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January 18, 2009

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

## “A New Birth of Freedom”

In his famous Gettysburg Address, Abraham Lincoln expressed the hope that the sacrifice of those who died to preserve the nation would lead to a “new birth of freedom.”

This phrase, “a new birth of freedom,” has become the inaugural theme of another son of Springfield, the president-elect, Barack Obama. This year, 2009 marks the 200th anniversary of the birth of the famous orator of the address. And so, the country is awash in both commemorative programs and books that analyze his presidency, his family system, as well as his impact on American history. And no wonder! Freedom is perhaps the characteristic of United States culture that most appeals to people of other cultures and generations. Freedom, as outlined in the Bill of Rights, protects various personal freedoms of speech, religion, assembly, bearing arms, and the guarantee of due process of law. It protects both the right to petition and an independent press. It guarantees the right to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures, cruel and unusual punishment and self-incrimination. All are expressions of the deeper “rights” to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. And yet, despite these freedoms, identified as “rights,” our country experiences a deep loss of connection in human relationships. A strange isolation has gripped the country that leaves us feeling more alone, lonely and isolated despite the explosion of information systems designed to keep us “connected.” Our freedoms, understood as rights, have unleashed monsters of greed in an unchecked, unregulated market economy that has deepened poverty, violence and disease, as well as environmental destruction on a global scale.

What are we looking for in the “new birth of freedom?” Do we really want a truly “new” freedom, one that grounds our ability to choose the most loving action that serves the common good? A commitment to develop a deep sense of what is best for the common good and the willingness to choose it requires sacrifice. The word “sacrifice” is used rarely in the public forum. Popular culture tells us that we can “have it all.” “Having” may have become the true goal of our freedom! What if

the “new freedom” involves a “radical simplification” as poet and essayist David Whyte has suggested? What if the “new freedom” challenges us to let go of the never-ending cycle of buying and having and instead asks us to “live simply so that others may simply live?” What if the “new freedom” is a call to real relationships based on the conviction that we actually are our brothers’ keeper, commanded to love others as ourselves? What if the hope for a “new freedom” has the crucified Christ as its focal point? This is the point of view of the Christian. A new freedom based on sacrifice offers a moral vision that interrupts the drive to both live beyond one’s means and to destroy the systems of nature. This, I think, was the intent of Abraham Lincoln. His concept of the “new freedom” called for a commitment to self-

transcending action, to participation and to personal involvement in the life of the nation as a community of equals. Life and death were at stake for each person buried in Gettysburg. Whereas words are surely forgotten, actions requiring sacrifice are not.



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The journey into a “new freedom” based on sacrifice is not for the fainthearted. Small daily choices that go against our addictions, compulsions or habits, and that join our lives to God’s creative love, will gradually expand our interior freedom for choice. Ecumenist Thomas Ryan identifies the truly free person as one who possesses a realistic sense of self, is fully alive, creative and takes initiative; is able to withstand criticism or even persecution; is able to notice what comes between himself/herself and God; and is in loving relationship with God and others.<sup>1</sup>

“A New Birth of Freedom” is more than an inaugural slogan. It is an invitation to all of us to ask ourselves, “Am I ready and willing for the kind of interior journey that will bring about a new birth of freedom within myself and in the community?” What a challenge!

Kathryn King, FSP

<sup>1</sup> Thomas Ryan, *Four Steps to Spiritual Freedom* (New York: Paulist Press, 2003)

## Christian Unity



Last Sunday in the Parish bulletin essay we reflected on the meaning of Baptism.

It is a sacrament that forges bonds between all those baptised in Christ. These bonds are stronger than any biological bonds, since they make all the baptised brothers and sisters in Christ. Yet, the tragedy is that we see Christians divided into Orthodox, Protestant, Episcopalian and Roman Catholic. According to one encyclopaedia there are some 38,000 Christian denominations. Sadly, some of these are very antagonistic toward others. St. John in his gospel records that Jesus prayed on the night before he died: "that they all may be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me." (17:21)

The third week in January is set aside each year as an octave of prayer for Christian Unity. It is an opportunity for all Christians to pray and work for the restoration of the unity of all the baptised. Make a special effort this week to pray each day with Christians all over the world that we may be one, as Christ desired of us. How can we do less, if, for this reason, Jesus laid down his life?

There will be an ecumenical prayer service to launch the week of prayer. It will be held at St. Monica's Church, 413 E. 79th Street today at 3:00 P.M. All are invited.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PLEASE TAKE NOTE....

The Parish House will be closed on Monday, January 19th, in observance of Martin Luther King Day. One Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 AM in the Lady Chapel. There will be no Mass at 12:10 or 5:30.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OUR HOMELESS SHELTER

We are in desperate need of overnight volunteers for our Women's Homeless Shelter. The Shelter program runs every other weekend Friday-Sunday nights through April. Please leave a message for Pattie Hughes at the Parish House if you wish to volunteer.

**FAIR TRADE COFFEE FOR SALE** after the 11AM Masses. Not only is this coffee fresh roasted and delicious; purchasing Fair Trade is Faith in Action! When you support Fair Trade, you can be sure the growers and their workers have received a fair wage for their work. To sweeten the deal this year we have added yummy Fair Trade chocolate and Fair Trade teas.

## Thank You to St. Ignatius Parish

Dear Father Witt and the Parish Community, Please excuse the delay of this heartfelt thanks....life happened!

What an incredibly generous and wonderful collection of clothes and "extras" for Hour Children! They were so carefully presented and provided our families and our community with much needed necessities.

When our truck was unloaded we had many helping hands who were awed by the bounty!

Xiomara and Robinson also spoke proudly of your hospitable welcome and how respectfully they were greeted by so many! We have many more volunteers for our next venture!

Your active support of Hour Children's mission touches us deeply and speaks so beautifully of Gospel values in action!

God's peace in 2009 on your entire parish community.

Gratefully,  
Sr. Tesa Fitzgerald, CSJ



We pray for the faithfully departed  
**Caroline Caputo**  
May She Rest in the Peace of the  
Risen Lord

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

**ParishPay** Did you know that many of our parishioners are already making automatic online gifts to St. Ignatius Church? By giving online

*Making it Easier to Give* 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).

## Outside Activity of Interest to Parishioners

### March for Life

Thursday, January 22nd, marks the 36th anniversary of the legalization of abortion in our nation. This year, more than 40 buses from the Archdiocese of New York will travel to Washington, DC to participate in the Annual March for Life. A Manhattan bus will leave from St. Malachy's Church, 329 West 49th Street (between Broadway and 8th Avenue) at 6:45 AM. A Mass will be offered at 6:15 AM. Cost of the trip is \$ 35.00. For more information go to: [www.FLRL.org](http://www.FLRL.org) or call Sr. Mary Loretta at 212-371-1011 x3195.

## JANUARY CALENDAR LISTINGS

### This Week:

**Sunday, January 18, 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM** (McKinnon Hall) – SVdP Blood Drive

**Tuesday, January 20, 7:30 PM** – St. Ignatius Spiritual Community Reading Group. Book Selection: *Mysteries of the Middle Ages...and the beginning of the Modern World*, by Thomas Cahill. For information contact Jane Campbell by email: jctjane@aol.com or call 212-536-7746

**Wednesday, January 21, 7:00 PM**, Lady Chapel – Ignatian Young Adults Community Prayer. We meet twice a month to “listen” to the Spirit speak within us and around us, as a way of having Jesus more present in our lives. For more information, please contact Sr. Carmen Diaz-Ruiz, RSCJ (carmendiazruiz@hotmail.com) or Alex Beech (mabeech@gmail.com)

**Wednesday, January 21, 7:00 PM** – SVdP Meeting. All are welcome!

**Thursday, January 22, 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, January 22 – Thursday, March 19, 6:30 – 8:20 PM** – FORDHAM ON PARK – Winter Offering 2009: “The Gospel of Mark.” This eight week course, taught by Rev. Charles James Parr, MA, Ed.S., Ph.D., will provide an opportunity to study the Gospel of Mark, including the use of specific texts in the liturgical cycle. Registration forms are available on our website (www.stignatiusloyola.org) and at the Parish House. For further information contact Sr. Kathryn King at the Parish House (212-288-3588) or via email: kingk@stignatiusloyola.org

**Friday, January 23, 7:30 – 9:30 PM** (Wallace Hall) – **Boomers & Beyond:** January Wine Tasting. Learn more about wine and enjoy good company at our wine and cheese reception. Cost: \$15.00 (includes tasting, lecture and two glasses of wine at the reception). RSVP by Tuesday, January 20th. For reservations/further information email: BoomersandBeyond.eastside@gmail.com (preferred) or call 646-241-1332. Payment must accompany reservation. Make checks payable to: Church of St. Ignatius Loyola; mail or hand deliver to: **Boomers & Beyond** at the Parish House. **Boomers & Beyond is for 50+ Catholics who are single, widowed, or divorced.**

**Saturday, January 24, 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM** – Ministry Formation Program (alternate date: March 21) Year 2, Session 2 (for those who have completed Year 1, Sessions 1 & 2): “Catholic Christians: A People of the Table” – Morning Prayer: “Eucharistic and Sacramental Prayer,” Rev. Francis Gargani, C.S.R.; Afternoon Presentation: Rev. Peter Fink, S.J.. To register for the January 24th session, contact Fr. Ugo at nacciaroneu@stignatiusloyola.org

### Later in January:

**Tuesday, January 27, 7:00 PM** – Life Planning Seminar: Preparing for Passing, hosted by the Emmaus Bereavement Ministry. An opportunity to consider the spiritual, financial and legal issues in preparation for the death of a loved one or oneself. For further information, please contact Sr. Kathryn King, FSP, at the Parish House (212-288-3588) or by email: kingk@stignatiusloyola.org

**Wednesday, January 28, 7:00 PM** – Our first Ministry Night of 2009 is open to all parishioners who are interested in participating more deeply in the life of our Parish. Come and explore the wide range of activities available within our Parish Ministries. Includes a wine and cheese social. RSVP by January 26 to rsvp@stignatiusloyola.org or call the Parish House at 212-288-3588 and leave your name with our receptionist.

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Monday, February 2, at 7PM in Wallace Hall - What happened at Vatican II? *What difference does it make almost five decades later?*** A talk by Fr. John O'Malley, S.J., author, lecturer, and Georgetown University Professor. Sponsored jointly by Loyola School and Church of St. Ignatius Loyola.

**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. \$140 for a private room. Limited number of shared rooms available for \$110. For further information or to reserve your place, contact Heidi Cinquegrana (cinque84@hotmail.com). Forms are also available at the Parish House.

**Monday, February 9, at 7PM - Faith and Film Symposium: *Crimes and Misdemeanors* - Movie Night and Discussion with Antonio Monda.**

**Wednesday, February 11, at 8PM - Sacred Music in a Sacred Space **A Cappella Plus** Concert.** Tickets may be purchased online at www.smssconcerts.org, or call 212.288.2520.

**Thursday, March 12, at 7PM 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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## BULLETIN BOARD

**Franciscan Spirit Tours** Capuchin Franciscan friars Fr. Michael Marigliano and Fr. Michael Seigny will be leading pilgrimages to Holy sites around the world this spring and summer: "Holy Land" (April 22-29), "Franciscan Italy" (March 30-April 6), "Great Women of Faith" (Paris/Lourdes/Lisieux) (April 14-21), "Medjugorje – Journey to Peace" (March 25-April 2), "Footsteps of John Paul II – Poland/Prague" (April 16-23) and "Fatima" (May 11-16). For information, please contact Franciscan Spirit Tours at 646-736-7964 or 646-861-3634 or info@FranciscanSpiritTours.com or on the web at www.FranciscanSpiritTours.com.



**CSPYA Hat, Scarf, and Glove Drive for Our Catholic School Children:** Please consider dropping off any new, newly used, or handmade hats, scarves, and gloves for children in need. Here are the drop off details: January 22-24, 2009 from 12pm-6:30pm every day, at the Cathedral Parish House, 14 East 51st Street, between Madison and 5th Avenue. The donations will benefit St. Paul's School, Our Lady Queen of Angels School, and Our Lady of Sorrows School.



## OPEN HOUSES

**LaSalle Academy – Saturday, January 31, 2009 (10:00 AM – 1:00 PM)**  
44 East Second Street, New York

The mission of La Salle Academy is to educate young men of diverse cultural, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds with special outreach to those most in need. The academy provides a nurturing environment, which fosters spiritual, moral, intellectual, emotional and physical growth in the Catholic tradition and the Lasallian spirit. For additional information about the Open House (which is for students and their families interested in the Ninth Grade), please visit [www.lasalleacademy.org](http://www.lasalleacademy.org)

**Xavier High School – Saturday, January 31, 2009 (1:00 – 4:00 PM)**  
30 West 16 Street, New York

Xavier High School endeavors to prepare students for the 21st century who will be persons of competence, conscience and compassion. As a Catholic, college preparatory school for boys, Xavier accomplishes this goal in the context of a multi-cultural, urban community dedicated to learning, faith and service. Contact the Admissions Office for more information about the upcoming Open House. 212-924-7900, ext. 1442 or <http://admissions.xavierhs.org>

## 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 Katsouras, 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](http://music/musicstaff)

### Administrative Assistants

Diane M. Boyle  
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:** 8:30AM

### Masses for Next Weekend:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30PM Fr. Martin  
Sunday: 8:00AM Fr. Bergen  
9:30AM Fr. Van Dyke  
Wallace Hall 11:00AM Fr. Replogle  
Solemn 11:00AM Fr. Ugo  
7:30PM Fr. Ugo

## Religious Education for Children

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

## St. Ignatius Loyola Grammar School

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## St. Ignatius Loyola Day Nursery

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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)