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February 22, 2009

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Forty Days and Forty Nights

Lent begins this coming Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, and ends on Holy Thursday, April 9th, as the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper begins. These forty days of Lent serve as a reminder of the forty days and forty nights Jesus spent in the wilderness after his baptism and before embarking upon his ministry of teaching, preaching and healing.

The season of Lent developed in the early Church as a forty day preparation period for adults who would become Christian in the waters of baptism at the Easter Vigil liturgy.

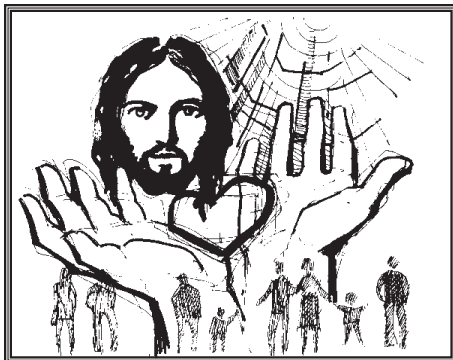
As Lent begins on Wednesday, photographers from the news media will invade our city churches as they do every year. What they will want to capture on film are the crowds of people lining up to have ashes placed on their foreheads in the form of a cross. This gesture at the beginning of Lent is meant to recall the sign of the cross that was traced on our forehead when we became Christian on the day of our Baptism.

The Second Vatican Council called for a renewal of Lent that would recover its ancient baptismal character. A hint of this recovery is in a second, newer formula for the imposition of ashes.

The only formula in use before the Council was one that clearly signaled our mortality: **Remember, you are dust and to dust you will return.** The newer formula is: **Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.** Although it doesn't explicitly mention Baptism, it recalls our baptismal promises to reject sin and profess our faith. It is a call to a conversion - to a movement away from

sin and toward God, a movement we must make time and again throughout our lives.

From the Pope on down, Christians have a continual need for this conversion and change of heart. We will hear a plaintive cry from God in the reading from Joel on Ash Wednesday: **“Return to me with your whole heart.”** This is a plea from a God who longs for our love and is pained by the distance we keep from him. If we're honest with ourselves, we have to admit that frequently enough we turn aside from God, block God out, and pursue our own gods.



“Return to me with your whole

The season of Lent provides a good stretch of time to step back and consider where we are with God. Does God play much part in my day? Do I show the same concern for others that I show for myself? What changes might God be calling me to make this Lent?

I am reminded of the saying in the program of Alcoholics Anonymous: *If nothing changes, nothing changes.* For the alcoholic, if recovery is to begin, something has to change. For the Christian, if salvation is to take deep hold, something has to change. Priorities may have to shift. And any true conversion on our part will move us outward - away from self-preoccupation and self-interest and toward the interests, needs and concerns of the people in our lives.

On Wednesday, millions of Christians will begin the forty days and forty nights of Lent. How many of us will be changed by them?

Fr. William Bergen, S.J.

## Scripture Readings for the Week

**Monday, February 23rd** (Feast of St. Polycarp)  
Sirach 1:1-10 *Before all things else wisdom was created*  
Psalm 93  
Mark 9:14-29 *I do believe, help my unbelief!*

**Tuesday, February 24th** (7th in Ordinary Time)  
Sirach 2:1-11 *Prepare yourself for trials*  
Psalm 37  
Mark 9:30-37 *The Son of Man is to be handed over. Whoever wishes to be first, shall be last of all.*

**Wednesday, February 25th** (Ash Wednesday)  
Joel 2:12-18 *Rend your hearts, not your garments*  
Psalm 51  
II Corinthians 5:20-6:2 *Be reconciled to God. Behold, now is the acceptable time*  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 *Your Father who sees in secret will repay you*

**Thursday, February 26th** (Thursday after Ash Wednesday)  
Deuteronomy 30:15-20 *Behold, I set before you the blessing and the curse*  
Psalm 1  
Luke 9:22-25 *Whoever loses his life for my sake will save it*

**Friday, February 27th** (Friday after Ash Wednesday)  
Isaiah 58:1-9a *Is this the manner of fasting I wish?*  
Psalm 51  
Matthew 9:14-15 *When the bridegroom is taken from them, then they will fast*

**Saturday, February 28th** (Saturday after Ash Wednesday)  
Isaiah 58:9b-14 *If you bestow your bread on the hungry, then light shall rise for you in the darkness*  
Psalm 86  
Luke 5:27-32 *I have not come to call the righteous to repentance but sinners*

**Sunday, March 1st** (1st Sunday of Lent)  
Genesis 9:8-15 *God's covenant with Noah when he was delivered from the flood*  
Psalm 25  
I Peter 3:18-22 *The water of the flood pre-figured baptism, which saves you now*  
Mark 1:12-15 *Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels ministered to him*



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## Announced Masses for the Week

### Monday, February 23th

8:30 MEM Bertha & George Hallam  
12:10 MEM Sara Biazevic  
5:30 MEM Ernestine Johnson

### Tuesday, February 24th

8:30 MEM Ned Lowe  
12:10 MEM John B., John A. and Elizabeth A. Rooney  
5:30 MEM Robin Foxx

### Wednesday, February 25h

Ash Wednesday –  
*No Special Intentions*

### Thursday, February 26th

8:30 MEM Anne Stepka  
12:10 MEM Marietta Lepore  
5:30 MEM Dr. Emil Wittek

### Friday, February 27th

8:30 MEM Robin Foxx  
12:10 ANN Bridget Jones  
5:30 MEM William Powers

### Saturday, February 28th

8:30 MEM Mary K. Winters



## THIS WEEK

**Sunday, February 22** – *JustFaith* Fair trade coffee, tea and chocolate sale in Wallace Hall following the 11 AM Masses

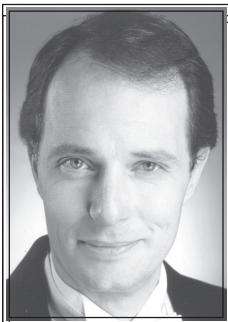
**Sunday, February 22, 4:00 PM** – Kent Tritle, Organ Recital (see details below)

**Sunday, February 22, 8:30 PM, Wallace Hall** – Sunday Social hosted by the Ignatian Young Adults (follows the 7:30 PM Mass). All are welcome!

**Wednesday, February 25** – ASH WEDNESDAY

**Thursday, February 26, 7:00 PM, Parish Lounge** – Lenten Reflection, Fr. O'Brien

**Thursday, February 26, 7:00 PM, Conference Room** – Ignatian Social Justice Meeting



*Today at 4:00PM*

### **Kent Tritle Organ Recital**

Kent Tritle performs Bach masterworks, the United States premiere of Alessandro Cadario's *Iam surgit hora tertia*, and Widor's monumental *Symphony No. 7 in A minor*.

Tickets are \$20 or \$15 for students and seniors, and are available in the Parish House, by calling 212-288-2520 and at the door beginning at 3:15pm.

**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.

**PETER'S PENCE**  
*Special Collection this weekend*  
*Please be as generous*  
*as your means allow.*

## IYA RETREAT



Pictured above are members of the **Ignatian Young Adults** who traveled to Jogues Retreat House in Cornwall, NY on February 6-8 to participate in the IYA Winter Retreat, "An Encounter with Jesus." The retreat was led by Fr. Ugo, who was assisted by Fr. Witt.

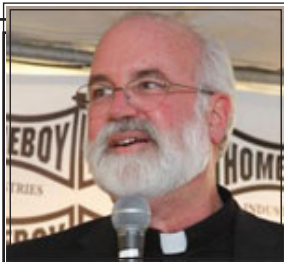


**NOTE:** DURING MASS TIMES, RESTROOMS ARE AVAILABLE IN WALLACE HALL. ENTER THROUGH THE GATE ON THE 83RD STREET SIDE OF THE CHURCH STEPS.

**ParishPay** **D**id you know that many of our parishioners are already making automatic online gifts to St. Ignatius? By giving online monthly to St. Ignatius you will no longer need to receive monthly envelopes in the mail. In addition, you may also make gifts to our annual Parish collections, as well as Archdiocesan special collections. For further information, or to enroll in the program, please visit our website at: [www.stignatiusloyola.org](http://www.stignatiusloyola.org) (click on About Us: Stewardship/Giving).

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Homeboy Industries: *Jobs not Jails*

A Lecture by  
**Fr. Gregory Boyle, S.J.**

**Thursday, March 12  
7:00 PM in Wallace Hall**

Homeboy Industries was created by Fr. Boyle, S.J., as a jobs program, offering alternatives to gang violence in one of the toughest neighborhoods in Los Angeles. Homeboy Industries has had an important impact on this region's gang problem, with young people from over half of the area's 1100 known gangs seeking a way out through Homeboy. Thousands of young people have walked through the doors of Homeboy Industries looking for a second chance, and finding community. Gang affiliations are left outside as these young people work together, learning the mutual respect that comes from shared tasks and challenges. 2008 marked the 20th anniversary of Homeboy Industries, which is recognized as the largest gang intervention program in the US and which has become a national model. This lecture is sponsored jointly by Loyola School and Church of St. Ignatius Loyola.



### An Evening with **Immaculée Ilibagiza**

author of *Left to Tell,  
Discovering God Amidst the  
Rwandan Holocaust*

**Monday, March 23  
7:00 PM in the Church**

Immaculée is a living example of faith put into action. Her first book, *Left to Tell*, was released in 2006 and quickly became a **New York Times** bestseller. It has been translated into 15 languages and her story has been made into a documentary, "The Diary of Immaculée."

This evening is hosted jointly by Saint Ignatius Loyola Grammar School and Church of St. Ignatius Loyola.

Ticket price: \$ 20 advance sale; \$ 25 at the door.

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE  
and can be purchased at either the Parish House  
or the Grammar School.

**March 10, 7:00 PM -- The Ignatian Young Adults will meet at the Parish House to discuss Immaculée Ilibagiza's book, "Left to Tell, Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust" in anticipation of her appearance at St. Ignatius on March 23, 2009. All are welcome.**

## OF INTEREST TO PARISHIONERS



### THE CATHOLIC CHANNEL NOW ON XM

The Catholic Channel on Sirius Satellite Radio (channel 159), produced by the Archdiocese of New York, is now also on XM Satellite Radio, channel 117. The Catholic Channel features contemporary talk, plus live daily Mass from St. Patrick's Cathedral, a weekly program with Cardinal Egan – and Notre Dame football and basketball, too. Parishioners can sample the channel for three free days on [Sirius.com/catholic](http://Sirius.com/catholic) or order at a special discounted price through the archdiocesan website, [www.archny.org](http://www.archny.org)

**OPEN HOUSE** – Fordham University Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education, Thursday, March 5th, 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM. Keating 1st Floor Auditorium. Presentations include academic programs, financial aid, panel discussion with current students and the possibility of sitting in on a class. For more information, or to RSVP, please email [almejia@fordham.edu](mailto:almejia@fordham.edu)

**Yes, We Can End Hunger:  
Change We Can Advocate For**  
Sunday, March 8, 2009, 2:15 – 6:00 PM.  
Judson Memorial Church,  
55 Washington Square South, NY, NY  
Space is limited. Register no later than March 3rd.  
Contact Samantha McLane, Bread for the World, at 212-870-2206 or [smclane@bread.org](mailto:smclane@bread.org) for a registration form. Sponsored by: Bread for the World, Hunger Action Network of NY State, NYC Coalition Against Hunger, NY Province of the Society of Jesus, NY Faith and Justice, Presbytery of NYC





## ASH WEDNESDAY

February 25

Masses at 8:30 AM, 12:10 PM  
5:30 PM (organ and cantor)  
7:30 PM (choirs)

*Asbes will be distributed at all Masses*

### 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.



### Lenten Regulations

During the Season of Lent, the Church urges all the Faithful to reflect a spirit in penance in their daily life through performing acts of fast and abstinence.

“Fasting” requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two other smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength, but these two meals together should not equal a full meal in quantity. Fasting obliges all those who have reached the age of 18 and continues to oblige until age 59. Those not specifically obliged to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able.

“Abstinence” prohibits individuals from eating meat on a particular day. Abstinence obliges all those who have reached the age of 14 and continues to oblige throughout their entire life. Those not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are encouraged to join in this discipline to the extent that they are able.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of *fast and abstinence*.

Fridays in Lent are days of *abstinence*.

### 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](http://www.stignatiusloyola.org)

### A Lenten Project

We will be collecting donations throughout Lent for 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 runs from Ash Wednesday to the end of April. Loose change, bills and checks are welcome! Please bring donations to the Parish House in care of Joanne Cunneen.

### Lenten Reflections

Fr. Robert O’Brien, S.J., will be offering reflections on the Sunday Gospel Readings for the six weeks of Lent on Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM in the Parish House Lounge. Please join us this Thursday, February 26th. Topic: *In the Wilderness: Jesus and Satan*

### 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. All sessions begin at 6:00 PM and end by 7:15 PM.

**Sunday, March 1: Repentance**





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## BULLETIN BOARD

Couples celebrating their **50th Wedding Anniversary** anytime during 2009 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Egan 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 212-288-3588 or [boyled@stignatiusloyola.org](mailto:boyled@stignatiusloyola.org)

**Theology on Tap-NYC for Young Adults in their 20s and 30s.** February 23, 7:00-8:30 PM at Metro 53 Bar and Restaurant, 307 East 53 Street (between 2nd and 3rd Avenues). Moderator: Fr. Richard Gill. Topic: "Grill the Priest: An Open Forum of Questions." For more details, visit [www.totnyc.org](http://www.totnyc.org)

**Pottery Retreat Day**, "Perceiving the Spirit," directed by Ray Boswell. Tuesday, February 24, 9:30AM-2:30PM at Bethany Spirituality Center, Highland Mills. Program includes morning coffee/pastry and noon lunch. Suggested offering: \$35; seniors, \$25. Please call (845) 460-3061.

**Mount St. Alphonsus Redemptorist Pastoral Center presents: Entering the Sacred Silence.** Saturday, February 28, 2009 from 10:30am-4:30pm. A day of reflection on the importance of silence in our lives. Cost \$20, includes lunch. Reservations required. For more information, call 845-384-8000 or visit [www.VisitTheMount.com](http://www.VisitTheMount.com)

**Volunteer Tutor Positions Available in East Harlem.** The Little Sisters of the Assumption Family Health Service is in need of reading and math tutors to tutor children ages 7-12. You must be willing to commit to tutoring for at least one full semester. Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays: 3:30PM-4:45PM and 4:45PM-6:00PM; Thursdays: 4:15PM-5:30PM. For more information contact the Volunteer Director at 646.672.0434 . Please visit: [www.lsfhs.org](http://www.lsfhs.org)

**Marymount Summer Camp:** Drama, science and technology day camps for boys and girls ages 3.5-13. June 22-July 24, 2009. All camps include sports, weekly swimming and field trips. For more information call 212-744-4486 or visit [marymountsummer.org](http://marymountsummer.org)

**In the Footsteps of St. Paul.** Travel to Turkey and the isle of Patmos, Greece with Fr. Brendan Hurley, S.J., Associate Pastor of St. Ignatius Loyola Church in Baltimore, MD. April 21 – May 2, 2009, \$1649.00/pp double occupancy. What a wonderful way to commemorate this Year of St. Paul! For details, call Miskelly & Cox Travel at 410.467.4147

## PARISH STAFF

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

**Pastoral Associates**  
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Rev. Peter W. Gyves, S.J.  
Kathryn King, F.S.P.

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

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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*  
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Emily Holtz

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

**Saturday: 8:30AM**

**Masses for Next Weekend:**

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

9:30AM Fr. Witt  
Wallace Hall 11:00AM Fr. Bergen  
Solemn 11:00AM Fr. Witt  
7:30PM Fr. Katsouros

## 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](mailto:music@stignatiusloyola.org)