Walking together...
Be vigilant at all times
Stand erect and raise your heads

Caminar juntos...
Siempre estén alertas
Erectos, de pie u alcen sus cabezas
There is a tendency in our Catholic Church to treat Confirmation more as a graduation from the Church than an initiation into it. Where I grew up, we received the Sacrament of Confirmation in 8th grade. The fact that my Confirmation Mass was held in the very same parish Church that my 8th grade graduation ceremony would take place just a month later only intensified this unfortunate tendency. Had my faith formation ended that day, I’m not sure where I would be today. What I can guarantee you is that I would not be here pursuing an M.Div. at BC’s School of Theology and Ministry and serving as the Faith Formation Assistant for our parish.

Lucky for me, my faith formation didn’t end with Confirmation...it had actually just begun. Any semblance that I had graduated from the Church quickly faded as I was welcomed into a new phase of my faith formation within my parish’s youth group. The group was just beginning to get off the ground, but those simple meetings on Sunday nights quickly reoriented the trajectory of my life. Youth group was the first space in which I was encouraged not only to express my faith, but to wrestle with the questions forming in my heart and mind about this broken and beautiful community into which I had just been fully initiated.

In many parishes, including here at St. Ignatius, the structure of parish life can perpetuate the tendency to make young people feel as though they have checked their final box and graduated from the Church. Here at St. Ignatius, we are blessed with a number of outstanding programs and ministries, but our teens have not had a sustained space to come together to continue their formation and build community together after Confirmation.

The energy for such a space is already present in our community. Just a few weeks ago Lara and I had the immense privilege of working with an amazing group of student leaders to facilitate the Fall Confirmation Retreat at the Connors Center in Dover. Together with the leaders, we watched as even those participants who were most hesitant upon arrival came to see that there is a space for them in this community and maybe, just maybe, God wasn’t done with them yet.

In this spirit, we are excited to announce that we are launching a new Youth Group that will kick off with

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Remember your loved ones this Christmas with a donation for a plant in their memory.

Please help us decorate our church this Christmas by making a memorial plant donation. Simply fill out the form, place it in an envelope and return it with your donation to the Parish Office or in the collection basket. You may also donate online by visiting our website. An acknowledgment of gratitude for your donation with your name and the name of your loved one will appear in the bulletin after Christmas.

(Name of person to be remembered)

Donor: ____________________________

Address: __________________________

Amount of Donation: $ _____________

Christmas Eve

Our 4 p.m. Christmas Eve Vigil Mass has traditionally been our most well attended. This year, it will include the Children’s Christmas Pageant. To avoid overcrowding and because of fire code restrictions, we will be offering a second 4 p.m. Mass (with music) in the Lannon Chapel. The upper church will be CLOSED TEN MINUTES BEFORE MASS. At that time you will be directed to worship at the Mass in the Lannon Chapel. In the spirit of community, there will be no reserving seats in the upper church after 3:45 p.m.

There will still be our traditional 6 p.m. Mass and our Mass at midnight.

a pizza party tonight (Sunday, December 2nd) at 7:30 p.m. in the Garden Level of the Parish Office. (Those in the evening Confirmation classes should join following the conclusion of their class at 8:00 p.m.).

I ask that all of you whose youth group days are behind you would hold us in prayer and consider offering your time to this new ministry.

As for those of you who are in high school, I’ll see you tonight at 7:30.

Adam Dirnberger
Faith Formation Assistant

Retired Women Religious

Thank you so much for your generosity in responding to the Appeal for support of retired and infirm women religious. Your care and concern for them is very evident, as shown in the Appeal total of $11,475.

En ese espíritu, estamos emocionados de anunciar que San Ignacio está lanzando un nuevo grupo juvenil cuyo debut se hará esta noche (domingo 2 de diciembre) con una reunión y pizza a las 7:30 p.m. en el Nivel Jardín de las Oficinas Parroquiales. (Los que están en las clases para la Confirmación deberán unirse al finalizar la clase a las 8:00 p.m.)

Les pido que a todos los que ya pasaron la edad de estar en grupos juveniles recen por nosotros y consideren donar tiempo a este nuevo ministerio.

Y a todos los que están en la Escuela Secundaria, los veo esta noche a las 7:30 p.m.

Adam Dirnberger
Asistente del programa de Formación para la Fe
**Peace, Justice & Reconciliation**

**Strategies of Engagement**
**December 9th | 3 - 5 p.m.**
**McMullen Museum of Art**
Join the Racial Justice group for a tour of Carrie Mae Weems’ *Strategies of Engagement* exhibit on history and race shown through photographs and video. Discussion to follow tour. For more information about this exhibit, visit https://www.bc.edu/sites/artmuseum/exhibitions/weems/.
If you are interested, please RSVP by December 2nd to the Parish Office: ignatius@bc.edu, 617-552-6100. All are welcome!

**Pilgrimage and Prayer Vigil**
**December 15th | 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.**
**Suffolk County House of Corrections**
Our PJR Commission will be hosting a pilgrimage and prayer vigil to advocate for justice in response to immigration and mass incarceration. We will gather at St. Cecilia Parish in Boston to hear the testimonies of those in our faith communities and then walk to the detention center for a prayer vigil. RSVP: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1KRNDfrBgOpmds1Zn13BZEQGF-8G7rF6LxiUJGcB7KpS8/edit?ts=5bf1efbe.

**Outreach Ministries**

**THANKS!**
To everyone who was involved in getting our Holiday Meal for the Shattuck Shelter Guests ready and served – food donors, kitchen prep helpers and servers. Special thanks to Tammy Scott, the Meal Coordinator, and to our friends at Crescent Ridge Dairy in Sharon for once again donating that fabulous eggnog. The standing ovation from the Shelter Guests says it all!

**Christmas Gift Drive 2018**
The trees are bare – thank you! - and waiting for all the wonderful gifts to go under them on December 8th/9th. Our ministry partners listed below will be thrilled with and grateful for your kindness.

- Lemuel Shattuck Hospital
- Hearth for Homeless Elders
- The Family Van
- Pine Street Inn Shattuck Shelter
- Julie’s Family Learning Program
- Nativity Preparatory School
- Boston Health Care for the Homeless Family Program
- Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program
- Nazareth House

**Green Team Prayer**
God of Advent, as we enter the season of rest for our land, we pray that our footprints upon the earth be small and light, a worthy legacy for future generations. Let us each think about ways we can reduce our consumption and simplify this season by taking an honest assessment of our priorities – our relationship with God, with one another and with our earth. Let us make this holiday season one where we shift our focus to what truly matters.

**Action: Create a different kind of wish list.**
Ask, “Do I or he/she need or want this? With your children, discuss what is most important. Could you give a gift of time or service? Instead of material presents, encourage children and friends to request gifts of time, skill, experience, or connection.

**Faith Formation**

**St. Ignatius Youth Group**
St. Ignatius is launching a new Youth Group and we are hosting our kick off pizza party on Sunday, December 2nd at 7:30 p.m. in the Garden Level of the Parish Office. We are looking forward to gathering the teens of the parish for food, fellowship, and to begin our journey together as a youth group. All high school-aged students are welcome, come on out and bring a friend! (Those in the evening Confirmation classes should join following the conclusion of their class at 8:00 p.m.)

**Christmas Pageant**
Our annual Christmas Pageant will be presented this year at the 4 p.m. Mass on December 24th. Many children and adults are needed as volunteers for this joyous celebration! More information will be coming soon, but if your child would be interested in participating, please email faithformation.ignatius@bc.edu. We have roles for children pre-school age and older!
Advent Taizé Prayer
December 3rd, 10th, & 17th
St. Ignatius
Through simple, reflective prayer chants, seasonal readings and silent meditation, you will be drawn into a deep prayer experience. This year’s advent Taizé Prayer is sponsored by BC Campus Ministry and St. Ignatius.

Please pray for:

- Saturday, December 1st
  9 a.m. - Tom & Mary Shields
- Sunday, December 2nd
  8 a.m. - Madeline McHenry
  10 a.m. - Martin M. Green
  12 p.m. (Spanish) - Joel Rivera
  5:30 p.m. - Robert Burns
- Monday, December 3rd
  12:15 p.m. - Rose Dooley
- Tuesday, December 4th
  12:15 p.m. - Megan Smith
  5:30 p.m. - Rita Bernhardt
- Wednesday, December 5th
  12:15 p.m. - Yolanda Ambriano
- Friday, December 7th
  12:15 p.m. - William F. Bennett
  5:30 p.m. - Patrick J. Bowdring
- Saturday, December 8th
  10 a.m. - Antonio J. Vitug
- Sunday, December 9th
  8 a.m. - Howard Sullivan
  10 a.m. - Francesca Ferreira
  12:15 p.m. - Da Silveira
  5:30 p.m. - Patricia Leahy

Pastoral Council

Listening Sessions
Parish Office Parlor
Sunday, December 9th
- 11 a.m. - Michael Pratt & Theresa O’Keefe
- 6:45 p.m. - Portia Durbin & Brenda Sheridan

Sunday, December 16th
- 1 p.m. (English) - Danny Levy
- 1 p.m. (Spanish) - Rita Rodriguez & Denny Martin [Choir/Media Room]

Reconciliation Service
December 18th | 7:00 p.m.
Lannon Chapel
Presider: Fr. Joe Costantino, S.J.
The Sacrament will also be offered in Spanish.

Save the Date

Fiesta De Nuestra Sra. De Guadalupe
Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast
December 9th | 12 p.m.
St. Ignatius
Join us for a bilingual liturgy to celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe, followed by a reception in the Friary Room. Contributions of desserts are welcome and will be received that morning at the parish kitchen. To coordinate your donation, contact: Ana Raquel Macías: arm02472@gmail.com, or call 508-662-1008.

Caravan Support Discussion
December 5th | 12 p.m.
Boston City Hall
The Boston City Council will discuss a resolution to support thousands of Central American migrants that have fled their homes. Centro Presente stands in solidarity with the caravan of Central American immigrants and will continue to defend and work to promote the protection and respect for the human rights of all migrants. Please come to show your support for this resolution. For more information, please contact: Patricia Montes, Executive Director of Centro Presente, 617-483 2937.

Men’s Spiritual Growth
Meetings are held on first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office (the next meeting will be on December 5th). New members are always welcome!
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Friday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Closed 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.)

The Celebration of the Eucharist

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Other Sacraments

Reconciliation—Saturdays, 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. in the Upper Church or by appointment.

Baptism—Adults are baptized at the Easter Vigil as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Infant and child Baptisms are by arrangement.

First Eucharist—Preparation begins in grade one and includes classes, retreats, and home instruction. Children receive First Eucharist in grade two.

Confirmation—Our Confirmation program begins in 9th grade; students are confirmed in the spring of 10th grade. For young adults who have been baptized but are not yet confirmed, contact the parish office.

Matrimony—Parishioners, BC Grads and non-parishioners are welcome to be married at St. Ignatius. Contact the parish office for available dates and details.

Anointing of the Sick—By arrangement. Contact the parish office.

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Newcomers to St. Ignatius are invited and encouraged to formally register as members of the parish so that we can stay in touch with you via email with Faith Formation news, notice of special events, volunteer opportunities and more.

Registration forms are available at the back of the church in the gathering space or on the website.

Please note that you must be registered for at least six months before we can issue any verification of your status as a parishioner for godparent or sponsor letters.

6/ First Sunday of Advent
St Mary’s Cemetery in Needham, founded in the 1870’s, is the parish cemetery of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes. The Cemetery is a reverent resting place for those awaiting reunion with the Risen Lord. The decision to pre-plan and purchase interment rights is a responsible and thoughtful gesture, sparing loved ones the stress of making difficult decisions during a time of grief and loss.

For information, call the cemetery staff at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Church at 781-235-1841. St. Mary’s Cemetery | 1 Wellesley Avenue, Needham, MA 02494

Evangelization must be the first focus of our Church. Then, the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, which result from living and sharing the Gospel, will transform the culture around us. We have the mission to repair the world,” what the Jews call Tikkun olam.”

–Cardinal Seán O’Malley