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From the Desk of the Pastor

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

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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 what 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
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.

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.

**Please pray for:**

- Saturday, December 22nd
  - 4 p.m. - Lily Oca
- Sunday, December 23rd
  - 8 a.m. - Shamantha Xavier
  - 10 a.m. - George H.W. Bush
  - 10 a.m. (Family) - Phil Ribauo
  - 12 p.m. - The Regolino Family
  - 5:30 p.m. - Shamantha 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. Lamber
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- Sunday, January 6th
  - 8 a.m. - Patricia Burnham
  - 10 a.m. - Philip Doyle
  - 12 p.m. - Lorraine Vadeboncoeur
  - 5:30 p.m. - Marie Mattieco Spence

**Paulist Pilgrimage**
May 21st - June 1, 2019


**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

**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 January 2nd). New members are always welcome!
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 inudes 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.
Evangelization Focus

“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 Sean O’Malley

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