CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING FOCUS:
Option for the Poor and Vulnerable. Catholic social teaching inspires and guides how we are to live and work in the world. In this principle, Option for the Poor and Vulnerable, Jesus tells us to give special care to those who are most in need. He reminds us of our Christian duty to listen closely to those who often go unheard and to help those most vulnerable.

JOURNEY TO MALAWI

Alefa  Alefa is a mother, grandmother and farmer. She provides for her three children, three grandchildren and husband by selling her crops. If they fail during one of Malawi’s rainy seasons, or in a drought, her family goes hungry. One year, Alefa was forced to sell some of her land to make ends meet. She knew she had to start planting crops that could withstand Malawi’s changing climate. So, she attended a CRS-sponsored seed fair, where farmers learn the best crops to plant for the upcoming year and receive vouchers so they can choose the seeds and supplies they need. Besides rice, Alefa bought corn, cabbage and tomato seeds. This way, she can continue farming rice but also feel confident that, even if her rice fails, she will have other crops to sell. “This harvest will provide food, shelter and education for my family,” she says. In a few short months, Alefa will be growing corn and harvesting hope.

Catholic Relief Services began working in Malawi in 1997 at the invitation of the Episcopal Conference of Malawi. Initial work focused on improving food security, with CRS carrying out Malawi’s first programs with U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) food aid. Today, CRS Malawi implements food security, emergency response, nutrition, WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) and capacity building activities funded by both public and private donors throughout the eight Dioceses of Malawi.
Dear Parishioners,

Let’s go. We have to do our Easter Duty!

Almost every Lent while growing up, I recall my grandmother saying these words. Maybe you remember similar words yourself about making sure to “do your Easter Duty.” And if you remember that, you then surely remember those especially long Confessional lines on the Saturdays leading up to Easter.

Long Confessional lines, however, have pretty much become a thing of the past. Some lament that, while others find it liberating. Yet, because far fewer Catholics today receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation than they did in the past, many rarely have the opportunity to hear the comforting words of Absolution that come at the end of every Sacramental Confession: God the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Like the long Confessional lines, Easter Duty has also sort of vanished from Catholic vocabulary and practice. Nevertheless, in the 1989 Code of Canon Law (#989), there is still some reference to a sort of “Easter Duty.” In that Canon it states that a Catholic is required to “confess faithfully his or her grave sins at least once a year.”

I can hear some saying: but I don’t have any “grave (mortal) sins.” After all I didn’t murder anyone or steal from someone, etc. Furthermore, why do I have to confess to a priest anyway?

Regrettably, this way of thinking not only denies a person this grace-filled Sacrament, but it also can deny a person the spiritual fruits that can come from attending an Advent or Lenten Reconciliation Service.

As you may know, an important component of every Reconciliation Service is a guided examination of conscience. The questions asked to engage each person’s conscience can often encourage them to come forward to make a confession of sin and sinfulness and thus receive the Sacrament. Yet, even if a person doesn’t come forward to receive, the time spent concentrating on sin and sinfulness, on the evil in the world and the way we do or do not address it can undoubtedly foster a more authentic Christian life.

I do hope you will be able to attend our Lenten Reconciliation Service this Tuesday, March 20th at 7:15 pm in the Lannon Chapel. Please come, not so much out of duty or obligation, but, as a way to nourish your soul and grow as a disciple of Christ.

In Christ’s mercy,
Fr. Joe

Estimados Feligreses:

Vamos, ¡Tenemos que cumplir con nuestro Deber Pascual!

En casi todas las Cuaresmas, cuando era niño, me acuerdo de mi abuela diciendo estas palabras. Tal vez recuerden palabras similares asegurándose de “cumplir con su Deber Pascual.” Y si lo recuerdan, seguramente recuerden esas filas para confesarse especialmente largas los sábados antes de la Pascua.

Sin Embargo, las largas filas para confesarse son ya cosas del pasado. Algunos se lamentan de eso, mientras otros lo encuentran liberador. Y por eso, porque cada vez menos católicos reciben hoy en día el Sacramento de la Reconciliación, muchos raramente tienen la oportunidad de escuchar estas reconfortantes palabras de la Absolución que se dan al final de cada Confesión Sacramental: Dios, Padre misericordioso, que reconcilió consigo al mundo por la muerte y la resurrección de su Hijo y derramó el Espíritu Santo para la remisión de los pecados, te conceda, por el ministerio de la Iglesia, el perdón y la paz. Y yo te absuelvo de tus pecados en el nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo.

Como las filas para confesarse, el Deber Pascual se ha desvanecido del vocabulario y prácticas católicas. Sin embargo, en el Código de Derecho Canónico (nº 989), todavía hay referencias a un cierto “Deber Pascual.” En ese Canon dice que un Católico “está obligado a confesar fielmente sus pecados graves al menos una vez al año.”

Puedo escuchar a algunos diciendo: yo no tengo ningún “pecado grave (mortal).” Después de todo, yo no mato, ni robo, etc. Es más, ¿Por qué tengo que confesarme con un cura? Lamentablemente, esta forma de pensar no sólo le niega a la persona este Sacramento lleno de gracia, sino también le niega los frutos espirituales que provienen de asistir a un Servicio de Reconciliación de Adviento o Cuaresma.

Como ustedes podrán saber, un componente de cada Servicio de Reconciliación es un examen guiado de conciencia. Las preguntas que se hacen para enganchar la conciencia de cada uno pueden animar a menudo a hacer una confesión de los pecados y por ende recibir el Sacramento. Y aun cuando la persona no se acerca, el tiempo que pasó meditando sobre sus pecados, sobre el mal en el mundo, de cómo lo afrontamos o no, sin lugar a dudas fomentan una vida Cristiana más auténtica.

Espero que puedan asistir nuestro Servicio de Reconciliación Cuaresmal este martes, 20 de marzo a las 7:15 pm en la Capilla Lannon. Por favor, vengan, no tanto como obligación, sino como una manera de nutrir nuestra alma y de crecer como discípulo de Cristo.

En la Misericordia de Cristo:

P. Joe
Please pray for:
Saturday, March 17th
4:00 p.m. - Harold Nelson

Sunday, March 18th
8:00 a.m. - Lucy Ferragamo
10:00 a.m. - Kenneth F. Kolb
Family Mass - Charles A. Frederico, Sr.
Noon - Mai Thi Nguyen
5:30 p.m. - Pauline and Eugene Sullivan

Monday, March 19th
12:15 p.m. - Jose Ramos Vidal
5:30 p.m. - Charlie Corr

Tuesday, March 20th
12:15 p.m. - Eleanor Connor
5:30 p.m. -

Wednesday, March 21st
12:15 p.m. - Phero Ba Van Nguyen
5:30 p.m. - John F. Cremmen

Saturday, March 24th
4:00 p.m. - Charles J. Wirth

Sunday, March 25th
8:00 a.m. - Edward F. Doyle
10:00 a.m. - Lynn Elizabeth Bodeker
5:30 p.m. - Mary Grace & Anthony DeItalia, and David Brace

All Shall Be Well: Caring for Body, Mind and Spirit

A Parish Lenten Series
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 mariasullivangroup@gmail.com.

March 24th, 9:00 a.m. - Helping Teens Manage Screens and Social Media: Dr. Tim Davis
Screens and social media can be the cause of a lot of fear and frustration for parents. They are also a frequent source of fights in families. Although in moments of exasperation we might fantasize about throwing all electronic devices in the trash, or moving our families to some remote area far off the grid -- the reality is that screens and social media are an unavoidable part of our modern lives. This session will focus on how we can encourage responsible and moderate screen use without arguments or resorting drastic measures.

Tim Davis, Ph.D. is a child psychologist with over 20 years of experience working with families. He has a private psychotherapy practice in Newton and is a part-time Lecturer in the Department of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School.

Lent, Triduum, and Easter Schedules

Taizé Prayer
• Mondays at 7:15 p.m.

Reconciliation Service
• March 20th at 7 p.m.

Palm Sunday
• Saturday: 4 p.m.
• Sunday: 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 5:30 p.m. - Upper Church
• 10 a.m. Family Mass - Lannon Chapel
• 12 p.m. Bilingual Mass - Upper Church

Holy Thursday (One Mass Only)
• 8 p.m. Mass - Upper Church

Good Friday
Stations of the Cross - Upper Church
• Noon (Family), 3 p.m., 5:30 p.m. (En Español)
• 8 p.m. Service - Upper Church

Holy Saturday
• 11 a.m. Blessing of Easter Food - Lannon Chapel

Easter Vigil
• 8 p.m. - Upper Church

Easter Sunday*
• 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 p.m. - Upper Church (No 5:30 p.m.)
• 8:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. Family Mass - Lannon Chapel
• 12 p.m. - Misa En Español - Capilla Lannon

Celebración de la Vida del Beato Oscar Romero, camión por la justicia social
El viernes 23 de marzo en la iglesia de arriba a las 6:00 Comenzaremos rezando un via crucis que incluirá una reflexión sobre la vida del Beato Romero. A las 6:30pm, el P. Victor Gacitúa celebrará una Misa en conmemoración de Romero.

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.

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Faith Formation

Parent Gatherings
Our series of presentations and discussions for parents continues through the spring. All gatherings are at 11 a.m. in the Choir/Media room. The schedule is as follows:

March 18th
Topic: Believing in the God of Jesus Christ
Presenter: Dominic Doyle

March 25th
Follow-up discussion

April 8th
Topic: Living What We Believe alongside Others who Believe Differently
Presenter: Mark Potter

April 22nd
Follow-up discussion

April 29th
Topic: Looking Ahead

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Book Discussion
On Sunday, March 25th at 11:15 a.m. in the Parish Office Living Room, there will be a discussion of The Unquiet Monk: Thomas Merton’s Questing Faith by Michael W. Higgins. Called by one reviewer the best book on Merton that he had ever read, this book is sure to add to your lenten reflections. Join us on March 25th to share your insights.

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Spirituality and Service on Tap
Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) New England will be sponsoring a "Spirituality and Service on Tap" event at Doyle's Cafe in Jamaica Plain (MA) on Tuesday evening, March 20, at 6:30 p.m. The theme of the evening will be "Spirituality and Service in the Second Half of Life." This will be a chance for agencies interested in sponsoring Ignatian volunteers or for potential volunteers to come and meet members of the IVC New England community, and learn more about the work of IVC in Boston and elsewhere in New England.

Father Jim Garland, S.J., rector of St. Peter Faber Jesuit Community and past president of Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in Chicago, will be the featured speaker. For more information, or to RSVP (for food count), contact IVC New England at newengland@ivcus.org.

Outreach Ministries

Continuing: Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls/calendars are still available on the Outreach table and on the table in the Lannon Chapel. Each week’s bulletin cover provides information about CRS’s work in the country that is featured that week. And try the “country” recipes that are on the Rice Bowl calendar! Please plan to return your Rice Bowl to either location after Easter Sunday. It can be placed in the large rice bowl.

And a new pair can make a world of difference! Join in our March drive to collect new white socks and new shower flip-flops for women and men, served by Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program, who are living in shelters and on the streets. There is a collection box near the Outreach table and one in the church kitchen area, both there until March 28th.

What could you do to promote and be part of the May 6th Walk/5k Run for Hunger? Team Ignatius is set up and ready to accept members and donations. Go to the Project Bread website to register as a Team member and/or to support Team Ignatius with a donation. OR...perhaps you can form your own walk/run team of family and friends or form a team at your place of work or your school. We’re all in this together, so let’s help Project Bread by adding new teams to the Walk. We’d miss your being part of Team Ignatius, but encourage you to go for it!!

Easter Tradition: We will continue our parish tradition of celebrating the Blessing of Easter Food on Holy Saturday, March 31st, at 11 a.m. in the Lannon Chapel. The Blessing is an important and integral part of celebrating Easter in many families. Why not make it an important part of your family’s Easter observance?

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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.
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Green Team

Prayer and Action: Recycle More!
“God is involved in ‘building to last’, in creating a sustainable world and sustainable relationships with us human beings. He doesn’t give up on the material of human lives. He doesn’t throw it all (Former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams)

Facts: Recycling reduces your carbon footprint both because landfills emit greenhouse gases through decomposition, and because manufacturing from scratch is carbon-intensive. Find where and how to recycle almost anything in your area at search.earth911.com.

Racial Justice Group: Recommended reading list from the presentation after the 13th Film & Reflection on February 24th.
• Stand your Ground: Black Bodies and the Justice of God by Kelly Brown Douglas
• Racial Justice and the Catholic Church by Fr. Bryan Massingale
• Enfleshing Freedom: Body, Race, and Being by M. Shawn Copeland
• The New Jim Crow by Michelle Alexander
• “Why are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria” And other Conversations about Race by Beverly Tatum

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Little Rock Scripture Study
This semester, we will be studying “Parables of the Kingdom- Part One.” Some of the most memorable teachings of Jesus were delivered as parables and are found in the gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. This study explores those parables crafted by Mark, and then turns attention to the same parables as they appear in Matthew with a slightly different twist. The study begins on Wednesday, March 14th, at 7:15 p.m. in the Old Choir Room. The cost is $25.00 which includes a commentary, study guide and video presentation of the study. New members are always welcome. To register, or if you have any questions, please call John Dafarra (781) 899-9540.

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Music Ministry
The big screen comes to St. Ignatius.
The silent movie THE FOUR HORSEMEN OF THE APOCALYPSE will be presented on Saturday, April 21 at 7pm featuring the extraordinary organ improvisation of Peter Krazinski. Save the date, it’s Free.

RCIA
As the parish community continues its journey through Lent, we pray for the catechumens and candidates who are preparing to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil:
Jane Bai
Matthew Lui
Emily Chun
Anthony Cruz
Austin Holmes
Rachel Norville
Laurel Teal

We also pray for the adults who will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 27:
Maggie Lopez
Rademy Leyva
Jessica Mendoza
Felix Arroyo

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 March 21st). New members are always welcome!

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A Lenten Morning of Prayer: Sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph, at their Motherhouse, 637 Cambridge St. Brighton, MA. Tuesday, March 20, 9:30 – 12 noon, “Be Not Afraid” presented by Sr. Anne D’Arcy, CSJ. The morning begins with refreshments at 9:30 a.m. A free will donation will be accepted. To RSVP, call 781-227-4730; e-mail spiritual.ministries@CSJBoston.org.

Eucharistic Ministers Needed!
Would you be willing to visit St. Elizabeth Medical Center once a week? You will easily be trained to offer Holy Communion to our patients. If interested, please call Fr. Salamone at 617-789-2609 or Maureen Higgins at 617-789-2093.
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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.

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