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PARROQUIA SAN IGNACIO DE LOYOLA

Fifth Sunday of Lent
Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma
March 22, 2026



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Ezekiel 37:12–14 • Romans 8:8–11 •

John 11:1–45

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4pm

Sunday:

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

Weekday:

5:30pm Monday–Friday

(Lannon Chapel, followed by the Rosary)

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, March 21

4pm Minh Q. Nguyen and Ba Van Nguyen

Sunday, March 22

10:30am Rita and Denzil Fernando

12:30pm Samuel Batista Ramos

5pm Brityn Lois Butrick

Monday, March 23

5:30pm Al Donohoe

Tuesday, March 24

5:30pm Bengt and Elsie Ekstrom

Thursday, March 26

5:30pm John and Elizabeth Byrne

Friday, March 27

5:30pm Anthony Christopher

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.

Catholic Appeal

Thank you to all who have already supported the 2026 Catholic Appeal! **As of March 16, our parish has already reached 35% of our goal.** You can still give online, and be sure to select St. Ignatius as your parish!

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Reflection on the Reading

The Third Scrutiny

The Third Scrutiny emphasizes Jesus as “the Resurrection and the Life” as we hear the Gospel of the raising to life of Lazarus. The raising of Lazarus is an anticipation of what is to take place on the last day. It means that the believer has eternal life and has passed from death to life. It is also—again—an anticipation of what is celebrated at Easter and in Baptism, resurrection and eternal life. This Scrutiny celebrated at the 10:30am Mass this weekend is primarily for the benefit of the Elect, but it reminds all the baptized that the movement from death to life is the pattern experienced by all Christians, who have risen again in Christ!

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, March 29

Regular Mass Schedule

Wednesday, April 1

7pm, Lenten Reconciliation Service

This is a communal reconciliation service, and priests will be available for individual confessions

Holy Thursday, April 2

7pm, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 3

Noon, Stations of the Cross

7pm, Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, April 4

7pm, Easter Vigil in the Night

Easter Sunday, April 5

9am Children's Mass | 10:30am

12:30pm Spanish Mass | No 5pm Mass

Holy Thursday Footwashing Volunteers

We are looking for **twelve** volunteers to have their feet washed during our Holy Thursday liturgy on April 2. These twelve volunteers are representatives of the broader parish community, ritually symbolizing the recipients of Jesus' service and love he shows to all of us. If you are interested in being one of these twelve volunteers, please email ignatius@bc.edu.

Carta del Párroco

Queridos amigos en el Señor,

Uno de los dones por los que estaré eternamente agradecido es la formación en la fe que recibí durante mi infancia y juventud, pues tuve la dicha de asistir a la escuela primaria de mi parroquia y a un instituto católico, donde fui formado en la fe por las hermanas franciscanas y los hermanos javerianos. De niño, estas escuelas me enseñaron las tradiciones, las devociones y los hábitos diarios de oración y servicio necesarios para construir una base sólida para vivir la fe católica. En Holy Cross College tuve la oportunidad de reflexionar sobre mi fe a través de las clases de teología, de las celebraciones litúrgicas en el campus y de las oportunidades de servir a los más necesitados, además de un sólido programa de retiros que me introdujo en la espiritualidad ignaciana.

La formación en la fe para adultos que recibí en la universidad marcó la diferencia en mi vida. A veces se me olvida que muchos católicos nunca han tenido la oportunidad de reflexionar profundamente sobre su fe como adultos. La formación en la fe es un proyecto para toda la vida... y cada etapa de la vida nos ofrece nuevas perspectivas sobre ella. Las recientes conversaciones con el consejo pastoral parroquial me han convencido de que aquí, en San Ignacio, existe un gran interés por una mayor formación en la fe para adultos. Como respuesta a esa necesidad, estoy trabajando en un nuevo programa llamado **“Jueves de Teología”**, que reunirá a feligreses adultos que deseen explorar su fe de manera más profunda... más allá de lo que puede abarcar una homilía dominical de solo siete minutos. **La primera ronda de sesiones de los Jueves de Teología se celebrará durante el tiempo de Pascua, es decir, los días 23 de abril y 7 y 21 de mayo a las 7:00 de la tarde.** Anoten esas fechas en su calendario si están interesados. En las próximas semanas se anunciarán más detalles.

Otra forma de aprender o formarse más sobre la fe como adulto es suscribirse a publicaciones católicas. Por ejemplo, yo leo *America Magazine*, *Commonweal*, *National Catholic Reporter* y *Word on Fire* (página web). Aunque no soy muy fan de las redes sociales, quizá les resulte interesante seguir a las siguientes personas: el P. James Martin, SJ, y el P. Casey Cole, OFM (para una perspectiva de centroizquierda), y el obispo Robert Barron y el P. Mike Schmitz (para una perspectiva de centroderecha). Sin duda hay mucha basura en Internet, así que tengamos cuidado con lo que leemos. No todo es útil para la formación en la fe católica. Siempre es bueno seguir las noticias directamente del Vaticano y de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de Estados Unidos, en lugar de confiar en las cadenas de noticias o en los algoritmos de las redes sociales para que interpreten sus palabras por ti. Por último, les invito a consultar la sección de **“lecturas recomendadas” de nuestro boletín parroquial de Flocknote** para encontrar artículos que puedan resultarles útiles. Esta semana encontrarán un artículo del P. Dan Harrington, SJ, sobre “los judíos” en el Evangelio de Juan, un tema importante a tener en cuenta ahora que nos acercamos a la Semana Santa y al tiempo pascual, durante los cuales escucharemos muchas lecturas del Evangelio de Juan en la misa.

Bendiciones,
P. John

Letter from the Pastor

Dear Friends in the Lord,

One of the gifts for which I am eternally grateful is the faith formation I received as a child and young adult. I was fortunate to attend my parish elementary school and a Catholic high school where I was formed in the faith by Franciscan sisters and Xaverian brothers. As a young boy I was immersed daily in school communities that taught me the traditions, devotions, and daily habits of prayer and service necessary for building a firm foundation in the practice of the Catholic faith. At the College of the Holy Cross, I was blessed with the opportunity to think deeply about my faith through challenging theology courses, vibrant campus liturgies, opportunities to serve the poor, and a robust retreat program that introduced me to Ignatian spirituality.

The adult faith formation that I received in college made all the difference. Sometimes I forget that many Catholics have never had the opportunity to think deeply about their faith as adults. Faith formation is a lifetime project. Each season of life gives us new insights about our faith. Recent conversations with the Parish Pastoral Council have convinced me that there is a thirst for more adult faith formation at St. Ignatius. In response to that need, I'm working on a new program called **“Theology Thursdays”** that will bring together adult parishioners who would like to explore their faith in a way that goes deeper than what can be covered in a seven-minute Sunday homily. **The first round of Theology Thursday sessions will be held during the coming Easter season at 7:00pm on April 23, May 7, and May 21.** Put those dates in your calendar if you are interested. More details will be announced in the coming weeks.

Another way to learn more about the Catholic faith as an adult is to subscribe to some Catholic publications with varying perspectives. Some of the publications I read regularly are: *America Magazine*, *Commonweal*, *National Catholic Reporter*, and *Word on Fire* (website). Although I'm not a big fan of social media, you might find the following people interesting to follow: Fr. James Martin, SJ and Fr. Casey Cole, OFM (for a center-left perspective), and Bishop Robert Barron and Fr. Mike Schmitz (for a center-right perspective.) There's a lot of junk out there on the internet, so be careful about what you read and watch. Not all of it is helpful for Catholic faith formation. It's always good to follow news directly from the Vatican and the US Conference of Catholic Bishops rather than trusting cable news networks or social media algorithms to interpret their words for you. Finally, look for the **“Recommended Reading” section of our parish Flocknote** for short articles that you might find helpful. This week you'll find an article by Fr. Dan Harrington, SJ about “the Jews” in the Gospel of John, an important topic to consider as we approach Holy Week and the Easter season during which we'll be hearing many readings from John's Gospel at Mass.

Blessings,
Fr. John

Easter Flower Fund

Remember your loved ones this Easter !

Help us decorate our church this Easter season by making a memorial flower donation! Fill out the form, place it in an envelope, and return it with your donation to the Parish Office or in the collection basket. You may also donate online by visiting our website.

An acknowledgment of gratitude for your donation with your name and the name of your loved one will appear in the bulletin after Easter.

Name of the person(s) to be remembered

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Blessing of Easter Food

Holy Saturday, April 4 @ 11am

We will celebrate the Blessing of Easter Food, in English and Polish, on Holy Saturday morning, April 4, at 11am in the Lannon Chapel (church lower level).

Many families begin their Easter celebration with this custom. Perhaps you would like to start this tradition (or continue it) in your family? We'll gather to share food and friendship following the blessing.

Please bring something to share!



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Sock Drive

Boston Health Care for the Homeless

March 21–22

This is the last weekend to join us in collecting new white socks (including diabetic socks) for women and men living in shelters and on the streets. White socks can reduce the risk of skin infections, prevent frostbite, and foster good hygiene.



Collection boxes location:

Upper Church Gathering Space

Or order online and have the socks shipped directly to the Parish Office (28 Commonwealth Ave, Chestnut Hill).

Shattuck Fourth Tuesday

March 24, by 2:30pm

SHATTUCK FOURTH TUESDAY is here! Drop off your cookies, brownies and mandarin oranges in the bins at the front and parking lot side doors of the Parish Office by 2:30PM on Tuesday, March 24. **A BIG thanks to those who braved the post-blizzard conditions last month to get desserts here.**

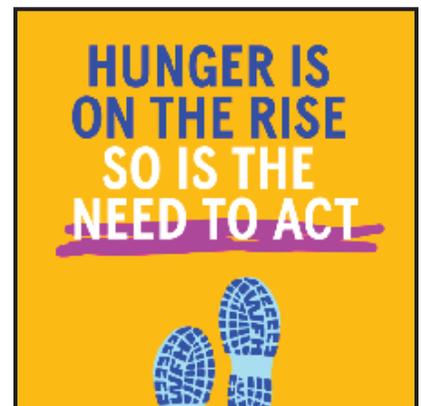
Project Bread Walk for Hunger

Sunday, May 3

Spring is here. . . and so are thoughts of the Project Bread Walk for Hunger, which will be Sunday, May 3. Is this your year to join thousands of folks in the three-mile Walk around Boston Common?

TEAM IGNATIUS is set up and ready to add members and/or accept donations.

Go to projectbread.org and select the **Walk for Hunger** tab in the upper right hand corner.



Bilingual Via Crucis *Stations of the Cross for Justice*

BILINGUAL VIA CRUCIS

Friday, March 27 | 7:00pm

Join for a simple supper before at 6:00!

This Stations of the Cross, developed by our Peace, Justice and Reconciliation Commission, focuses on social justice, imagining where we see Jesus today in the most vulnerable among us.

CRS Rice Bowls

Embracing God's Love: Lessons from Stories of Hope

Each of us has a purpose, woven into God's plan. As children of God, all people deserve respect and care—especially those who are most vulnerable. When we reflect on the challenges faced by our sisters and brothers in Ghana, Guatemala and Timor-Leste, we see how their resilience and courage helped them overcome adversity. Their stories remind us to treat every person with dignity and compassion.

In all three of these countries, access to nutritional food is limited due to poverty or a lack of educational resources. CRS programs in Ghana, Guatemala, and Timor-Leste have empowered people like Georgina, Maribel, and Adriana to teach their communities about healthy eating and financial resources, which creates pathways to a brighter future. As we continue our Lenten journey, let us reflect on these Stories of Hope and consider where we fit into their broader story.

Do we see the face of Christ in others? What keeps us from recognizing others as God's children? How can we respond with love?

Learn more about CRS programming and support their work here:

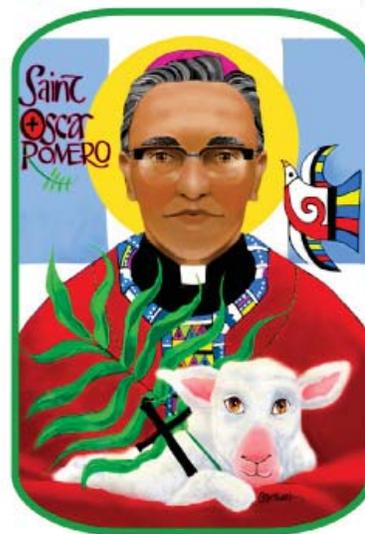


Feast of Óscar Romero

Tuesday, March 24
7pm in the Upper Church

Prayer
on the Service
Feast of
Óscar Romero

Tuesday, March 24
7:00pm in the
Upper Church



Learn about the life and legacy of St. Óscar Romero in El Salvador, and then join us in praying for unity and solidarity with our migrant sisters and brothers.

St. Egg-Natius Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 12 after Faith Formation Classes

Hop into the Easter spirit! All children through 5th grade are invited to the St. Egg-Natius Easter Egg Hunt and join in the fun.

Keep an eye out for a registration form to let us know you're coming, so we can plan accordingly!



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Welcome!

Saint Ignatius of Loyola Parish

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS Monday - Friday: 10am - 1pm, 2pm - 4pm; Closed Saturdays and Sundays

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

Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Team

Liz Turnwald | Kathy Maher
Helena Alfonzo | Trudy Good

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Director of Outreach Ministries

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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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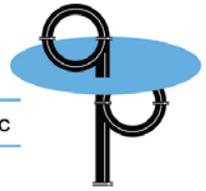
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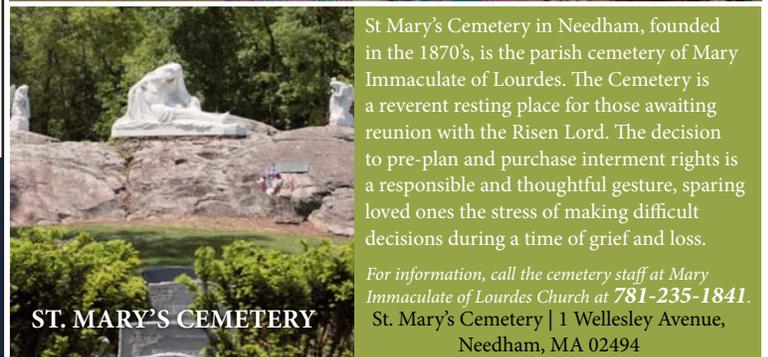
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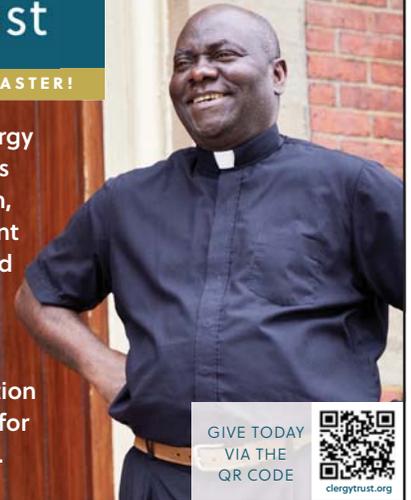
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