

# Get Involved at St. Ignatius!



We ask all parishioners to consider volunteering. There are many opportunities for you to share your time and talents. If you have any questions, please email [ignatius@bc.edu](mailto:ignatius@bc.edu).

## Liturgy and Music

**Greeter:** Our Greeters help give our community a face to those who come to worship at St. Ignatius. They serve as greeters and distribute any worship aids at our various liturgies. They also assist with the offertory collection and play the role of usher, especially when we have large crowds at our liturgies.

**Eucharistic Minister:** Commonly referred to as an EM, they assist our presiding priests with the distribution of holy communion. Handling the body of Christ that comes to us in the form of bread is a very holy moment for each minister. Since the reception of holy communion is a sacrament of initiation for Catholics, only Confirmed Catholics may serve as EMs.

You can serve at any liturgy as often or as seldom as your schedule allows.

**Lector:** Lectors proclaim the true and saving word of God through the scriptures, and lead the assembly in the Prayers of the Faithful. As Christians, we believe that the scriptures are the Word of God, so to be able to share that Word with the members of our community is both a privilege and responsibility. All baptized members of the Christian community may serve as lectors after participating in at least one training session. New and experienced Ministers of the Word are welcome.

**Choir/Musician:** Liturgy at St. Ignatius is enriched by a variety of musical ensembles. Each group serves to enhance our liturgies and to support our assembly singing. They also provide the opportunity to connect with fellow-parishioners in our vibrant Ignatian community! Though we offer a wide range of musical styles and different levels of time commitment, all of our musical groups prepare with a desire to foster fellowship, serve the liturgy, and give praise for the greater Glory of God!

[See our Music Ministry page to learn more about these opportunities.](#)

## Hospitality

**Coffee Hour Organizer:** In the past, we have hosted a coffee hour every Sunday following the 10:30am Mass. To continue offering this time for socializing and fellowship with the parish community, St. Ignatius needs people willing to organize the coffee hour, coordinating volunteers to serve and provide drinks and pastries.

**Coffee Hour Volunteer:** Even if you don't feel comfortable organizing the coffee hour, you are still invited to volunteer! Be prepared to offer a friendly smile and cheerful conversation with the St. Ignatius community, creating a welcoming atmosphere after Mass.

## Faith Formation

**Catechist:** We are in need of new catechists for the coming year! If you enjoy working with children and sharing the joy of the Gospel, please consider assisting with our program. No prior experience is necessary! We provide training and resources throughout the year. All new catechists will be paired with someone who has previously taught in our program. Opportunities are available in a wide variety of grade levels at several different times. Interested? Please contact [faithformation.ignatius@bc.edu](mailto:faithformation.ignatius@bc.edu) if interested.

**Substitute Catechist:** If you cannot commit to being a year-long catechist, Faith Formation always needs substitutes to fill in when one of our regulars can't be here.

## Peace, Justice, and Reconciliation

**Green Team:** The Green Team welcomes and invites all to join in living out the Laudato Si' Pledge, to become the catalyst that will foster ecological conversion for the parish. The Team meets regularly via Zoom to identify ways we can incorporate our call to hear the cry of the earth and of the poor into the liturgy, and in our work with the whole parish community. Our Laudato Si' Circle also offers opportunities to gather and share our journeys through readings and discussions.

Volunteer opportunities are dependent on group planning, but past examples are panel discussions, vigils, promoting climate petitions, collaborating with Boston Catholic Climate Movement, and Laudato Si' Circles.

***Racial Justice Committee:*** This Committee seeks to build community around anti-racist beliefs and practices, to learn and reflect on racism in our lives and in our Church, and to pray and respond through the prism of our Catholic faith. The Racial Justice Committee meets once a month via Zoom, and also has opportunities to volunteer with programs and events.

***Immigration Committee:*** The Immigration subcommittee of the Peace, Justice, and Reconciliation Commission raises awareness in our St. Ignatius parish community about factors that contribute to migration, discuss issues affecting immigrants in the US, and highlight ways in which the community can welcome and support migrants and refugees.

***LGBTQ+ Committee:*** We are a group of LGBTQ+ Catholics and their allies who strive to break the silence about our experiences in the Roman Catholic Church and society. We are working towards the inclusion and active participation of all members of the LGBTQ+ community in our parish life. In doing so, we are following God's command to love, we affirm the dignity and gifts of every human person, to embrace and not erase differences.

## Outreach Ministries

***Shattuck Fourth Tuesday Desserts:*** On the 4th Tuesday each month, we deliver desserts to the men staying at the two units at Pine Street Inn Shattuck Shelter throughout the summer. Could you assist with the effort? Brownies, cookies, and cookie bars should be individually or portionally wrapped and should be dropped off in a bin at the Parish Office by 2:30pm on that Tuesday.

***Communion for the Homebound:*** St. Ignatius Parish distributes the Eucharist to those who are sick, homebound, or cannot receive at Mass for any other reason. If you are a current Eucharist Minister or would like to participate as a Minister of Communion in this way, contact the Parish Office. Please consider giving some of your time to help our community receive the Blessed Sacrament!

***Volunteer for Senior Parishioner Events | Outreach Volunteer | Habitat for Humanity Greater Boston:*** [Please contact Sr. Diane Vallerio](#) if you would like to volunteer for any of these options, and to learn more about other outreach opportunities at St. Ignatius.

## Ignatian Spiritual Life

[Contact Kathy Maher](#) to learn about spiritual life at St. Ignatius. She facilitates the Nineteenth Annotation and our parish retreats.

## Parish Support

***Funeral Ministries:*** St. Ignatius Parish strives to make funerals as easy as possible for those grieving the loss of a loved one. We need people to greet guests, serve as Eucharistic Ministers, and generally offer support to families at the funeral service.

***Collection Counters:*** Each Monday, Collection Counters come to the Parish Office to sort, count, and bag the donations from the weekend.

***Program/Event Volunteer:*** We can always use help at the programs and events we host at the parish! These volunteers will help with set up/take down, greeting at the event, and ensuring that the program runs smoothly. Program/Event Volunteers will be contacted on an as-needed basis.