The Lord is near to all who call upon him.
El Señor está cerca de aquellos que lo llaman.
Dear Parishioners,

On September 10th we held a parish-wide examen, led by Fr. Edward Quinnan, S.J., the Provincial Assistant for Pastoral Ministry for the Northeast Province of the Society of Jesus. About sixty parishioners attended.

Fr. Quinnan began by leading us in a guided meditation and then invited us to reflect on words we use to describe our desolations and consolations. Each list had over 20 words. With respect to desolation, Fr. Quinnan reminded us of St. Ignatius’s wise caution not to make any life-altering decisions when in this spiritual state. Rather, we should wait patiently until the return of consolation with its sense of authentic hope and Spirit-inspired possibilities.

Fr. Quinnan then invited those gathered to form small groups and share where they felt the parish experienced desolation and consolation this past year. As might be well expected, there were both desolations and consolations around the changes in pastor and other parish personnel. As we came to a close, Fr. Quinnan left us with an important question: how do you want to make St. Ignatius different a year from now? Given “you” in English is both singular and plural, this was both an individual and a communal invitation for each and all of us to consider.

A few days after this examen, on September 13th, our Provincial, Fr. John Cecero, S.J., along with his Provincial Assistants for the various sectors of our Province – Pastoral Ministry, Ignatian Ministries, Social Ministries, Middle and High Schools, Higher Education – gathered at St. Mary’s Hall. Together with the apostolic leaders from our various Jesuit works in the greater Boston area, we discussed how we might deepen our collaboration with one another. Both Denny Martin, the chair of our Pastoral Council, and I were delighted when one of the three initiatives upon which the group decided to focus was that St. Ignatius Church and Parish become a “nexus” for our Jesuit Apostolates in the region. Not only does this initiative provide us with a certain degree of guidance for considering the question Fr. Quinnan posed, it further adds an additional question: what does it means for us as a Jesuit parish to be a “nexus,” collaborating more fully with BC, BC High, Nativity, and the Jesuits communities in our geographic region?

Both our examen and this meeting with the Provincial and his Assistants provide us with a great deal to explore and consider moving into our future. As things begin to unfold and take shape, I will certainly be inviting you to participate more fully.

I also want to mention an exciting initiative happening with our Latino Community. We have enlisted the help of a consultant, Lillian Molina-Perez, who will be collating data from an in-pew survey that was offered at the noon Spanish Mass on September 17th. I certainly look forward to the results of this survey and her follow up meetings with those who expressed an interest to speak with her in greater depth.

Estimados feligreses:

El 10 de septiembre hicimos un examen/analisis de toda la parroquia, dirigido por el P. Edward Quinnan, S.J., el asistente al Provincial para el Ministerio Pastoral para la Provincia del Noreste de la Sociedad de Jesús. Asistieron alrededor de 60 feligreses.

El P. Quinnan comenzó dirigiéndonos en una meditación guiada y después nos invitó a pensar en palabras que usamos para describir nuestras desolaciones y consolaciones. Cada lista tenía más de 20 palabras. Con respecto a la desolación, el P. Quinnan nos recordó la sabia advertencia de San Ignacio de no tomar ninguna decisión que pudiera alterar nuestra vida cuando estuviéramos en ese estado espiritual. Más bien, deberíamos esperar pacientemente a estar en consolación en su sentido de auténtica esperanza y de posibilidades inspiradas por el Espíritu.

El P. Quinnan invitó luego a los reunidos a formar pequeños grupos y compartir la experiencia parroquial de desolación y consolación sobre este último año pasado. Como era de esperarse, hubo tanto desolaciones como consolaciones alrededor de los cambios de párroco y del personal parroquial. Al concluir, el P. Quinnan nos dejó con una pregunta importante: ¿Cómo quieres que San Ignacio sea dentro de un año? Sirviendo el pronombre “you” (tú/usted/ustedes) en inglés tanto para el singular como el plural, esta fue una invitación tanto individual como comunitaria para ser considerada por todos y cada uno de nosotros.

Unos días después del Examen, el 13 de septiembre, nuestro provincial, el P. John Cecero S.J., junto con sus Asistentes Provinciales de diversos sectores de nuestra provincia – Ministerio Pastoral, Ministerios Ignacianos, Ministerios Sociales, Escuelas Medias y Secundarias, Educación Superior – se reunieron aquí en la Residencia Sta. María. Junto con los líderes apostólicos de las diversas obras jesuitas en el área de Boston, discutimos cómo podríamos profundizar nuestra colaboración entre nosotros. Tan to Denny Martin, la cabeza del Consejo Pastoral, como yo estábamos complacidos cuando una de las tres iniciativas en las que decidió enfocarse el grupo fue que la iglesia y parroquia de San Ignacio de Loyola se convirtiera en un “nexo” para nuestros Apostolados Jesuitas en la región. Esta iniciativa no sólo nos otorga en cierta medida orientación para abordar la pregunta que hizo el P. Quinnan, sino que añade una pregunta adicional: ¿qué significa para nosotros, como parroquia jesuita, ser un “nexo”, colaborando con mayor amplitud con BC, la escuela BC, La Natividad y las comunidades jesuitas de nuestra región geográfica?

Tanto el Examen como la reunión con el Provincial y sus Asistentes nos dan una gran oportunidad de explorar y considerar movernos hacia el futuro. A medida que las cosas vayan tomando forma, ciertamente los invitaré a tener una mayor participación.

También quiero mencionar una iniciativa emocionante que está sucediendo con nuestra Comunidad Latina. Hemos contratado la ayuda de una consultora, Lillian Molina-Perez, quien recopilará data con un cuestionario que estuvo en los asientos en la misa en Español del mediodía del 17 de setiembre. Ciertamente espero...

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Disaster Relief
Our parish provided $13,120 in our second collection on September 9 & 10 for Catholic Charities USA to use towards aiding those who were victims of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and other natural disasters. If you were unable to donate to this aid for the victims, it is not too late. You can still donate online or by sending a check to the parish office with an indication that your check is to go for Disaster Relief. Thank you so much for your charity and for your daily prayers for those who have lost so much and who must now rebuild their lives.

With gratitude,
Fr. Joe

Please pray for:

Sunday, September 24th
8:00 a.m. - Charles Robert Doyle
10:00 a.m. - Joseph J. Foley
5:30 p.m. - Patty O’Kane

Monday, September 25th
12:15 p.m. - Patrick Barrett

Tuesday, September 26th
12:15 p.m. - Bobby Menges

Wednesday, September 27th
12:15 p.m. - Kathleen Starkey
5:30 p.m. - Sara G. Corcoran

Thursday, September 28th
12:15 p.m. - Francis Hill

Friday, September 29th
5:30 p.m. - James C. Bowdring

Saturday, September 30th
4:00 p.m. - Charles Hodges

Sunday, October 1st
8:00 a.m. - Howard Sullivan, Jr.
10:00 a.m. - Maria Sanders & Ester Bodden
12:00 p.m. - Mary Oreskovich Radisic
5:30 p.m. - Elaine and James Tourtelotte

RIP
Rev. Ken Loftus, S.J.
2/14/1951 – 9/18/2017
Former Associate Pastor of St. Ignatius from 1999 to 2013

Wake: Monday, September 25th
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.,
Vigil Service at 4:30 p.m.

Funeral: Tuesday, September 26th
10:00 a.m.
Campion Center
319 Concord Road, Weston, MA
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Outreach Ministries

Shattuck Fourth Tuesday:
We’ll be serving Guests at Pine Street Inn Shattuck Shelter this Tuesday, September 26th. If you can provide a dessert, plan to drop it off at the Parish Office by 4 p.m. on the 26th.

Habitat At-The-Door Collection: Our annual Habitat collection, to support our Habitat Build days, will be next weekend, September 30th/October 1st. After Mass, Outreach Volunteers will be holding Habitat hard hats at each church exit or, if you so choose, you will have the option of making your donation online (we’ll have instructions printed out). Thanks for being a vital part of our Habitat outreach by supporting us in this collection.

Habitat Weekday Build:
We’re currently seeking volunteers to join a team of St. Ignatius parishioners who will be working at a Habitat-for-Humanity construction site in Boston on Tuesday, October 24th, 2017. You can do it! Energy and enthusiasm are the only requirements--no prior construction experience necessary. Spend the day working to “build hope by building homes” in partnership with low-income families in need of decent housing. To sign up, e-mail Anton Finelli at afinelli@crmcx.com or Sister Diane at valleiro@bc.edu.

Senior Parishioners’ Fall Trip 2017
Thursday, October 19th
9:30 AM SHARP: Off we go!
To: Hopedale: for a “walking” (riding) tour of the town and visit to The Little Red Shop Museum
To: Mendon – Willow Brook Restaurant
To: St. Ignatius - by about 4:00 PM
Cost: $40, which includes bus and lunch
Reservations: Call Sr. Diane at 617-552-6107 no later than Friday, October 6th (per request of the restaurant); please indicate your luncheon choice (roast turkey dinner or baked haddock dinner) at that time. Please forward payment to Sr. Diane (checks should be made out to St. Ignatius Church, with Fall Trip on the memo line) prior to the day of the trip – 28 Commonwealth Avenue, Chestnut Hill 02467. Please carpool, if possible. Pull into the church parking lot; places will be reserved for us.

RCIA

Interested in Becoming Catholic?
St. Ignatius Parish invites you to discern the decision to become a fully initiated Catholic through the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Beginning in late September, we will meet weekly on Sundays, 11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sessions continue through Easter, culminating with the celebration of the sacraments at the Easter Vigil, and conclude later in April. There is also the option to join the BC RCIA group, which meets on Monday evenings, 7:00-8:30 p.m. For more information and a complete schedule, please contact Jacqueline Regan, jacqueline.regan.2@bc.edu.

Peace, Justice & Reconciliation Commission

Commission Meeting
Wednesday, October 11th | 7:00 p.m.
Parish Office Garden Level

Racial Justice Group Meeting
Monday, October 2nd | 7:00 p.m.
Parish Office Garden Level

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 on Monday mornings. It is a great opportunity for the recently retired or stay-at-home parent. If interested, please email ignatius@bc.edu.

Cultivating a Prophetic and Contemplative Lifestyle
Thursdays October 19th – November 16th
7:00 – 8:30 p.m. | Parish Office Garden Level
Engage Pope Francis’s call for “ecological conversion” with this 5-week meditation training program based on Laudato Si’. The program will introduce participants to contemplative practices as a way of prayer and compassionate action. The course will be taught by Christina Leano, Associate Director of the Global Catholic Climate Movement and St. Ignatius parishioner. For more information and to register, visit http://bostoncatholic-climate.org/meditation-training
Music Ministry

NEW TO THE PARISH?
Our Music Ministry groups are always seeking new members. Our website describes all the opportunities for volunteering your musical talents. If children are interested in singing, contact Matt Anderson at 552-6114 or andersyw@bc.edu. All others can contact Michael Burgo at 552-6108 or burgo@bc.edu.

On Sunday, October 1st, we welcome the return of the St. Ignatius Symphonia. With a rehearsal beginning at 11 a.m., this instrumental ensemble meets monthly to accompany and enrich the 12 p.m. Sunday mass. We invite experienced instrumentalists of all backgrounds to consider offering their talents for our St. Ignatius community. This is a wonderful opportunity to make music in a beautiful space. If you’re interested, please contact our organist and ensemble director, Matthew Anderson, at andersyw@bc.edu.

Faith Formation

Don’t Forget to Register!
It’s time for another year of Faith Formation! Registration is now open at stignatiuschestnuthill.org/faithformation. The deadline is September 25th. There will be an opportunity to lean more about the program and receive in-person help with registration following the Family Mass on September 10. Questions? Email faithformation.ignatius@bc.edu.

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So, as we celebrate our parish and all our ministries at our Open House this weekend, let us continue our prayers that the Holy Spirit will guide us into that place of deep consolation that will enable us to make decisions that will positively steer our future course.

Blessings,
Fr. Joe

Spiritual Life

The Heart of Ignatian Prayer
Explore and experience the ways of Ignatian Prayer. The sessions are held Sunday afternoon from 3:30 - 5:00p.m. and presented by a Jesuit and lay team. All are welcome.

October 1st — Entering the Heart of Prayer
October 15th — Exploring the Ignatian Examen
October 29th — Praying Your Graced History
November 12th — Praying with Imagination
December 3 — Encountering the Heart of Ignatian Prayer

To register, please contact: Katherine Maher, Spiritual Life Coordinator, katherine.maher@bc.edu, (617) 552-6112

Liturgy Commission

LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEEDED!
Have you considered volunteering to serve in one of our Liturgical Ministries?
At the upcoming Parish Event on Sunday, September 24th, please stop by the Liturgy Commission table and sign up for one of the many rewarding parish ministries. Each weekend, over 100 parishioners are need to serve as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Music Ministers. There are opportunities to participate for all ages and we appreciate whatever time and talents you can give:

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A LOS QUE ASISTEN A LA MISA EN ESPAÑOL
La parroquia está llevando a cabo una encuesta en nuestra comunidad Hispán para mejor comprender sus necesidades y capacidades. Si el domingo pasado no tuvo la oportunidad de contestar el cuestionario que allí se distribuyó, pueden conseguir una copia en la entrada principal de la iglesia ó en la oficina de la parroquia. El contestar este cuestionario toma menos de cinco minutos. Le agradecemos su colaboración. Esta información es muy importante para ayudarnos a servir y apoyar a nuestra comunidad Hispán en la parroquia.

Bendiciones:
P. Joe
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 (Adoration—12:45 p.m., Friday)

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

Other Sacraments

Reconciliation—Saturdays, 3:15 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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Parish Registration

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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