We are invited to see nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of infinite beauty and goodness.

adapted from Pope Francis . Laudato Si’
Dear Parishioners,

In Pope Francis’s September message, he wrote about parishes, reminding them that they “have to be houses where the door is always open so as to go forth toward others.” He explains that “this going forth follows a clear proposal of faith. The doors must be opened so that Jesus can go out with all the joy of his message.”

In so many ways that was what our Parish Open House last Sunday was all about. It was a day for opened doors and true joy as we recognized all the opportunities there are at our parish to serve in our various ministries and participate in our various programs.

Our parish offers both ad intra ministry (i.e., ministry for one another and the larger parish in sustaining and supporting our community’s growth and development) and also ad extra ministry (i.e., ministry in support of and in service to the larger community beyond our parish). Parishes always need both dimensions.

I believe we are reminded about the need for both these dimensions of ministry as we continue to reflect on our parish’s theme – Moving From Disciples to Apostles – and also as we celebrate this weekend the culmination of this year’s Season of Creation. Beginning on September 1st and ending this Wednesday, October 4th, on the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, this “Season” provides a time for concentrated prayer, reflection, and action about caring for our planet. Of course, we should not simply put this “Season” on the shelf until next year. For that reason, our Environmental Justice sub-committee of our parish’s new Peace, Justice and Reconciliation Commission will continue to be offering us ways that we can concretely care for our global environment with practices for our own homes and parish (ad intra) and also with suggestions for us to take action beyond our doors (ad extra). The hope is that through this committee’s efforts we will all be able make Pope Francis’ encyclical, Laudato Si, come alive for us as members of the Church of St. Ignatius.

And on behalf of all of us, let me extend true heartfelt thanks to our Community Connections Commission for planning and executing once again a truly superb Open House. Much gratitude and thanks, too, to all the Commission and Ministry members who volunteered their time to answer questions and spread real energy and joy about our parish. May we always be inspired and nourished by the ministry and service we give to and receive from our parish ad intra. May this ad intra ministry and service help us all to grow ever more fully as Jesus’s disciples, so that we may also be more confident to move ad extra, as Jesus’s apostles, going out beyond our doors to spread the joy of the Gospel - Evangelii Gaudium!

In Christ’s Joy,
Fr. Joe

Estimados Feligreses

En su mensaje de septiembre, el Papa Francisco escribió sobre las parroquias, recordándoles que “tienen que ser casas donde las puertas siempre estén abiertas, de manera de acercarse al prójimo.” Explica que “ese acercamiento es una clara propuesta de fe. Las puertas deben abrirse de manera que Jesús pueda salir con toda la alegría de su mensaje.”

Eso fue lo que nuestro Evento Parroquial quiso ser, expresándolo de muchas maneras. Fue un día de puertas abiertas y verdadera alegría mientras hacíamos un reconocimiento a todas las oportunidades que hay en nuestra parroquia de servir en nuestros varios ministerios y de participar en nuestros varios programas.

Nuestra parroquia ofrece tanto ministerios ad intra (por ejemplo: ministerios entre unos y otros, a lo largo de toda la parroquia, manteniéndonos y apoyándonos en nuestro crecimiento y apoyo comunitario) como ministerios ad extra (por ejemplo: ministerios de apoyo y servicio a la comunidad, que va más allá de la parroquia). Las parroquias necesitan ambas dimensiones.

Al celebrar este fin de semana la culminación de la Época de Creación de este año, creo que nos recuerdan sobre la necesidad de esas dimensiones de ministerio mientras seguimos reflexionando en nuestra temática parroquial – Moviéndonos a ser discípulos a ser apóstoles. Empezando el 1º de septiembre y terminando el 4 de octubre, fiesta de san Francisco de Asís, esta “Época” provee un tiempo para la oración concentrada, reflexión y acción sobre el cuidado de nuestro planeta. Por supuesto, no debemos poner a esta “Época” en un estante hasta el año que viene. Por esa razón, nuestro sub-comité parroquial de Justicia Ambiental, parte de la Comisión de Paz, Justicia y Reconciliación, continuará ofreciéndonos maneras concretas de cuidar de nuestro ambiente global con prácticas para nuestros hogares y parroquia (ad intra), también con sugerencias para que tomemos acción más allá de nuestras puertas (ad extra). La esperanza es que, a través de los esfuerzos de ese sub-comité, podríamos hacer que la encíclica papal, Laudato Si, cobre vida para nosotros los miembros de la Iglesia de San Ignacio.

De parte de todos nosotros, extiendo un muy sincero agradecimiento a la Comisión de Conexiones Comunitarias por planificar y ejecutar una vez más un Evento Parroquial muy superbo. Muchas gracias también a todos los miembros de Comisiones y Ministerios que donaron su tiempo para responder preguntas y derramar verdadera energía y gozo al hablar de la parroquia. Que siempre sequemos inspirados y alimentados por el ministerio y servicio que damos y recibimos en nuestra parroquia ad intra. Que este dicho ministerio y servicio nos ayude a madurar totalmente como discípulos de Jesús, de manera de tener más confianza para movernos ad extra, como apóstoles de Jesús, yendo más allá de nuestras puertas, a esparcir la Alegría del Evangelio - Evangelii Gaudium!

En el gozo de Cristo:

P. Joe


Respect Life Sunday
All Masses on the weekend of October 1st, in keeping with the Respect Life theme, will also include the remembrance of the importance to care for the ecological life of our planet. After each Mass, our Peace, Justice, & Reconciliation’s Green Team will have representatives at the doors of the church for parishioners to sign the Landato Si’ Pledge. Although Sr. Ignatius has signed as a community, we would appreciate individual signatures of families who plan to commit to the encyclical’s primary tenets of ecological conversion, changes in lifestyle and political action. St. Ignatius is also looking for members to join the parish Green Team to participate in this prophetic endeavor. If you are interested, please contact the parish office or Mary Leahy at newseeds28@gmail.com.

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 Landato 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

A Program with Marsha Mirkin and Temple Beth Elohim

Sunday, October 29th | 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Simboli Hall at 9 Lake Street on the BC Brighton Campus (across Comm. Ave from St. Ignatius)
Marsha Mirkin will once again lead us in studying the Hebrew scriptures and we have also invited Marsha’s congregation, Temple Beth Elohim, to join with us that day. Please join us for this interfaith discussion on October 29th, which will be followed by a study session later in the year at Temple Beth Elohim.

Sunday, October 22nd
5:30 p.m. Mass and Reception
St. Ignatius Church
This is an opportunity for alumni and friends of Jesuit schools to share our common bonds through the celebration of liturgy, followed by a reception highlighting opportunities for continuing spiritual growth and service to the local and global community.

Please pray for:

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

Wednesday, October 4th
5:30 p.m. - John Bucki, S.J.

Thursday, October 5th
12:15 p.m. - Thomas McIntyre

Friday, October 6th
5:30 p.m. - Ellen Burke VanSlyke

Saturday, September 30th
4:00 p.m. - Jennifer Riley Morrissette

Sunday, October 1st
8:00 a.m. - Frances Cashman
10:00 a.m. - Mary Jakul
12:00 p.m. - Eleanor Flatley
5:30 p.m. - Mary Dafarra
Outreach Ministries

Habitat At-The-Door Collection:
Our annual Habitat collection, to support our Habitat Build days, is this weekend. 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. If you are a retiree with some free time, or someone with a flexible work or study schedule, please consider joining our parish team for the day. 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 vallerio@bc.edu.

We will be having our Baby Shower again this year! Lists of needed baby items, that we will send to Pregnancy Help, will be on the Outreach table on October 28th/29th. The new items should be returned the following weekend, to the Outreach table or the designated table in the Friary Room.

Winter Clothing Drive
October 21st/22nd
St. Francis House serves approximately 175 full sets of clothing per week to its Guests in need. Please join in helping its mission by donating clean, practical clothing. Please, all items must be clean, in good condition and (at most) gently used.

Items most needed at this time:
• Big and tall clothing for men (size 3x and up) shirts, pants (jeans and sweats), sweaters, and jackets
• Larger sized clothing for women (2x and up) shirts, pants (jeans and sweats), sweaters, and jackets
• Larger sized shoes (men: 10 and up; women: 8 and up)
• Winter items – thermals, gloves, hats
• Men’s pants size 30-38
• NEW ONLY socks, underwear and undershirts (in original packaging) for women and men

The following cannot be accepted:
• Children’s items
• Household items, including linens, kitchen items or furniture
• Used socks, underwear, undergarments or sleepwear
• Damaged or discolored items
• Food

Only items listed, please!
Collection boxes will be at each church entrance on the designated weekend only.

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).
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.

Book Discussion
Sunday, October 22nd | 11:15 a.m.
Parish Office Living Room
We will continue our discussion of Ask the Beasts: Darwin and the God of Love by Elizabeth Johnson. In September we discussed the first 5 chapters of Johnson’s book wherein she focused on a scientific knowledge of creation, particularly drawing upon Darwin's On the Origin of Species. The discussion in October will focus on the remainder of the book in which Johnson situates the natural world in the framework of religious belief and leads us to her conclusion that love of the natural world is an intrinsic element of faith in God. Please join us and add to the discussion.
Music Ministry

Free Concert
St. Ignatius Church
Saturday, November 4th | 8 p.m.
The Seraphim Singers will present a program of choral works of the Protestant and Catholic Reformations. The concert will conclude with a performance of the Duruflé Requiem with orchestra offered in remembrance of all who have died as a result of a religious conflict. A pre-concert panel will discuss the music at 7:15pm. Don’t miss this special evening.

This Sunday, 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

Faith Formation classes start this weekend.
Next weekend, on October 8th, there will be no Faith Formation classes and Family Mass will be combined with the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the Upper Church.

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
All are welcome

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Catholic School Open Houses

St. Jude School
Pre K - Grade 8: October 1st | 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Grades 9-12: October 3rd | 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
https://saintjudewaltham.com

Saint Columbkille Partnership School
Age 2.9 - Grade 8: October 17th | 8:30 am,
December 5th | 8:30 am
Please RSVP at www.steps.org

St. Sebastian's School
Grades 7-12: October 19th | 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.
www.stsebs.org/openhouse

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

Fall, 2017 Writer’s Workshop
“Writing: A Kaleidoscope of Memories,”
Thursdays 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
October 12th - November 16th, 2017
Sponsored by The Women’s Table of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston at the Motherhouse in Brighton
To register, please call Mary Rita Weschler at: 617-746-2056 or email: maryrita.weschler@csjboston.org. There is no cost for this series, but a free-will offering is welcome!

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 then to Mendon – Willow Brook Restaurant. Return by 4:00 p.m.
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.
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.

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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