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“ B u i l d i n g a C o m m u n i t y o f D i s c i p l e s ”

February 1, 2009

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Presentation of the Lord

Monday we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. It commemorates the event that occurred 40 days after the birth of Jesus, to when Mary and Joseph presented their son in the temple according to the requirements of the Law of Moses. Before the modern liturgical reforms, this day marked the end of the Christmas season, as it commemorated the last mystery in the gospel infancy narratives.

The readings of the feast present us with a great contrast in images. In the Old Testament reading from the prophet Malachi, the Lord comes to his temple like a refiner's fire. He comes to purify the sons of Levi. But in the gospel, the Lord comes to his temple in the little infant, just 40 days old in the arms of his mother. There could be no greater contrast between the old and new covenants than these contrasting pictures: the refining fire and the infant in the arms of his mother. Here are two very different understandings of God and how he reveals himself to his people.

In the gospel story of the presentation only two people recognise what is happening: the old man Simeon, and the old woman Anna. They are close to God by reason of their prayerful life and can see in a seemingly ordinary event the revelation of the Messiah, so long awaited by the Jewish people, but recognised only by those who seek God in the quiet of prayer. This child would grow up and one day fulfill the prophecy of Malachi when, as an adult, he returned to the temple like a refiner's fire and threw out the sellers and money changers.

This day he is presented to the Lord, as the first born. This was a reminder of the Exodus, when the death of the first born of Egypt freed the people from slavery. And this infant, today presented to the Lord, would one day give his life to free his people from sin and death. Jesus' whole life was a living out of that consecration, and his death was the real sacrifice that saved not just the Jewish people, but all the men and women of the earth.

Today is also set aside by the Church as the World Day for Consecrated Life. It is a day when we honor and reflect on the call to religious life. We pray for the thousands of religious sisters, brothers and priests. As Jesus was presented and consecrated to the Lord on this day, the religious members of the Church have consecrated themselves to the Lord by the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. It would be very appropriate on this day to pray for an increase in vocations to the religious life. But every one of us has also been consecrated to the Lord. This offering was made by us to the Lord at our baptism and will also continue to be fulfilled as we live out the mysteries of Jesus in our own lives.

We see this exemplified in the life of Fr. Alfred Delp. Alfred Delp was born in Germany in 1907. In 1926,

when 19 years old, he entered the Jesuits. He was ordained in 1937, and was first assigned to the magazine "Stimmen der Zeit" ("Voices of the Times"). However, this publication was suppressed by Hitler in 1941. He then worked in a parish, and greatly assisted Jews to escape to Switzerland. He was also a member of a group planning a future Germany after Hitler, based on the social teachings of the church. After the failed assassination attempt of July

1944, he was arrested with many others, though he was not involved in the coup plot. He was executed by hanging on this day, the 2nd of February, 1945.

He wrote in prison: "If through one man's life there is a little more love and kindness, a little more light and truth in the world, then he will not have lived in vain." May that be said of each of us as we remember our own consecration to the Lord this day.

Like Father Delp, may we, who have been consecrated to the Lord in baptism, continue to live out the mystery of Jesus in our own day and culture, and be challenged to be a light to the people of our land.

- Fr. Ugo Nacciarone, S.J.



*"The Presentation of the Lord"
St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Cathedral,
New York City*

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday, February 2nd

(Feast of the Presentation of the Lord)

Malachi 3:1-4 *There will come to the temple the Lord whom you seek*

Psalm 24

Hebrews 2:14-18 *He had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way*

Luke 2:22-40 *My eyes have seen your salvation*

Tuesday, February 3rd (Feast of St. Blaise)

Hebrews 12:1-4 *Let us persevere in running the race that lies before us*

Psalm 22

Mark 5:21-43 *Little girl, I say to you, arise!*

Wednesday, February 4th (Feast of the Jesuit Martyrs of the Missions: St. John de Brito and Companions)

Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15 *The Lord disciplines those he loves*

Psalm 103

Mark 6:1-6 *A prophet is not without honor except in his native place*

Thursday, February 5th (Feast of St. Agatha)

Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24 *You have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God*

Psalm 48

Mark 6:7-13 *Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out*

Friday, February 6th (Feast of SS. Paul Miki, John Soan, James Kisai, and Companions)

Hebrews 13:1-8 *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever*

Psalm 27

Mark 6:14-29 *It is John whom I beheaded. He has been raised up.*

Saturday, February 7th (4th in Ordinary Time)

Hebrew 13:15-17, 20-21 *May the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great shepherd, furnish you with all that is good*

Psalm 23

Mark 6:30-34 *They were like sheep without a shepherd*



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 or order at a special discounted price through the archdiocesan website, www.archny.org

Announced Masses for the Week

Monday, February 2nd

8:30 MEM Pat Briody

12:10 MEM John A. Rooney

5:30 MEM Anthony Mahony

Tuesday, February 3rd

8:30 MEM James Patrick Hyland

12:10 MEM Helen Cairns

5:30 MEM Anne Smithwaite

Wednesday, February 4th

8:30 MEM Sandra Brunetti
and Mildred Pheiffer

12:10 MEM Florence Mayas

5:30 MEM George Caruso

Thursday, February 5th

8:30 MEM Pier Francesco Munari

12:10 LVG Marie Finnegan

5:30 MEM Catherine McAvey

Friday, February 6th

8:30 MEM Shlomo Yanin

12:10 MEM William M. Meehan

5:30 MEM Caroline Fiedler

Saturday, February 7th

8:30 MEM David Oing



Did 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

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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 (click on About Us: Stewardship/Giving).

OF INTEREST TO PARISHIONERS

Ministry to American Catholics: Fordham University Conference

Friday, February 6th, 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM at the Rose Hill Campus. This conference will focus on the generational changes and deep demographic shifts that impact the role of laity and ministry in today's Church. The fee is \$25 which includes breakfast and lunch. For more information, or to register, go to: www.fordham.edu/mac

THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 1 – SVdP Fair Trade coffee, tea and chocolate sale in Wallace Hall following the 11 AM Masses.

Monday, February 2, 7:00 PM, Wallace Hall – Lecture by Fr. John O'Malley, "What Happened at Vatican II?" See column at right for details.

Tuesday February 3rd, 7:00 PM, Lady Chapel - Ignatian Young Adult Community Prayer. An ongoing community prayer experience to deepen our relationship with God. In our next meeting, Fr. George Witt, S.J., will lead us into the "Ignatian Examen." For more information, please contact Sr. Carmen Diaz-Ruiz, RSCJ (carmendiazruiz@hotmail.com), Alex Beech (mabeech@gmail.com) or Ximena Morales (ximena_morales@yahoo.com).

Wednesday, February 4, 7:00 PM, Conference Room – SVdP Meeting. All are welcome.

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

Friday, February 6 to Sunday, February 8 - Ignatian Young Adults Winter Retreat. *Open the Door: The Challenge of Change in Troubling Times.* Jogues Retreat House, Cornwall, NY. Limited space available. For further information or to reserve your place, contact Heidi Cinquegrana (cinque84@hotmail.com). Forms are also available at the Parish House.

LOOKING AHEAD

The Veronica Lally Kehoe Faith and Culture Program

presents
Faith and Film Symposium at St. Ignatius:
Movie Night and Discussion
with Antonio Monda
Monday, February 9, 2009 at 7:00 PM

Please join us for an insightful and spirited evening as we view and then discuss Woody Allen's critically-acclaimed film "Crimes and Misdemeanors."

Parishioner Antonio Monda teaches in the Kanbar Institute of Film and Television, Tisch School of the Arts, at New York University.



Monday, February 2, 7:00 PM in Wallace Hall "What happened at Vatican II?"

*What difference does it make
almost fifty years later?*

A talk and book signing by Fr. John O'Malley, S.J., author of **The First Jesuits**, member of the Georgetown University Faculty, and one of the most respected and widely recognized church historians in North America. Fr. O'Malley received his doctorate in history from Harvard University and has held a number of prestigious fellowships, including ones from the Guggenheim Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities. He is the past president of the American Catholic Historical Association and of the Renaissance Society of America.

What Happened at Vatican II was published in 2008 by Harvard University Press. "Father O'Malley has written one of the best and most needed books about Vatican II," writes Peter Steinfels in his Beliefs column in *The New York Times*, December 20, 2008.

This event is co-sponsored with Loyola School.



Wednesday, February 11 at 8 PM

A Cappella Plus program featuring works by de Monte, Ligeti, Penderecki, Rachmaninoff, Pärt, Bryars, Lauridsen and Oldham. At 7:00pm, Renée Anne Louprette presents a pre-concert organ recital of Reger, Ligeti and Duruflé. See insert for full details.

Saturday, February 14, 9:00 AM to Noon – Ignatian Teens: Work at the St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry. We will be packaging and distributing emergency food bags for needy families in our community. We will meet at 9:00 AM at the rectory (980 Park Avenue) and take the bus, so please bring your MetroCard. For questions and to register, please call or email Judy Choix: 212- 717-0055 (judy@bchicart.com).

COMING IN MARCH....

Thursday, March 12, at 7:00 PM in Wallace Hall. Fr. Greg Boyle will speak about his charity, **Homeboy Industries: Jobs not Jails.** Homeboy Industries assists at-risk and formerly gang-involved youth to become positive and contributing members of society through job placement, training and education. Sponsored jointly by Loyola School and Church of St. Ignatius Loyola.

Monday, March 23, at 7PM An evening with Immaculée Ilibagiza, author of *Left To Tell, Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust.* Hosted jointly by Saint Ignatius Loyola Grammar School and Church of St. Ignatius Loyola. Tickets available soon.



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Kidsave's Summer Miracles Program Information Session, Sunday February 1, 2009, 1 to 2:30 pm. Spence-Chapin Services, 410 East 92nd (between First & York) Kidsave (www.kidsave.org) is a summer hosting program for children from Colombia. Please attend to find out more about our program if you are interested in hosting an older child from Colombia for the summer or in a volunteering opportunity (fundraising, coordinate media contact, translation). Contact Gwenn Levine, LMSW for further information or to register at 212/360-0221 or glevine@spence-chapin.org.

STOP – Seek The Other Possibility: An online discernment retreat for men and women who would like to explore a call to Religious Life. February 25 – March 1, 2009. In the privacy of your own home you will be able to receive materials for reflection. You will be invited to contact a retreat director via email. There is no fee. Deadline: February 12, 2009. For information and registration, please visit: <http://www.archny.org/education/vocation/stop>

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

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 Genevieve Matthews at the Family Life/Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York: 212-371-1011 x2830.

Capuchin Franciscan Pilgrimages – Praying with Your Legs! The Capuchin Journey Pilgrimage Program invites you join them on various pilgrimages, including: “In the Footsteps of St. Paul” (Greece and Turkey); Lourdes and Paris; Fatima; Franciscan Italy, Shrines of Sicily and other travel adventures. Call 1-866-363-5917 x268 or email Cmarotta@capuchin.org for a schedule and complete listing of 2009 destinations.

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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. Bergen

Sunday: 8:00AM Fr. Judge

9:30AM Fr. Judge

Wallace Hall 11:00AM Fr. Bergen

Solemn 11:00AM Fr. Gyves

7:30PM Fr. Ugo

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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.