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“ Building a Community of Disciples ”

March 1, 2009

First Sunday of Lent

A Lent Like No Other

To my mind, Lent comes at the perfect time of year: the middle-to-end of winter. In the Northeast, it is still chilly. The sunlight is still pale yellow, reminding us that the full bloom of spring flowers is not yet around the corner. The trees, in their bare elegance, symbolize the need for hibernation, the need to turn inward. Along with these natural reminders, the Liturgical calendar invites us to take a break from the routine and the everyday. We must enter into the Paschal Mystery with Jesus Christ, renewing our commitment to live unselfishly and love openly.

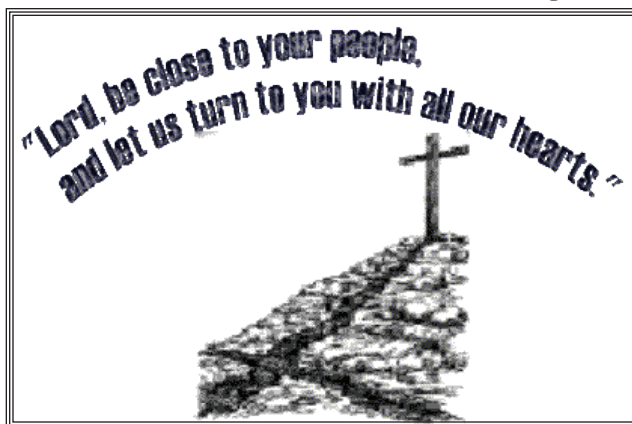
The season of Lent is an invitation to take stock of our lives: Where am I going? Where can I improve in my relationships - with God, others, and myself? Lent is a formal time of preparation for Easter and is our chance to pause, take a step back, and reflect. We are called to pray more, sacrifice deeply, and renew our trust in God, letting go of the pride that mistakenly tells us we can 'do' life on our own terms.

Lent is also a very special time for twenty-five men and women at St. Ignatius Loyola. These men and women are part of the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, or RCIA, the ordinary way adults are welcomed into the Catholic Church. While their formal preparation began with the RCIA "inquiry phase" back in September of 2008, their journey with God began much earlier than this. Some have known God their whole lives, while others have only recently been made aware of God's personal and abiding presence. Some are baptized while others are not. Some are coming from different religious traditions while others have had no formal training in anything religious. However, they all have one thing in common: a sense that God is calling them, each of them, by name.

Today, at the 11 AM Solemn Mass, the Parish community, led by Father George Witt, our Parish

Administrator, will celebrate the RITE OF SENDING, officially affirming these men and women's readiness for entrance into the Catholic Church and sending them forth to St. Patrick's Cathedral. Later this afternoon, the catechumens (those who are anticipating Baptism) will join catechumens from parishes across the New York Archdiocese at the RITE OF ELECTION, where Cardinal Egan, on behalf of the universal Church, will officially accept the catechumens' desires and "elect" them. They will each write their names in the Book of the Elect, signifying that God, who calls them by name, chose them. This official reception of our catechumens means they are now "elected" to be received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

Next week, again at the Cathedral, the candidates (those Christians who are baptized and those baptized Catholics preparing for full initiation) will join Cardinal Egan and other candidates from the New York Archdiocese to participate in the CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION. This Rite recognizes and honors the candidates' baptism as they prepare for full communion and full initiation into the Catholic Church through reception of the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.



During this time, I am reminded of my own experience of becoming Catholic five years ago this Easter. I was clearly called by Christ but I was unprepared for my loved ones' reactions. My friends, almost all of them raised Catholic, had mixed emotions: ranging from thinking I had truly 'gone off the deep end' to their wide-eyed curiosity of my being able to 'choose' a religion as an adult. My family struggled to understand while I struggled to find the words to help them understand. It was challenging at times, but saying yes to God and joining the Catholic Church remains one of the most important and fulfilling decisions of my life.

I also recall that particular Lent seeming so long. My hunger for the Eucharist grew in leaps and bounds daily as we approached the Easter Vigil. At times, it felt agonizing. Looking back, it was a blessing to have the time to pray, come closer to Jesus, and trust God with everything. It was the most precious and graced time in my formation. It was truly a Lent like no other.

As we enter into this Lenten season, let us include these twenty-five men and women in our prayers - that their "yes" to God's call will reverberate in their hearts for the rest of their lives. Let us also pray for our whole Parish community, that we are a bright shining example of Christ's light in the world to all people, each of whom God calls by name.

Skye Angioletti, RCIA Team Member



Catechumens

(Preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist)

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| Nicole Apel | Julie Laumont |
| Julie Chan | Linda Le |
| Ted Everett | Cristi Luckow |
| Jill Hansen | Emily O'Brien |
| Badri Hunold | Anne Taback |
| Negin Hunold | Kamyar Vahabzadeh |

Candidates for Full Communion

(Those already baptized who desire to be in full Communion with the Church)

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| Mary Benjamin | Leanne Reagan |
| Oliver Lennox | Charles Spetka |
| Philip Moy | Lauren Taylor |
| Leslie Nilsson | Greg Williams |
| Johna Wright | |

Candidates for Full Initiation

(Baptized Roman Catholics who have not received First Eucharist or Confirmation)

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| Nicole Kapit | Benedict Schlatter |
| Peter Kapit | |

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday, March 2nd *(First Monday of Lent)*
Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Psalm 19; Matthew 25:31-46

Tuesday, March 3rd *(Feast of St. Katharine Drexel)*
Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 34; Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday, March 4th *(Feast of St. Casimir)*
Jonah 3:1-10; Psalm 51; Luke 11:29-32

Thursday, March 5th *(First Thursday of Lent)*
Esther 13:9-14:19; Psalm 138; Matthew 7:7-12

Friday, March 6th *(First Friday of Lent)*
Ezekiel 18:21-28; Psalm 130; Matthew 5:20-26

Saturday, March 7th *(Feast of SS. Perpetua and Felicity)*
Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Psalm 119; Matthew 5:43-48

Sunday, March 8th *(Second Sunday of Lent)*
Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Psalm 116;
Romans 8:31b-34; Mark 9:2-10

Announced Masses for the Week

Monday, March 2nd

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| 8:30 | MEM | Robin Foxx |
| 12:10 | MEM | John A. Rooney |
| 5:30 | MEM | Robert M. Murphy |

Tuesday, March 3rd

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| 8:30 | MEM | Angelina Bello |
| 12:10 | MEM | Jenny and Joseph Infante |
| 5:30 | MEM | Robin Foxx |

Wednesday, March 4th

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| 8:30 | MEM | Dominic Smith |
| 12:10 | MEM | Anna Genova |
| 5:30 | MEM | George Caruso |

Thursday, March 5th

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| 8:30 | MEM | Robin Foxx |
| 12:10 | MEM | Allan Chiang |
| 5:30 | MEM | James Sweeney |

Friday, March 6th

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| 8:30 | MEM | Bernard Harrington |
| 12:10 | ANN | William M. Meehan |
| 5:30 | MEM | Epifanio Sarte |

Saturday, March 7th

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| 8:30 | MEM | Juan Martin Peralda |
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THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 1 – *Just*Faith Fair Trade coffee, tea and chocolate sale in Wallace Hall following the 11 AM Masses.

Sunday, March 1, 6:00-7:15 PM - "At Jesus' Side: Lenten Series for Ignatian Young Adults. Using the Scripture readings from the week, we will explore the Lenten themes they raise and how they relate to our own lives. This week's topic: Repentance

Monday, March 2, 7:00 PM - Voice of the Faithful National President Dan Bartley. Mr. Bartley will explore the five action platforms - Local Action, Safety & Reform, Global Action, Partnership and Community - that are all part of VOTF's new strategic plan. The program will be preceded by a social hour at 6:00 PM. A question and answer period will follow. All are welcome. For more information, call 917-916-7575.

Wednesday, March 4, 7:00 PM (Conference Room) - SVdP Meeting. All are welcome.

Wednesday, March 4, 8:00 PM - Sacred Music in a Sacred Space Concert (pre-concert organ recital at 7:00 PM) - Please see insert for complete details.

Thursday, March 5, 3:00-5:00 PM - God's Club. A place for children 3-5 years of age and their parents or caregivers to enrich their faith through art, stories and songs.

Thursday, March 5, 7:00 PM (Parish House Lounge) - Lenten Reflection by Fr. Robert O'Brien, S.J. Topic: On the Mountain: Jesus with Moses and Elijah

Saturday, March 7, 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM - Ignatian Teens. We will be assisting Project Cicero, sorting and packaging books that will go to under-resourced NYC public schools. We will meet at 9:00 AM at the Church Rectory (980 Park Ave.) and proceed to the Hotel Pennsylvania (401 Seventh Ave). For questions and to register, please call Judy Choix (917) 215-1629 or email judy@bchicart.com

UPCOMING

Tuesday, March 17, 7:30 PM – St. Ignatius Loyola Spiritual Community Reading Group. We will discuss Sharon Salzberg's "*Faith: Trusting Your Own Deepest Experience*." New members are welcome. Please contact Jane Campbell at 212-536-7746 or jctjane@aol.com for further details.

BOOMERS & Beyond

A Day of Wellness

This Lent, take time for your health – of spirit, mind and body. Join *Boomers & Beyond* (50+ Catholics who are single, divorced or widowed) on Saturday, March 21st, 9:30 AM-3:30 PM, at St. Stephen of Hungary, 408 East 82 Street. Learn from four experts on various areas of wellness. Fee: \$25, includes morning coffee/tea, lunch and current publications. Casual attire. Reservations required. RSVP by Wednesday, March 18th. Make checks payable to: Church of St. Ignatius Loyola (write "*Boomers & Beyond*" in the memo section). Mail or hand deliver to: *Boomers & Beyond*, Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, 980 Park Ave. NY, NY 10028.

Lenten Cross Service Project



Instead of giving something up for Lent this year, we invite you to "take something on" and make a commitment to engage in a positive act of service, advocacy or prayer. A ribbon identifying your commitment will be attached to our Parish's Lenten Cross that will sit in the narthex of the Church throughout the Lenten Season. Additional information, list of activities and registration sheets are available in the narthex, in the Parish House, or on our website: www.stignatiusloyola.org

Six Minute Reflections for Lent

A small booklet of prayers and reflections for the Lenten Season is available at the Parish House for one dollar. Based on the writings of the late Bishop Kenneth Untener of Saginaw, Michigan, these booklets have been well received in past years. The goal is to find six minutes of quiet time each day during Lent and work through the booklet one day at a time.

Adult Confirmation Class

Adult parishioners of St. Ignatius who have received First Eucharist but who have not yet received the sacrament of Confirmation may register for a course in preparation for the sacrament to be conferred here on Thursday evening, May 14th, at 5:00 PM. The course will begin on Tuesday evening, March 31st, at 7:15 PM and will continue for seven consecutive Tuesday evenings concluding on Tuesday, May 12th. Attendance at all the sessions is required. Enrollment is limited. There may be room for a few already confirmed parishioners who seek some updating in Catholicism. Interested adults should contact Fr. Bergen at the rectory (212-288-3588).

SAVE THE DATES!

Thursday, March 12th, 7:00 PM – Fr. Greg Boyle, S.J.: Homeboy Industries: *Jobs, not Jails*

Monday, March 23rd, 7:00 PM – An Evening with Immaculée Ilibagiza, author of "*Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust*." Tickets now on sale at the Parish House and Grammar School. \$20.00 in advance; \$25 at the door.

ONE COMMUNITY...ONE FAITH... ONE BODY IN CHRIST!

Through the Cardinal's Appeal, \$ 1.25 million is dedicated to the Archdiocesan Seminary system, providing guidance and training to young men as they prepare to live a life dedicated to Christ and His people here in the Archdiocese of New York.

Another \$ 1.25 million is set aside to assist our retired priests and religious. Upon retirement, our elderly clergy receive loving care in places such as the John Cardinal O'Connor and Our Lady of Consolation Residences.



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Couples celebrating their **50th Wedding Anniversary** anytime during 2009 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick on Sunday, May 3, 2009 at 2:00 PM. Pre-registration is required. **The closing date to register for the Mass is Friday, April 17th.** Contact Diane Boyle at the Parish House: boyled@stignatiusloyola.org or 212-288-3588.

Mount St. Alphonsus Redemptorist Pastoral Center presents: Vita Devota: Living a Devout Life. Friday-Sunday, March 6-8, 2009. This week-end retreat will help you learn how to live a devout life through prayer and the Sacraments. Cost: \$160, includes room and meals. Reservations required. For more information, call 845-384-8000 or visit www.VisitTheMount.com

Lenten Retreat Day, "Listening to God through the Words of St. Paul," directed by Judith LoGerfo, at Bethany Spirituality Center, Highland Mills, on Saturday, March 7, with registration beginning at 9:00AM; program closing with 4:00PM liturgy. Suggested offering: \$40, includes morning coffee/pastry and lunch. Please visit call (845) 460-3061 or visit www.bethanyspiritualitycenter.org

The Year of St. Paul is the theme of Lenten Sunday Vespers at Corpus Christi Church, 529 West 121st Street, Manhattan. Sunday, March 8, at 4:00 PM: "Paul and Women," Rev. Dr. Serene Jones, Union Theological Seminary. For further information, visit www.corpus-christi-nyc.org or call 212-666-9350.

Does your company need qualified office help...and want a chance to make a difference in a young person's life? Cristo Rey is a network of 22 private, Catholic high schools that serve students in low-income neighborhoods. Through their corporate internship program students pay their tuition by working as office workers one day a week. Their paychecks go directly to the school. The school fully trains the students in entry-level office work before they are 'deployed.' The school in East Harlem, at 106th St. and Park Ave., is in its 5th year and has 350 students. It is Jesuit sponsored. Already, 70 businesses have hired their students for a variety of assignments. Last year the school graduated 40 students and all of them are enrolled and attending college. For further information please contact: Brian Heese: 646-345-1808 or bheese@cristoreyny.org

PARISH STAFF

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Rev. Stephen Katsouros, S.J.
Rev. James Martin, S.J.

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Fernando Castro

Weekday Masses Monday-Friday
8:30AM, 12:10PM and 5:30PM

Saturday: 8:30AM

Masses for Next Weekend:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30PM Fr. Bergen
Sunday: 8:00AM Fr. Replogle
9:30AM Fr. Bergen
Wallace Hall 11:00AM Fr. Katsouros
Solemn 11:00AM Fr. Gyves
7:30PM Fr. Gyves

Religious Education for Children

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Children's Liturgy of the Word:

Sundays at the 9:30AM Mass and the 11AM Mass in Wallace Hall.

Eucharistic Adoration: Fridays and First Saturdays at 9AM (Lady Chapel)

Centering Prayer: Mondays and Thursdays at 6:30PM.

Confessions: 5PM Saturday or by appointment. Communal Penance Services are celebrated during Advent and Lent.

Baptisms: Please call Joanne Cunneen at the Parish House to arrange for a Baptism and the preparation given prior to Baptism.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults: Contact Maureen Fullam, M.A., Director, at the Parish House.

Marriages: The Bride or Groom should call Joanne Cunneen at the Parish House to begin preparation for Marriage, normally one year in advance.

Visits to the Sick: Please contact the Parish House between 9AM-9PM.

Music Information: (212) 288-2520 E-mail: music@stignatiusloyola.org