

ST. IGNATIUS ANNUAL
PARISH SUPPORT PROGRAM
PLEDGE FOR THE GREATER GLORY

OUR SPIRITUAL HOME

St. Ignatius Parish is the spiritual home for more than 3,000 people, young and old alike. It is a parish committed to the vision of the Second Vatican Council and strives to create a model of Church

where the gifts of all our parishioners are valued and celebrated. We are committed to issues of social justice and assist many non-profit organizations in the Boston area. Our many ministries depend on our dedicated Jesuit clergy, the parish staff and more than 800 parish volunteers. ➤



Major areas of ministry include:

- ❖ LITURGIES
- ❖ MUSIC
- ❖ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
- ❖ SOCIAL OUTREACH
- ❖ SPIRITUAL LIFE
- ❖ PARISH LIFE

The collaboration of our clergy, staff and parishioners for the greater glory of God is the driving force behind our parish.



Prayer for Generosity

ETERNAL WORD,
 ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF
 GOD · TEACH ME TRUE
 GENEROSITY · TEACH
 ME TO SERVE AS YOU
 DESERVE · TO GIVE
 WITHOUT COUNTING THE
 COST · TO STRUGGLE
 HEEDLESS OF WOUNDS
 · TO LABOR WITHOUT
 SEEKING REST · TO
 SACRIFICE MYSELF
 WITHOUT THOUGHT
 OF ANY REWARD SAVE
 THE KNOWLEDGE THAT
 I AM DOING YOUR WILL.

Ignatius of Loyola



INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE

St. Ignatius Parish is a vibrant and growing community that is building for the future. We welcome those who joined our parish over the past few years and extend a warm greeting to those who are now joining us. Many of our newer parishioners have told us that they feel especially welcome at St. Ignatius and have expressed their appreciation for the variety of opportunities to deepen their spiritual lives. We dedicate ourselves to continuing our efforts to welcome new members and to extend hospitality to all who are part of our community. Our priority is to ensure predictable financial support for the mission of the parish by expanding the base of parishioners who provide financial support through this program.



FINANCIAL STABILITY

St. Ignatius has maintained a degree of financial stability at a time when many parishes

have struggled. However, the parish still operates with limited reserves. Parishioner contributions designated for ongoing operations cover approximately 95% of the annual operating expenses. Additional donations, such as special gifts and bequests, intended for capital improvements, have been used for the remaining 5% of operating expenses. We recently completed the Church Preservation Project which funded critically needed improvements to

the church infrastructure. After this cycle of major capital giving and expenditure, we can no longer rely on intermittent contributions to cover our ongoing operating expenses.

St. Ignatius established the Pledge for the Greater Glory program to ensure the long-term financial stability of the parish. This financial goal is now more important than ever. By committing to a level of weekly or monthly support, parishioners make it possible for the parish to forecast income for the

coming year and to plan an appropriate operating budget. The program provides a range of giving options for parishioners. By using credit cards and automatic bank withdrawals, parishioners can maintain their planned level of support throughout the year. *Our goal is to have every parishioner pledge, regardless of the amount or method of giving.*

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

St. Ignatius, in his prayer for generosity, models how each of us has an obligation to support the works of our parish community.

How much to give is a decision for each individual to make. A traditional guideline has been to devote one hour's pay each week to the Lord; this typically amounts to 2.5% of your income. The table above illustrates the

amount a parishioner would give weekly, assuming they committed a certain percentage of their annual income to the parish.

Please consider the amount you are able

to contribute to St. Ignatius and indicate this amount on the pledge form (which can also be downloaded from this web site). Your pledge can be made at any time during the year. Please note your preferred method of payment (e.g., automatic bank transfer, credit card, other). Your completed pledge form can be dropped in the collection basket at any

WEEKLY GIVING GUIDELINES

ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME	WEEKLY \$ CONTRIBUTION <i>based on percentage of income</i>				
	1%	2%	2.5%	3%	4%
\$ 20,000	4	8	10	12	15
\$ 30,000	6	12	14	17	23
\$ 40,000	8	15	19	23	31
\$ 50,000	10	19	24	29	38
\$ 60,000	12	23	29	35	46
\$ 70,000	13	27	34	40	54
\$ 80,000	15	31	38	46	62
\$ 90,000	17	35	43	52	69
\$ 100,000	19	38	48	58	77
\$ 150,000	29	58	72	86	115
\$ 200,000	38	76	96	116	154

liturgy, or mailed to the rectory.

Thank you for your generosity.