

# Church of St. Ignatius Loyola

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"Building a Community of Disciples"

April 12, 2009 Easter Sunday

## Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

The great event of Jesus' resurrection is too big and too important to celebrate in a single day. Just as a wedding or the birth of a baby can dominate a family's consciousness for months afterwards, so too the central event our Christian faith, Jesus' victory over death, warrants a celebration that extends far beyond our Masses this weekend. We enter now into a period of fifty days joyfully proclaiming that "Christ is risen!"

This strikes me as very good because it can take

a long, long time to absorb the impact of what has happened, especially in light of of the somber tones of Lent. After all, we have just spent the last six weeks of Lent in a penitential mode, focusing ourselves on prayer, fasting, and works of charity. Then we focused ourselves on Palm Sunday and throughout Holy Week on the great and terrible events of Jesus' Passion and death. If we have taken these seriously, it is only natural to be somewhat emotionally and spiritually subdued by Easter morning.

No doubt this was the experience of the women we hear about in Mark's Gospel. They

were sick with grief, disappointment, and loss when they approached the tomb. And they were completely unprepared for the reality they suddenly found. It took a while for them to make sense of what they discovered, to realize that Jesus was indeed alive, that he had conquered death...and that nothing, therefore, would ever be the same again.

So Easter joy is not cheap joy. It cannot be canned and served up at will, completely sepa-

rated from the events which preceded it. Rather, it is the joy that follows upon suffering and loss and grief, when the realization dawns that these painful realities do not have the last word. Easter joy is felt most fully when we come to know that God is stronger than anything our worst fears can imagine, and that, in Christ, even death gives way to new life.

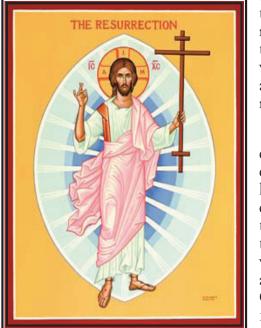
What an important and hopeful message in these difficult times! As we look around, we

may be tempted to despair at the state of the economy, at the misunderstanding and hatred that fuels terrorism and unjust wars, at the small and large disappointments and regrets that mark each of our lives.

Jesus' resurrection does not diminish the fact that we have to deal with such hard realities. We know that they do not magically disappear. Rather, his resurrection assures us that these realities, as painful as they may be, will not and cannot destroy us, and that love and life are forever. Our challenge, and our task as followers of Christ, is to allow this amazing truth to inform the way we live. We are called

to believe it, to proclaim it, and to treat others with the same freedom and generosity that made it possible. And when we do these things, then we will know joy.

May each of us, and all of our families and loved ones, experience this joy during the upcoming Easter season. Christ is risen! Alleluia!



Rev. George M. Witt, S.J. Parish Administrator

#### Scripture Readings for the Week

#### Monday, April 13th (Easter Monday)

Acts 2:14, 22-33 God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses

Psalm 16

Matthew 28:8-15 Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me

#### Tuesday, April 14th (Easter Tuesday)

Acts 2:36-41 Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ

Psalm 33

John 20:11-18 I have seen the Lord, and he said these things to me

#### Wednesday, April 15th (Easter Wednesday)

Acts 3:1-10 What I do have I give you: in the name of the Lord Jesus, rise and walk

Psalm 105

Luke 24:13-35 They recognized Jesus at the breaking of the bread

#### Thursday, April 16th (Easter Thursday)

Acts 3:11-26 The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead

Psalm 8

Luke 24:35-48 Thus it was written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day

#### Friday, April 17th (Easter Friday)

Acts 4:1-12 There is no salvation through anyone else Psalm 118

John 21:1-14 Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish

#### Saturday, April 18th (Easter Saturday)

Acts 4:13-21 It is impossible for us not to speak about what we have seen and heard

Psalm 118

Mark 16:9-15 Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature

## **Sunday, April 19th** (Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday)

Acts 4:32-35 They were of one heart and mind

Psalm 118

I John 5:1-6 Whoever is begotten by God conquers the world John 20:19-31 Eight days later Jesus came and stood in their midst

## Pastoral Visits Available for Homebound and Ill Parishioners

Parishioners have been trained for the ministry of pastoral visiting to the homebound and chronically ill in our Parish. If you are interested in having a visit arranged for yourself or another person, please contact Sr. Kathryn King.

She can be reached at 212.288.3588 or kingk@stignatiuslovola.org.

#### Announced Masses for the Week

#### Monday, April 13th

8:30 MEM Ivan Kerno 12:10 MEM Mimi F. Meehan 5:30 MEM Gloria Perez

#### Tuesday, April 14th

8:30 MEM Viola Fiorito 12:10 LVG Robert Clinton 5:30 MEM Anthony Strano

#### Wednesday, April 15th

8:30 MEM Mary Schumacher 12:10 MEM Catherine Menge 5:30 MEM Otis Booth and other

intentions of the Rodeo Family

#### Thursday, April 16th

8:30 MEM Wolfgang Herz 12:10 MEM Frank Sallese, Jr.

5:30 MEM Living and Deceased Members

of the Wallace Family

#### Friday, April 17th

8:30 MEM John and Nora Reilly 12:10 MEM Elizabeth Baluta 5:30 MEM Concesa Sarte

#### Saturday, April 18th

8:30 MEM Patrick J. McKenna



#### Easter Memorial Wednesday, April 29th 7:00 PM

Our annual liturgy to remember parishioners and family members who died in 2008.

Prayer Booklets for the Easter Season are available at the Parish House for one dollar. Authored by the late Bishop Kenneth Untener of Saginaw, Michigan, the booklet offers brief prayers and reflections for each of the fifty days of the Easter Season.



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

2009 Cardinal's Annual Appeal Please support the Appeal with a gift today!



#### THIS WEEK

#### Wednesday, April 15, 6:30 PM Parish House

**The St. Ignatius Loyola Book Club** led by Fr. James Martin. The book selection will be "Acedia and Me" by Kathleen Norris. Everyone contributes to a pizza dinner prior to the discussion. All are welcome!

#### Wednesday, April 15, 7:30 PM ORGAN PLUS! Celebrity Guest Recital

Olivier Latry, Titular Organist, Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris, France. Works of Saint-Saëns, Franck, Widor, Vierne, Alain and the U.S. premiere of Latry's *Salve Regina*. For tickets call 212-288-2520 or order online at www.smssconcerts.org

### Wednesday, April 15, 7:00 PM Parish House

SVdP Meeting - All are welcome!

Our Lenten Cross Project has now concluded. We are grateful to the more than 300 parishioners who chose to honor the Lenten Season by "taking something on" and making hundreds of commitments to engage in positive acts of service, advocacy and prayer. On Sunday, April 19th we will acknowledge the success of our Lenten Cross Project at all Masses. Please plan to be with us.

We also cordially invite those who took part in the Lenten Cross Project, as well as anyone who would like to learn more about our Parish's social justice ministries, to join us on Monday evening, April 27th at 7:00 PM in Wallace Hall for a "Social Justice Talk and Information Night." Our speaker will be Father Mark Hallinan, S.J., Assistant for Social Ministries for the New York Province. His topic will be "From Cross to Resurrection: Continuing the Journey of Charity and Justice."

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#### New Phone System!

We recently upgraded our telephone answering system here at the Parish House. We hope that you will find this upgraded system to be of benefit, particularly when you are in need of (for example) we was Schedule. Parish House hours or concert.

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We are collecting donations for the Mercy Center in the South Bronx. Mercy Center is a community center and a place of hope for women and their families. The collection period began on Ash Wednesday and will conclude the end of April. Loose change, bills and checks are welcome! Please bring donations to the Parish House in care of Joanne Cunneen.

You can help create long-term solutions to the global hunger crisis! Join the **Bread for the World 2009 Offering of Letters** sponsored by Ignatian Social Justice. Stop at a table in the narthex after Mass on Sunday, April 26th, where you will be able to sign letters addressed to our representatives in Washington promoting economic growth in low-income countries and supporting the efforts of poor people to lift themselves out of hunger and poverty.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### Monday, April 20, 7:00 PM

The Veronica Lally Kehoe Faith and Culture Program presents Faith and Film Symposium at St. Ignatius: *Movie Night and Discussion with Antonio Monda.* Please join us as we view and then discuss Robert Redford's 1994 critically-acclaimed film "Quiz Show."

#### Tuesday, April 21, 7:30 PM

Saint Ignatius Spiritual Community Reading Group April's selection is "The Shack...Where Tragedy Confronts Eternity" by William Paul Young. We welcome new members. For additional information, please contact Jane Campbell at 212-536-7746 or jtcjane@aol.com

#### Saturday, April 25, 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM Join Ignatian Teens on a Saturday of Service at the Mercy Center in the Bronx We will meet at the Parish House at 8:30 AM



We will meet at the Parish House at 8:30 AM and go as a group by subway to the Mercy Center. We will be helping young children in a reading enrichment program and assisting adults in their

ESL program. Classes end at 1:00 PM. We will be back to the Parish House by 1:30 PM. For further information, or to sign-up, please call or email Judy Choix at 212-717-0055 (judy@bchicart.com)

#### Saturday, April 25, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Ministry Formation. The morning's session, "Jesus as Friend and Companion," will be led by Sr. Kathryn King, FSP. After lunch, Fr. Ugo Nacciarone, S.J., will speak on "Jesus: His Ministry and Mission" and "The Structure and Mission of the Church." Anyone involved in ministry here at St. Ignatius Loyola may attend. Please contact Fr. Ugo at the Parish House to register: 212-288-3588

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#### Friday, May 15, 7:00 PM - Midnight

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Annual Spring Benefit, St. Ignatius Loyola Day Nursery The Central Park Boathouse. \$175.00 per person. Invitations

are available at both the Parish House (980 Park Avenue) and the Day Nursery (240 East 84th Street). For additional information, please call 212-734-6427 or 0372

#### **Attention, Ignatian Young Adults:**

"What do I want to do with my life? What part does God play in my choices?" If you are a young adult in your 20s or 30s and are trying to discern the next steps in your life, consider attending a **Life Directions Retreat Day** on Saturday, April 25, 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM, followed by Mass. Location: Convent of the Religious of the Sacred Heart, 406 East 80th Street, between 1st and York Avenues. Fee: \$15 (includes lunch). For more details, contact: Carmen Diaz-Ruiz, RSCJ, carmendiazruiz@hotmail.com or Marianne Ruggeri, RSCJ, mtruggeri@aol.com



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#### **BULLETIN BOARD**

#### Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass:

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 17. Please contact Diane Boyle at the Parish House: 212-288-3588 or boyled@stignatiusloyola.org

The Spanish Mystics Speak to Contemporary Spirituality: Retreat directed by Mario J. Paredes, at the Bethany Spirituality Center, Highland Mills, on Saturday, April 25. This 11th annual retreat day is offered gratis. Please call (845)460-3061 to register.

Theology on Tap - NYC for Young Adults in their 20s and 30s: April 20th from 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Metro 53 Bar and Restaurant, 307 East 53rd Street, between 1st and 2nd Avenues. Speaker: Mr. Chris Lowney, former managing director of JP Morgan and Catholic author. Topic: "Heroic Living: Discover Your Purpose and Change the World." For more details, visit www.totnyc.org

Parishioners are invited to attend the **Sixth Annual Jesuit Volunteer Corps Benefit** in the Regis High School Courtyard on Wednesday, May 13th from 6:30-8:30PM. The event will benefit the work of the JVC, which comprises 350 volunteers working with poor and marginalized populations across the US and in seven countries around the world. Jackie and Chris Keber, Saint Ignatius parishioners, will co-chair this year's benefit. For more information, please call 410-244-1744 or register at

www.jesuitvolunteers.org/jvcthebenefit.

Now available on DVD: My Life with the Saints. Don't just read about the saints... Meet them! Let best-selling author Fr. James Martin, S.J., introduce you to some of his favorite saints in a new DVD that combines insightful commentary with dramatic photos and historical artwork that bring their stories to life. Perfect for personal reflections, parish groups and educators. To order, call 310-815-8542 or visit www.loyolaproductions.com

## **PARISH STAFF**

#### **Parish Administrator**

Rev. George M. Witt, S.J.

#### **Pastoral Associates**

Joanne Cunneen Rev. Peter W. Gyves, S.J. Kathryn King, F.S.P.

#### **Senior Priest Associates**

Rev. William Bergen, S.J. Rev. John F. Replogle, S.J. Rev. Ugo R. Nacciarone, S.J.

#### Assisting Priests (Sunday)

Rev. Philip G. Judge, S.J. Rev. Stephen Katsouros, S.J. Rev. James Martin, S.J.

#### **Music Ministries**

Kent Tritle, *Director*Nancianne Parrella
Renée Anne Louprette
Robert Reuter
Mary Huff
Philip Anderson
Erin Acheson, *Administrator*Staff information: on the website at music/music staff

## Assistant to the Parish Administrator Diane M. Boyle

#### **Administrative Assistant**

Patricia Schneider

#### **Director of Facilities**

Sona M. Olson

#### **Events Coordinator**

**Emily Holtz** 

#### **Treasurer**

Fernando Castro

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

Saturday: 8:30 AM

#### **Masses for Next Weekend:**

Saturday Vigil: 5:30PM Fr. Witt
Sunday: 8:00AM Fr. Replogle
9:30AM Fr. Witt

Wallace Hall 11:00AM Fr. Bergen
Solemn 11:00AM Fr. Gyves
7:30PM Fr. Gyves

**Music Information:** (212) 288-2520

# Religious Education for Children

Joanne Cunneen, M.A., M.S. Director (212) 861-4764

#### St. Ignatius Loyola Grammar School

Ms. Mary Larkin, M.S. Ed.
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#### St. Ignatius Loyola Day Nursery

Ms. Theodora Crist, M.S. Executive Director 240 East 84 Street New York, NY 10028 (212) 734-6427 Fax: (212) 734-6972

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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.

#### $\label{lem:reconstruction} \textbf{Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults:}$

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.