Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Just the other day, I spent some time with my niece and nephews, aged, respectively, 8.5, 7, and 5 years. Yes, even priests know that fractions of years simply must be noted before one hits double-digits. As kids tend to do, these three are growing up quickly and beautifully, and thus, some of the trappings of early childhood – training wheels, tees (think baseball, not golf), swimmies, and bedtime stories – are slowly starting to disappear. Long gone is the prompt that my brother and his wife would offer on those oh-so-rare occasions when one of their children would receive some desired treat and then walk away in silence. Now, what do you say? they would ask, and reflexively, the child in question would respond, Thank you.

As I prepare to leave St. Ignatius after spending these past five years serving here as a priest, I am posing to myself the same question that I would hear posed to my niece and nephews: Now, what do you say? Not just reflexively, but after much thought, and even more prayer, I take my cue from those little ones and say, from the bottom of my heart, Thank you.

My thanks go first to our pastor, Fr. Joe, and to his immediate predecessor, Fr. Bob, who have graciously welcomed me to join fully in this parish’s life. Friends of mine both, they have given to me, let me name just one, one for which, today, I am especially thankful: your clear, penetrating vision.

If these first thanks go to those who invited me to come to St. Ignatius, then my second thanks go to the people whose love, kindness, generosity, and fervor for Christ, kept me coming back. In other words, my thanks go as well to you, the parishioners of St. Ignatius. Among all the innumerable gifts you have given to me, let me name just one, one for which, today, I find myself especially thankful: your clear, penetrating vision.

For some years now, it has been hard for many of you – for many of us – to be Catholic. These past twelve months, consequently, have been like a blow on a bruise, to borrow a memorable phrase from the British author Evelyn Waugh. Who knows what further blows will come this next year, the year after that, and so on. Still, aware of all of this, you show up. You show up to pray; you show up to serve; you show up. (Continued on page 4)
A Thank You from Sr. Bernie
When Sr. Bernadette Barrett, SHSP, visited our Parish in March with the help of Catholic Extension, parishioners generously donated over $7,000 to her social justice ministries. She has created a special video message of thanks that can be found on our website: https://www.stignatiuschestnuthill.org.

To make a donation email: info@catholicextension.org

Please pray for:
Saturday, July 27th
4 p.m. - Maria & Agostino Laurenzi

Sunday, July 28th
10 a.m. (Family) - Jairam Rao
12 p.m. - Patricia Griffith
5:30 p.m. - George Hadfield

Monday, July 29th
12:15 p.m. - Mary Marquardt
5:30 p.m. - James C. Bowdring

Tuesday, July 30th
5:30 p.m. - Sheila Coffey

Thursday, August 1st
12:15 p.m. - Richard Breen

Friday, August 2nd
12:15 p.m. - Tom & Mary Shields
5:30 p.m. - Andrew Wagner

Sunday, August 4th
10 a.m. - William H. Clifford, Jr.
12 p.m. - James & Eileen Hughes
5:30 p.m. - John Capobianco

Monday, August 5th
5:30 p.m. - Mary Marquardt

Tuesday, August 6th
5:30 p.m. - Valerie Kaveny

Wednesday, August 7th
12:15 p.m. - Bob Pike
5:30 p.m. - Michael Noone

Thursday, August 8th
12:15 p.m. - Ellen Mahoney
5:30 p.m. - Ann Walsh Hannon

Saturday, August 10th
4 p.m. - Maria & Agostino Cecconi

Sunday, August 11th
10 a.m. - Carol Griffin McCourt
5:30 p.m. - Peter Dafarra

Faith Formation

Faith Formation Registration is Now Open!
Faith Formation classes for the 2019-20 year begin on Sunday, September 22nd. Children as young as four are invited to join.
Please visit stignatiuschestnuthill.org/faithformation to learn more about the program and to begin the registration process.

Volunteer as a Catechist
We are in need of new catechists for the coming year! If you enjoy working with children and sharing the joy of the Gospel, please consider assisting with our program. No prior experience is necessary! We provide training and resources throughout the year. All new catechists will be paired with someone who has previously taught in our program. Opportunities are available at a wide variety of grade levels at several different times. Interested? Contact ericsonl@bc.edu.

Faith Formation Director for Children and Teens
We are in need of a new director for our Faith Formation programs. If you or someone you know are interested, please email a statement of interest and a resume to Fr. Joe at pastor.st.ignatius@bc.edu

Young Adult Ministry

Members of the Young Adult Ministry enjoying their Friday night cookout!
The Guests at Shattuck Shelter

Thank You!

Our July 20th Cookout was great, thanks to you! The salads, desserts, and all the other donated items, as well as the cash donations for purchasing the bulk foods, were wonderful & made it possible to have an awesome Saturday night supper. Special thanks to our Coordinators, Pat Byrne and Bob Burns, and to the kitchen prep and serving crews (including the grillers who braved the 99 degree heat!).

THE BOOKS ARE STILL OPEN for the 2019 Project Bread Walk for Hunger. So, it’s not too late to make a donation, if you’ve not already done so, or to make another donation in support of TEAM IGNATIUS! Just go to the Project Bread website and follow the Walk prompts. TEAM IGNATIUS members thank you!

Be sure that I will miss you very much. Be sure that I will pray for you each day, and when doing so, that I will ask God to grant me a share in your bold, daring vision.

With love,

Peter Folan, S.J.
Peace, Justice & Reconciliation

Green Team Prayer
Dear Mother Earth, who day by day unfolds rich blessing on our way, who gives the fruits and flowers that verdant grow. Let them His praise abundant show.

Action - Recycle
You likely recycle to some extent already, but you may not know what an impact it can have. If you recycle half your household waste, you can save 2,400 pounds of CO2 annually.

Laudato Si Study Group
Tuesdays: July 30th, August 13th & 27th
Garden Level Chapel | 7 - 8:30 p.m.
You are warmly invited to join a small group to read Pope Francis’ Encyclical, Laudato Si: On Care for our Common Home. We will meet every other week to read short sections of Laudato Si, have time for each person to share deeply, and make plans for action in September.

Immigration Committee
Pasaje de las Escrituras con que rezar esta semana:
“… revístanse del nuevo yo, … Cristo es todo en todos.”
Colosenses 3:10-11
¿Será verdad que yo veo que “Cristo es todo en todos,” incluyendo en los pobres quienes, huyendo del peligro y el hambre, quieren emigrar a los Estados Unidos?
Scripture passage to pray about during the week:
“[you] have put on a new self… Christ is all and in all.”
Colossians 3:10-11
Would it be true that I see “Christ is all and in all,” including in the poor who, running away from danger and hunger, want to migrate to the United States?

Spiritual Direction Training Program at St. Anthony Shrine
Applications are being accepted for the 2019-2021 program beginning in September in Downtown Crossing, Boston.
Classes meet on Saturdays, eight times a year for two years. For more information, please contact Carol Mitchell at 727-492-8315 or cmitchell@stanthonyshrine.org, or visit st anthonyshrine.org/ Franciscan Spiritual Companionship page for further information.

Spiritual Life

Fall Parish Retreat at Eastern Point
October 4th - 6th, 2019
Join us for renewal, silent prayer and worship with members of the parish community. Registration is open and will continue until retreat slots are full. The cost for the weekend is $330. Partial scholarships are available. To register, please contact:

Kathy Maher
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Art Projects & Sharing
Tuesdays 9 - 11 a.m.
Parish Office Garden Level
Budding and proficient artists are invited to gather and practice their craft. Bring your own supplies, projects and willingness to share (no oils). This is not an instructive class but rather a place to share art. Space is limited to ten participants. To register, contact St. Maureen Marr, SNDdeN: 617-921-8387 or Ginny Galeota: 617-327-5870.

Men’s Spiritual Growth
The next meeting will be on August 7th at 7 p.m. in the Parish Office Parlor. All are welcome!

Remnant Group
Wednesdays 7:15 - 8:30 p.m. | Friary Room
A video on the upcoming Sunday readings is shown and is followed with a group discussion of questions and answers. Newcomers are welcome. Refreshments will be served. If you have any questions, please call John Dafarra at 781-899-9540.
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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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“Jesus Wept.” John 11:35

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