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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Vigésimo Séptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

October 8th, 2017

Have no anxiety at all...
the peace of God that surpasses all understanding
will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

No estén ansiosos...
la paz de Dios que sobrepasa todo entendimiento
guardará sus corazones y mentes en Cristo Jesús.
Dear Parishioners,

In fourteen hundred ninety-two
Columbus sailed the ocean blue.

Without fail, every Columbus Day I recall, as many of you probably do, that neatly rhyming sentence usually taught to us in grammar school as a way to help us remember an important year. It was after all the “discovery of America” – or was it?

I recently learned of a children’s song also in rhyme that was unfortunately not around when I was growing up. It tightly teaches: “But someone was already here: the Inuit and Cherokee, the Aztec and Menominee, Onondaga and the Cree, Columbus sailed across the sea – but someone was already here.” The song further questions: “could anyone have discovered the place, when someone was already here?”

I also never knew growing up that the way of celebrating this anniversary in Latin America is by referring to it, not as Columbus Day, but as the Día de la Raza (the Day of the Race). That name tries, at least, to recognize that there were different peoples with ancient, venerable cultures and civilizations already here when Columbus “discovered America.” October 12th, therefore, simply marks their initial encounter with each other.

Yet, even this name doesn’t quite capture the truth about this day. Christopher Columbus’ “discovery,” sadly and horribly also brought pillaging, disease, and slavery upon those “already here.” As the National Council of Churches stated on the 500th Anniversary of this date in 1992: “What represented newness of freedom, hope, and opportunity for some was the occasion for oppression, degradation and genocide for others.”

For that reason, various places now refer to this day as “The Day of Respect for Cultural Diversity,” “The Day of the Encounter Between the Two Worlds,” “The Day of Interculturality and Plurinationality,” “The Day of Indigenous Resistance,” or, in some parts of Massachusetts, “Indigenous Peoples’ Day.”

As we continue to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15th to October 15th), may we come to understand, appreciate and respect ever more deeply the heritage and culture of Hispanics and Latinos, the heritage and culture of Native Americans, and indeed those of all peoples. May we join together, then, in heartfelt prayer begging our God to give us the grace to stand up for the exploited and abused so that with true Christian courage we may banish from our world forever the horrible sins of exploitation and abuse in all its forms.

With hope,
Fr. Joe

Estimados feligreses:

En mil cuatrocientos noventa y dos
Colón navegó en la mar azul.

Cada Día de Colón recuerdo, sin falta, como muchos de ustedes probablemente lo hacen, esa oración en verso (en inglés), tradicionalmente enseñada a nosotros en la escuela primaria como una forma de recordarnos un año importante. Después de todo era el “Descubrimiento de América” – ¿no es así?

Recientemente aprendí una canción infantil, también en verso, que no existía cuando era niño. Ella correctamente enseña: “Pero ya había alguien aquí: los Inuit y los Cheroquies, los Aztecas y los Menominis, Los Onondaga y los Criis, Colón navegó por el mar – pero ya había alguien aquí.” La canción pregunta más adelante: “¿Pudo alguien haber descubierto el lugar, cuando ya había alguien aquí?”

De niño, tampoco sabía que este aniversario se celebra en Latinoamérica no refiriéndose al Día de Colón, sino al Día de la Raza. Ese nombre al menos intenta reconocer que hubo diferentes pueblos con culturas y civilizaciones antiguas y veneradas vigentes cuando Colón “descubrió América.” El 12 de octubre, por lo tanto, simplemente marca el encuentro de diversos mundos.

Y todavía, ese nombre no capta exactamente la verdad sobre este día. El “descubrimiento” de Cristóbal Colón triste y horriblemente trajo también saqueos, enfermedades y esclavitud sobre aquellos que “ya estaban aquí.” Tal como el Consejo Nacional de la Iglesia afirmó en el 500° de esta fecha en 1992, “lo que representaba la novedad de la libertad, esperanza y de oportunidades para algunos, fue ocasión de opresión, degradación y genocidio para otros.

Por esa razón, muchos lugares llaman a este día como “El Día de Respeto por la Diversidad Cultural,” “El Día de Encuentro entre dos mundos,” “El Día de la Interculturalidad y la Plurinacionalidad,” “El Día de la Resistencia Indígena,” y en algunas partes de Massachusetts, “El Día de los Pueblos Indígenas.”

Al continuar celebrando el Mes de la Herencia Hispana (15 de septiembre al 15 de octubre), espero que podamos llegar a entender, apreciar y respetar aún más la herencia y cultura de los hispanos y latinos, la herencia y cultura de los indígenas norteamericanos y, ciertamente, la de todos los pueblos. Espero, pues, que nos unamos en una sentida oración, pidiéndole a nuestro Dios que nos dé la gracia de abogar por los explotados y abusados de manera que, con una valentía verdaderamente cristiana, podamos abolir para siempre de nuestro mundo los horribles pecados de explotación y abuso en todas sus maneras.

Con esperanza:
P. Joe
Father James Martin, S.J.
Building a Bridge: Reaching out to LGBT Catholics
Sunday, November 12th | 6:45 p.m.
Church of St. Ignatius Loyola

New Parishioners Welcome
Sunday, October 22nd
4:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.
Friary Room (Lower Church Level)
If you have joined St. Ignatius parish in the last year (or are considering becoming a parishioner), Fr. Joe and the Pastoral Council would live to invite you to gather with them to learn more about your new parish community and one another. Refreshments will be served. We hope you can join us. RSVP to Tim Manning at Ignatius@bc.edu or 617-552-6102.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, October 9th and there will be only one Mass at 9 a.m.

Solidarity Prayer Vigil for Migrants
St. Cecilia’s Parish in Back Bay
Tuesday, October 10th | 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Prayer Vigil will begin in the sanctuary, followed by table discussions and a light reception. Information will be offered regarding the CRS Parish Ambassador Corps Please RSVP By Monday, October 9th to Danielle Corea (danielle.corea@crs.org)

An Evening of Remembrance
Thursday, November 2nd | 7:30 p.m.
All are invited to an Evening of Remembrance on All Souls Day in the upper church. Prayer, scripture readings, and hymns will be shared in remembrance of those who have gone before us. The service will also feature a memorial procession, bringing photographs of the deceased to the sanctuary. (Please bring a framed photo, if possible). The Book of the Dead will be available to record the names of loved ones that night and throughout November.

Remembering
Rev. Ken Loftus, S.J.
Sunday, October 15th
10:00 a.m. Mass
Upper Church
Fr. Bob VerEecke, S.J., celebrant and homilist

Please pray for:
Saturday, October 7th
4:00 p.m. - Jennifer Riley Morrissette

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

Tuesday, October 10th
12:15 p.m. - Maureen Ellinwood

Friday, October 13th
5:30 p.m. - Richard Guant

Saturday, October 14th
9:00 a.m. - Anthony L. Christopher
4:00 p.m. - Tom & Audrey Gaquin

Sunday, October 15th
8:00 a.m. - Scott Lynch
10:00 a.m. - Rev. Ken Loftus, S.J.
10:00 a.m. (Family) - Shamantha Xavier
12:00 p.m. - The Moran Family
5:30 p.m. - John Joseph Clavin
Outreach Ministries

Habitat At-The-Door Collection:
Thank you! Your generosity will enable our parish Builders to work with Habitat and prospective homeowners to build affordable homes for deserving families.

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. 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 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.

Peace, Justice & Reconciliation Commission

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

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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 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://bostoncatholicclimate.org/meditation-training.

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.

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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 chorale 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.

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Text To Give: You can now easily text your parish support. 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. After the initial setup, giving is as easy as sending a text message. Make sure to save Text Giving in your contacts for future gifts. Many thanks in advance for your text!

International Solidarity in the Age of Pope Francis
October 12th at 5:00 p.m. | Location: TBD
Presenter: Cardinal Maradiaga, Archbishop of Tegucigalpa
Sponsor: The C21 Center

Catholic School Open Houses
Saint Columbkille Partnership School
Age 2-9 - Grade 8: October 17th | 8:30 a.m.
December 5th | 8:30 a.m.
Please RSVP at www.stcps.org
St. Sebastian’s School
Grades 7-12: October 19th | 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.
www.stsebs.org/openhouse
Ursuline Academy - Dedham
Grades 7-12: October 22nd | 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
http://www.ursulineacademy.net/
Xaverian Brothers High School
Grades 7-8: October 22nd | 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Grades 9-12: October 29th | 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
www.xbhs.com/fair
BC High
Grades 7-12: October 22nd | 12:00 p.m.
Information Nights
Arrupe (Grade 7) - October 12th & November 28th
High School (Grade 9) - November 8th & December 5th
www.bchigh.edu/visit

Faith Formation

This weekend there will be no Faith Formation classes and Family Mass will be combined with the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the Upper Church.
Classes resume on Sunday, October 15th.

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 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

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.

Community Connections

Pasta & Prayer
Thursday, October 19th | 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Friary Room
Join us for a convivial conversation with old and new friends, over dinner, to discuss the upcoming scriptures. Feed your body, mind and soul! Our next session’s theme is “Herald/Messenger” and we will discuss the readings for Advent. Newcomers are always welcome!
Prior registration required: call Catherine at 617-782-5812 or e-mail to cfdesq@hotmail.com, to reserve a place at the table.

5/Twenty-Seventh Sunday
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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