El que espera en el Señor...
como un árbol plantado cerca del agua...
cuyas hojas nunca se marchitan...
lo que hacen, prospera.

The one who hopes in the Lord…
like a tree planted near running water…
whose leaves never fade…
whatever that one does, prospers.
Dear Parishioners,

Last week's letter explored the metaphor of the shepherd and the sheep often used to describe the relationship of bishops/pastors to parishioners, the faithful. I hope you agreed that while it is a beautifully rich scriptural metaphor, it sadly limps.

I would like to propose therefore another metaphor that I have been bouncing around for a while. And while it too will sadly limp, it may help to expand our imaginations. The metaphor is that of a coach and the members of a team. Now I can hear the first objection already: “What? Coach! Hasn’t he just been telling us that a pastor is a member of the parish? Coaches are never members of the team, are they? Didn’t he watch the Super Bowl? The coaches stand on the sidelines.”

True enough. I did say this metaphor would limp.

What is valuable about the metaphor, however, is that most of us have had direct experiences of being coached, of being members of a team, and even possibly that of coaching others ourselves. That is simply not true of being shepherds or sheep.

Many of us have surely benefited from great coaches who cared deeply for the team and all its members. They did not care only about winning, but about making each player a better player and even a better person. Such coaches encourage their players to recognize their own particular gifts, talents and the importance of the position they play on the team. A good coach helps team members appreciate their need for one another and, along with them, is sad when there are losses and happy when there are gains. Moreover, a good coach inspires hope: “keep fighting, no matter what. Get out there and do your best!” I would hope a good pastor would do that forth each week, no matter what, to do their best to be the light of Christ out there in the world.

Another aspect of this metaphor, and there are surely many aspects that could be developed, is that many coaches are often squished in between the owners, the so-called front office, and their players. That’s true of pastors, too. Addressing a large group of pastors a few years back, I pointed out how we are all middle managers, squished between the hierarchy and the parishioners. We are also further squished between various groups of parishioners, like those who believe the parish is too progressive or those who think that it may help to expand our imaginations. The metaphor is that of a coach and the members of a team. Now I can hear the first objection already: “What? Coach! Hasn’t he just been telling us that a pastor is a member of the parish? Coaches are never members of the team, are they? Didn’t he watch the Super Bowl? The coaches stand on the sidelines.”

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Tensions abound. Yet, that is not at all bad. Tensions can foster growth, development and transformation. Haven’t players often made fantastic suggestions to their coaches, even changed a coach’s mind? Yet, haven’t we all on occasion gainsaid a decision or call of a coach? It is all part of the reality of sports, and part of the reality of being Church.

There are times we’d probably like to quit the team, give up on playing the game. Yet, if we continue to hang in there together, we might just help to forge a better team – a better Church.

Estimados Feligreses:

La carta del fin de semana pasado exploraba la metáfora del pastor y la ovejas que se usa frecuentemente para describir la relación del obispo/párroco con los feligreses, los fieles. Espero que estén de acuerdo que, aunque es una rica metáfora de la escritura, lamentablemente cojea.

Por lo tanto, les quiero proponer otra metáfora en la que he estado pensando por algún tiempo. Y, aunque lamentablemente va a cojear, puede ayudarnos a expandir nuestra imaginación. La metáfora se refiere al entrenador y los miembros de un equipo. La puedo escuchar la primera objeción: “¿Qué? ¿un entrenador? ¿No nos ha dicho que el párroco es miembro de la parroquia? Los entrenadores nunca son miembros del equipo, ¿no es así? ¿No vio el Super Bowl? Los entrenadores se paran frente a las líneas laterales.”

Es verdad. Les dije que esta metáfora cojearía. Sin embargo, lo que es valioso de esta metáfora es que muchos de nosotros han tenido experiencias directas de haber sido guiados, de ser miembros de un equipo, y tal vez de haber guiado a otros. No es simplemente ser pastores y ovejas.

Muchos de nosotros se han beneficiado seguramente de grandes entrenadores que le tenían mucho cariño a todos los miembros del equipo. No solo les importaba ganar, sino de hacer a cada miembro un mejor jugador o mejor aún, una buena persona. Esos entrenadores animan a sus jugadores a reconocer sus dones particulares, talentos y la importancia de la posición que juegan en el equipo. Un buen entrenador ayuda a que sus miembros se aprecien entre sí, y junto con ellos, se entretengan cuando pierden y se alegra cuando ganan.

Es más: un buen entrenador les inspira esperanza: “¡sigan luchando, no importa. ¡Salgan y hagan lo mejor que puedan!” espero que un buen párroco haga lo mismo, particularmente animando a sus feligreses a seguir cada semana, sin importar lo que pase, a hacer lo mejor que se pueda en ser la Luz de Cristo en el mundo.

Otro aspecto de esta metáfora, y hay muchos aspectos que se podrían desarrollar, que muchos entrenadores son aplastados a menudo por los dueños, la llamada oficina frontal y sus jugadores. Igual pasa con los párrocos. Dirigiéndome a un grupo grande de párrocos hace algunos años, señalé que somos gerentes medios, aplastados entre la jerarquía y los feligreses. También estamos aplastados entre diversos grupos de feligreses, como aquellos que piensan que la parroquia es demasiado progresiva o de aquellos que piensan que no lo es lo suficiente.

La tensiones abundan. Sin embargo, eso no es malo. Las tensiones promueven el crecimiento, el desarrollo y la transformación. ¿No han hecho a menudo los jugadores sugerencias fantásticas a sus entrenadores, aún cambiando su opinión? Pero, ¿no hemos contradicho en ocasiones una decisión o destinado a un entrenador? Es parte de la realidad de los deportes y parte de la realidad de ser Iglesia.

Hay momentos en los que nos gustaría renunciar al equipo, rehusar a jugar el partido. Y todavía, si continuamos manteniéndonos unidos, podríamos ayudar a forjar un mejor equipo – una mejor Iglesia.
Prayer
Lord, grant that all who have positions of responsibility in economic, political and social life, and all men and women of goodwill will be “protectors” of creation, protectors of God's plan inscribed in nature, protectors of one another and of the environment.

Action: Wash in Cold Water
Almost 90 percent of the energy used by a washing machine goes to heat the water. Switching to cold water for your wash cycle will cut your carbon dioxide emissions by around 1,600 pounds a year. New soaps are formulated for cold water and perform as well as or better than traditional detergents.

Young Adults
Our Next Meeting:
Sunday, February 24th after the 5:30 p.m. Mass
Parish Office - 2nd Floor
All 20 & 30 Somethings are invited to join us for snacks, conversations and games! There will also be a chance to learn about involvement opportunities in the Parish.

Racial Justice Banner Meeting | Sunday, March 10th, 4:30 p.m. | Friary Room
February is Black History Month, a time that reminds us of the achievements and struggles of African Americans in the United States. It is also a time, as a church, for us to contemplate what it means for the United States to be afflicted by what our bishops have called its original sin: racism.

Our faith compels us to oppose racism, which is a distortion of the Catholic view of the human person as created in God’s image and likeness. Recently, the U.S. bishops released a powerful call to action in their pastoral letter on racism, Open Wide Our Hearts, asking Catholics to "face courageously the vice of racism... reach out generously to the victims of this evil, to assist the conversion needed in those who still harbor racism, and to begin to change policies and structures that allow racism to persist."

Racism affects the lives of millions in this country, including many of us Catholics, through unjust immigration and criminal justice policies and through the ways that it tears apart our communities along the lines of color and ethnicity. The community immediately outside the walls of St. Ignatius is no exception: 2017 and 2018 saw two very public racist incidents at Boston College that both disheartened and rallied students to seek responses from their community. We recognize that these incidents are not isolated but rather part of our culture, locally and nationally. We also recognize that these cultural attitudes make it harder to evangelize: How do we preach about human dignity in God's image within a society where so many adhere to racist ideas, consciously or unconsciously?

We, the Racial Justice Committee of the Peace, Justice, and Reconciliation Commission, in conversation with the Pastoral Council and our Pastor, Fr. Joe, seek to respond to these realities in a public way by displaying a banner outside of our church that challenges racism in our community. The U.S. bishops remind us: "too often racism comes in the form of the sin of omission, when individuals, communities, and even churches remain silent and fail to act against racial injustice when it is encountered." We invite you to discern with us the message our banner should convey. We will gather at 4:30 p.m. in the Friary Room on Sunday, March 10th. We hope to see you there.

Making St. Ignatius Greener
Sunday, February 24th | 11 a.m.
Choir/Media Room
Inspired by our recent Town Hall, the Green Team will discuss recycling, water bottle usage, ideas for upcoming Lent/Earth Day, and more. All are welcome - let's make a difference together!

Catholic Appeal
Living Our Faith. Together.

Once a year, Catholics throughout the Archdiocese are asked to support the greater Church by giving a gift to the Catholic Appeal. This helps fund services that are essential to both the parish and the greater Church community. Many of you may have already received a letter from Cardinal Sean requesting your support of the 2019 Catholic Appeal; others will receive information in the coming weeks. We hope that you will respond generously. Every gift makes an immediate impact in the lives of those in need.
Outreach Ministries

**Project Bread's Major Fundraiser**

How will you be involved this year - walking, running, volunteering, sponsoring? TEAM IGNATIUS did an awesome job last year. Let’s do even better this time around! **REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

You can register as an individual or as a member of TEAM IGNATIUS.

Go to www.projectbread.org and click on Walk for Hunger.

**St. Francis House At-the-Door Collection**

THANK YOU from the Guests at St. Francis House Day Shelter. Your generosity, to date, amounted to $3,346.

**Coming in March:**

**Our Socks and Flip-Flops Drive for Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program**

New white socks can reduce the risk of skin infections, prevent frostbite and foster good hygiene. This drive will go from March 1st through March 31st. Help us collect new white socks and new shower flip-flops for women and men living in shelters and on the streets. On your mark, get set, start shopping!

**CRS Rice Bowl 2019:**

Lent begins on March 6th; CRS Rice Bowls will be available the Upper Church the weekend of March 2nd/3rd and on Ash Wednesday at the Family Service. Plan to be a part of this nationwide effort to support needy families throughout the world.

**Shattuck Fourth Tuesday**

February 26th

Pine Street Inn Shattuck Shelter Fourth Tuesday meal serving. Desserts will be needed. Please drop off your dessert at the Parish Office by 3:30 p.m. on the 26th. Thanks.

Faith Formation

**Camden Service-Learning Trip**

**July 22nd - 27th, 2019**

The Urban Challenge Program is an urban, service-learning, immersion experience rooted in the Catholic faith tradition. Offering a point of access to the lives and stories of the people of Camden, NJ, and its surrounding communities, the Urban Challenge Program is a unique educational and retreat opportunity. St. Ignatius will be taking 12 high school students to the Romero Center this summer!

**Application:** Please write 1-2 paragraphs about your interest in participating in the Urban Challenge Program. What do you hope to get out of the program? What do you anticipate would be challenging? Do you have any prior experience with service or immersion programs? At the top of the page, please provide your: full name, grade entering in Fall 2019, and parent contact information. Please email the completed application to Lara Ericson at ericsonl@bc.edu by March 3rd.

**Reminder**

There is no Faith Formation on February 17th or 24th. Classes will resume on March 3rd.

Men’s Spiritual Growth

The next meeting will be on February 20th at 7 p.m. in the Parish Office. All are welcome!

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 Clare Walsh, MHSH. Registration is now open on the parish website: stignatiuschestnuthill.org. In the top menu bar, select "Parish Life," then scroll down to "Spiritual Life," and click on "Retreats." Partial scholarships are available upon request. The deadline to register is February 23rd.

Cost: $300; $200 deposit due at registration.

Contact: Mary Dailey - marysuppledaily@gmail.com, 617-332-6987

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4/ Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
**Save the Dates**

**Taizé Prayer**  
February 25th, March 11th & 25th, April 8th & 22nd  
8 - 8:30 p.m. | Upper Church  
Join BC Campus Ministry for a memorable time of quiet candlelit meditation, simple music, uplifting readings and peaceful silence.

**Hebrew Scripture with Marsha Mirkin, Ph.D.**  
February 23rd | 10:00 a.m.  
Parish Office - Garden Level  
We will journey with our Biblical forefather, Jacob, explore his dream, and join him in his yearnings and struggles. We will relate Jacob’s life journey to our own.

**Project Rachel Retreats**  
February 23rd, March 23rd & April 27th  
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
The Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women suffering from the pain of a past abortion to attend a *Come to the Waters of Healing* one-day retreat. Limited to ten participants per retreat. For more information: 508-651-3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com

**Hatch, Match & Dispatch: A Catholic Guide to Sacraments**  
Thursday, March 28th  
St. Ignatius  
Sacraments were created by Christ for humanity, not the other way around. Pope Francis has said that Sacraments are where God enters into the mystery of the human being, and accompanies us from where we are. Join Fr. Richard Leonard, S.J., as he explores what the Sacraments have to offer. More details coming soon!

**Sr. Bernie Barrett, SHSP**  
March 30th & 31st - all Masses  
Sr. Bernie has served Lake Providence, LA, a black community where 40% of the residents live below the poverty line, for ten years. She is known as a bridge between cultures. Come witness, hear her commitment to justice, and support her efforts at all of our Sunday Masses and the 4 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass. All are welcome!

**The Challenge of “Us” in Ecological Times**  
February 28th | 5:30 p.m.  
BC - Fulton Hall 511  
This 18th annual Prophetic Voices Lecture will feature Elizabeth A. Johnson, C.S.J., Distinguished Professor Emerita of Theology at Fordham University. For more information visit: https://www.bc.edu/centers/boisi

**The Clergy Abuse Crisis and Homosexuality: The Problem of Scapegoating**  
February 26th | 7 p.m.  
The Paulist Center  
Join writer and former editor of *The New Republic* Andrew Sullivan for a discussion on the sex abuse crisis and the blame that is often placed on homosexuality, particularly gay men. For questions or more information, contact info@paulistcenter.org.  
A donation of $10 is suggested.

**Confetti and Conversation**  
Friday, March 1st | 7 p.m.  
Friary Room  
The Pastoral Council invites all parishioners to join them for a Mardi Gras themed gathering to celebrate the listening sessions and our Parish!

**Please pray for:**

- **Saturday, February 16th**  
  4 p.m. - Catherine Jurutka  
- **Sunday, February 17th**  
  8 a.m. - William J. Doyle  
  10 a.m. - Rev. Paul Keyes  
  12 p.m. - Rita S. Mullen  
  5:30 p.m. - Joseph Casaletto  
- **Monday, February 18th**  
  9 a.m. - John Wisniewski  
- **Tuesday, February 19th**  
  12:15 p.m. - Victor Consunji  
  5:30 p.m. - Pacita Sandoval  
- **Wednesday, February 20th**  
  12:15 p.m. - Eugene Wallace  
- **Thursday, February 21st**  
  12:15 p.m. - Carmella Tobin  
  12 p.m. - Catherine Van DenBerghe  
  5:30 p.m. - Josephine Capobianco  
- **Sunday, February 24th**  
  8 a.m. - Katharine S. Doyle  
  10 a.m. - Carmella Tobin  
  12 p.m. - Catherine Van DenBerghe  
  5:30 p.m. - Josephine Capobianco
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Monday - Friday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Closed 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.)  

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.  
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.  

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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 Seán O’Malley