CHURCH OF SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA
IGLESIA DE SAN IGNACIO DE LOYOLA

The Nativity of the Lord    La Natividad del Señor
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
La Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José

December 25th and December 31st, 2017
Dear Parishioners,

A thrill of hope, a weary world rejoices.

You might recognize that as a line from one of the most beloved of all Christmas hymns – *O Holy Night!*

I suspect the world is no less weary today than it was over 2000 years ago when Christ was born. Our world has always had its fair share of conflicts and wars, homelessness and poverty, violence and corruption, disrespect of persons and creation. The huge disparity between the rich and the poor, pollution, racism, harassment, bullying, exploitation, and just plain selfishness and self-centeredness are certainly not new phenomena.

As we listen to our world, national and local news or even just consider the world’s many needs and the many worthy causes that ask for our charitable help, we can become very weary indeed. The world’s problems seem too great and yet we are simply too small: just one person.

Yet, regardless of what is going on in our world, regardless of our economic position, our physical health or psychological state, regardless of whether we still have all our loved one’s gathered round or feel alone and sad this Christmas, the message each year is the same – *it is the night of our dear savior’s birth . . . for yonder breaks, a new and glorious morn.***

Our focus, then, naturally shifts during this holy night and on this glorious morn from that which can make us weary to that of an innocent infant in a manger. To the eyes of faith, this innocent infant is the Word made flesh, the Incarnate Word of God who, as that hymn also reminds us, *truly he taught us to love one another; his law is love and his gospel is peace.***

We have then real reason to be merry and rejoice. The love of our God has truly come to us in Jesus to help us to live a life journey of love. Christmas reminds us of that.

Estimados feligreses:

*Una emoción de la esperanza, al alma cansada alegra.***

Ustedes reconocerán que es un verso de una de las canciones más bellas de Navidad – ¡Oh noche Santa!***

Sospecho que el mundo no está menos cansado hoy día que hace 2000 años, cuando nació Cristo. Nuestro mundo ha tenido siempre su dosis de conflictos y guerras, pobreza y falta de vivienda, violencia y corrupción, falta de respeto a las personas y a la creación. La enorme disparidad entre los ricos y los pobres, la contaminación, el racismo, el acoso, explotación, y simplemente el egoísmo, centrárense en uno mismo no son fenómenos nuevos.

Al escuchar las noticias mundiales, nacionales y locales o simplemente al considerar las muchas necesidades de nuestro mundo y las múltiples causas justas que piden de nuestra ayuda caritativa, nos podemos sentir realmente cansados. Los problemas del mundo parecen ser muy grandes, y simplemente somos pequeños: solo somos una persona.

Aun así, sin importar lo que está pasando en el mundo, sin importar nuestra posición económica, nuestra salud física o estado psicológico, sin importar si todavía tenemos a todos nuestros seres queridos a nuestro alrededor o nos sentimos solos y tristes esta Navidad, el mensaje es el mismo cada año – *es la noche del nacimiento de nuestro querido salvador . . . por allá rompe una nueva y gloriosa mañana.***

Nuestro enfoque, por lo tanto, cambia durante esta noche santa y en esta gloriosa mañana de todo lo que nos cansa a un bebé inocente en un pesebre. A los ojos de la fe, este inocente bebé es la Palabra hecha carne, la Palabra Encarnada de Dios que, como nos recuerda también el canto, realmente nos enseñó a amarnos unos a otros; su ley es el amor y su evangelio es la paz.***

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truth. We simply need, with the help of Christ’s grace, to hold fast to that truth about love and sustain it throughout the new year ahead.

So, from all of us here on the St. Ignatius parish staff, a heartfelt Merry Christmas – and a very Happy and Healthy New Year!

With peace, love and joy,
Fr. Joe & the Parish Staff

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.

Christmas Caroling
Bring your voices, your instruments, and your family and friends on Saturday, January 6th for a festive afternoon of caroling. We will gather in the Lower Church from 4-6 p.m. to sing Christmas favorites led by Mickey Zibello. Feel free to bring a dessert or soft drink to share.

The Holy Family, December 31st
Upper Church: Sat. 4 p.m., Sun. 8 a.m., 10 a.m., Noon, & 5:30 p.m.
Lannon Chapel: Noon (Misa En Español)

Solemnity of Mary, January 1st
Upper Church: 10 a.m.

The Epiphany of the Lord
Upper Church: Bilingual Noon Mass

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.

Christmas Vigil Mass Readings

Christmas Midnight Mass Readings

Christmas Day Mass Readings
Isaiah 62:11-12 Titus 3:4-7 Luke 2:15-20

Feast of the Holy Family Mass Readings

THANK YOU to all of our singers and musicians, all our Liturgical Ministers, our Art and Environment Committee members, all of our parishioners and everyone who contributed so generously this Christmas Season to enhance our Liturgical services.
Outreach Ministries
St. Ignatius Parish to sponsor a refugee family in the Boston area

Pope Francis has announced that Sunday, January 14th will be a day of awareness and action on behalf of migrants and refugees. His Holiness urges Catholics around the world to become involved in this ministry.

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Boston (CCAB) is leading the local effort and, along with parishes across the Archdiocese, St. Ignatius Parish has agreed to partner with CCAB to sponsor a refugee family that will be moving to Boston in the next few months.

All members of the parish community are welcome to learn more about this partnership and how to get involved at an informational meeting on January 14th at 11:00 a.m. and at 6:30 p.m. in the media room.

For additional details, please contact Michael Rafferty at: 617-308-7665

Gift Drive 2017: Thanks to everyone who had a part in the Drive – preparation, processing, delivering, 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.

Peace, Justice & Reconciliation Commission
Dismantling Racism: A Vigil to Answer this Call at St. Ignatius

January 28th 2018
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Our Belief: Catholicism and Racism are Antithetical

Our Call: Our faith gives us confidence that Christ wants to break down the walls created by the evils of racism and to utilize us as instruments in this great work

Our Response: To acknowledge it, agree that it needs to be seriously looked at and worked on and commit to confronting it both personally, church-wide, and world-wide. Our Vigil will initiate this process with an examen and exploring ways in which we can dismantle racism at St. Ignatius and the world at large.

Green Team
Prayer:

Saving God, our time of waiting is nearly over. Fill our hearts and minds with love for your earth, that we may work diligently to reverse global warming, for the salvation of all your creatures. Save us from the desecration of our air, land and water. May the whole universe continuously praise your saving grace forever.

Practice to live more simply:

Slow down! Take some time with your friends and families that doesn’t use electronics.

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 January 3rd), and on Saturday mornings at 7:30 a.m. in the parish office (the next meetings will be January 13th).

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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.

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This Season
Mend a quarrel. Seek out a forgotten friend.
Dismiss suspicion and replace it with trust.
Write a love letter. Share some treasure.
Give a soft answer. Encourage youth.
Manifest your loyalty in word and deed.
Keep a promise. Find the time.
Forego a grudge. Forgive an enemy.
Understand. Flout envy.

Examine your demands on others.
Think first of someone else.
Appreciate.
Be kind. Be gentle.
Laugh a little. Laugh a little more.
Deserve confidence.
Take up arms against malice.
Decry complacency. Express your gratitude.
Say a prayer. Welcome a stranger.
Gladden the heart of a child.
Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of earth.
Speak your love. Speak it again.
Speak it still once again.

Please pray for:
Saturday, December 23rd
4:00 p.m. - Joseph Mullen

Sunday, December 24th
10:00 a.m. - Paul Clifford

Tuesday, December 26th
9:00 a.m. - Michael Mulhowney

Wednesday, December 27th
12:15 p.m. - Mark Relich

Thursday, December 28th
12:15 p.m. - Sang Phil & Sang Bae

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

Sunday, December 31st
10:00 a.m. - Anna Margaret Marchitelli
12:00 p.m. - Gertrude & James Donovan

Monday, January 1st
10:00 a.m. - Joan F. Hallisey

Tuesday, January 2nd
12:15 p.m. - Tom & Mary Shields

Wednesday, January 3rd
12:15 p.m. - Jill Bakun
5:30 p.m. - John Anderson

Thursday, January 4th
12:15 p.m. - Margaret Cassidy

Friday, January 5th
12:15 p.m. - Matthew O'Leary

Saturday, January 6th
9:00 a.m. - Sandra Wills

Sunday, January 7th
8:00 a.m. - John Sweny
10:00 a.m. - Anne Leahy
12:00 p.m. - Bertha Miszkuty
5:30 p.m. - Marie Maffeo Spence

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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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.

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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