioner volunteers transformed the Spring/Summer environment to the autumnal colors of fall, along with pumpkins, sunflowers, hay bales, as well as fresh cut floral arrangements. The lighting at the East and West Wall niches as well as in the Pipe Organ Gallery has been changed from the green of spring and summer to the orange of Fall. This environment will support our worship from now until Thanksgiving Day.

Adult Faith Formation – “How To Pray” – taught by **Fr. Moses** on the three Mondays of the month, one session in the morning and the second session each Monday evening; also taught by **David and Susannah Nelson**, with over 60 parishioners attending between the two sessions. Additional Adult Faith Formation series on Scripture and Catholic Social Justice teachings will be offered in the near future as well as a parish-wide Advent Retreat, beginning the First Sunday of Advent; Women’s Spirituality taught by Pastoral Associate **Carolyn Krantz**; and “Growing in Faith Together” facilitated by Pastoral Associate, **Peter Degl’Innocenti**.

Faith Formation – began with classes for children of the parish in grades 1 through high school, taught on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Catechetical Sunday was observed with all Catechists being commissioned for their ministry of faith and formation. We also have children in our Order of Christian Initiation for Children (OCIC) and adults who also desire to become fully-initiated members through the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA).

Director of Music and Organist – the work of the Search Committee completed with interviews and auditions and recommended that we invite **Dr. Karen Hastings-Flegel, DMA** to become our new Director of Music Ministry and Organist. Karen comes to us with an incredible background in music, conducting, directing Handbell Choirs, Children’s Choirs, Adult Choirs, and playing the organ. She holds Bachelor’s, Master’s, and Doctoral Degrees in Organ Performance from Stanford University and has directed music programs for Lutheran, Methodist, and Presbyterian churches.

Expansion Project – continued with the completion of the keystone wall, the installation of pavers, and the continuing work of preparing the site for new landscaping. Parishioner **Rick Cross** has designed the new landscaping as well as working to prepare the site and install the new trees, shrubs, flowering plants, outdoor lighting, and water feature. **Rich Confetti, Don Benson, Brian McCoy, Steve Rojek, and Phil**

Hadsell continued to work on finishing the keystone wall, installing the pavers, and leveling the ground behind the parish hall in preparation for the finishing of the landscaping project.

Wedding – The Sacrament of Matrimony was celebrated for Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Ford (Melissa McNesby).

OCTOBER

Funeral Liturgies – were celebrated for Maria Tilin Dempster, Terry Matacjek, Judy Blakemore, Janet Costanza, Beth Dowdall, Elizabeth Vallergera, Don McKnight, Joseph Ardent, and Betty D. Kleck.

Hospitality Sunday after the 8 and 10 am liturgies was hosted by the SPRED Ministry.

Baptisms – were celebrated for Olivia Mae Revelar Veneracion and Zoey Noelle Garcia Orozco.



Ministry Fair - our Pastoral Council sponsored our Annual Ministry Fair. There was information in the Newsletter of all the opportunities to connect, grow, and serve in the many ministries, programs, and outreaches of our parish. How is God calling YOU to become

involved, to deepen your commitment to serve as a disciple? What are the gifts, talents, abilities you possess to offer to God and others in service of the kingdom? Representatives of the various ministries were in the Gathering Plaza to meet with and sign up parishioners, and/or give out further information about how to become involved.

Living the Kingdom: An Exploration of the Gospel of Matthew – was presented by David Nelson, MA in our parish hall. It began Monday, October 3rd through Monday, November 7th, both in the morning and evening.

Installation/Commissioning of Our Director of Music and Organist – took place during the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist on Sunday, October 2nd. **Karen Hastings-Flegel** is our new Director of Music and Organist. She has been no stranger to us as she sings with the cantors as well as playing our instrument for the Saturday Vigil Eucharist. She holds the Doctorate in Musical Arts from Stanford University and has served in this position for various parishes in Contra Costa County. She is proficient as an organist, choral conductor, Children's Choirs, and Handbell Choirs. She is thrilled to be here with us, loves our instruments, and is excited about bringing her gifts, talents, and abilities to enrich our music ministry.

The Gala Dinner – for the first time since we began having the Gala Dinner, we were able to have this year's Gala in our very own renewed, renovated,

expanded Parish Hall! The hall was beautifully decorated by **Theresa Nelms** with floral arrangements, festive balloon bouquets, and using our new dishes and flatware as well as using the new banquet chairs for the first time. The dinner was catered by Smith's Landing and their Executive Chef, **Jose Ferreira**. A record crowd of over 100 parishioners and guests enjoyed the evening of fine dining, music, and fellowship.

The Parish Feast Day and Festival – the Feast of St.

Ignatius of Antioch was celebrated this year on the weekend of October 8 and 9, with parishioners joining in the celebration by wearing RED to honor our patron,



St. Ignatius of Antioch, who suffered death as a martyr in Rome in the year 105 A.D. Our Knights of Columbus began serving breakfast following both liturgies and after the 10:00 a.m. liturgies, various ethnic food booths provided a variety of wonderful cuisine representing some of the cultural groups of the parish, along with games for the children. The Grand Raffle Drawing took place as a part of the festivity. The Grand Raffle Winners were—1st Prize: **John Miller**; 2nd Prize: **Annette and Tom Pisani**; 3rd Prize: **Susan Richardson** and Chance Winner: **Karen Oliver**.

Bocce Ball Tournament – the St. Ignatius of Antioch Knights of Columbus sponsored a Bocce Tournament on Saturday, October 22nd at Chichibu Park. A continental breakfast and a wonderful lunch were served. Awards were presented after the games. The proceeds benefitted “Be Exceptional.”

Blood Drive - St. Ignatius of Antioch and Team Ouimet partnered to sponsor American Red Cross



blood drives in our parish hall once every three months (October, January, April, and July). The first drive in this new effort was held on October 27. Twenty-seven donors registered for this drive, including 3 first time donors, and netted 22 units of blood.

Corazon Tijuana Build – on October 22nd, two of our parishioners, Jose and Alicia Perez, were accompanied by family and friends to Tijuana Mexico for their Corazon Build. They joined forces with other local volunteers, neighbors, and Corazon Leaders to build a 20 by 20 inclement weather shelter, but to the family it was a blessed home. After eating lunch prepared by the family, the keys were then presented to them along with other gifts to start their new home.

Landscaping – work on the area behind the parish hall and new kitchen continued. The ground was prepared for

decomposed granite, as well as blooming plants, trees, shrubs, lighting, and a water feature.

NOVEMBER



All Saints and All Souls – the month of November began with the back-to-back celebrations and commemorations of All Saints and All Souls. On Tuesday, November 1st, we were privileged to celebrate Holy Eucharist at both 8:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Then, on Wednesday morning, November 2nd, we celebrated the Commemoration of All The Faithful Departed with Holy Eucharist at 8:00 a.m. Parishioners brought photographs and memorabilia of loved ones which were placed on a Memorial Table before the Altar. Our Parish Book of Remembrance was placed next to the Tabernacle for the month listing the names of loved ones who are being remembered in each of liturgies, along with all those whose names are inscribed on our All Souls envelopes which are placed on the Altar.

Funeral Liturgies – were celebrated for Peter DuBois Jr., Judith Quicho, Michael F. Billeci, James Flynn and Laurence M. Hennessy.

Coat Drive – our Confirmation Class sponsored once again a Winter Coat Drive, inviting parishioners to bring new or gently used coats of all kinds.

Baptisms – were celebrated for Nello Patrick Siino, Zoey Kathryn Siino, Lorenzo Anthony Siino, Bella Rose Lanter, Joseph Aidan Lanter and Melina Audrey Habaan Guintu.

YLI Virtual Auction -

The Virtual Auction began on Friday, November 18, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. and ended on Friday, November 25th, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Everyone was asked to bid 24/7 on beautiful gifts and baskets. **All proceeds were split between St. Ignatius of Antioch Church's adopted parochial school St. Peter Martyr School in Pittsburg and Holy Rosary Elementary School in Antioch.**



Thanksgiving Baskets – more than 150 baskets, 90 of which came from our adopted parochial school of St. Peter Martyr, Pittsburg, were distributed along with fresh turkeys and fresh vegetables and a pound of butter to each family, serving approximately 750 individuals. In addition, thanks to our High School

Confirmation Class, 300 winter coats and jackets were also distributed. This was once again an extremely successful outreach. Thanks to all who participated from both St. Ignatius of Antioch as well as Holy Rosary Parish.

Christ The King and The Conclusion of the Year of Grace, 2022 – the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year that has been 2022 was celebrated on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. It was a wonderful conclusion marked by gratitude and thanksgiving for all the blessings we have received as well as celebrating our True King, Jesus Christ.



Thanksgiving Day – God gave us a beautiful Fall morning to come together to count our blessings and thank God for His continuing generosity and abundance. One of the special aspects of our worship was having Onyinye Boardman give the homily. The readings as well as the Intercessory prayers were proclaimed and prayed in the various languages of the parish community. At the conclusion of the liturgy, the bread and wine of parish families was blessed.

The New Liturgical Year – on the Friday after Thanksgiving, the members

of the Art & Environment Committee, along with parishioners, removed the Fall/Autumn environment and installed the environment for Advent and the beginning of the new Liturgical Year. The radiance of the fall colors gave way to Royal Purple, fresh evergreen arrangements at the Altar and Ambo, and the Great Wreath suspended over the Altar.



The First Sunday of Advent – was celebrated on the last weekend of November and included the Blessing of the Advent Wreath at each liturgy as the first of the four candles was lit. Additionally, The Giving Tree was placed in the narthex and offered the parish an opportunity to purchase Target Gift Cards for the children of our adopted parochial school of St. Peter Martyr for Christmas.



Advent Retreat –*The Church of the Future: A Busy Person's Retreat* - Fr. Jude Siciliano, OP and Sr. Patricia Bruno, OP returned to facilitate a wonderful retreat experience during this Advent Season.

Fr. Jude and Sr. Patricia preached at all liturgies the weekend of November 26 and 27. Then Monday – Wednesday, November 28 – 30, two daily sessions were offered. The morning session began after the 8:00 a.m. liturgy. The evening session began at 7:00 p.m. with the Leadership of the parish assisting each evening.

DECEMBER

Funeral Liturgies – were celebrated for Elisa Marie Luna and Jovita Consuelo Vera.



The St. Nicholas Festival Dinner – was held this year on Saturday evening, December 3rd, in our newly renovated and expanded parish hall. The Social Events Committee, Chaired by Marla Plurkowski, did a magnificent job of decorating the hall with the Christmas Theme: *“Angels on High.”* Tables were decorated beautifully with Angel centerpieces and the beautiful china, flatware, stemware, napkins, and bells of table sponsors. The entire dinner, including appetizers, was prepared by the **David Costanza Family**. The Winter Salad was prepared by **Brian** and **Vicki McCoy** and the dessert made by

Catherine Vidaurri. St. Nicholas was welcomed with the ringing of handbells by all present and then conducted both the silent and live auctions. It was once again a very successful, social, celebrative event. Many thanks to all!

Solar Panel Project: Excite Energy and CED Greentech were onsite the first week of December to begin construction on our Solar Project. Installation of the roof attachment hardware, the solar panels (126), and the inverters was completed this month. Additional work will commence early next year on the church’s electrical panel to integrate the system with PG&E’s electrical grid. An inspection by the city of Antioch will be scheduled once construction is complete. However, before the system can be fully activated, PG&E must upgrade the transformer that serves the church. The timing of the transformer upgrade is not known at this time.



The Brentwood Community Chorus – presented a wonderful program of Christmas music to help us get into the spirit of the season. 250 friends, neighbors, parishioners, and family members enjoyed the performance which included selections from G.F. Handel’s “Messiah,” Psalm 150 (in Spanish) by Aguiar, a sing-a-long of

Christmas Carols, the Serenade #13 in G Major of Mozart (string quartet), “Keep on Ringing the Bell” by Stewart/Nix; “An English Carol Medley” arranged by Gilpin; “Thankful” arranged by Hamilton, and concluding with the Hallelujah Chorus of Handel. The concert also included a handbell choir called “The Celebration Ringers” who performed “A Christmas Carillon,” “A Holly-Jolly Christmas,” and “Santa Claus is Coming to Town.” Our thanks to Sue Stuart, Conductor, for bringing her chorus of 50 singers to start this year’s Christmas Season so musically and beautifully.



“Listening Session” – working with Hope Solutions, the Multi-faith Action Coalition (MFAC), the Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County, and the City of Antioch, our parish hosted the first in a series of three “Listening Sessions” regarding the issue of homelessness in Antioch and Far East County.

Holiday Dinner at Los Medanos Village – Los Medanos Village is a 71-unit affordable housing unit in Pittsburg. Hope Solutions provides case management for the families and coordinates a highly successful after-

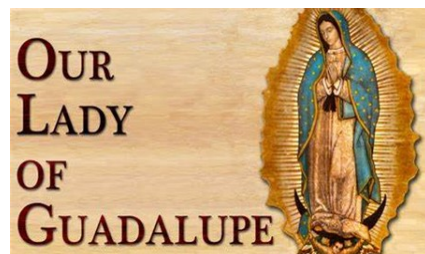
school homework program for the children.

The pandemic broke a 9-year tradition of hosting a Holiday Dinner for the residents. But on December 7th, a group of our parishioners were able to resume the tradition. They purchased, prepared, and served a delicious meal that included fresh fruit (apples and mandarins), dinner rolls, barbequed tri-tip, scalloped potatoes, roasted vegetables (broccoli, brussels sprouts, carrots, cauliflower, green beans, and peppers), grilled zucchini, and a variety of homemade holiday cookies for dessert. Sparkling apple cider rounded out the menu.

Many thanks to **Will Avitabile, Phil Hadsell, Sue Howell, Brian McCoy, Vicki McCoy and Catherine Vidaurri** for their hard work and contributions to this parish outreach project.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – on Thursday, December 8th, was celebrated with two Eucharistic Liturgies at 8:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe – was combined with The Third Sunday of



Advent. Dark pink roses were added to the fresh evergreen arrangements and the third antique rose candle in the Great Wreath was lighted. The children of the parish participated in honoring Our Lady

of Guadalupe by processing with fresh roses in various colors and placing them in vases at the Ambo above which the Icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe was placed. The children participating wore traditional Mexican clothing including sarapes and sombreros. Mexican pastries, Pan Dulce, and hot chocolate were served after the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist.

Baptisms – were celebrated for Jullianna Jessica Olaez, Damian Jacob Carrillo, Eiden Julian Chafloque, Jeremy Suansing Austria, Dahliana Sabinano Pascua, Adam Sabinano Pascua, Nailah Roxas Hernandez, Khael Glenn De Leon Vitug, and Ayden Isidro Castro.



Simbang Gabi – the Filipino tradition of 9 days of liturgies began this year on December 15th and followed each evening at 7:00 p.m. to help us prepare for the Christmas Feast. A lite dinner was served in the parish hall following each liturgy. A volunteer choir accompanied by Troy Killorn supported our sung prayer each evening.

Advent Communal Reconciliation – in preparation for Christmas was celebrated on Wednesday evening, December 14th.

Oasis Laundry – residents in the Winter Nights Family Shelter and the Winter

Nights Safe Parking Program are able to use the shower facilities at St. Vincent de Paul on Gladstone Avenue in Pittsburg. Volunteers from our parish launder the towels throughout the year, along with our partners at East County Shared Ministries. Volunteers from our parish include **Liz Carneros, Susan Fleming, Sue Howell, Vicki & Brian McCoy, Marla Plurkowski,** and **Robert Solano.**



Christmas – was celebrated with two beautiful liturgies on Christmas Eve: one with the children telling the story of Christmas at 4:00 p.m. and the second liturgy at 9:00 p.m. On Christmas Day, which this year was one a Sunday, we had our usual two liturgies at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Many guests and visitors were with us and it was especially wonderful to have students present who were home for the holidays along with family members who live at a distance. The Art & Environment Committee once again created one of the most beautiful and appropriate environments for

Christmas and its season along with the music of Christmas provided by Karen and the Cantors/Choir.

New Year's Eve – was celebrated simply and beautifully with our usual Saturday afternoon Vigil Eucharist at 4:00 p.m. It brought this calendar year of 2022 to an appropriate and deeply spiritual conclusion.



Lectors – assist the presider by proclaiming the scriptures and leading the Universal Prayer. Thanks to: **Vince Augusta, Matthew Bajet, Onyinye Boardman, Angela Bueno, Mark Anthony Catahan, Antonio Cayaban, Melodye Costanza, Tina Costanza, Tim Cox, Peter Degl’Innocenti, Mila Ellingwood, Theresa Galvan, Carmen Garces, Jack Goncalves, Sylvia Gray, Adam Haas, Kathleen Hayakawa, Melissa Hoang, Pat Kramer, Therese Kain, Faye Lucas, Ron Lucas, Rose Necor, William Necor, Noela Noel-LoFranco, Deanna Ribeiro, Steve Rojek, Steven Rojek, Joe Salvador, Alicia Solano, Robert Solano, Kaitie Thammalangsy, Josephine Vaccaro, Carlos**

Vasquez.

Faith Formation Catechists – our parish provides for spiritual growth and faith formation opportunities for all age groups, kindergarten through adult (RCIA). We are thankful for our Catechists: **Shelli Daviess, Joann Calica, Peter Degl’Innocenti, Lesley Eubanks, Hannah Fox, Michelle Fox, Ted Fulsaas, Teresa Glenn, Carolyn Krantz, Kathleen Maasberg, Cecille Mirano, Charlie Mirano, Susannah & David Nelson, Maryann Peddicord, Alicia Perez, Steve Rojek.** Children’s Liturgy of the Word began once again, our catechists are **Shelli Daviess, Steve Rojek, Susan Sermenio, Cristina Ugaitafa.**

Choir –great music at our liturgies is at the heart of the worship life of the parish. Thanks to our Director of Music, Choir members and Cantors: **Rosie Davis (Interim Organist), Karen Hastings-Flegel (Director of Music as of October), Alicia Perez, Maryann Peddicord, Doreen Manalac, Rosemary Anyanwu, Erika Fernandes, Noel Fortez, Cynthia Frank, Susan Lantrip, Yolanda Lord, Rachelle Martin, Susannah & David Nelson, Danny Santiago.**

Funeral Coordinators – help prepare the church and assist the Presider in the celebration of the funeral liturgy. Thanks to: **Rowena Cayaban, Peter Degl’Innocenti, Jeannine Ford, Phil Hadsell, Sue Howell, Monika Kauer, Lee Oliver, Vangie Parrilla, Hanny Reingold, Dave Simpson.**

St. Martha’s Guild – is a significant component of the parish’s funeral ministry and assists families in providing hospitality after the funeral liturgy. Due to the pandemic and expansion, we were not able to have hospitality after the funeral liturgies. Our members are: **Rowena Cayaban, Nancy Newton, Bev Iacona, Dave & Sharon Simpson, Lorraine Lohmeier, Jeanne Reilly, Deanna Ribeiro, Estrella Rusk, Bobbie**

Ocang, Diane Hack, Brian & Vicki McCoy, Mary Rehm, and Kathleen Maasberg.

Social Events Committee – this committee is charged with building fellowship in the parish and hosts/coordinates a number of events each year. We were not able to use the parish hall this year, but our continued thanks go to: **Will Avitabile, Catherine Vidaurri, Sharon Bandy, Susan Batterton, Don Benson, Clem Bushman, Pam Confetti, Rich Confetti, Al Cosce, Dave Costanza, Melodye Costanza, Mark Costanza, Reggia Desmond, Emily Douville, Marc Douville, MaryAnne Douville, Pat Dunleavy, Lesley Eubanks, Carol Fanfa, Jeannine Ford, Dotty Graham, Barbara Jackson, MaryJo Keister, Alice Lideros, Lorraine Lohmeier, Tomas Lucia, Rachelle Martin, Vicki McCoy, Brian McCoy, Carole Miller, Maryann Peddicord, Alicia Perez, Annette Pisani, Bob Plurkowski, Marla Plurkowski, Steve Rojek, Steven Rojek, Jane Sharpe, Chip Sharpe, June Stuhlreyer, Anna Tellez.**

Pastoral Care Ministry – bring the Holy Eucharist to those in our community who are homebound, in convalescent facilities or hospitals. This ministry was put “on hold” due to the pandemic, but our thanks go to: **Deacon Gary, Dilica Aparicio, Rowena Cayaban, Peter Degl’Innocenti, Diane Hack, June Johnson, Vianney Mendoza, Alicia & Jose Perez, Doris Radovan and Bill & June Stuhlreyer.**

SPRED Catechists – Special Religious Education (SPRED) at our parish meets every week from mid-October through mid-May and serves adults with special needs. Thanks to our catechists: **Vicki McCoy, Susan Fleming and Evie Viera.**

Parking Lot Security – due to a number of incidents of thefts from vehicles, the parish requested volunteers to provide a visible security presence in the parking lot during

weekend liturgies, funerals, weddings and special events. This year our thanks go to: **Steve Rojek, Jose Perez, Dave Simpson, Brian McCoy, Vince Augusta, Tom Catchings, Stevie Catchings, Steve Andreatta, Tony Gumina, Clem Bushman, Bill Stuhlreyer, Bill Barbanica, John Connelly and Don Benson.**

Church Cleaning – Our wonderful group of parishioner volunteers come early every other Saturday morning to clean both the parish hall and the sanctuary as well as the bathrooms. Our thanks to: **Reno & Thelma Benasfre, Carole Miller, Al Cosce, Jun Bajet, Jean Rogers, Tess Trinidad, Rose Salamanca, Mency Osborne, Angela Bueno, Alfred Madoshi, Finian Anyanwu, Emilia Freking, Adaugo Nnaji, Phil Hadsell, and Steve Rojek.**

Bathroom Cleaning – the bathrooms in the church are maintained by volunteer parishioners, not only on the weekend, but all through the week. Our thanks to: **Steve Rojek, Virginia Noack and Fr. Robert.**

Knights of Columbus Clean-up Committee – these brother Knights help to keep Contra Loma Blvd. and surrounding areas free of litter once or twice a month bright and early on a Saturday morning: **Bill Saunders** (Chairman of the Clean-up Crew), **Michael Bacchus, Dave Simpson, Bill Barbanica, Phil Hadsell, Tony Gumina, Ron Yarolimek, Tony Onate, Bob Motl, Steve Rojek, Bob Plurkowski, Dave Costanza, Walter Schlueter, Jack Goncalves and Chip Sharpe.**

Parish Office - daily volunteers assist the office staff in many ways, including answering the phones, filing, and so many other ways. Our thanks to **Lorraine Lohmeier, Melodye Costanza, Alicia Perez, and Bev Iacona.**

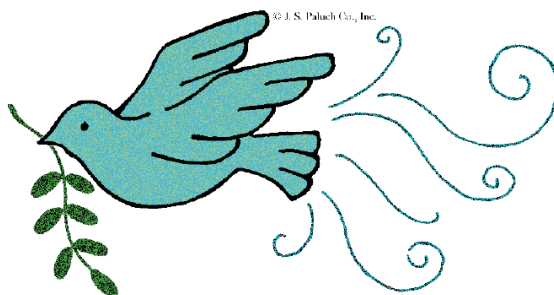
Taping of Liturgy – every weekend we are fortunate to have our 4:00 pm Liturgy

recorded by **Lisa Lombardo** who also uploads them to our YouTube Channel for those who cannot be with us in person.

Sacred Linens – our thanks to **Dilcia Aparicio** and **Lori Curiel** 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, Melodye Costanza, Dave Simpson and Rose Salamanca.**

Counting Teams - who 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.



End of the Year Statistics
(2022)

Number of Registered Households:	636
Number of Infant Baptisms:	39
Number of Children/Youth Baptisms:	3
Number of Adult Baptisms:	0
Received into Full Communion:	3
Number of First Communions:	13
Number of Adult Confirmations:	5
Number of High School Confirmations:	13
Number of Weddings:	4
Number of Convalidations:	1
Number of Sick Calls:	1,398

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:	48
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Goals for 2023

- To continue to provide the best possible worship experience possible through art, environment, hospitality, music, presiding, and preaching.
- To continue to honor all our financial obligations and responsibilities to the Diocese.
- To continue our participation in the Diocesan Map Project as well as the Universal Church's Synod Process.
- To continue to call all parishioners to ongoing conversion and deepening our understanding of what it means to be "missionary disciples."
- To offer continuing Adult Faith Formation opportunities.
- To continue our support of our adopted parochial school of St. Peter Martyr, Pittsburg.
- To provide ongoing Pastoral Care to both Sutter-Delta and Kaiser Deer Valley Hospitals, as well as the convalescent homes, Assisted Living Facilities, and private care homes within the parish.
- To continue exploring ways to meet the real human needs of our less fortunate sisters and brothers here in Far East Contra Costa County, especially the unhoused.
- To continue to offer social events that build our community, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our love for one another.
- To continue our ministries of care and compassion for the sick, the dying, and those who have journeyed home to God, along with bereavement care for their loved ones.
- To continue our membership in the Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County and support its ecumenical efforts.
- To do what we can to revitalize our ecumenical relationships here in Far East Contra Costa.

St. Ignatius of Antioch

Financial Report - December 31, 2022

Summary

All bills and assessments that came due this year were paid in a timely manner and the parish's financial position is sound. Construction contracts for the new kitchen and remodeled parish hall were fully paid this year. No parish debt was incurred.

Operating Income Notes

Total unrestricted plate collections, which includes Sundays, Easter, Christmas and Holy Days totaled \$582,116; an increase of 6.3% year over year. This is the largest source of parish operating revenue representing 75.3% of total parish operating revenue.

Restricted plate collections which includes maintenance, the diocesan assessment, and building improvement donations totaled \$47,048.

Fundraising income totaled \$50,593. Associated expenses totaled \$16,987 for a net fundraising income of \$33,606.

Total operating income was \$773,164 an increase of 10.2% year over year.

Expenditure Notes

Lay Personnel is the largest cost center in parish operations representing 29.4% of total operating expenditures. This cost center includes wages, health insurance, pensions, benefits and payroll taxes. Lay personnel costs totaled \$173,296 vs. \$181,695 last year. The vacant Music Director position and the retirement of the Facilities Manager contributed to the decrease. The Music Director position was filled in October and a maintenance assistant was hired in May. Note: Costs for interim musicians totaled \$22,819 in 2022. This cost is not part of Lay Personnel costs; it is charged to Liturgy and Music (see below).

Clergy Personnel expenses which includes priest's salary, visiting priests compensation, and diocesan benefits totaled \$59,020.

Building Occupancy includes expenditures for utilities, property taxes, landscaping, building maintenance, garbage, security and furnishings. Carts, tableware, and new chairs purchased for the kitchen and hall totaled \$16,359. PG&E and water costs continued their upward trend. Total Building Occupancy costs were \$113,111.

Liturgy and Music expenditures increased \$13,132 (39%) year over year (\$46,734 in 2022 vs. \$33,602 in 2021). Interim musician costs (\$22,819) was the largest expenditure in this area.

Total Operating Expenditures increased 11.8% (\$589,902 in 2022 vs. \$527,723 in 2021).

End of Year Balances

Checking Account: \$370,568.
Local Reserve Fund: \$165,030.
Expansion Fund: \$ 23,626.

Capital Expenditures

Capital expenditures refer to costs associated with a significant improvement (e.g. new roof) or the acquisition of a capital asset (e.g. new air conditioning unit). Capital expenditures for 2022 totaled \$205,649 as follows:

Hall Lighting (final payment):	\$ 951.
New Hall Dividers (in progress)	\$ 2,381.
Banis Restaurant Design (final)	\$ 8,182.
Vent System for Roof (pd. in full):	\$ 14,000.
Water Heater Booster (pd. in full):	\$ 7,133.
Oliver & Co. (final payment):	\$ 147,676.
Retaining Wall & Landscape (ongoing)	\$ 25,326.

Bishop's Appeal

Two hundred six families donated or pledged a total of \$36,495 in 2022. Our goal was \$34,900. Any receipts in excess of the goal will be returned to the parish.

Long-term Liabilities

There are no long-term liabilities (loans) on the parish balance sheet.

Payments to the Diocese

The following payments were made to the Diocese this year:

Diocesan Assessment:	\$62,842.
Package Liability Insurance:	\$19,700.
Workers Compensation:	\$ 3,869.
Unemployment Insurance:	\$ 1,311.

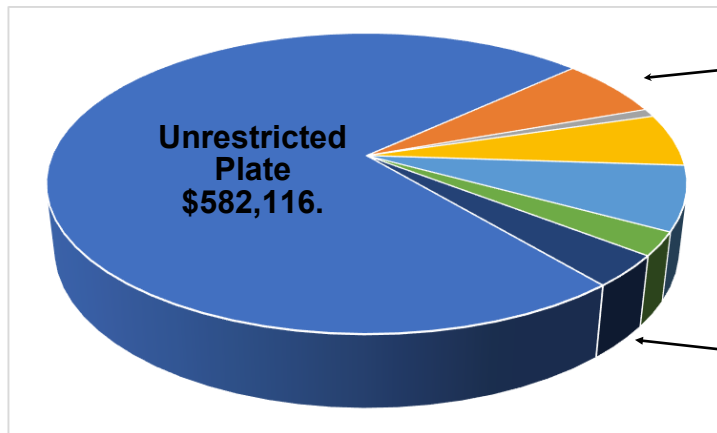
Ongoing Projects

Hardscape & Landscaping outside the parish hall has been halted for the winter. It will resume in the Spring.

Solar Panel Project: Installation of the solar panels was completed in December. Work to integrate the system with PG&E's electrical grid will continue in 2023. An inspection by the city of Antioch will be scheduled once construction is complete. However, before the system can be fully activated, PG&E must upgrade the transformer that serves the church. The timing of the transformer upgrade is not known at this time.

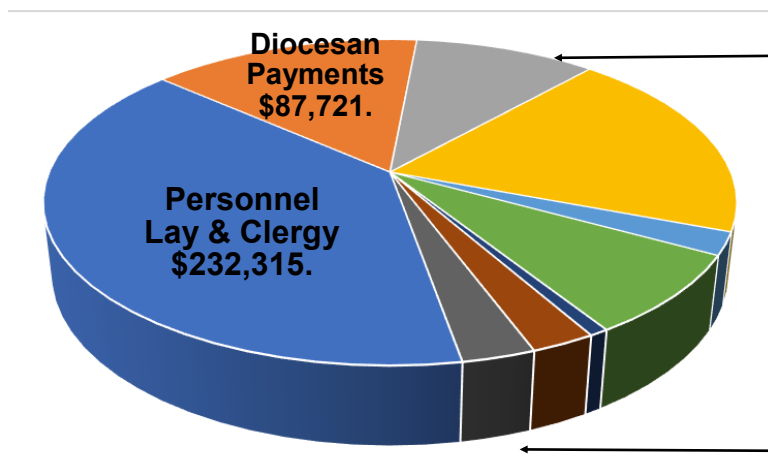
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Operating Revenue

Restricted Plate \$47,048.
 Unrestricted Donations \$6,385.
 Restricted Donations \$43,304.
 Fundraising \$50,593.
 Programs, Ministries & Social Events \$18,764.
 Other Income \$24,954.



Operating Expenditure

Administration \$60,624.
 Building Occupancy \$113,111.
 Rectory Living \$13,055.
 Liturgy and Music \$46,734.
 Faith Formation \$4,422
 Programs, Ministries & Social Events \$14,933.
 Fundraising: \$16,987.

UNRESTRICTED PLATE COLLECTIONS

Parish Giving

Regular Sunday Plate:	\$ 521,418.
Holy Days:	\$ 17,157.
Easter:	\$ 21,650.
Christmas:	\$ 21,892.

Fund Balances

Operating Account:	\$470,568.
Local Reserve Fund:	\$ 65,030.
Expansion Fund:	\$ 23,626.

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2022 Statement of Activity and 2023 Budget

	<u>2022 Budget</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Budget</u>
Income			
Sunday Plate Collections	504,500	521,418	521,000
Holy Days	13,000	17,157	16,900
Easter	12,000	21,650	21,000
Christmas	16,000	21,892	21,000
Restricted Plate Collections	43,000	47,048	45,000
Unrestricted Donations	9,200	6,385	6,350
Restricted Donations	10,800	43,304	28,000
Fundraising	32,000	50,593	49,800
Education, Programs & Ministries	14,000	18,764	17,600
Interest	50	0	0
Other Income	3,000	24,954	8,500
Total Income	<u>657,550</u>	<u>773,165</u>	<u>735,150</u>
Expenditures			
Lay Personnel	225,249	173,296	190,490
Diocesan Payments	91,780	87,721	94,400
Administration	43,920	60,624	65,975
Church & Rectory Property	176,450	113,111	134,600
Rectory Living	10,550	13,055	11,075
Clergy	65,936	59,020	66,872
Liturgy & Music	29,400	46,734	33,200
Formation	4,600	4,422	4,455
Programs & Ministries	13,000	14,933	15,750
Fundraising	10,000	16,987	17,100
Total Operating Expense	<u>670,885</u>	<u>589,903</u>	<u>633,917</u>
Capital Expenditures (see note 1)	<u>15,000</u>	<u>41,707</u>	<u>15,000</u>
Net Income from Activity	<u>(28,335)</u>	<u>141,555</u>	<u>86,233</u>

Note 1: 2022 Capital Expenditures from parish operating and reserve funds

Dividers for the parish hall:	\$ 2,381.
Vent system for roof:	\$14,000.
Retaining wall and hardscape:	<u>\$25,326.</u>
Total	\$41,707.

Note 1: 2022 Capital Expenditures from parish expansion funds (expansion funds are separate from operating funds)

Hall lighting	\$ 951.
Hot water booster for kitchen:	\$ 7,133.
Banis Restaurant Design:	\$ 8,182.
Oliver & Company:	<u>\$147,676.</u>
Total	\$163,942.

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Second Collections, Charitable Contributions

Seminary	2,829
Catholic Relief Services	3,435
Holy Land	1,517
Catholic Charities	2,426
Catholic Communications	2,053
Holy Father (Peter's Pence)	2,671
World Missions	1,960
Campaign for Human Development	1,853
Religious Retirement	3,208
Diocesan Priest Retirement	4,072
Mission Cooperative Plan	2,519
Bishop's Emergency Disaster Fund	2,262
St. Vincent De Paul	13,563
St. Peter Martyr School	3,971
Military Services	2,349
150th Anniversary Antioch Historical Society	250
Eastern Europe	5,316
Assoc. of U.S. Catholic Priests	250
Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County	750
Total	57,254