FILL THE JARS WITH WATER.
LLENEN LAS TINAJAS CON AGUA.
DeՅ Parishioners,

On Monday we will again celebrate, as a nation, Martin Luther King Jr. Day. You may recall that last year at this time we found ourselves sitting with the disturbing truth revealed in the Boston Globe’s Spotlight series on Racism, namely, that Boston’s reputation for being the “most racist city” in our country is not only “real,” but most probably “deserved.”

In light of continuing racist attitudes in our nation, this past November the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a timely Pastoral Letter Against Racism: “Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love.” In that letter they acknowledge that many groups have been the target of racial and ethnic prejudice in our country. They list “Irish, Italians, Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, Poles, Jews, Chinese and Japanese” and underscore the rise today in anti-Semitism and anti-Muslim sentiment. They also briefly expand on the history and contemporary experiences of three groups that have been and are still subject to extreme forms of racism: Native Americans, African Americans and Hispanics.

At the conclusion of that exposition, the letter rightly points out that “most people would not consider themselves to be racist. A person might admit to being prejudiced but certainly not racist. As Christians, we know it is our duty to love others. St. Paul reminds us that we live by the Spirit, and the “fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control” (Gal 5:22-23). We must be honest with ourselves. Each of us should examine our conscience and ask if these fruits are really present in our attitudes about race. Or, rather, do our attitudes reflect mistrust, impatience, anger, distress, discomfort, or rancor?”

Given these continuing negative racist attitudes, even among Catholics, the Pastoral Letter encourages all the faithful to be “missionary disciples, carrying forth the (Continued on page 4)
Please pray for:

Saturday, January 19th
4 p.m. - Donald P. Murphy

Sunday, January 20th
8 a.m. - Anne E. Sullivan
10 a.m. - Michael McCormack
10 a.m. (Family) - James J. Kennedy
12 p.m. - Mary MacLellan
5:30 p.m. - Mary Dafarra

Tuesday, January 22nd
12:15 p.m. - William J. McCorkle
5:30 p.m. - Marilyn McLaughlin

Wednesday, January 23rd
12:15 p.m. - Paul J. McNamara
5:30 p.m. - Samantha Xavier

Thursday, January 24th
12:15 p.m. - Peter Antonelli
5:30 p.m. - Christine McDonald

Friday, January 25th
12:15 p.m. - Anne E. Sullivan
5:30 p.m. - Michael Doyle

Saturday, January 26th
9 a.m. - Jack Nelson
4 p.m. - John F. Hallisey

Sunday, January 27th
8 a.m. - Frederick T. Doyle, Jr.
10 a.m. - Maria Mai Thi Nguyen & Maria Hoa Hoang
12 p.m. - Eleanor Flathers
12 p.m. (Spanish) - Rosibel González Grimaldi & La Familia de Monterrosa González

Contact the Parish Office with questions: 617 552 6102 or email ignatius@bc.edu

RSVP:

Thank You for your Christmas Gift to our parish.
3 Months Ended December 31st

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Unfortunately, we continue to have a decrease in offertory collections. Participating in our Online Giving program could really help. If you have not signed up already, I urge you to consider it for 2019. You can access the site via our website, under the Donate tab. Feel free to contact Karen O’Reilly in the Parish Office if you have any questions. I also hope some of you will be in a position this New Year to increase your offertory gift to the Parish.

Your commitment is an investment in our parish and its mission.

Thanks so much for considering this,

Fr. Joe
Outreach Ministries
Shattuck Fourth Tuesday
We’ll be serving supper to the Shattuck Shelter Guests this Tuesday, January 22nd. As always, we’ll need desserts to bring to complement the meal. If you are able to provide a dessert, please plan to bring it to the Parish Office by 3:30 p.m. on the 22nd.

January Senior Luncheon
Wednesday, January 30th
Following the 12:15 Mass
Friary Room
If you are a Senior who would like to be a part of the gathering, it is essential that you RSVP to Sr. Diane no later than Friday, January 25th: 617-552-6107.

Project Bread's Major Fundraiser
How will you be involved this year? Team Ignatius did an awesome job last year. Let’s do even better this time around! Stay tuned for more information, including registration facts and dates.

Will You be their Valentine?
Our annual collection to fund lunches at St. Francis House Day Shelter in Boston will be the weekend of February 9th/10th. Show your love and care for the Shelter Guests through your contributions in our at-the-door collection.

Faith Formation

Protecting God's Children Training
Sunday February 3rd
Choir/Media Room
For instructions to register, please contact Lara Ericson at ericsonl@bc.edu.

Men’s Spiritual Growth

The next meeting will be on February 6th at 7 p.m. in the Parish Office. All are welcome!

Message of fraternal charity and human dignity.” It also asks parishes “to fight the evil of racism by educating themselves, reflecting on their personal thoughts and actions, listening to the experience of those who have been affected by racism, and by developing and supporting programs that help repair the damages caused by racial discrimination.”

Certainly, I invite you to read and reflect on this powerful pastoral letter easily found on line on the USCCB website. My hope is simple: that those prayers that will surely bubble up in your heart as you read and reflect upon this letter might then lead you to become involved in some way with our Peace, Justice and Reconciliation Commission and its efforts. Together we can then forge pathways for how we, as a parish community, might best continue to engage in “Dismantling Racism” – the name of the parish program that our P, J & R Commission held last year around this time.

Is it not time for us to build on these initial efforts to combat racism and do much more? We cannot do that, however, without your support. So please help to us all to continue to call one another to “Open Wide our Hearts.”

With hope for increased racial justice and civil rights for all,
Fr. Joe

The Parish Office is closed on Monday, January 21st, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. There is one Mass at 9 a.m.

Week of Christian Unity
January 18th - 25th
Theme: "Justice, Only Justice, You Shall Pursue." This year’s theme is inspired by Deuteronomy 16:18-20.

Dado estas continuas actitudes negativas racistas, aún entre católicos, la carta pastoral anima a todos los fieles a ser “discípulos misioneros, llevando el mensaje de caridad fraterna y de dignidad humana.” También le pide a las parroquias “combatir el mal del racismo educándose, reflexionando en sus pensamientos y acciones personales, escuchando la experiencia de aquellos que han sido afectados por el racismo, y desarrollando y apoyando programas que ayuden a reparar los daños causados por la discriminación racial.”

Ciertamente, los invito a leer y reflexionar sobre esta poderosa carta pastoral que se puede encontrar fácilmente en línea en la página web del USCCB. Mi esperanza es simple: que las plegarias que seguramente surgirán en sus corazones al leer y reflexionar sobre ella, puedan entonces guiarnos al estar más involucrados de alguna forma con nuestra Comisión de Paz, Justicia y Reconciliación y sus esfuerzos. Justos podremos forjar caminos de cómo, como comunidad parroquial, podemos continuar mejor comprometiéndonos a “Desmantelar al Racismo” – el nombre del programa parroquial que nuestra Comisión P, J & R ofreció por estas fechas el año pasado.

¿No es ahora el tiempo de construir sobre esos esfuerzos iniciales de combatir el racismo y hacer mucho más? Sin embargo, no lo podemos hacer sin su apoyo. Por lo que, por favor, ayúdenos todos a continuar llamándonos unos a otros a “Abrir bien nuestros Corazones.”

Con esperanza por una mayor justicia racial y derechos civiles para todos:
P. Joe
Save the Dates

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. For more information, contact: mariatermini2013@gmail.com.

Jesuit Connections Movie Night
January 24th | 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Choir/Media Room
Jesuit Connections will be screening the short films The Paperman and The Lost Thing, with a brief reflection on the material. Pizza and pop will be served!

50+ Job Seeker Networking Group
January 23rd | 6 p.m.
Newton Senior Center
This free program seeks to help navigate job searches, resumes, and using the social media site LinkedIn. Check-In begins at 5:30 p.m.
Register to reserve a space: www.mcoaonline.com/50plus

Develop an Ecological Rule of Life for 2019
January 25th, February 1st, 8th & 15th
7 p.m. | Boston College - Simboli Hall
Over five weeks, we will explore spiritual practices to support ecological conversion and engage in concrete actions (personal and communal) to support climate justice. We will use the Laudato Si Pledge to frame our commitment to pray, live simply, and advocate for creation. At the end, participants will have developed an ecological rule of life to take into the New Year along with a fortified commitment to more sustainably living.
To Register: jennifer@catholicclimatemovement.global

Pancake Breakfast
January 26th | 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Faber Jesuit Community - 188 Foster Street
Join graduate students from the School of Theology and Ministry (STM) for a pancakes to support the STM delegation visiting El Salvador during Spring Break. Suggested donations are $12 for adults and $6 for children. Donations are also accepted. Thank you for your generosity!
For more information: morraac@bc.edu

Peace, Justice & Reconciliation

January 27th | 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Choir/Media Room
Anne Berwick, Co-Director of Sustainability of the City of Newton, will talk to us about Newton’s decision to contract for 60% renewable energy for electricity (46% above the state-mandated 14% for 2019), effective March, 2019. Come join us and learn how you can help to reduce our carbon footprint.
For more information, contact: ignatius@bc.edu

Green Team Prayer
Lord, grant us the wisdom to care for the earth and till it. Help us to act now for the good of future generations and all your creatures. Help us to become instruments of a new creation, founded on the covenant of your love. Amen.

Action: Inflate your tires.
Make sure your tires are properly inflated. This can cut your carbon emissions by up to 700 pounds a year.

Spiritual Life

Women's Retreat
March 8th - 10th
Connors Retreat Center - Dover, MA
Treat yourself to a weekend of prayer, quiet reflection and conversation with other women of the Parish, led by spiritual director and parishioner Clare Walsh, MHSH.
Registration will be open soon!
Contact: Mary Dailey - marysuppledaiy@gmail.com, 617-332-6987
Martha Sullivan - marthasull@verizon.net, 508-668-7268
Rita Rodriguez - rmrodriguez1227@gmail.com, 617-459-6089

Music Ministries
Our music ministry involves nearly 100 professional and volunteer vocalists, instrumentalists, and conductors. And there's room for more! To musicians of all backgrounds, ages, and ability levels: we need you! Whether you are a parishioner, a Boston College or STM student; whether you are new to the parish or have been around for years: we need you! For more information, speak to any of our ensemble leaders, cantors, or keyboardists after Mass or contact Matthew Anderson, andersyw@bc.edu. Come join us!

5/ Second Sunday in Ordinary
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.

CAP Team (Child Abuse Protection) Ensures the protection of all, providing training, consultation, and support.

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For information, call the cemetery staff at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Church at 781-235-1841.

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–Cardinal Seán O’Malley

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