Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.

Preparen el camino del Señor, enderecen su paso.
Dear Parishioners,

Last month, Fr. Don and I attended the annual Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice hosted by the Ignatian Solidarity Network. The conference is designed to unite people of faith in various forms of activism. From its humble beginnings in Columbus, Georgia, to its present day home in Washington, D.C., the Ignatian Family Teach-In fosters a sense of responsibility among all attendees to identify and address the root causes of injustice.

The theme of this year’s conference was “Discipleship at the Crossroads.” Delivering one of the keynote addresses, Bishop George V. Murray, S.J., focused on the subject of racism, and encouraged us to question the biases we surely encounter. Theologian Nichole Flores, Ph.D., radiated empowerment as she related Catholic Ethics to immigration, specifically in response to the ongoing separation of children and parents. The Peace Poets (a group of five men from New York City) presented their keynote in the form of a performance, presenting their personal narratives of strife and triumph through song and spoken word. These keynote presentations ignited a spark within us and offered a sense of hope and renewal. Our breakout presentations ranged from gun violence and climate change to education. These topics, like crossroads, create an intersection where community meets inequity. As diverse as human beings are, we bear commonalities in our journey for improvement. When we join forces to eliminate prejudice, we become stronger as a people.

Throughout the Teach-In, I reveled in the opportunity to make new connections with Jesuit organizations and sharpen my own understanding of social issues. What I found most constructive was the suggestions they had for concrete action, offering feasible ways to address the issues at hand. For example, in an effort to become more conscious consumers, we might research the companies from which we buy our products. We might also host discussions and panels to uplift voices that have been silenced. Rather than justice being a concept, it comes to life through our actions.

Because the Teach-In is rooted in Ignatian/Jesuit Spirituality, the invitation is always to examine and utilize the teachings of the Gospels as a pathway to confront injustice and all that is opposite of the love of the other, (Continued on page 3)
Reconciliation Service
December 18th | 7:00 p.m.
Lannon Chapel
Presider: Fr. Joe Costantino, S.J.
Priests for Confession: Fr. Joe Costantino, S.J.,
Fr. Gerald Finnegan, S.J., Fr. Peter Folan, S.J.,
Fr. Michael Hahn, OSB, Fr. Don MacMillan, S.J.
& Fr. César Muziotti, S.J.
The Sacrament will also be offered in Spanish.

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
to ensure the safety of children and adults, we will be offering a second 4 p.m. Mass (with mu-
sic) in the Lannon Chapel. The upper church will be CLOSED TEN MINUTES BEFORE
MASS. At that time you will be directed to worship at 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.

Christmas Day
8 a.m., 10 a.m., and Noon

Advent Taizé Prayer
December 10th, & 17th
7:30 p.m.
St. Ignatius - Upper
Church
Through simple, reflective prayer chants, seasonal read-
ings 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.

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
19th). New members are always welcome!
Outreach Ministries

**Christmas Gift Drive 2018**

**Thank You!**

Gifts will be coming in this weekend and will be distributed to our ministry partners by midweek. If you haven’t returned your gift(s), please do so no later than **Tuesday morning, December 11th, at the Parish Office.**

A huge thank you to the Gift Drive Committee for its hours and hours of work getting everything organized and prepared and to Ann Carmola, who coordinated the entire Gift Drive process. Also thanks to the families that prepared the ornaments, and to those who decorated the trees. It’s going to be a wonderful Christmas for hundreds upon hundreds of our neighbors.

Thanks to all of you!

**Habitat Build**

Thanks to our Builders that worked at a Habitat site last Saturday. The weather cooperated nicely, so much progress was made on the Balina Place site in Boston.

Pictured above are some of the folks who served at the Shattuck Holiday Meal.

Faith Formation

**Christmas Pageant**

As we enter the season of Advent, it’s time to start planning for our annual Christmas Eve Pageant! Many children and adults are needed as volunteers for this joyous celebration! If your child would like to participate in the pageant, please contact faithformation.ignatius@bc.edu no later than Monday, December 10th.

Peace, Justice & Reconciliation

**Next Commission Meeting**

Tuesday, December 11th | 7:15 p.m.
Parish Office Conference Room
All are welcome!

“Open Wide Our Hearts: the Enduring Call to Love”

**A Pastoral Letter Against Racism**

Members of the Racial Justice subcommittee are devoted to examining one’s self and building relationships in order to strengthen the community so that we may respond to the call to recognize and reject racism. Recently, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops released a pastoral letter against racism. While the letter has its pros and cons, it contained a call to action against the injustice of racism. If you are interested in reading the letter to better shape your conscience, it can be found on our website. We also invite you to journey with us on the 21 day challenge for racial equity: https://stignatiuschestnuthill.org/100.

**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:

**Green Team Prayer**

God of the wilderness, all the wild areas of the earth cry out for restoration and preservation. May we be mindful of the creatures of the deserts, the oceans and the forests, that the habitat you have given them will survive and prosper, so that they may live in abundance and in peace with all of their neighbors.

**Action: Reduce Waste**

Between Thanksgiving and Christmas, Americans generate an average of 25% more waste, or 1 million extra tons per week, with the trash almost doubling right after the holidays. For holiday parties or gatherings, consider using reusable plates and utensils, glasses, and cloth or paper napkins.
Save the Date

Journey Through Boston College’s Religious Identity: Paintings by Phan Ngoc Minh
December 23rd | 8 a.m - 5 p.m.
St. Ignatius - Old Choir Room

Phan Ngoc Minh is a renowned independent artist from Da Nang, Vietnam. During the past 3 months, he has explored many aspects of Boston College’s religious heritage, presented in his paintings. If you are interested in one of his paintings, you may make a donation to keep it.

Where the Guns Go:
U.S. Policy and Human Rights in Mexico
January 20th | 7 - 9 p.m.
Choir/Media Room

Join Maria Termini, a parishioner on the Peace, Justice & Reconciliation Commission, to view this short film on uncontrolled arms and corruption. A discussion will follow about the acute crisis of human rights violations and violent crimes, most of which are committed with firearms. For more information, contact: mariatermini2013@gmail.com.

Pastoral Council

Listening Sessions
Sunday, December 9th
11 a.m. - Michael Pratt & Theresa O’Keefe
[STM Simboli Hall Room 135]
6:45 p.m. - Portia Durbin & Brenda Sheridan
[Parish Office Parlor]

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

Please pray for:
Saturday, December 8th
4 p.m. - Antonio J. Vitug
Sunday, December 9th
8 a.m. - Howard Sullivan
5:30 p.m. - Patricia Leahy

Wednesday, December 12th
12:15 p.m. - Catherine Mannix, Francis Mannix, & Mary Mannix Slaughter
Friday, December 14th
12:15 p.m. - Mary Morra
5:30 p.m. - Mary Ann, Mary, Arline, & Howard Bowdring, Jr.

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(Name of person to be remembered)

Donor: ___________________________

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An acknowledgment of gratitude for your donation with your name and the name of your loved one will appear in the bulletin after Christmas.

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The Celebration of the Eucharist

Sunday
Upper Church  8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon, 5:30 p.m.
Lower Church  10:00 a.m., Family Liturgy
  12:00 p.m., Misa En Español En La Capilla Lannon

Weekday
Lower Church  12:15 p.m. & 5:30 p.m [Friday Adoration-- 12:45 p.m.]

Saturday
Lower Church  9:00 a.m.
Upper Church  4:00 p.m. (Vigil)

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.

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