

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, FEBRUARY 18, 2007

This week in Lent:

Reading, Reflecting and Responding to the Scriptures

Readings for the First Sunday of Lent



Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Romans 10:8-13
Luke 4:1-13

In next week's Gospel, we hear the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. The story establishes two commitments in His ministry: He will follow only the will of his Father, and no other authority; and He will forgo wealth, earthly fame, and power to choose the way of lowliness, humility, and service

When we are tempted to abandon God and set off on our own course, how can we use Jesus' example in the desert to strengthen our commitment to and trust in God?



Please Pray for



Sunday, February 18, 2007

8:00 Teresa Castro
10:00 Eleanor Martel
Noon Virginia DiSalvo
5:30 Karl Finkenmeyer

Monday, February 19, 2007

12:15 Clotilde Antonelli
5:30 Mary Daffarra

Tuesday, February 20, 2007

12:15 John French
5:30 John Rafferty

Wednesday, February 21, 2007

12:15 Anne Regolino
5:30 Don McKenett

Thursday, February 22, 2007

12:15 Kenneth West
5:30 John Heather

Friday, February 23, 2007

12:15 Michael Lydon
5:30 Franciscan Xavier Huynh

Saturday, February 24, 2007

9:00 Rosalie Riordan (Living)
4:00 Maria Lorenzi

Ash Wednesday, February 21st

Mass Schedule

12:15 pm - 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Upper Church

Ashes will be distributed at all the Masses



STATIONS OF THE CROSS: The opportunity to pray the Stations of the Cross during Lent is being offered this year. Stations will take place in the upper church at 3 PM each Friday. Also, you are welcome to join parishioners of the other parishes in Newton for Stations of the Cross each Friday night (excluding Good Friday) at 7 PM at Corpus Christi Church, 45 Ash Street (off Commonwealth Avenue) in Auburndale.

Dear Parishioners,

On Wednesday, February 21st, we begin another Lenten journey. Our theme for this Lent is "On Holy Ground". This comes from the words that Moses hears as he contemplates the "burning bush". "Take off your shoes, you are on Holy Ground". During this Lenten season, we are invited to reflect on the Holy Ground of our lives, not only in our church community, but also in our families, neighborhoods and workplaces. How do we recognize the Holy One in our midst as we gather for prayer every Sunday? How do we recognize the Holy One who calls us out of ourselves to be "men and women for others"? How do we recognize our share in the mission of Jesus, the Holy One of God? These are questions to pray about and ponder!

During the Lenten/Easter season, there will be many opportunities for you to deepen your faith and even stand on "new" Holy Ground. We have planned special times of prayer in addition to our Sat/Sun Eucharist. Each Monday evening, the community gathers for prayer and reflection. This Lent and Easter there are a variety of prayer experiences offered. There is also a day of prayer at the Jesuit Urban Center on March 24th focusing on the experience of Holy Ground. We will also offer a number of adult education lectures and seminars throughout the season. All of these programs can be found in the booklet "On Holy Ground" which is available at the entrances of the church.

We are delighted to tell you that the Sunday morning programs that will follow the 10:00 am liturgy will take place across the street at Williams Hall, in the first floor conference rooms. Boston College is graciously allowing us to use these meeting rooms at this time. There are also 40 parking spaces adjacent to the building. If you were planning to come to one of these gatherings after Mass, why not park across the street, walk over to church and return to Williams Hall for some spiritual nourishment (and other kinds of nourishment as well)

We are also exploring the possibility of making our church community "Santa Tierra" for our Spanish-speaking parishioners. We are looking at expanding our services to the Latino community here at St. Ignatius with bi-monthly Masses in Spanish at 12 noon, alternating with some bi-lingual Masses in the Upper Church. We want to create a pastoral environment in which this growing number of parishioners feel welcome and part of the larger community.

I pray for all of you at this time as we begin to walk together on the Holy Ground, "Santa Tierra," that God creates for us through the life, death and rising of Jesus. May this be a blessed time for all of us!

In Christ,
Fr. Bob



Music Ministry

THE 5:30 CONTEMPORARY ENSEMBLE IS LOOKING TO GROW! New singers, instrumentalists and percussionists are needed. A weekly commitment is NOT required, and we rehearse right before Mass. For more information, contact Mike Burgo: 617-552-6108 or burgo@bc.edu.

EVER WONDER WHAT THE MUSIC WILL BE FOR MASS THIS SUNDAY? Now you can check out the Liturgical Music programs for the month of February on our Webpage: <http://BC.EDU/ST-IGNATIUS> under upcoming events

UPCOMING CONCERTS AT ST. IGNATIUS

There is a wealth of concert music coming to our church over the next few months. Come to hear beautiful music in our beautiful church.

Sunday, February 25 th	2:30 pm	Boston College Chorale – Selections from Mozart Requiem and Beethoven’s Mass in C – (free)
Monday, March 12 th	8:00 pm	Venetian String Quartet - Sponsored by the Italian Consulate
Saturday, March 17 th	8:00 pm	Boston Camerata – A Night’s Tale – French medieval – Call for Tickets 1-866-427-2092
Saturday, May 5 th	8:00 pm	The Seraphim Singers – Sacred Choral Music - \$15, \$10 seniors and Students
Saturday, May 12 th	8:00 pm	Brookline Chorus w/Orchestra – Haydn’s Creation Mass \$20/\$15 seniors and students.

LITTLE ROCK BIBLE STUDY

FIRST CORINTHIANS

St. Ignatius Bible Study meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 pm in the Lannon Chapel. We will be studying First Corinthians. The community of Corinth could easily be our own, struggling for unity in the midst of conflict, and discovering weaknesses and strengths. For more information, please call John Daffarra at 781-899-9540, call the rectory to register or mail in the registration form below. **The fee is \$14.00 and the program will begin on February 28th.**

LITTLE ROCK BIBLE STUDY REGISTRATION FORM

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

TELEPHONE (HOME).....(WORK).....

I ENCLOSE \$14 FEE.....

I WILL PAY LATER.....

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, February 18 th	Pot Luck Luncheon for Spanish Community – Friary R.	1:30 pm
" " "	Baptismal Preparation – Rectory	1:45 pm
" " "	Contemporary Music Ensemble – Upper Church	4:30 pm
" " "	Just Faith – Rectory	6:30 pm
Monday, " 19 th	RCIA – Friary Room	7:15 pm
Tuesday, " 20 th	Mardi Gras for Seniors – Friary Room	12:45 pm
" " "	19 th Annotation Meeting - Rectory	7:15 pm
Wed. " 21 st	Children's Carol Choir – Choir Room	4:30 pm
" " "	Parish Choir – Friary Room	7:15 pm
" " "	YAG Discussion Group – Rectory 2 nd fl.	7:30 pm
Friday, " 23 rd	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Lannon Chapel	12:45 pm
" " "	Stations of the Cross – Upper Church	3:00 pm

19TH ANNOTATION - An Ignatian evening in preparation for the 19th Annotation will continue on February 20th in the Rectory at 7:15 pm.

LENTEN EVENING PRAYER- Join the parish community in song, prayer and reflection with presiding and preaching by members of the parish on **Monday evenings at 7:15 pm in the Lannon Chapel beginning February 26th**. The March 26th celebration will include a **Communal Reconciliation Service** providing the opportunity for private Confession.



TOURS OF OUR CHURCH - Have you ever wanted to see all the nooks and crannies of St. Ignatius? Plan to join others for a guided tour of the church on the weekend of February 24/25. Tours will be available after each liturgy. This is a great opportunity to learn more about our spiritual home.

RESPECT FOR LIFE COMMITTEE – All interested parishioners are invited to the first meeting of the Respect Life Committee on Sunday, February 25th at 11:15 am in the rectory. For information, please call Veronica McCloud Dort 781-444-1928.

BOOK DISCUSSION - On Feb. 25th (the First Sun. of Lent) there will be a discussion in the rectory living room at 11:15 on the book Jesus: Uncovering the Life, Teaching, and Relevance of a Religious Revolutionary by



Marcus Borg. All are welcome

EXPLORING THE ROOTS OF OUR FAITH – Fr. **Walter Cuenin**, Catholic Chaplain at Brandeis University and formerly the Pilgrimage Director for the Archdiocese, and Steve Krueger of St. Ignatius, invite you to join a pilgrimage to Rome called, Exploring the Roots of Our Faith, from June 3, 2007 to June 10, 2007. It is being planned especially for those seeking to renew our church and to strengthen our understanding of its roots and faith tradition. Go to www.travelilume.com/trc/crf/ or call Steve Krueger at 781-577-0320. for more information on this unique journey.

HOUSING NEEDED FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 23RD AND SATURDAY, MARCH 24TH - Boston University will be housing the Sierra Student Coalition's Northeast Regional Energy Summit. This conference on environmental issues draws students from universities and colleges throughout the Northeast. We are looking for residents in the Brighton/Newton area who are able to host a few of these students for these two nights. Food will be provided by the Sierra Student Coalition, so all that is needed is housing. If you are able to help, please contact Jon Sege, segej@mail.bc.edu. Thank you for your help.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES



LENT IS JUST ABOUT HERE! Operation Rice Bowl materials are now on the table in the gathering space and on the table in the lower church hallway. You'll find Rice Bowls, Calendars and other resources for prayer and information. And do check out www.crs.org/orb.

SOCK DRIVE: In March, we'll join Boston Health Care for the Homeless in a drive to collect **new white cotton socks** and **new rubber "flip-flops" (shower shoes)** to distribute to vulnerable women and men living in shelters and on the streets. Look for special boxes in the upper church gathering space, beginning March 3rd.



IN PROGRESS: We're still helping out Interfaith Counseling Service in its collection of used books. See information attached to the container on the Outreach table in the gathering space. Thank you!



WE'RE OFFICIALLY REGISTERED as TEAM IGNATIUS for the May 6th Project Bread Walk for Hunger! It's not too early to register as a TEAM member (or individually) at www.projectbread.org. *Every step, every volunteer minute and every dollar can make a difference in the effort to end hunger.*

MOTHER CAROLINE ACADEMY, a private multicultural middle school dedicated to educating girls in an academically challenging and nurturing learning environment, serves girls from economically disadvantaged families who would not otherwise have access to a private school education. The listed items are needed to provide breakfast, lunch and snacks for the students. Could you add a few items to your shopping cart?!? Donations may be left in either hamper at the side front entrance of the upper church. Please mark the bag/box "Mother Caroline." Thank you! **Wish List:** cereal bars, granola bars, peanut butter, jelly, packets of cheese and crackers, pretzels, juice boxes, small (snack-sized) boxes of cereal.





Who are we as a community?

A parish survey was conducted at all the liturgies on a 2006 May weekend. The survey used the previous survey (1998) as a template to allow for comparison of results.

This time there were 1200 responders (older than 16), compared to 1700 in 1998. No one could provide an explanation as to why there were 500 fewer responders to this census than to the previous one. Of the 1200 who responded:

- 73% admitted regular attendance at St. Ignatius
- 48% were single (includes many BC students)
- 16% of the total group professed a relationship to Boston College
- 60% were female
- More people are registered parishioners than in the past

Of the 833 “core” responders (the 73% of the 1200 who attend regularly):

- 49% are married
- 41% are single
- 10% are widowed, divorced, not reporting
- 26% are families with children (91% of these have 2 parents)
- 60% are registered parishioners while 43% participate in the “Pledge for the Greater Glory” campaign
- 85 zip codes are represented, with the majority coming from the city of Boston (especially the neighborhoods of Brighton, Allston, and West Roxbury), followed by Newton, Brookline, and Needham
- Attendance
 - ✓ 14% have been attending St. Ignatius less than a year
 - ✓ 38% for 1-5 years, meaning that we are continuing to attract new members
 - ✓ 20% for 6-10 years
 - ✓ 28% for more than 10 years
- 33% are between the ages of 24-39 while 38% are between the ages of 40-59 (showing an aging trend since 1998)
- 57% have at least a master’s degree

The following are some important, though not necessarily surprising, findings:

- 50% of Mass attendees flock to St. Ignatius because they live nearby, while 40% think that the liturgies are worth coming from a distance.
- The top 8 **needs** identified (not necessarily meaning that something is currently lacking) are the same as those in 1998, but in a different order. Those are:
 - ✓ Help with prayer/how to pray
 - ✓ Spiritual direction
 - ✓ Women in the church
 - ✓ Ethics/morality in the workplace
 - ✓ Women’s spirituality
 - ✓ Laity in the church
 - ✓ Faith sharing groups
 - ✓ Grief support

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THE CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

SUNDAY UPPER CHURCH 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 NOON, 5:30 PM

LOWER CHURCH (Sept.-June) 10:00 AM, Family Liturgy

WEEKDAY LOWER CHURCH 12:15 PM, 5:30 PM

SATURDAY LOWER CHURCH 9:00 AM, UPPER CHURCH 4:00 PM (Vigil)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - LOWER CHURCH FRIDAYS 12:45 - 5:00 p.m.

THE SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Adults are baptized at the Easter Vigil as part of the Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults. Infant and child baptisms are by arrangement.

FIRST EUCHARIST

Preparation occurs in Grade 2 and includes classes, retreat and home instruction.

CONFIRMATION

Our Confirmation program begins in the 9th grade. Students are confirmed in the Spring of the 10th grade. Young adults who have been catechized but are not yet confirmed should contact the rectory for an alternative program.

MATRIMONY

Must be registered as a parishioner six months prior to beginning Marriage arrangements.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:15 - 3:45 PM Upper Church or by arrangement

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