Fourth Sunday of Advent  Cuarto Domingo de Adviento
The Nativity of the Lord  La Natividad del Señor
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph  La Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José

December 23rd, 25th and 30th, 2018
Dear Parishioners,

If you are reading this letter on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, you know that our Advent journey is soon coming to an end. The sandals that moved each week from candle to candle along the way of our “wreath” are now at the fourth candle where the manger lies. Depending also upon when you are reading this letter, the manger is no longer empty, but includes a statue of the infant Jesus, signaling that our Advent journey has ended.

We began Advent with an invitation to use our imaginations. The disjointed nature of our “wreath” actually required that. The sandals also symbolized our being wayfarers, travelers not merely walking in our own shoes but trying to imagine walking in other’s shoes as they also go towards the manger. Each week, we gazed upon the angel prominently placed in our sanctuary. It served to remind us of how angels traditionally help to guide us on life’s journey. Yet, even at the completion of Advent, the angel still remains, a reminder of the guidance the shepherds received on that Silent Night over 2000 years ago and of their guidance still.

Being a Pilgrim Church and People, however, we realize our journey really never ends. We are called therefore not merely to name suffering and injustice around us, but to imagine and work to fulfill God’s promise in the incarnation of Jesus of an alternative future, a new kingdom.

Just as the Advent Season invited us into patient imaginings, the Christmas Season now invites us into expectant wonder: wondering what we might imagine next. Our wonderings can encourage us to consider questions (Continued on page 3)

Estimados Feligreses:

Si están leyendo esta carta en el Cuarto Domingo de Adviento, sabrán que nuestro viaje de Adviento pronto terminará. Las sandalias que se movieron cada semana de vela en vela en la vía de nuestra “corona” están ahora en la cuarta vela, donde está el pesebre. Dependiendo de cuando están leyendo esta carta, el pesebre ya no está vacío, sino que incluye la estatua del niño Jesús, señalando que nuestra travesía de Adviento ha terminado.

Comenzamos el Adviento con una invitación a usar nuestras imaginaciones. La naturaleza desarticulada de nuestra “corona” actualmente las requiere. Las sandalias también simbolizan nuestro ser caminantes, viajeros que simplemente no caminamos en nuestros propios zapatos, sino que tratamos de imaginarnos caminando con los zapatos del otro al ir todos hacia el pesebre. Cada semana, miramos hacia el ángel colocado prominentemente en el santuario. Sirvió para recordarnos de cómo los ángeles tradicionalmente nos guían en nuestro viaje vital. Y aún así, al finalizar el Adviento, el ángel todavía está allí, un recuerdo de la guía que recibieron los pastores en esa Noche de Paz de hace 2000 años, y que todavía continúa guiándonos.

Sin embargo, al ser un pueblo e Iglesia peregrinos, nos damos cuenta de que nuestro viaje nunca termina. Por lo tanto, estamos llamados no sólo a denunciar el sufrimiento y la injusticia a nuestro alrededor, sino a imaginar y trabajar por un futuro alternativo, un nuevo reino, en cumplimiento de la promesa de Dios en la encarnación de Jesús.

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of “what if …?” What if our world, our country, our church and parish community took the Gospel more seriously? What if we became more loving and inclusive? What if we all engaged more fully in building bridges? What if each parishioner became just a bit more involved in some way in our parish community?

What are some of your ifs…?

Can you then imagine what it would look like if these what ifs were actually fulfilled? Can you imagine your part, whether big or small, in incarnating them?

As you ponder and wonder during this Christmas Season, I would like to share with you some of the lyrics of a new Christmas song recorded by Sir Cliff Richard, “The Miracle of Love.” I hope it will inspire you to the “Magis,” the Greater, the More that is so much a part of the spirituality of our parish’s patron, St. Ignatius Loyola.

Let’s open our eyes to the wonder of it all
And maybe we’ll find that brand new miracle
Christmas is more than carols in the snow
More than candles, cards, and kisses underneath the mistletoe
It’s a time to remember the message from above
Christmas is all about the miracle of love
Christmas is all about the miracle of love
Pass it on, pass it on, pass it on.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Fr. Joe

You can hear this song at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JVnFFkMxsY8

The Holy Family, December 30th
Upper Church: Saturday, 4 p.m.
Sunday, 8 a.m., 10 a.m., Noon & 5:30 p.m.
Lannon Chapel: Noon (Misa En Español)

Solemnity of Mary, January 1st
Upper Church: 10 a.m.

The Epiphany of the Lord, January 6th
Upper Church: Bilingual Noon Mass

Tal como el tiempo de Adviento nos invitó a imaginarnos pacientemente, el tiempo de Navidad nos invita ahora a maravillarnos expectantemente; preguntándonos qué será lo próximo que deberíamos imaginarnos. Nuestras preguntas nos pueden animar a considerar los “¿Qué pasaría si…?” ¿Qué pasaría si nuestro mundo, país, iglesia y parroquia tomaran más seriamente al Evangelio? ¿Qué pasaría si fuéramos más amorosos e inclusivos? ¿Qué pasaría si nos entregáramos más a construir puentes? ¿Qué pasaría si cada feligrés se involucrara más en nuestra comunidad parroquial?

¿Cuáles son algunos de nuestros qué pasaría si…?
¿Pueden imaginarse cómo se verían todos esos “qué pasaría si…” cumpliéndose? ¿Pueden imaginarse las partes suyas, bien sean pequeñas o grandes, encarnándose en ellos?

Al ponderar y preguntarse durante este Tiempo de Navidad, quieror compartirles parte de la letra de un nuevo canto navideño, grabado por Sir Cliff Richard, “El milagro de Amor.” Espero que los inspire a lo “Magis,” lo Mejor, lo mejor que es gran parte de la espiritualidad de nuestro santo patrono parroquial, San Ignacio de Loyola.

¡Feliz Navidad y Próspero Año Nuevo! P. Joe

Pueden escuchar esta canción en https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JVnFFkMxsY8
Outreach Ministries

CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE 2018
THANK YOU!

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. There is no doubt that it’s going to be a wonderful Christmas for hundreds upon hundreds of our neighbors, thanks to all of you!

Shattuck Fourth Tuesday:
We will NOT be serving supper to the Shattuck Shelter Guests this month, since the fourth Tuesday is Christmas Day.

Faith Formation

Holiday Faith Formation Help Needed!
Many of our dedicated catechists are undergraduate and graduate students who travel home for Christmas to be with their families. We need volunteers on January 6th and January 13th to keep classes going in their absence. Please consider whether you can offer an hour of your time! We are in particular need of assistance for Grades 3-8.

Second Annual Christmas Carols
Saturday, January 5th | 5 p.m.
Back by popular request! On the eve of Epiphany, bring your voices and instruments to the Lannon Chapel for Christmas Caroling with the Family Mass Community. Potluck desserts and coffee will be served.

Reminder: No Faith Formation Classes On December 23rd & 30th
Classes will resume on January 6th.

Get the St. Ignatius Bulletin emailed to you each week! Simply go to: www.pilotbulletins.net/sign-up Scroll down (alphabetically) to St. Ignatius, Newton, and sign up. You will then receive from The Pilot a confirmation email to click on to register.

THANK YOU to all of our singers and musicians, all our Liturgical Ministers, our Art and Environment Committee members, all of our parishioners and everyone who contributed so generously this Christmas Season to enhance our Liturgical services.

Peace, Justice & Reconciliation

Green Team Prayer
Generous God, you have bestowed on us grace upon grace through our Savior Jesus Christ. We have been created to live in mutual interdependence with all creatures on your beloved earth. Show us how to live sustainably so that all beings are able to live with sufficiency.

Amen.

Action: Reduce Food Waste
In planning for holiday gatherings, try to buy only what is needed and/or be creative in using leftovers.

Volunteer Counters Needed
The parish is seeking additional people to join our dynamic group of collection counters. This group works on a rotating schedule so that each member serves every two or three weeks for about three hours. It is a great opportunity for the recently retired or stay-at-home parent. If interested, please email ignatius@bc.edu.

Text To Give: To give via text, send a text message with the dollar amount to our reserved phone number (617-553-6399). If this is your first time giving this way, you will have to fill out a short form with your billing information.
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.

Paulist Pilgrimage
May 21st - June 1, 2019


Menu’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 January 2nd). New members are always welcome!

Please pray for:
Saturday, December 22nd
4 p.m. - Lily Oca

Sunday, December 23rd
8 a.m. - Shamanta Xavier
10 a.m. - George H.W. Bush
10 a.m. (Family) - Phil Ribaudo
12 p.m. - The Regolino Family
5:30 p.m. - Shamanta Xavier

Wednesday, December 26th
9 a.m. - Michael Mullowney

Thursday, December 27th
12:15 p.m. - Dawn Burke
5:30 p.m. - Janet McGrath

Friday, December 28th
12:15 p.m. - Laura Fitzsimons
5:30 p.m. - Dr. Donald J. White

Saturday, December 29th
9 a.m. - Anna Margaret Marchitelli

Sunday, December 30th
8 a.m. - Janet Minihane
10 a.m. - David Von Euw
12 p.m. - Paul J. Mahoney
5:30 p.m. - Mary Dafarra

Monday, December 31st
12:15 p.m. - Gertrude & James Donovan

Tuesday, January 1st
10 a.m. - Joan F. Hallisey

Wednesday, January 2nd
12:15 p.m. - William R. Slater, Jr.
5:30 p.m. - Beatrice Ezeugwu

Thursday, January 3rd
12:15 p.m. - Ronald Fletcher
5:30 p.m. - Christine McDonald

Friday, January 4th
12:15 p.m. - Margaret Cassidy
5:30 p.m. - Mary Margaret McLernon

Saturday, January 5th
9 a.m. - Tom & Mary Shields
4 p.m. - Nicholas J. & John V. Lamberti

Sunday, January 6th
8 a.m. - Patricia Burnham
10 a.m. - Philip Doyle
12 p.m. - Lorraine Vadeboncoeur
5:30 p.m. - Marie Mattico Spence

Book Discussion
January 20th at 11:15 a.m.
Choir Media Room

The discussion of On the Brink of Everything by Parker Palmer, originally scheduled for December, has been re-scheduled for January 20th. All are welcome.

Christmas Eve
4 p.m. Children's Pageant Mass
Upper Church
4 p.m. Lannon Chapel
6 p.m. Upper Church
Midnight Upper Church

A musical prelude for our Midnight Mass will begin at 11:30 p.m.

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

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

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