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Catholic social teaching inspires and guides how we are to live and work in the world. In this principle, Life and Dignity of the Human Person, Jesus reminds us that we are all made in God's image and likeness.

JOURNEY TO IRAQ

Majd Eight-year-old Majd thought his family was going on a picnic. But when ISIS attacked their home in northern Iraq, the family fled for good. His mother Lamya says, “Our life was stable and we were doing well; our children had everything they needed. But when we fled, I was not able to bring anything for them—not even food.” Fortunately, the family found an apartment to rent with other displaced families. The children enrolled in a CRS-sponsored school, where the routine provides hope, stability and a sense of belonging. Lamya received training from CRS and became a teacher at the school. Now she has hope for the future. Her son, Majd, loves going to school. “He is relaxed, having fun and more confident.” For Majd, school means a normal life—now and in the future.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) began assisting Iraqi war victims immediately after the Gulf War in 1991. In 1999, following international sanctions and the call of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, CRS partnered with Caritas Iraq to reinitiate humanitarian programs addressing the growing needs of the Iraqi population.

CRS’ humanitarian support to the country continues to be ongoing, with efforts ramping up following the escalation of violence in January of 2014, which has uprooted an estimated 3 million people. Civilians of all ethnic and religious backgrounds have been targeted and displaced. In addition to the massive number of internally displaced Iraqis, the country is hosting some 230,000 refugees from Syria who have sought help. Families in desperate need continue to arrive. Within the last year, CRS and Caritas Iraq have provided support to nearly 88,000 individuals. This includes critical household items for winter; food assistance; safe shelter; water and sanitation; and child support centers that provide traumatized children with education, play and care.
From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Why are there so many songs about rainbows and what’s on the other side?

Perhaps you remember these were among the questions that Kermit the Frog asked as he sang “Rainbow Connection” in the 1979 musical film, “The Muppet Movie.”

I perhaps date myself a bit here, but this song came to mind as I pondered this weekend’s readings, starting with the first reading from Genesis. It actually mentions the rainbow as a sign of the covenant, our connection with God.

Yet, as we begin Lent, we might ask: why this reading with its discussion of the flood and the rainbow?

Genesis tells us of God needing the rainbow as a reminder:

“When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all living beings.”

In our second reading from the First Letter of Peter, however, the focus shifts from waters of destruction in the time of Noah to waters of baptism that save. It is a shift firmly rooted in the new covenant that Jesus proclaims and that we hear in Mark’s Gospel this weekend: “This is the time of fulfillment. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel.”

All this seems to suggest that the rainbow is now not to be seen so much as a reminder to God, but instead, in Jesus, the rainbow becomes a potential reminder to us. It can remind us that our Lenten journey with each passing year calls us to encounter more deeply the kingdom of God among us.

Might a rainbow, then, with its spectrum of color, its awe inspiring beauty, and its sense of mystery, remind us that we are to connect with God to make the Gospel come alive? That is after all the only reason to repent, since repentance involves turning around to reconnect with God.

And so, we must ask ourselves how are we not believing in the Gospel? That is, how might we be blocking the full emergence of the Gospel, the Kingdom of God, by our attitudes and actions? Yet, at the same time we need to consider how we might not be appreciating with heartfelt gratitude the Kingdom of God already emerging among us.

As a covenantal sign, rainbows are always metaphors of hope. They remind us of the already/not yet of the Kingdom and the role we play.

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Estimados feligreses:

¿Por qué hay tantas canciones sobre los arcoírisses y lo que hay detrás de ellos?

Tal vez se recuerden que estas eran preguntas que la rana René se hacía mientras cantaba “la conexión del Arcoíris” en la película de los “Muppets” de 1979.

Tal vez me identifico un poco aquí, pues esta canción me vino a la mente mientras pensaba sobre las lecturas de este fin de semana, comenzando por la del Génesis. Actualmente menciona el arcoíris como signo de la alianza, nuestra conexión con Dios.

Por eso, al comenzar la Cuaresma, deberíamos preguntarnos: ¿Por qué esta lectura con su discusión del diluvio y el arcoíris?

El Génesis nos dice que Dios necesita el arcoíris como un recordatorio: “Cuando mande nubes sobre la tierra y el arco aparezca sobre ellas, recordaré la alianza que establecí entre yo y ustedes y todas las criaturas, de manera que las aguas nunca más sean un diluvio que destruya a los mortales.”

En nuestra segunda lectura de la Primera Carta de Pedro, sin embargo, el enfoque se desplaza de las aguas de destrucción en tiempos de Noé a las aguas del bautismo que salvan. Es un cambio firmemente enraizado en la nueva alianza que Jesús proclama y que escuchamos en el evangelio de Marcos este fin de semana: “Este es el tiempo del cumplimiento. El Reino de Dios está a mano. Arrepientanse y crean en el Evangelio.”

Todo pareciera sugerir que el arcoíris ahora no es un recordatorio para Dios; porque, en Jesús, el arcoíris se convierte en un recordatorio posible para nosotros. Nos puede recordar que nuestro viaje cuaresmal nos llama a encontrar más profundamente el Reino de Dios entre nosotros.

Por eso, ¿podría un arcoíris, con su espectro de color, su belleza que inspira asombro y su sentido de misterio recordarnos que debemos conectarnos con Dios para hacer realidad el Evangelio? Después de todo, esta es la única razón de arrepentirnos, porque el arrepentimiento implica el voltearse para reconectarse con Dios.

Y por eso, debemos preguntarnos: ¿cómo es que no estamos creyendo en el Evangelio? Es decir, ¿cómo es que estamos bloqueando el surgimiento del Evangelio, del Reino de Dios, por medio de nuestras actitudes y acciones? Y a la vez necesitamos considerar cómo no estamos apreciando con una gratitud sentida el Reino de Dios emergiendo de entre nosotros.

Como un signo de alianza, los arcoírisses son siempre metáforas de esperanza. Nos recuerdan ese ya/no todavía del Reino y el papel que ejecutamos.

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Film & Reflection
Join us as we reflect on movements of spirit, peace, and justice through film discussion.
We gather for a meal at 5 p.m. (after the 4 p.m. Mass) in the Friary Room followed by film viewing. Please RSVP to the Parish Office by Wednesday, February 21st, by emailing ignatius@bc.edu or calling 617-552-6102.
Mark your calendars for the three upcoming films!

February 24th: 13th
Join us to continue the conversation started at the Dismantling Racism Vigil on January 28th. This Netflix documentary discusses the intersection of race, justice and mass incarceration in the United States.

March 10th: Marshall
Have you ever wondered "why me"? Sam Friedman does as he is teamed up with a young Thurgood Marshall in the challenge of a lifetime. Join us as we reflect on our call to racial justice.

April 28th The Shack
A grieving family encounters God in all things. Join us as we reflect on the surprises of our spiritual journeys.

Lenten Taizé Prayer
Mondays at 7:15 p.m.
Upper Church
Starting February 19th, join us for a memorable time of quiet candlelit meditation, simple music, uplifting readings and peaceful silence.

Via Crucis en Español
Viernes de Cuaresma a las 6:15 p.m. en la Iglesia de Arriba
Caminemos con Jesús recordando como El ofreció su vida por todos, incluyendo sus enemigos, para transformar los corazones.

All Shall Be Well: Caring for Body, Mind and Spirit
A Parish Lenten Series
February 17th-March 24th
Come explore how you can cultivate more spiritual, physical and emotional wellbeing in your own life in a series of Saturday sessions being offered this Lent by and for parishioners. The program is free, but space is limited. RSVP by emailing mariaisullivan47@gmail.com.

February 24th, 1:00 p.m.: Reiki with Rita Beckman and Maria Sullivan. Parishioners Rita Beckman and Maria Sullivan will explain the art of Reiki, which promotes relaxation, decreases anxiety and enables healing, and will offer a short Reiki session. Reiki envelopes body, soul, and spirit. Maria is a Reiki practitioner who volunteers at Good Shepherd Community Care and works with special needs students in the Newton Public Schools. She approaches patients and their caregivers with compassion and prayerful touch during difficult times of their lives. Rita Beckman is a nurse practitioner and BC lecturer. She is a master Reiki practitioner who offers treatments in her Newton home office.

March 3rd - TBA
March 10th, 9:00 a.m. - Yoga with Dawn Davis
11:00 a.m.- Eating Disorder Awareness and Education with MEDA
March 17th, 9:00 - Yoga with Liz Padula
March 24th, 9:00 - Helping Teens Manage Screens and Social media: Dr. Tim Davis

Presidents’ Day
The Parish Office will be closed on Sunday, February 18th and Monday, February 19th for Presidents’ Day. There will be one Mass only on February 19th at 9:00 a.m.

This Lent, then, perhaps we might pray and sing with hope along with Kermit the frog that “someday we’ll find it, the rainbow connection, the lovers, the dreamers and me.”

With Lenten hope,
Fr Joe

Por eso, en esta Cuaresma deberíamos rezar y cantar con esperanza junto con la rana René de que “algun día la encontraremos, la conexión del arcoíris, los amantes, los soñadores y yo.”

Con esperanza Cuaresmal:
P. Joe

3/ First Sunday of Lent
**Outreach Ministries**

Thank you for your generosity in our at-the-door collection to fund lunches at St. Francis House Day Shelter in Boston!

**Continuing This Weekend:**

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl, with enclosed Lenten calendars, are 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. We’re joining with parishes throughout the country to journey with CRS during Lent 2018. One little Rice Bowl---so much good! We suggest taking one Rice Bowl for your family unit. If the Bowl gets filled before Lent is over, feel free to take a second one.

**Month of March**

Our annual socks and flip-flops drive for Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program. Details to follow!

**A Milestone Walk for Hunger!**

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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**Two Lenten Mornings of Prayer**

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Tuesday, February 27, 9:30 a.m. – 12 noon, “A Lenten Journey: Aging in Grace” presented by Sr. Kathleen Hagerty, CSJ
Tuesday, March 20th, 9:30 – 12 noon, “Be Not Afraid” presented by Sr. Anne D’Arcy, CSJ
A Free Will Donation will be accepted. To RSVP, call 781-227-4730; email spiritual.ministries@CSJBoston.org.

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This Lent, the Ignatian Solidarity Network is facilitating an online reflection series entitled “Break Forth: A Lenten Call to Solidarity.” From Ash Wednesday until Easter Monday, the ISN will offer a daily reflection exploring a response to injustice through the lens of daily readings and Ignatian spirituality. Break Forth! Sign up for free daily reflections: http://igsol.net/lent18
Peace, Justice & Reconciliation Commission

Green Team

Prayer: God of changing light, we encounter you in the magnificence of mountains and great oaks, yet in the fragility of butterflies and whole ecosystems. The whispers of disappeared species tear at the web of life. So transform us that we may hear their echoes and understand; that we may see your presence behind the veil.

Practice to live more simply: Remodel and/or build with climate change in mind. Purchase appliances that have an Energy Star rating.

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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.

Nativity Prep Spirit Dinner

Saturday, March 3rd, 6 p.m.
Boston College High School

It is with great pleasure that we honor this year’s recipient of The Raymond J. Callahan, S.J. Service Award: Rev. John C. Wronski, S.J. For more information about the event, please contact Tabitha Rivera at trivera@nativityboston.org or 857-728-0031, ext. 22.

Prison Visitation Opportunity

One day each month, a small group of men and women from the Newton/Wellesley area visits inmates at the Federal Medical Center in Devens. Most of those visited are far from home, so receive few if any visits in the course of a year. If you might be interested in joining us, please contact Normand LeBlanc at 617-512-5732 or normandjleblanc67@gmail.com.

Inclement Weather Policy

In the event of inclement weather, please check the St. Ignatius website to see if Mass is cancelled. We will also send out an email to notify parishioners when weekend Mass or Faith Formation are cancelled. We want to ensure the safety of our parishioners.

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Scroll down (alphabetically) to St. Ignatius, Newton, and sign up. You will then receive from The Pilot a confirmation email to click on to register. It is that simple. Sign up today!

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.”

BC Corner

Theological Virtues and Psychological Wellness: Cultivating Practices of Well-Being
Thursday, February 22nd, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Presenters: Dominic F. Doyle and William D. Roozeboom

Wise and Holy Women of Lent: Art and Stories with Br. Mickey McGrath
Saturday, March 3rd, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Presenter: Michael O’Neill McGrath, O.S.F.S.

The Spirituals: An African American Music Idiom and Its Relevance to Our Lives Today
Thursday, March 8th, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Presenters: Meyer Chambers and Rev. Oscar Pratt
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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.

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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