March 9, 2014
First Sunday of Lent

Celebrating This Sacred Season Together

This Sunday and next, the RCIA group (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) will join adults from other parishes across the Archdiocese at the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion at St. Patrick’s Cathedral. The 2014 class consists of 11 catechumens (those preparing for Baptism) and 13 candidates (those already baptized). Timothy Cardinal Dolan will welcome them and officially accept their desires on behalf of the Universal Church. During Lent they will move through their final period of preparation for reception of the Easter Sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Here is the story of Cally Carbone who participated in the process in 2010.

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– Isaiah 58:11

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The first Sunday of Lent is upon us, a time for reflection and renewal through the blessed Cross and Resurrection of Christ. This is also an important time for the 24 adults participating in the RCIA, a group that I have been graced to be part of as both candidate and sponsor. My wish for this essay is to share the impact this sacred season has made in my spiritual life.

Throughout childhood and early adulthood, my understanding of Lent concentrated on the suffering of Jesus and the solemnity of faith. Four years ago, I became Catholic. I had been raised in a church-going family, but it was my adult decision to be closer to the Lord through the Catholic faith. During the Lent that I prepared to become Catholic, I first realized the season’s influence on my faith. I found myself more present on these Sundays leading to Easter; I became more prayerful and cherished the peace of conversation with God.

As I reflect now, I appreciate how much I looked to the Lord to guide and strengthen me during that time, teaching me that I could and should do so always. One aspect I remember fondly is the warm embrace of the parish community and the framework it created for my deepening faith. Along with the giving of my heart to the Lord during my conversion journey, I sought to find a home in the Church and to discover a family at St. Ignatius Loyola.

Now, every Sunday as I walk into church, I am reminded how I expanded my community and family here, met fellow parishioners during and after RCIA who have become close friends, and also started my own family, celebrating Holy Matrimony with my husband at the parish two years ago. I have also had the joy and privilege to join others on their journey into the Catholic Church as a parish sponsor. It has been an enriching time during which I have become a part of their lives and have made a spiritual commitment to share all the wonderful qualities of being Catholic and a member of St. Ignatius Loyola.

During the Easter Vigil as sponsors, we join the candidates in the sanctuary and stand beside them. What might be noticed during these Rites is the sponsor placing a hand on the candidate’s shoulder. It may seem to be a small gesture but I consider it symbolic of a deep connection. It is a reminder for all that even though they have made a personal choice, they are not alone — God has created the Church to be a caring support system. These are beautiful moments; there is abounding joy. Being part of an RCIA baptism is a sensational moment, especially when the entire congregation passionately reconfirms their baptismal vows. Watching the water pour over the person’s forehead is a powerful, visual reminder that the Lord satisfies our thirst, fashioning us into a well-watered garden.

Each week during Lent, the RCIA catechumens and candidates are mentioned in the Prayers of the Faithful at Mass. As a former candidate and sponsor, I cannot express how meaningful and appreciated those prayerful words are during that time. They are a rich reminder that the Church is a family, so please keep everyone close to your hearts this Lent as they seek to join us in faith at the Easter Vigil.

Cally Carbone, Parishioner – RCIA Class of 2010
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY:
Final Weekend for Lenten Cross Registrations
Details on page 5.

SUNDAY, MARCH 9th
SVdP Lenten Food Drive begins.
Details on page 5.

Ignatian Contemplation — Jesus & Me.
5:30 PM. Wallace Hall. Part of the
Ignatian 40s Speaker Series. Open to
all parishioners. Details on page 3.

Praying With Yoga. 6:00 PM. Parish Lounge.
For young adults in their 20s & 30s.
Details on page 3.

Ignatian Young Adult Lenten Reflection Group.
6:00 PM. Sacred Heart Parlor. Details on page 3.

Sunday Social. 8:30 PM. Wallace Hall.
Hosted by the Ignatian Young Adults.
Follows the 7:30 PM Mass. Details on page 3.

NEW!
NIGHT PRAYER
Monday, March 10th at 7:00 PM in the Church
This is a wonderful opportunity to spend
30 minutes in prayer one night a week
during the Lenten Season.
Night Prayer is a contemplative service using
the Church’s Liturgy of the Hours.

MONDAY, MARCH 10th
Ranger Rosary Ministry. 7:00 PM.
Meeting Room. Join us in making rosaries to
send to our military. New members are welcome!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12th
Daily Masses at 8:30 AM, 12:10 PM,
and 5:30 PM: Quiet Wednesdays.
The Daily Mass on the Wednesdays of Lent will
offer a few moments to reflect quietly upon the
readings of the day (in lieu of a homily).

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting.
7:00 PM. Conference Room. All are welcome.

FRIDAY – SUNDAY
MARCH 14th – MARCH 16th
Shelter Weekend. Wallace Hall.
For information on volunteering in the Shelter, see page 4.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15th
Pueri Cantores Children’s Choir
at the 5:30 PM Mass.
Edward Cardinal Egan, Presider.
Prelude begins at 5:00 PM. Details at top right.

Welcome, Cardinal Egan!
On Saturday, March 15th, the St. Ignatius Loyola Children’s Choir will be hosting the
Pueri Cantores Children’s Choir Festival
for 200+ choristers from the Tri-state area.

The day’s festivities will culminate in singing
at the 5:30 PM Mass. Edward Cardinal
Egan will preside. The prelude, featuring
participating choirs, begins at 5:00 PM.

What is different at Mass
during Lent?
You may have noticed that the altar looks
rather bare and that the organ is not heard as much during
Lent. This is in keeping with the general instructions for
Mass as found in the Roman Missal:
The playing of the organ and musical instruments is
allowed only to support the singing. Exceptions are
Laetare Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent), Solemnities,
and feasts. It is also forbidden for the altar to be decorated
with flowers with the same exceptions as above.

The silence and austerity is in keeping with the
penitential nature of this season, and encourages
personal prayer and reflection.

THE ANNUAL CHANGE FOR
CHANGE DRIVE
Donations this year will be forwarded to
St. Ignatius School Nativity Mission in the Bronx.
Inspired by Jesuit educational values, SIS teaches
promising children from low-income, underserved
families, regardless of religious denomination.

Collection period runs to the end of April.

Loose change, bills, and checks (made out to
“Church of St. Ignatius Loyola”) are welcome!

Please bring donations to the Parish House
in care of Joanne Cunneen.

Now Available at the Parish House:
SIX MINUTE REFLECTIONS FOR LENT
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. Cost: $1.00

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Ignatian 40s Speaker Series:

**Ignatian Spirituality**

Ignatian 40s invites all parishioners to its second Annual Speaker Series led by the pastoral staff of St. Ignatius and external speakers.

*Part 1 — Ignatian Spirituality*

**TODAY**

Ignatian Contemplation — Jesus & Me
**Presenter:** Fr. Ugo Nacciarone, S.J.,
Associate Pastor, Church of St. Ignatius Loyola

For the Christian, the heart of our life must be Jesus, the Word-made-flesh. Ignatian contemplation is the way to know, love, and follow Him.

*Part 2 — Catholic Faith in Everyday Life*

**Sunday, March 23rd** — Ignatian Spirituality & Sport
**Presenter:** Mr. Dennis Baker, S.J.,
Jesuit Scholastic of the New York Province

**Sunday, April 6th** — Health Care Ethics: Finding God Beyond the Bedrails
**Presenter:** Fr. Dan O’Hare, S.J., Ethicist
Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center

All sessions will be held in Wallace Hall from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM.

*Email ignatian40s@gmail.com to register.*

**SEEKERS’ RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS**

April 4th – 6th

Friday Evening – Sunday Afternoon
Linwood Spiritual Center, Rhinebeck, NY

For young adults in their 20s and 30s

Join other young adults as they learn how their Catholic faith impacts their lives, through Ignatian spirituality. Take time to reflect on your journey and God’s hopes and dreams for you.

Cost: $275/person; financial assistance available.

For more information, visit jesuit-collaborative.org/charisnyc, email CharisRetreatNYC@gmail.com, or call 347-619-2692.

**IGNATIAN YOUNG ADULTS**

**Sunday Socials Winter Schedule**

The Sunday Socials are held in Wallace Hall at 8:30 PM, following the 7:30 PM Mass. They are hosted by the Ignatian Young Adults. All young adults (ages 21-39) are welcome. To receive updates on IYA events and other opportunities, you can follow us on Facebook at “Ignatian Young Adults (NYC).”

**IYA Lenten Reflection Group**

Sundays from March 9th – April 13th
6:00 PM – 7:15 PM in the Sacred Heart Parlor

A reflection group for young adults in their 20s and 30s to share experiences about their relationship with God and gratefully and openly listen to one another.

This year we are reflecting on Richard Rohr’s book Wondrous Encounters: Scripture for Lent.

**Praying with Yoga**

with Jesuit Scholastic Bobby Karle, S.J.
For Young Adults in Their 20s & 30s

Learn how the practice of yoga can deepen your spiritual life and enrich your Christian faith.

Participants should wear comfortable clothing appropriate for yoga. If you have a yoga mat, bring it to the sessions.

**Sundays**

March 9 April 13 May 11
6:00 PM–7:15 PM in the Parish Lounge

$10 donation requested. Proceeds benefit a charitable cause. To register, email bobbykarle@gmail.com
We pray for the faithful departed
Jane Flannigan
May she rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

**Monday, March 10th** (1st Monday of Lent)
8:30 MEM Margaret Markey
12:10 MEM Valentino Mazzia
5:30 MEM Deceased Members of the Scanlon & McLoughlin Families

**Tuesday, March 11th** (1st Tuesday of Lent)
Isaiah 55:10–11  Psalm 34  Matthew 6:7–15
8:30 MEM Mae Rooney
12:10 MEM Marla Griffin
5:30 MEM William Hannafin

**Wednesday, March 12th** (1st Wednesday of Lent)
8:30 MEM The Choix & Gordon Families
12:10 MEM Craig Prediger
5:30 MEM Cenira Delduca

**Thursday, March 13th** (1st Thursday of Lent)
Esther 12, 14–16, 23–25  Psalm 138  Matthew 7:7–12
8:30 MEM Frank Dana Abbott
12:10 MEM Patrick McKenna
5:30 MEM Ronald J. Donacik

**Friday, March 14th** (1st Friday of Lent)
8:30 MEM David Oing
12:10 MEM Robert Lynch
5:30 MEM Joan Fusco

**Saturday, March 15th** (1st Saturday of Lent)
Deuteronomy 26:16–19  Psalm 119  Matthew 5:43–48
8:30 MEM Jack O’Leary

**Sunday, March 16th** (2nd Sunday of Lent)
Genesis 12:1–4a  Psalm 33
2 Timothy 1:8b–10  Matthew 17:1–9

**Organ Plus!**
Organist Nancianne Parella
with Jorge Avila, violin
Victoria Drake, harp
Arthur Fiacco, cello

**Sunday, March 16th at 3:00 PM**
Selections include:
J.S. BACH  Suite No. 2 in D minor: Sarabande
LAURIN  Fantasia for Organ and Harp, Op. 5
MOZART  Adagio, KV 261
RHEINBERGER  Organ Sonata No. 8, Op. 132, Introduction and Passacaglia
MOZART  Church Sonata in C, KV 336
JONGEN  Hymne, Op. 7, arranged by James Bassi
SAINT-SAENS  Sept Improvisations, Op. 150, No. 7

All Tickets for Organ Recitals: $20
Call 212-288-2520 for 24/7 ticket ordering.

**Ignatian Spirituality**
**For New Parents**
For couples with a first child under 2 years old

**Saturday, April 12th from 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM**
Parish Lounge

**Gratitude** – Led by Fr. Jim Croghan, S.J., CLA Chaplain and Director of Ignatian Identity Programs at Regis

Sponsored by Contemplative Leaders in Action (CLA), a program of The Jesuit Collaborative, this group will serve as a community of men and women who are adjusting to the transition of being new parents.

Through reflection on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, participants seek to support one another in their discernment, endeavoring to understand where God’s presence is leading them in the context of parenthood.

It is recommended that parents come as a couple but, if not feasible, children are welcome to join.

For more information, email lauren.s.decker@gmail.com

We support the homeless in our community by volunteering at The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Women’s Shelter.

**Shelter Volunteers Needed**
**Shelter Weekend**
**Friday, March 14th – Sunday, March 16th**
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Women’s Shelter needs set-up and stay-over volunteers every other weekend through April. Both men and women are invited to assist.

To volunteer, please leave a message for Teresa Abruzzo at the Parish House or email svdp.shelter980@gmail.com

Interested in becoming Catholic?
Call 212-288-3588 or email church@stignatiusloyola.org
Registrations conclude this weekend.

This Lenten season, we invite you to participate in the Lenten Cross project and commit to an act of prayer, service, or community. Participants can review a list of suggested activities and commit to an action at sign-up tables in the Narthex after Mass. Participants will write their commitment on tags that will be attached to ribbons. These ribbons will be displayed on a large cross that will remain in the Narthex throughout Lent.

A list of family-friendly opportunities will be available after the 11:00 AM Wallace Hall Family Mass.

LENTEN CROSS PROJECT

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
LENTEN FOOD DRIVE
Starts Today!

It is estimated that 1.5 million New Yorkers rely on soup kitchens and food pantries. Food insecurity is an on-going struggle for many families and individuals.

Throughout Lent, SVdP will be accepting donations of food for the Community Pantry at the Church of St. Gregory the Great.

The items requested each week are listed below:

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<td>(March 16th – 22nd): tomato or spaghetti sauce, or Chef Boyardee canned meals</td>
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<td>(March 23rd – 29th): canned tuna or chicken, canned soup</td>
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Donations can be brought to the Parish House.

Thank you for remembering those in need this Lenten Season.

LENTEN READING LIST - WEEK 1
Recommendations by the St. Ignatius Loyola Staff


For more information on these book recommendations, visit our website at stignatiusloyola.org

A complete list of Lenten activities, including Holy Week Mass times, can be found in the Lenten brochure. Copies are available in the Narthex, at the Parish House, and online at stignatiusloyola.org

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20th

Please note the change in Mass times on Easter Sunday:

7:30 AM - Organ/Cantor
9:00 AM - Organ/Cantor
10:30 AM - Organ/Cantor/Choirs/Brass
10:30 AM (Wallace Hall Family Mass) - Piano/Choirs
12 Noon (Solemn) - Organ/Cantor/Choirs/Brass
(There will be no 7:30 PM Mass on Easter Sunday.)

At Prayer: Private Prayer and Community Worship
An art-slide lecture presented by
Rev. Leo J. O’Donovan, S.J.
Wednesday, March 19th at 7:00 PM in Wallace Hall

This lecture considers whether prayer begins in private or in community. Or perhaps both.

In viewing prayer and worship through the artistic lens, we also find suggestions of how we learn to pray. Is it the example of Jesus or of the fellow disciples of Jesus? Or, again, perhaps both? And if so, how?

Rev. Leo J. O’Donovan, S.J., is President emeritus of Georgetown University and a past president of the Catholic Theological Society of America. He has written art criticism for publications such as America, Commonweal, The Washingtonian, and the National Catholic Reporter.

The Business of Justice: New Horizons of Social Transformation. Tuesday, April 1st. Fordham University, Rose Hill Campus, Tognino Hall. Join leaders in business and community development to explore emerging models for advancing justice and human dignity around the world today. Speakers: Rosanne Haggerty, founder of Community Solutions, Will Haughey, co-founder of the Honduras-based toy company Tegu, and David Elcott, Taub Professor of Practice in Public Service and Leadership at New York University. The event is free. To RSVP, email CRCevent@fordham.edu or call (212) 636-7347.

Walking Retreat-Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela. Tuesday, May 6th to Saturday, May 17th. Walk the last 100 kilometers of the French Way to Santiago de Compostela, where the remains of St. James the Apostle are believed to be buried. Experience the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius with daily reflections. Spiritual Guide: Rev. Phillip G. Judge, S.J. Cost: $3,350. Full payment due by Thursday, March 20th. Price includes roundtrip flight, daily breakfast and dinner, and all accommodations (double occupancy; single room is an extra $370). Space is limited. Please call 212-807-0484 or email angiecruzphd@gmail.com

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Children’s Liturgy of the Word:
Sundays at the 9:30 AM Mass and the 11:00 AM Mass in Wallace Hall.

Centering Prayer:
Mondays at 6:30 PM

Confessions:
5:00 PM Saturday or by appointment. Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service Monday, April 14th at 7:00 PM

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 the hours of 9:00 AM and 9:00 PM.

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