

SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA PARISH  
PARROQUIA SAN IGNACIO DE LOYOLA

Second Sunday of Lent  
Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma  
March 1, 2026



This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

Este es mi hijo amado, en el que tengo complacencias; escúchenlo.

## Second Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2026

Genesis 12:1–4 • 2 Timothy 1:8–10 •

Matthew 17:1–9

### Mass Schedule

**Saturday:** 4pm

**Sunday:**

9am Children's Mass | 10:30am | 12:30pm Español | 5pm

**Weekday (followed by the Rosary):**

5:30pm Monday–Friday (Lannon Chapel)

8am Monday–Sunday (St. Mary's Chapel, BC)

**Confession**

**Saturday:** before Mass, 3–3:45pm

**Adoration**

**Thursday:** before Mass, 4:15–5:15pm

**Please keep in your prayers:**

*Saturday, February 28*

4pm Margaret Fitzpatrick

*Sunday, March 1*

10:30am Margaret Newman

5pm Rich DiMartino

*Monday, March 2*

5:30pm Noor-E-Saba Hakim

*Tuesday, March 3*

5:30pm Paul Marden

*Wednesday, March 4*

5:30pm Dan Ryan

*Thursday, March 5*

5:30pm Joseph Malone

*Friday, March 6*

5:30pm Barbara Cook

*If you have an intention at a weekend Mass and would like to process with the gifts, please speak with a Greeter when you arrive.*

### Coming Up in Lent

**Feast of Oscar Romero: Talk and Prayer Service**

*Tuesday, March 24 at 7pm*

**Bilingual Via Crucis: Friday, March 27 at 7pm**

**Lenten Reconciliation: Wednesday, April 1 at 7pm**

## Reflection on the Reading

Each year on the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday of Lent each year, we hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration, a promise of his glory and Resurrection.

O Christ, give us a glimpse.

Let us find you shining  
in silver echoes from the moon,  
in geese streaking for home,  
in the evening sky,  
in the spider's  
intricate web.

In workers, coffee growers,  
climate crisis workers,  
crossing guards,  
and homeless folks.

Let no one and no place  
ever be hidden from  
the glow of your  
Godly, earthly  
presence.

Let us find your glory  
in all things.

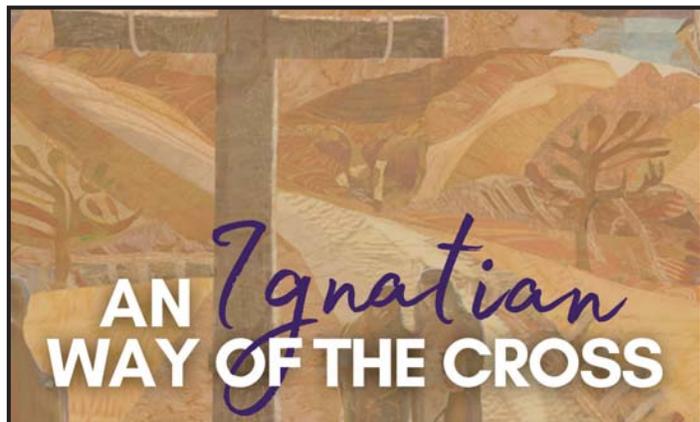
*Anne Osdieck*

## Ignatian Way of the Cross

**Stations of the Cross**

**Friday, March 6 @ 7pm**

This contemplative program draws on St. Ignatius of Loyola's spirituality to meditate on Christ's journey to the cross. Scripture, art, reflections, and music will guide our prayer as we travel together along the Way of the Cross.



## Carta del Párroco

Queridos amigos en el Señor:

Aunque para los aficionados al básquetbol universitario marzo es uno de los meses más vibrantes, en nuestra parroquia marzo será un mes dedicado a la oración. ¡Hay muchas formas en que nuestros parroquianos rezarán juntos durante el mes que viene! Además de las misas, se han programado varios retiros: el retiro de mujeres, los retiros de confirmación para jóvenes y los ejercicios espirituales en la vida cotidiana. A lo largo del mes habrá devociones cuaresmales: el Vía Crucis, la novena de San Francisco Javier, la misa diaria, el rosario y la adoración. Además, por el Centenario de la parroquia se organizarán grupos para explorar la arquitectura de nuestra iglesia y se volverá a dar la experiencia de la oración danzada. En nuestras liturgias de fin de semana de marzo, celebraremos los “escrutinios” con los candidatos que se preparan para recibir los sacramentos en Pascua. Por último, tendremos la oportunidad de rezar juntos por la paz en la fiesta de San Óscar Romero, por la justicia para los inmigrantes en la vigilia de oración del centro de detención del ICE en Burlington y por la preservación de nuestro planeta a través de la iniciativa Cuaresma más verde (“Greener Lent”). Espero que alguna de estas oportunidades haga de marzo un mes de oración para ustedes.

El lanzamiento de la Apelación Católica 2026 también tendrá lugar en las parroquias de la Arquidiócesis de Boston durante el mes de marzo. El fin de semana del 7 y 8 de marzo ha sido designado como el fin de semana de compromiso formal, por lo que me oirán hacer un llamamiento en todas las misas para animarles a participar. El tema de la campaña de este año es “Juntos somos uno”. Los fondos recaudados a través de la Campaña Católica ayudan a apoyar a las parroquias, las escuelas católicas y los numerosos ministerios que sirven a nuestros vecinos necesitados en las 144 comunidades de la Arquidiócesis. Su propósito es sostener, fortalecer y hacer crecer la misión de nuestra Iglesia, para que ninguna parroquia, ministerio pastoral ni persona la lleve a cabo por sí sola. A través de la Campaña Católica, la Arquidiócesis puede ofrecer apoyo en áreas como la capacitación y la formación, los esfuerzos de evangelización, las oportunidades de pastoral juvenil y los ministerios que sirven a las muchas culturas presentes en nuestra Arquidiócesis. Espero que consideren contribuir a esta noble causa y ayudar a nuestra parroquia a alcanzar su objetivo de recaudación de fondos.

Bendiciones,  
P. John

## Letter from the Pastor

Dear Friends in the Lord,

Although college basketball fans associate the month of March with “madness,” at our parish, March will be all about prayer. There are so many ways our parishioners will be praying together during the month ahead! In addition to our regular liturgies, several retreats have been planned: the women’s retreat, the youth Confirmation retreats, and the ongoing Spiritual Exercises in Daily Life. Throughout the month there will be Lenten devotions: Stations of the Cross, the St. Francis Xavier novena, daily Mass, the rosary, and adoration. Our Centennial Series will bring people together to explore the architecture of our church building and the experience of danced prayer. At our March weekend liturgies, we will celebrate the “scrutinies” with the Elect who are preparing for the Easter sacraments. Finally, we will have opportunities to pray together for peace on the feast day of Oscar Romero, for immigrant justice at the ICE detention center prayer vigil in Burlington, and for the preservation of our planet through the Greener Lent initiative. I hope one of these opportunities will make March a prayerful month for you.

The launch of the 2026 Catholic Appeal will also happen in parishes across the Archdiocese of Boston during the month of March. The weekend of March 7 and 8 has been designated as the formal commitment weekend, so you will hear me making a pitch at all the Masses to encourage your participation. The theme for this year’s appeal is “Together We Are One.” The funds collected through the Catholic Appeal help to support parishes, Catholic schools, and the many ministries that serve our neighbors in need throughout the 144 communities in the Archdiocese of Boston. Its purpose is to sustain, strengthen, and grow the mission of our Church so that no parish, ministry, or person carries that mission alone. Through the Catholic Appeal, the Archdiocese is able to offer support in areas such as training and formation, evangelization efforts, youth ministry opportunities, and ministries that serve the many cultures represented in our Archdiocese. I hope that you will consider contributing to this worthy cause and helping our parish to reach its fund raising goal.

Blessings,  
Fr. John

## CRS Rice Bowls

### A Story of Hope from Ghana

One thousand days: From conception to a child's second birthday, every day is vital for their development. But in rural Ghana, poverty prevents access to essential health and nutrition services, causing children to miss critical milestones.



To address this, Catholic Relief Services teamed up with the Sisters of Charity of St. Anne on a project in Walewale, Ghana, to help children up to 3 years old live happy and healthy lives by improving early childhood development.

The project began more than four years ago when the sisters met with the chiefs and elders of the community about establishing a space at the Our Lady of Rocio Clinic to provide mothers and children with health education services, offer mental health services for moms, and empower communities to build a brighter future together.

As part of the project, community volunteers are trained in skills like making early learning toys and starting savings and lending groups. Georgina was one of the first volunteers and is now a lead mother in her community who trains female neighbors in what she has learned. A mother of three, Georgina brings two of her children to the space to learn how to make simple, inexpensive toys that engage children's senses and stimulate learning and development. She says that her children are seeing the benefits. "They teach them how to count: one, two, three. ABCs," Georgina says. "Compared to those in the house that I live with [who don't attend the space], they are very smart indeed. This program has helped us change our lives and our children."

Learn more about this program in Ghana and support the work of Catholic Relief Services:



*Check out this week's Flocknote for a Ghanaian recipe for a black-eyed pea stew and plantains!*

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## Centennial Events

### One Body: The Architecture of St. Ignatius (w/Eric Haydel) Sunday, March 1 @ 2:30pm

The physical space in which we gather shapes our understanding and experience of worship, drawing our attention to one point or another, stoking our imaginations and emotions toward heaven. Eric Haydel, long-time arts and environment designer at St. Ignatius, will walk us through St. Ignatius church, introducing us to elements of the building we may have never noticed before! **Join us at this Centennial Series event to see your church with new eyes.**

### Shall We Dance? (w/Fr. Bob and the Boston Liturgical Dance Ensemble) Thursday, March 19 at 7pm

As part of the St Ignatius Centennial Celebration series, Fr. Bob VerEecke, SJ and members of the Boston Liturgical Dance Ensemble will offer a presentation on movement and dance as an expression of prayer and worship. Over the past decades, dance has been an integral part of worship for special feasts and celebrations at St Ignatius. **This evening's presentation for all ages will deepen your understanding of an answer to the question, "Shall We Dance?"** In addition to some of the dances that have been part of liturgies and prayer services, you will see and hear "Seasons Suite," with poetry and choreography by Fr. Bob.



## Sock Drive

March 14–15 & March 21–22

**Our annual Sock Drive for Boston Health Care for the Homeless is almost here!** For two weekends, March 14/15 and 21/22, we'll be collecting new white socks for the hundreds and hundreds of folks served by BHCHP.

## Become a Eucharistic Minister

### Instead of Giving Up this Lent—Sign Up!

Our parish is in need of Eucharistic Ministers to assist at our weekend Masses and special liturgies. This ministry is essential to our worship, especially for us to continue offering Communion under both species. Those interested in becoming an Eucharistic Minister must complete a training session.

### Eucharistic Minister Training Sessions

**Saturday, March 14** after the 4pm Mass (5:15pm)

**Sunday, March 15** after the 5pm Mass (6:15pm)

*Current ministers are welcomed to attend for a refresher.*

Please email [ignatius@bc.edu](mailto:ignatius@bc.edu) by Friday, March 13 if you plan to attend.

Lectors, Acolytes, and Greeters are also needed. If you are interested in serving in one of these ministries, please email [ignatius@bc.edu](mailto:ignatius@bc.edu), and we can schedule a training session.

**Thank you for considering this meaningful way to serve the Lord and our parish family!**

## Bearing Witness @ ICE Burlington

**Wednesday, March 11**

The Immigration Committee is planning another day of **Catholic Public Witness for Immigrants at Burlington-ICE on Wednesday, March 11, 11am–1pm.** To gather with other St. Ignatius parishioners, email the Parish Office at [ignatius@bc.edu](mailto:ignatius@bc.edu), and ask for Margaret Van Gelder. To learn about Bearing Witness at ICE, visit <http://bearingwitness.org/>



## Comunidad Hispana Ignaciana (CHI)

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### CUARESMA: TIEMPO DE CONVERSION

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**Pueden traer algo de comer para compartir**

*para más información, contacte a Oficinas Parroquiales*

## Bilingual Coffee Corner

**Sunday, March 8 @ 11:30am**



## Immigration Committee

Our next meeting will take place on  
**Tuesday, March 10 at 7pm via Zoom**

**All are welcome to participate!**

To obtain the agenda and link, email the Parish Office at [ignatius@bc.edu](mailto:ignatius@bc.edu) and ask for Rita Rodriguez.

**Welcome!**

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### **Sacraments**

### **St. Ignatius Parish Team**

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays at 3-3:45pm in the Upper Church/Lower Church or by appointment.

**Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA):**  
For adults seeking Baptism, and/or Confirmation, contact the Parish Office.

**Baptism:** For infant and young child Baptisms, contact Sr. Diane Vallerio.

**First Communion:** Preparation begins in grade 1 and includes classes, retreats, and home instruction. Children receive First Communion in grade 2. For further information, contact Liz Turnwald.

**Confirmation:** Preparation begins in 7th grade; students are confirmed after their second year of Confirmation prep. For further information, contact Liz Turnwald.

**Matrimony/Wedding:** Parishioners, BC Alumni, and non-parishioners are welcome to be married at St. Ignatius. Contact our Office Manager, Carol Russo, for available dates and details.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Contact the parish office.

### **Sacramental Forms/Letters**

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/sponsor letters, or permission for marriage, baptism, or confirmation in another parish.

### **Creating a Safe Environment at St. Ignatius**

[stignatiuschestnuthill.org/creating-a-safe-environment](http://stignatiuschestnuthill.org/creating-a-safe-environment)

#### **Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Team**

Liz Turnwald | Kathy Maher  
Helena Alfonzo | Trudy Good

**Rev. John Wronski, SJ, Pastor**

**Rev. Matthew Cassidy, SJ, Parochial Vicar**

**Victor Yanez, SJ, Deacon**

**Carol Russo, Office Manager**

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**Delio Barrientos, Facilities Manager**

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**Natalia Dilan, Youth Ministry Coordinator**

**Sr. Diane Vallerio, MFIC**

Director of Outreach Ministries

**Allyn McCourt, Director of Music Ministries**

**Kathy Maher**

Spiritual Life and Ignatian Programs Coordinator

**Chase Hockema, Print and Digital Media Coordinator**

Following Archdiocesan online security guidelines, we have removed email addresses from our parish bulletin to avoid the danger of potential phishing scams. If you need a staff member's email address or contact information for a parish group or ministry, please contact the Parish Office and we will be happy to share the appropriate information!

**Contact the Parish Office for more information about anything in today's bulletin.**

### **Get Involved!**

*The many St. Ignatius commissions, committees, and volunteer roles always welcome new members!*

Peace, Justice & Reconciliation

*Green Team*

*Racial Justice Committee*

*Immigration Committee*

*LGBTQ+ Committee*

Liturgy Commission

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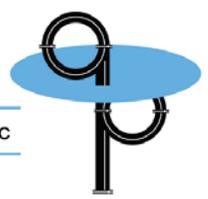
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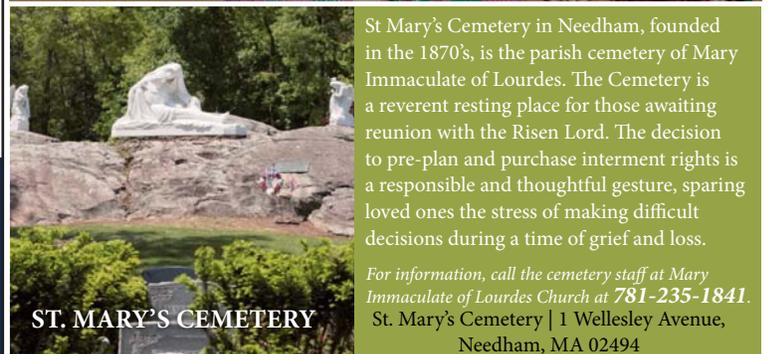
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