The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
El Cuarto Domingo de Tiempo Ordinario

January 28th, 2018

If today you hear God’s voice, harden not your heart.

Ojalá escuchen hoy la voz del Señor, no endurezcan el corazón.
Dear Parishioners,

This Friday we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation. This 40th day after Christmas once marked the end of the Christmas season. In some parts of the world, the Crèche and even the Christmas tree were kept up until then. These traditions have certainly changed! Might you think of others?

I wonder, in reflecting upon the Gospel that we hear on February 2nd [Lk 2:22-40], if the prophetess, Anna, whom we encounter in the Temple, might also be inviting us to consider some new traditional changes. As the first named disciple in Luke’s Gospel, “she spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem” [Lk 2:38]. The shepherds, of course, “made known the message…” [Lk 2:17-18]. Nevertheless, Anna, an 84-year old widow, has been given an exalted status that should have real implications for our patriarchal church and our sadly harassment-ridden culture. While Simeon, the prophet, apparently goes off to die – “now you let your servant go in peace” [Lk 2:29], Anna confidently spreads the good news [Lk 2:38].

Her Hebrew name Hannah (meaning ‘grace’) and her father’s name, Phanuel (meaning ‘Face of God’), further suggests that she has been given the grace to recognize in this child Jesus the very Face of God. Moreover, being of the house of Asher, she is a descendent of one of the lost tribes of Israel. Given that detail along with her years of marriage, seven, and her age, eighty-four, she may symbolically represent the fulfillment of the Covenant to Israel [[https://theopolisinstitute.com/anna-of-asher/]]. If we note that Anna belongs to one of the 12 tribes of Israel and see that the years of her marriage are the days of creation, then her age, 84 [12 x 7], reveals that Israel, whom she represents, has now, in Jesus, come to completion in the fullness of time. Yet, Jesus will not be restoring the 12 tribes or any form of tribalism. Rather, according to Lucan theology, through the Holy Spirit, Jesus will reconstitute Israel afresh with a New Covenant. The Temple will not be of bricks and mortar, but will be Jesus himself.

Anna represents that message. She is that bridge of change between these Covenants, announcing that God is doing something new. For our part, will we consider her symbolic nature and listen to the implication of her message in and for our own day? Will we be able to appreciate that her role and that of many other women in Scripture should topple the patriarchal structure that tradition has unfortunately shackled us with? Might we come to see that Church clerical hierarchy must include women and all forms of harassment and exploitation of women must cease? Might it be time, therefore, for new wineskins, a time to accept, with all its consequences, St. Paul’s words: “there is not male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus” [Gal. 3:28]?

With hope in Christ’s light for us,
Fr. Joe

Estimados Feligreses:

Este viernes celebramos la Fiesta de la Presentación. Antes, este 40º día después de Navidad marca el final de ese Tiempo. En algunas partes del mundo, el pesebre y también el árbol de Navidad se dejan hasta ese día. ¿Ciertamente estas tradiciones han cambiado? ¿Podrán pensar en otras?

Me pregunto, reflexionando en el evangelio que escuchamos el 2 de febrero (Lc. 2:22-40), si la profetisa Ana, quien se encontraba en el templo, también nos está invitando a nuevos cambios de tradiciones. Siendo la primera discípula nombrada en el Evangelio de Lucas, “habló sobre el niño a todos los que esperaban la redención de Jerusalén” (Lc. 2: 38). Los pastores, por supuesto, “extendieron el mensaje…” (Lc. 2: 17-18). No obstante, Ana, una viuda de 84 años, se le ha dado un papel importante que debía tener verdaderas implicaciones en nuestra iglesia patriarcal y en nuestra triste cultura de hostigamiento. Mientras el profeta Simón se va para morir – “ahora tu siervo puede irse en paz” (Lc. 2:29), Ana esparce confiadamente la buena nueva (Lc. 2:38).

Su nombre hebrea Hannah (que significa ‘gracia’) y el nombre de su padre, Fanuel (que significa ‘el rostro de Dios’) nos sugiere aún más que se le ha dado la gracia de reconocer en ese niño Jesús el verdadero Rostro de Dios. Es más, siendo de la casa de Asher, es descendiente de una de las tribus perdidas de Israel. Dado ese detalle junto con los años que permaneció casada, siete, y su edad, ochenta y cuatro, ella podría simbólicamente representar el cumplimiento de la Alianza con Israel [[https://theopolisinstitute.com/anna-of-asher/]]. Si notamos que Ana pertenece a una de las 12 tribus de Israel y vemos que los años de matrimonio son los días de la creación, entonces, su edad, 84 (12x7), revela que Israel, a quien ella representa, tiene ahora, en Jesús, el tiempo necesario para ser plenamente cumplido. Sin embargo, Jesús no restaurará a las 12 tribus ni otra estructura tribal. Más bien, de acuerdo a la teoría lucana, por medio del Espíritu Santo, Jesús renovará a Israel con una Nueva Alianza. El templo no será de ladrillos y cemento, será el propio Jesús.

Ana representa ese mensaje. Ella es ese puente de cambio entre las dos Alianzas, anunciando que Dios está haciendo algo nuevo. Por nuestra parte, ¿consideraremos su naturaleza simbólica y escucharemos lo que su mensaje implica para nuestra época? ¿Seremos capaces de apreciar su rol y el de muchas otras mujeres en las Escrituras, de manera de derrocar la estructura patriarcal que la tradición desafortunadamente nos ha impuesto? ¿Podremos ver a la jerarquía clerical de la Iglesia incluyendo a las mujeres y el cese de toda forma de acoso y explotación de ellas? Por lo tanto, ¿podría ser este el tiempo de nuevos pellejos, un tiempo de aceptar, con todas sus consecuencias, las palabras de san Pablo: “no hay hombre o mujer porque todos somos uno en Cristo Jesús” (Gál. 3:28).

Con la esperanza de la luz de Cristo para nosotros:

P. Joe
Please pray for:
Saturday, January 27th
4:00 p.m. - Andrei Zabacha

Sunday, January 28th
8:00 a.m. - Frederick T. Doyle, Jr.
10:00 a.m. - Kirby Jackson
5:30 p.m. - Mary Dafarra

Monday, January 29th
12:15 p.m. - Agnes Bennett & John F. Hallisey
5:30 p.m. - James C. Bowdring

Tuesday, January 30th
12:15 p.m. - Christopher Remington
5:30 p.m. - Robert White

Wednesday, January 31st
12:15 p.m. - Christine Reilly
5:30 p.m. - Charles McCarthy

Friday, February 2nd
5:30 p.m. - Tom & Mary Shields

Sunday, February 4th
8:00 a.m. - Shamantha Xavier
10:00 a.m. - Roberta P. Manning
Family Mass - Sr. Mary Dee Ellis
5:30 p.m. - Joseph Petree

Thank You for your Christmas Gift to our parish.

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Unfortunately, perhaps because of the way Christmas Eve and Christmas Day fell this year along with the inclement weather, we sadly had a substantive decrease in our Christmas Collection and overall December contributions this year.

Participation in our Online Giving program for Second Collections and Holidays could really help! If you haven’t signed up for our new Online Giving program already, I do beg you to consider it for 2018. Feel free to contact Karen O’Reilly in the Parish Office if you have any questions.

I also hope some of you will be in a position in this New Year to increase your weekly gift to the parish. Instead of $1 maybe $2 or instead of $5 maybe $7, and even instead of $20, $25. It will help us enormously to make up this recent, crucial loss.

Thanks so very much for considering this. I am very grateful.

Fr. Joe

Flu Season Message

Each year during the flu season, we are confronted with the question of how to minimize the spread of germs that could possibly compromise our parish community’s health. We want to preserve your God-given freedom of choice, but we also want to invite you to be prudent and exercise the necessary care and concern for yourself and others as you make those free choices about your participation at Mass. In this spirit, we invite you to consider these guidelines:

• We would respectfully encourage everyone at our parish to receive communion in the hand. Our priests and Eucharistic ministers, along with those who receive after you, would be grateful.

• We would be grateful if you refrained from the cup whenever you are ill or have been exposed in any way to the flu virus or other contagious diseases. It is always appropriate to bow to the Most Precious Blood, but not partake.

• For the Sign of Peace, when you are ill or have been exposed to a contagious disease, it is perfectly appropriate to offer this sign without any physical contact during the flu season. A bow or some other respectful gesture fulfills this invitation.

Please also remember that you are not bound by the Sunday Mass obligation when you are sick or in ill health.

Fr. Joe, the Parish Staff and Liturgy Commission

Todos los años en esta época de flu ó gripe, nos preguntamos como mejor minimizar el riesgo de contagio de gérmenes que pone en peligro la salud de nuestra parroquia. Queremos mantener la libertad de elección que Dios nos ha dado, pero también queremos invitarles a que sean prudentes y se cuiden a ustedes mismos y a los otros a su alrededor al ejercer su libertad de elección en la Misa. En este espíritu es que les invitamos a considerar las siguientes pautas:

• Respetuosamente, animamos a todos en nuestra parroquia a que reciban la comunión en la mano. Nuestros sacerdotes y los ministros Eucarísticos, y todos los que reciben la comunión después de ustedes, se lo agradecerán.

• Les agradeceríamos que no bebieran del cálice cuando estén enfermos ó han estado expuestos de alguna manera al virus del flu ó gripe u otra enfermedad contagiosa. Es perfectamente adecuado hacer una reverencia a la Sangre Santísima, y hasta coger el caliz en sus manos, sin llegar a beber del caliz.

• Para el Signo de Paz, si están enfermos ó han estado expuestos de alguna manera al virus del flu ó gripe, u otra enfermedad contagiosa, es perfectamente adecuado ofrecer el signo de paz sin tener contacto físico durante esta época de flu o gripe. Una reverencia u otro gesto de respeto a la otra persona satisface la invitación.

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New “Escuela” Kicks Off at St. Ignatius Parish in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts

On Saturday, January 13th, the Hispanic Ministry of the Office of Ignatian Spirituality facilitated the first session of the School of Ignatian Spirituality (the “Escuela”) at St. Ignatius Parish in Chestnut Hill, MA. Seventeen people attended this day-long formation session, which focused on Ignatian forms of prayer.

Many of those who participated had previously attended an Ignatian Day of Prayer or Ignatian Day of Reflection. The Escuela is designed to build on these experiences by offering participants a more thorough introduction to Ignatian spirituality. The Escuela consists of five day-long seminars (typically, spread throughout the year), which focus on the core themes of Ignatian spirituality. As a whole, the Escuela offers a strong formation experience in Spanish for those new to Ignatian spirituality.

Thank you to Fr. Joseph Costantino, S.J., pastor of St. Ignatius Parish, for hosting this event, as well as to Ms. Katherine Maher and Ms. Rita Rodriguez for making this program possible!

A program with Marsha Mirkin
Saturday, February 10th
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Temple Beth Elohim
10 Bethel Rd. in Wellesley
St. Ignatius parishioners have been invited to attend an interfaith session with Marsha Mirkin at Temple Beth Elohim. In the session Marsha will focus on the early years of the life of Jacob, whose name will be changed to Israel, and on the intergenerational transmission of blessing. Participants will be invited to share their experiences of this Biblical story from their own faith traditions and experiences.

The Support the Church Around the World Second Collection is THIS weekend. You can give in pew or online at: stignatiuschestnuthill.org/donate

La Escuela Da Comienzo en la Parroquia de San Ignacio en Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts

El sábado 13 pasado, el Ministerio Hispano de la Oficina de Espiritualidad Ignaciana facilitó la primera sesión de “La Escuela” en la Parroquia de San Ignacio en Chestnut Hill, MA. Dieciséis personas asistieron a esta sesión de formación que duró todo un día que se enfocó en las varias formas Ignacianas de orar.

Muchos de quienes participaron habían asistido previamente a un Día de Oración Ignaciana o un Día de Reflexión Ignaciana. Basada en estas experiencias, la Escuela está diseñada para ofrecer a los participantes una introducción más profunda a la espiritualidad Ignaciana. La Escuela consiste de cinco talleres de días completos (usualmente distribuidos a lo largo de un año), que se enfocan en los temas centrales de la espiritualidad Ignaciana. En general, la Escuela ofrece una gran experiencia de formación en español para quienes son relativamente nuevos a la espiritualidad Ignaciana.

Estamos agradecidos al P. Joseph Costantino, S.J., quien sirvió de anfitrión para este evento, al igual que a Ms. Katherine Maher y Ms. Rita Rodriguez, quienes hicieron posible este programa.

2018 St. Ignatius Women’s Retreat

10th Annual St. Ignatius Women’s Retreat
March 2nd – 4th, 2018
Connors Retreat Center, Dover, MA
Theme: “Remember Who You Are; Remember Whose You Are... Embracing our Foremothers in Faith.”
Retreat director: Nancy Sheridan, SASV.
Cost: $350 ($150 deposit due at registration)
Partial scholarships available on request
Deadline to register: February 19th

La Directora Sheridan hará las presentaciones en inglés, pero habrá oportunidades para conversar y participar en español. Para más información ús para inscribirse, por favor contactar Rita Rodriguez rmrodriguez1227@gmail.com, 617-459-6089.

For more information or to register, please contact Mary Dailey, marysuppledailey@gmail.com, 617-332-6987. To register online directly, please go to the following link: https://goo.gl/forms/M9KKzRyygztR1jtN2.
February 10th/11th: Our at-the-door collection for St. Francis House Day Shelter to fund lunches. Will you be their valentine? Could you donate the cost of one weekday lunch?

February 10th – Habitat Build We’ll be sending a work crew to a Habitat site in Boston.

February 9th/10th Ash Wednesday is on February 14th, so, in anticipation of Lent, Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls, with enclosed Lenten calendars (and recipes), will be available on the Outreach table and the table in the Lannon Chapel. Each weekend’s bulletin will provide information about CRS’s work in the country that is highlighted that week. Encounter Lent 2018 with CRS.

Peace, Justice & Reconciliation Commission

Green Team

Prayer: God of surprising light, we expect the sun to rise and to set by appointment, the planet to turn in lawful order, and our days to proceed as we intend. Keep us alive to the miracles of your creative love among us and ignite in us the fire of that love for your entire world.

Practice to live more simply and reduce our carbon footprint: Go meatless on Fridays. Livestock production accounts for 4% of Americans’ greenhouse gas, according to the EPA. By going meatless one day per week, you’ll both honor Catholic teaching and better care for Creation.

Book Discussion

February 25th at 11:15 a.m. Parish Office Living Room
We will have a discussion of The Signal Flame, a novel which tells the heartbreaking, captivating story about a family awaiting the return of their youngest son from the Vietnam War. The author, National Book Award finalist Andrew Krivak, will be joining us. He is described by The New York Times Book Review as “an extraordinarily elegant writer, with a deep awareness of the natural world.”

Music Ministry

It’s time to re-engage and join one of our liturgical music groups! The 10 a.m. choir rehearses on Wednesday nights at 7:15 p.m. The Latino Coro continues to practice before the Spanish mass, and the 5:30 p.m. ensemble continues on Sunday afternoons at 4:30 p.m. Our Children’s Choir will start up in a couple weeks.

Instrumentalists can join our St. Ignatius Symphonia. All of these groups are welcoming in new members, so contact Michael Burgo if you are interested in reigniting your music skills in the service of God and meeting new friends as well. Burgo@bc.edu, 617 552 6108. More info can be found at our website https://stignatiuschestnut-hill.org/musicministry or on the church bulletin boards.

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.

February 13th - Seniors’ Mardi Gras Gathering: This will be our February lunch gathering. More details to come!

Month of March - Our annual socks and flip-flops drive for Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program. Details will be in upcoming bulletins.

The Walk/5K Run is Sunday, May 6th, and Project Bread has opened registration. TEAM IGNATIUS is set up and ready to accept members and donations. Let’s work hard to have TEAM IGNATIUS surpass our awesome fundraising efforts from last year. Go to the Project Bread website to register as a TEAM member and/or to support TEAM IGNATIUS with a donation. Together we will do so much good.
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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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