I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul.

Me alegro de corazón en el Señor, en mi Dios está el gozo de mi alma.
Dear Parishioners,

In September, a dear friend of mine died. I had known her for almost 30 years. A few years my senior, Angela was a single, middle school English teacher when we met. I was a newly ordained priest. She married later in life and I had the privilege of presiding at her wedding and offer Mass before her retirement party.

Never one for mincing words, when diagnosed with cancer earlier this year, she spoke openly about it and accepted her failing condition boldly. A woman of deep faith, schooled in Ignatius's Spiritual Exercises, we planned her funeral Mass together just six weeks before she died. In my homily, I naturally spoke of her many qualities and talents, among them her ability to give the perfect gift. Some of her gifts she handcrafted herself, like quilts or crocheted and knitted items. Sometimes she gave store bought or catalogue gifts. But without fail, whatever her gift, it was always somehow just right. Everything I ever received from her, in fact, I still display or use to this day.

As Christmas soon approaches, I keep wondering just what my gift from her would have been this year. Yet, although no material gift will arrive, Angela’s very name—derived from angel—perhaps indicates that, amidst my grief and tears, I should be alert for the arrival of a spiritual gift instead.

That spiritual gift, I am thinking as I write this, may be in the very word GIFT itself that Angela’s memory often evokes for me. One way to look at G-I-F-T is simply to see it as Growing In Faith Together. Though I never thought of it in quite this way before, every gift has the potential to strengthen our faith in the mystery of the Incarnation.

Here’s why: there is the visible, material dimension of the gift, yet hidden behind each of the gifts we joyfully give to one another or to the church or other charity is the invisible, spiritual dimension of our care, love, and concern. Appreciating the real meaning of Christmas requires faith in that coming together of both the spiritual and the material: the invisible God is made visible in the infant Jesus; the Word becomes flesh. Without that, Christmas is just a simple secular celebration.

It is therefore fitting that at Christmas we give gifts. They can help us to grow in faith together. For it is only with the eyes of faith that the giver and receiver can see the invisible in the visible, joy in sorrow, life in death.

So, whether or not we select or receive the “perfect” material gift this year, may the joy of Christmas GIFT-giving and receiving touch our hearts and strengthen our faith. May we truly verlo como “Growing In Faith Together” (Creciendo Juntos En La Fe, CJELF, en español). Aunque antes no lo había pensado así, cada regalo tiene el potencial de fortalecer nuestra fe en el misterio de la Encarnación. He aquí el porqué: está lo visible, la dimensión material del regalo, pero escondido en cada uno de los dones que nos damos completamente los unos a otros, o a la iglesia o a otras caridades, está lo invisible, la dimensión espiritual de nuestro esmero, amor y preocupación. Comprender el sentido real de la Navidad requiere la fe en la que se reúnen lo espiritual y lo material: el Dios invisible se hace visible en el niño Jesús: la palabra se hace carne. Sin eso, Navidad es solo una fiesta secular.

Por lo tanto, es apropiado que en Navidad nos demos regalos. Ellos nos pueden ayudar a crecer juntos en la fe. Porque, solo con los ojos de fe del que da y recibe regalos es como se puede

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Taizé Prayer
Monday, December 18th
7:15 p.m.
Upper Church
Embrace the spirit of Advent by participating in contemplative Taizé Prayer. Through simple, reflective prayer chants, seasonal readings and silent meditation, you will be drawn into a deep prayer experience during this sacred season. Taizé prayer is based on a form of worship from the Taizé ecumenical monastic community in France. People of all ages and different faith traditions come together to participate in a community of prayer that is meditative and easily accessible for all. These gatherings are perfect opportunities to invite your friends of different faith traditions to share in common prayer.

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Please pray for:
Saturday, December 16th
4:00 p.m. - Eugene A. Smith, Jr. & Timothy E. Smith
Sunday, December 17th
8:00 a.m. - Shirley Phelan
10:00 a.m. - Ann McDonnell
10:00 a.m. (Family) - Joseph M. Linnane
12:00 p.m. - Assunta DiCarlo
5:30 p.m. - Charles Hodges
Monday, December 18th
12:15 p.m. - Barbara A. Brady
5:30 p.m. - Margaret Bowdring
Tuesday, December 19th
12:15 p.m. - William Haldiman, Sr.
Wednesday, December 20th
12:15 p.m. - Gloria Siragusa
Thursday, December 21st
5:30 p.m. - Edilberto Castillo
Friday, December 22nd
12:15 p.m. - Anthony and Vera Taylor
5:30 p.m. - Ki Won Kuk
Saturday, December 23rd
9:00 a.m. - David Von Euw
4:00 p.m. - Joseph Mullen

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Saturday, December 23rd - 4 p.m.
Sunday, December 24th - 8 a.m., 10 a.m., Noon (Spanish only)

Christmas Vigil
4 p.m. Vigil Mass
6 p.m. Vigil Mass with Children’s Pageant

Christmas Midnight Mass
11:30 p.m. prelude

Christmas Day
8 a.m., 10 a.m., Noon

The Holy Family, December 31st
Sat. 4 p.m., Sun. 8 a.m., 10 a.m., Noon, & 5:30 p.m.

Solemnity of Mary, January 1st
10 a.m., Lannon Chapel

3/Third Sunday of Advent
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 December 20th), and on **Saturday mornings at 7:30 a.m.** in the parish office (the next meetings will be December 9th, 23rd). In 2018, meetings will take place the first and third Wednesdays and Saturdays (same time and location).

Peace, Justice & Reconciliation Commission

**Green Team**

Prayer:

God of light, the daylight shortens as the winter solstice approaches. We await the coming of the Savior whose light will never darken. Grant us during this Advent and winter nourishing rains and peaceful snowfalls to replenish the earth’s lakes, rivers, and streams. Restore the land so it will produce bountiful harvests for all your creatures. Then rushing rivers, glaciers and waterfalls will join in praising your name at the coming of spring.

**Practice to live more simply**

For holiday parties or gatherings, consider using reusable plates, glasses and silverware or just paper --- not plastic.

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**Book Discussion**

**January 21st 11:15 a.m.**

Parish Office Living Room

Want to increase your awareness of the Holy Spirit's presence and movement in your life? We will discuss *The Holy Spirit: Setting the World on Fire* edited by Richard Lennan and Nancy Pineda-Madrid. Each author in this compilation is a faculty member of Boston College's School of Theology and Ministry, and each offers a reflection on the Holy Spirit in light of their own particular expertise and field of study (Scripture; systematic theology; pastoral ministry; ethics; spirituality, etc.). All are welcome to join this discussion on January 21st.

Outreach Ministries

**Gift Drive 2017:** Thanks to everyone who had a part in the Drive — preparation, processing and donating. A big thanks to Ann Carmola who once again served as the Gift Drive Coordinator and who spent countless hours researching appropriate gifts and offering suggestions to and making arrangements with our ministry partners.

**Shattuck Fourth Tuesday:**

We will NOT be serving supper at Shattuck Shelter on the fourth Tuesday of December. We’ll be back on schedule in January!

**A note to those who are on the Outreach email distribution list:** There has been a glitch in Sr. Diane’s email with regard to the very large distribution list, so you will probably not be getting Outreach emails for a while. Please keep an eye on Outreach notices in the bulletin and feel free to email Sr. Diane (vallerio@bc.edu) or call her (617-552-6107) if you would need to connect with her.

Music Ministry

**Midnight Mass Choir**

As we do every year, we invite choral singers to join us for the Midnight Mass choir to fill out our ranks. All voice parts are needed. We will be singing traditional carols, chants and anthems for the prelude and Midnight Mass. The rehearsal schedule is as follows: Dec. 21st and 22nd at 7:15 p.m., all in the downstairs choir room. Questions? Contact Michael at burgo@bc.edu.

Faith Formation

**Catechists Needed!**

Do you love to work with kids? The Faith Formation program is in need of a couple of new catechists to start in January. You would be joining an experienced catechist who has already been with the class during the fall. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Lara Ericson at lara.ericson@bc.edu.

**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.

4/ Third Sunday of Advent
**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

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**Liturgy Commission**

**Decorating & Environment**

Through Christmas

Help is needed to prepare the church for Christmas and setup before and pick up after for Taizé on Mondays in Advent. Whatever time you can give would be appreciated and please invite others. Please email the parish office at ignatius@bc.edu if you are available any of these dates:

- **Monday, December 18th** – Taizé Prayer
- **Sunday, December 24th** – Christmas Decorating and Setup, Noon - 2 p.m.

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Ver lo invisible en lo visible, la alegría en el dolor, la vida en la muerte.
Por eso, escojamos o no, recibamos o no el regalo material “perfecto” este año, que la alegría del dar CIELF (GIFT, en inglés) y el recibirlo toquen nuestros corazones y fortalezcan nuestra fe. Permitamos realmente que los regalos humanos y divinos nos llenen de gratitud en este tiempo de Navidad. Gracias, Ángela.

Creciendo en la Fe con cada uno de ustedes:  
P. Joe

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**Ending Homelessness: What Successful Communities Do Differently**

December 19th 6:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.
Cathedral Church of St. Paul
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For more information, visit our website: faith-justice.org
Call (857) 990-3670 for more information.

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Dear Fellow Parishioners,

I wish to express my deep gratitude for your generous response to last week’s Christmas Gift Drive. The boys of Nativity Prep are blessed by your kindness and they will be thrilled with the gifts you have provided.

I also would like to extend an invitation and ask you to save the date for the Nativity Spirit Dinner which will be held on **Saturday, March 3rd at BC High**. This year, the school’s former president, Fr. John Wronski, S.J. will be honored for his extraordinary leadership over the past ten years. Fr. Wronski, was also a long-time member of our faith community and a frequent celebrant at the Family Mass. For more information please contact Tabitha Rivera at 857-728-0031, ext. 22, or trivera@nativityboston.org.

Brian Maher
President, Nativity Prep

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allow human and divine gifts to fill us this Christmas season with gratitude. Thank you, Angela.

Growing in faith together with each of you,
Fr. Joe

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5/ Third Sunday of Advent
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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 (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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