The Lord bless you from Zion;
may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

Que el Señor te bendiga desde Sión;
que veas la prosperidad de Jerusalén todos los días de tu vida.
From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

It was in the midst of our country being torn apart by civil war that President Abraham Lincoln established Thanksgiving as a national holiday. As we approach this annual celebration this coming Thursday, I thought it fitting to simply reprint Lincoln’s proclamation for our reflection as a parish community. I think it has much to say to us today, “mutatis mutandis,” as we consider our country’s current political state.

The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God. In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign States to invite and to provoke their aggression, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere except in the theatre of military conflict; while that theatre has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union. Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defense, have not arrested the plough, the shuttle or the ship; the axe has enlarged the limits of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege and the battle-field; and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom. No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence.

Estimados Feligreses:

Fue en medio del despedazamiento de nuestro país en la guerra civil cuando el presidente Abraham Lincoln estableció Acción de Gracias como una fiesta nacional. Al aproximarnos a esta celebración anual el próximo jueves, pensé que sería apropiado publicar la proclama de dicha fiesta para reflexionar como comunidad parroquial. Pienso que ella tiene mucho que decirnos hoy día, “mutatis mutandis,” a nuestra situación política actual.

El año que está llegando a su fin ha estado lleno de bendiciones con fértiles campos y benéficos cielos. A estos bienes, que tan constantemente disfrutamos por lo que somos propensos a olvidar la fuente de la que vienen, se han sumado otros que son de una naturaleza tan extraordinaria que inevitablemente penetran y suavizan incluso el corazón habitualmente insensible a la siempre vigilante providencia de Dios Todopoderoso. En medio de una guerra civil de magnitud y gravedad inigualables que a veces parecía invitar y provocar la agresión de estados extranjeros, se ha mantenido la paz con todas las naciones, se ha mantenido el orden, se han respetado y obedecido las leyes y la armonía ha prevalecido por doquier, excepto en el escenario del conflicto armado, aunque ese escenario se ha contraído grandemente debido al avance de las fuerzas militares y navales de la Unión. La necesaria desviación de riqueza y fortaleza de los campos de la industria pacífica hacia la defensa nacional no han detenido el arado, el transporte o el barco; el hacha ha ensanchado los límites de nuestros asentamientos; y las minas, tanto de hierro y carbón como las de nuestros metales preciosos, han rendido incluso más abundantemente que antaño. La población ha crecido firmemente a pesar de las pérdidas en el campo, el sitio y el campo de batalla, y el país, regocijándose en el conocimiento de una mayor fortaleza y vigor, se permite esperar una continuidad de años con un gran aumento de libertad. Ninguna mente humana ha diseñado ni ninguna mano mortal ha construido estas grandes cosas. Son los gentiles dones del Altísimo que, aunque se molesta con nosotros por nuestros pecados, a pesar de todo tiene muy presente la misericordia. He creído adecuado y apropiado que tales dones deberían ser reconocidos solemne, reverente y agradecidamente con un solo corazón y al unísono por todo el pueblo americano. Por tanto, invito a mis conciudadanos en cualquier lugar de Estados Unidos y también en tierras extranjeras, a señalar y guardar el último jueves de noviembre próximo como un día de acción de gracias y alabanza a nuestro Padre benefactor que mora en los cielos. Y les recomiendo que, mientras hacen las ofrendas en justicia a Él debidas por tan singulares salvaciones y bendiciones, también...
Thanksgiving Day Collection: We will continue our tradition of forwarding our Thanksgiving Day Mass collection to St. Anne’s in Kingston, Jamaica.

The Parish Office will close at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, November 22nd and reopen on Sunday, November 26th. There is one Mass on Thanksgiving at 10 a.m. and one Mass on Friday at 9 a.m. Family Mass will be combined with the 10 a.m. Mass in the upper church on Sunday, November 26th.

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Please pray for:

Saturday, November 18th
4:00 p.m. - Barbara Carroll

Sunday, November 19th
8:00 a.m. - Frederick T. Doyle, Jr.
10:00 a.m. - Paula Buckley
12:00 p.m. - John Miszkuly
5:30 p.m. - Jill Bakun

Tuesday, November 21st
12:15 p.m. - James Dorsey

Thursday, November 23rd
12:15 p.m. - In Thanksgiving for the Parish

Saturday, November 25th
4:00 p.m. - Mary Dafarra

Sunday, November 26th
8:00 a.m. - Catherine Marie Doyle
10:00 a.m. - Samantha Xavier
12:00 p.m. - Anne Regolino
5:30 p.m. - Maria Brestovanska

More photos from Jesuit Fr. James Martin’s talk about his book, Building a Bridge, can be found on our website: stignatiuschestnuthill.org

y bendiciones, también encomiendan, con humilde penitencia por nuestra perversidad y desobediencia nacionales, a Su amoroso cuidado a todos los que hoy son viudas, huérfanos, deudos o dolientes de la lamentable lucha civil en que estamos inevitablemente involucrados y que fervientemente imploren la intervención de la mano del Todopoderoso para restarlas las heridas de la nación y restablecerla tan pronto como esto coincida con el propósito divino para el pleno disfrute de paz, armonía, tranquilidad y unión.

Con oraciones por un Acción de Gracias lleno de paz:
P. Joe

for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union.

With prayers for a peace-filled Thanksgiving,
Fr. Joe
Retirement Fund for Religious:  A moment of thanks - a lifetime of service. We’ll be conducting our special second collection this weekend. This collection will benefit communities of women religious that minister in the Archdiocese. Also, we have set up our Online Giving process for the Fund if you choose to donate on stignatiuschestnuthill.org/donate

Text To Give: 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.

Liturgy: Encountering God, Empowering Solidarity
Marcus Mescher, Ph.D.
Sunday, November 19th
11:10 a.m.
Choir Media Room
Pope Francis has announced that Sunday, November 19th will be the Inaugural World Day of the Poor. We are therefore especially delighted that Marcus Mescher, a former St. Ignatius parishioner and current assistant professor of Christian Ethics at Xavier University, will be joining us that Sunday to reflect upon some of the chief obstacles to overcome and opportunities to embrace in order to participate in liturgy as an act of synergy and solidarity with God and our neighbors, especially those in need. Join us after the 10 a.m. Mass as we work to grow more attentive and responsive to the grace of this Sacrament and expand our imagination of what is possible as a faith community. All are welcome!

The Mission Continues
For almost 500 years Jesuits have been serving the Church as “men on a sacred mission.” Through prayer, we aim to orient our own passions and desires with God’s desires for the Church and the world. To explore if God is calling you to serve in Christ’s mission as a Jesuit priest or brother, please visit our Vocation Website at jesuitvocations.org. We are ready to help you to discern our Jesuit life.

Outreach Ministries
This weekend: Sign-ups continue for our December 2nd Shattuck Holiday Meal. Food donations will be needed, as will help with kitchen prep work (here) and serving the Meal (there). All sign-up materials are on the Outreach table in the upper church Gathering Space. If you will be away Thanksgiving weekend, this weekend will be your last opportunity to sign up to be part of this very important outreach effort.

November 17th/18th: The Christmas Gift Drive trees are up, with ornaments (over 850 of them!) ready for the taking. A tree is in the Lannon Chapel and one is in the upper church Gathering Space. Please plan to bring in your gifts on December 9th/10th.

November 28th: This is the fourth Tuesday of the month and we’ll be serving supper at Pine Street Inn Shattuck Shelter. Desserts are needed for that meal; if you could provide a dessert, please arrange to deliver it to the Parish Office by 4 p.m. on the 28th. Thank you for your continued support of this long-time ministry to the Shelter Guests.

ARRUPE
Help Us With Refugee Housing
Our Parish has joined with Catholic Charities to sponsor a refugee family that will be welcomed to Boston during the next several months. We will find housing and assist the family with health care, employment services, education, and social services. Our first need is to find affordable housing. If you have experience as a real estate agent, housing developer, or as owner or manager of multi-family housing, we need your assistance and advice. Please contact Ed Dailey, supple.dailey@gmail.com.

Men’s Spiritual Growth
The purpose of the Men’s Spiritual Growth meetings is to deepen our relationship with God and others in our everyday lives. We do this with the help of the 3-Minute Retreat from Loyola Press and with faith sharing. Meetings are held bi-weekly on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the parish office (the next meeting will be on November 29th), and on Saturday mornings at 7:30 a.m. in the Friary Room (the next meeting will be on November 25th). Please Join Us!

4/ Thirty-Third Sunday
Spiritual Life

Rekindle the Fire
January 6th - 7th, 2018
Connors Retreat Center in Dover

Amidst the celebration of the season, give yourself the gift of rest and renewal at Epiphany. Join others who have experienced the transformative wisdom of St. Ignatius of Loyola through an Ignatian retreat experience. Rekindle the fire and stay connected with the graces that have guided you on your journey of faith and justice.

The cost for the weekend is $150. To register and reserve your place on the retreat contact: Kathy Maher, Spiritual Life Coordinator at katherine.maher@bc.edu

BC High Open House
Arrupe (Grade 7) - November 28th
High School (Grade 9) - December 5th
www.bchigh.edu/visit

Advent Retreat: “An Incredible Love Story,” a Spirituality for Everyday Living mini-retreat led by Peggy Patenaude of Taking Time Out, will be held on Wednesday, December 13 at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham, MA from 10:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m. (Coffee at 9:30 a.m.) Cost is $25. Pre-registration required. Contact Peggy at 508-548-9149 or timeoutretreats@comcast.net. For more information, visit www.timeoutretreats.com.

Women’s Weekend Retreat: “The Story of My Life” at Miramar Retreat Center in Duxbury, MA January 12-14, 2018. For more details, contact Peggy; see above contact information.

Peace, Justice & Reconciliation Commission

Racial Justice Group Meeting: November 28th at 7 p.m. in the Parish Office Garden Level
Parish Engagement Meeting: November 30th at 7 p.m. in the Parish Office Garden Level
PJR Commission Meeting: December 7th at 7 p.m. in the Parish Office Garden Level with Nick Napolitano, the provincial assistant for the Jesuits’ Northeast Province. For more information on this newly formed Commission and its subcommittees, contact Tim Manning at mannintl@bc.edu or 617-552-6102. All are welcome.

Book Discussion
December 3rd | 11:15 a.m.
Parish Office Living Room

There will be a discussion of the book God’s Hotel: A Doctor, a Hospital, and a Pilgrimage to the Heart of Medicine by Victoria Sweet on Sunday, December 3rd. Praising this book, physician and author Oliver Sacks has this to say: "God's Hotel is a most important book which raises fundamental questions about the nature of medicine in our time. It should be required reading for anyone interested in the 'business' of healthcare – and especially those interested in the humanity of healthcare.” Please join us for discussion of this timely topic.

Fear: The Enemy of Christian Discipleship
Sunday, November 19th at 7:15 pm
The Paulist Center Library
5 Park St.
Boston, MA

The Scriptures exhort us to "Be Not Afraid," yet how do we live in a world in which fear is a constant threat to becoming instruments of God's peace, love and justice. This presentation looks at how to respond to a culture that promotes fear of the 'other,' especially those who are different. Drawing on the Gospels as well as wisdom figures, we will examine how to embrace trust in God and discipleship in a culture of fear and violence. Fr. Dan Horan, OFM is a Franciscan friar, Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and author of several books. Paulistcenter.org Refreshment will be served.
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS
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 (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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