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Happy Mother's Day & Announcing the Tibbetts House for Refugees

Dear Parishioners:

This weekend is Mother's Day and the Ascension of the Lord. In our parish, motherhood has many faces. We have adoptive mothers, single mothers, stepmothers, godmothers, and grandmothers who are the primary caregivers of their grandchildren. For some in our community, Mother's Day is a painful reminder. Some women in our midst would like to have had children but did not. And some mothers and children are out of touch with each other. In our community, there are persons who miss mothers who have recently died. There are mothers among us who have felt the painful loss of a child. There is much to ponder on this Mother's Day.

On a lighter note, do you remember the TV commercial that showed one woman after another answering the phone and then immediately fainting? Finally, you hear a voice coming out of the phone next to the last fallen woman, "Mom, Mom, is that you?" The joke is that the mothers are so shocked to hear their offspring's voice on Mother's Day, they faint. Here's hoping that on this Ascension celebration that all mothers hear from their children today without fainting.

The history of Mother's Day can be traced to the sixteenth century when the Church of England celebrated "Mothering Sunday" on the fourth Sunday of Lent. It was a time when "live-in" servants were encouraged to go and be with their mothers, and special cakes were made for the day. In this country, in the aftermath of the bloody Civil War, Julia Ward Howe wrote The Battle Hymn of the Republic. As an ardent feminist and pacifist, she urged Americans in 1872 to set aside a day dedicated to peace-making and the honor of mothers.

I feel grateful for all the ways my own Mom has been the reliable adult along with my Dad to nurture my brothers and me through the stages of our growing up. I grew up believing our celebration was "Mother's Month," not simply Mother's Day. Our duty as sons was to celebrate Mom during the two weeks before and after the second Sunday of May. It meant little things like washing all the widows inside and outside the house, painting the garage doors, or wall papering bathrooms. And those glorious hours pulling weeds in the vast garden. Imagine my surprise to learn that for other moms, the celebration lasted only one day.

To honor our mothers today, the parish is announcing a new ministry: The Tibbetts House Refuge Program.

Some background: There are 65 million forcibly displaced people in the world today, fleeing war, persecution and political upheaval. When people are displaced from their home, they must apply for the legal status of "refugee" with the United Nations. Technically, only a fraction of displaced persons qualify as refugees, and fewer than 1% of refugees are resettled. The United States resettled about 45,000 refugees during 2018. Catholic Charities is one organization that helps to resettle refugees in the United States, including here in Portland. Our plan is for St. Ignatius Parish to partner with Catholic Charities in the work of refugee resettlement.

When Catholic Charities hears that a refugee family is coming to Portland, they have limited time to find permanent housing for incoming refugees, often a few days to a few weeks. The Tibbetts House will provide temporary transitional housing during that time between when refugee households arrive in Portland until permanent housing can be found.

Today's Readings:

Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26
1 John 4:11-16
John 17:11b-19

Next Sunday's Readings:

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
John 20:19-23

Preaching Next Sunday:
Fr. Boly

Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00PM
Sunday: 8:00AM & 10:30AM
Sunday Contemplative: 7:30PM
Daily: Monday 8:00AM in church
Tuesday - Friday 8:00AM La Storta Chapel
Centering Prayer: Friday 7:00AM
Anointing Mass: First Friday 8:00AM
First Saturday Mass: 8:00AM
Communion Service: Saturday 8:00AM
Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30-4:30PM
or by appointment with a priest

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The ministry of the Tibbetts house is important because finding affordable housing in Portland can be extremely difficult. A case manager might not be able to find housing for a large family in a short time period, and other alternatives, such as a hotel, can be costly. By providing temporary housing, St. Ignatius will guarantee a safe place for refugees to stay, and give them more time to find an affordable home and get oriented to the many adjustments of their new world. It will give us the opportunity to welcome new families into our community and build meaningful relationships with them.

This new ministry will actually be a partnership among the Jesuit Province, Catholic Charities and St. Ignatius Parish. The Jesuit Province will provide the house rent-free to the refugee households and will serve as the landlord. Catholic Charities will be case managers for the refugee households. St. Ignatius will invite volunteer support both for care of families and upkeep of the house. We anticipate that the house will be ready to welcome families in late August or early September, pending work to upgrade the house and make it ready for larger families.

What are the volunteer roles? Parish volunteers will assist with a wide range of activities to help families temporarily placed in Tibbetts House to get settled in their new city. We will look for help to stock pantries, explain laundry and housekeeping and food shopping, as well as accompany families to parks and playgrounds and community events.

Catholic Charities will provide more information about the different volunteer opportunities, time commitments, and the resettlement process at a training held here at St. Ignatius after the 10:30 mass on June 10th. All volunteers will need to complete a background check and volunteer training with Catholic Charities as well as take the Called to Protect training. Look forward to more information at the end of May.

Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.

A Note from the Principal

As we tread the same path, let us extend a hand to one another to surmount the difficulties that present themselves.
-Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher, foundress of the Sisters of the Holy Names

The Shoulders on Which We Stand: Early in the week I had the opportunity to speak with Sr. Chris Jordan, SNJM. Sr. Chris was the last Sr. to teach at St. Ignatius School and she still helps with our standardized testing three times a year. Her joyful focus on the children is incredible testimony to why the presence and practices of the Holy Names Sisters are held in our memory with such affection. I rarely cross the path of an SNJM Sister without her affirmation that they are praying for the school community: we are so grateful for this intention and care.

And so, during this teacher appreciation week, when our whole staff has been showered with deep gratitude and kindness from parents and children, I want to remember who came in 1908, who said yes for the next 107 years and who taught so well that we are still inspired by their work. Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary...we are grateful to you and honored to be stewards of your legacy.

Blessings on your Easter-
Kelli Clark
Principal



Tibbetts House Training: Sunday, June 10th
Catholic Charities will be hosting a volunteer training on Sunday, June 10th after the 10:30 mass here at St. Ignatius. They will discuss the resettlement process and the different roles volunteers can participate in. Volunteers interested in participating with the ministry of the Tibbetts House are required to attend training by Catholic Charities and complete their background check and the Called to Protect training. For more information, email cearnest@sipdx.org

Mass Intentions

Monday	May 14	Jim Emig
Tuesday	May 15 †	Mary Walsh
Wednesday	May 16 †	Fr. Tom Royce, S.J.
Thursday	May 17 †	John Wagner
Friday	May 18	Mary Jo Wagner

Welcome Fr. John Mossi, S.J.!

Next week on Mother's Day, Fr. Mossi will be visiting St. Ignatius. Fr. John Mossi, SJ, serves as Director of Benefactor Relations of the Jesuits West Province. Born and raised in San Francisco, he entered the Jesuits in 1962 and was ordained in 1973. He initially ministered at Our Lady of Sorrows parish in Santa Barbara, then facilitated retreats for seven years at the Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos. After earning a Doctor of Ministry degree from CUA, he taught classes in Pastoral Counseling, Catholicism and Christian Spirituality at Gonzaga University in Spokane from 1991 to 2008. Frs. John and Craig are classmates. This is Fr. John's first visit to St. Ignatius Parish., so please warmly welcome him. In 2019, Fr. John will lead an April in Paris Pilgrimage. If you like French art, culture and cuisine, please consider joining this memorable tour.



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Senior's Day Out: May 15th

The last meeting of Senior Day out until September will be on May 15th. We will have a Salad Potluck with a main dish provided. Mass at 12:15. Please bring a salad to share. Beth Schaller with share what "Embrace Oregon" is and how we can support these children. Please RSVP: Judi Van Cleave; 503-234-1147

St. Ignatius' International Celebration: Sunday, May 20th

On Sunday, May 20th, St. Ignatius will commemorate the return of our International Celebration! Join us for a global Mass for Pentecost at 10:30 AM followed by our celebration potluck in Dillon Hall. There will be food, games, and entertainment for the whole family! Our Entertainment will feature a variety of performances from Lion Dancers to Irish singers! Please bring a dish that is special to you and show off your festive garb! To RSVP, please contact Caroline Earnest at cearnest@sipdx.org. Join us as we celebrate the richness of our Parish Community.

International Dinner Needs Volunteers

Our International Dinner is next Sunday, May 20th and we need volunteers to help from about 9:30 AM and throughout the lunch time to receive food, mark dishes, set out & help with clearing empty dishes during luncheon. This is a fun time and easy commitment. If you are interested in helping, please contact Judi Van Cleave at 503-234-1147 or email at judi_vc@yahoo.com

Spring Service Opportunities at St. Ignatius

Connect with other parishioners and your neighborhood communities by participating in our spring service opportunities. On Saturday, May 19th we will be working with Depave at Mt. Hood Community College. On Saturday, June 2nd we will participate in a work party to remove invasive species at Tideman Johnson Natural Area. More information and sign up sheets can be found in the vestibule or email Tyler Wagner at twager@sipdx.org

Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL) Information Night

Do you desire to deepen your prayer life and grow in your relationship with God? Are you considering making the Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL)? Join the SEEL team leaders for an Information Night on Monday, May 14, at 7 PM at the Loyola Jesuit Center. It is an opportunity to discern if the retreat is right for you and the leaders will answer your questions about making the retreat. For more information, Please visit our website: seelportland.org or call Janet Buck at 503-951- 8682. Applications are now being accepted for 2018-19.

Women's Club Outing: May 26th

The Women's Club will be visiting the Elk Rock Gardens of the Bishop's Close on May 26th. These are gardens of natural beauty located on a bluff above the Willamette River with views of Mt. St. Helen and Mt. Hood. No admission charge but donations encouraged. After viewing the gardens, we will gather for lunch. Carpooling from the church parking lot available. For more info contact Sharon Nicola, 971-340-7525 or Nancy DeAngelis, 503-659-9473.

Bike More Challenge

St. Ignatius invites you to join the "Bike More Challenge" lasting throughout the month of May as we strive for everyone to do a little more biking for work and play, to be healthy, and to reduce your carbon footprint! Go to our parish website, click on the link for the "Bike More Challenge" and register with the "St Ignatius Church" team. Let's see how much we can reduce our carbon footprint and get outside as a parish!

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