When Saint Ignatius founded the Society of Jesus and wrote its Constitutions, he addressed the need for union among the members, “so spread out in diverse parts of the world among believers and unbelievers” (Const. 655), and he outlined the principle means of fostering apostolic and fraternal union in this new international missionary body. Among these, Ignatius prescribes letter-writing: “Another very special help will be communication by letter between subjects and superiors, and their learning frequently about one another and hearing the news and reports which come from the various regions…so that each region can learn from the others whatever promotes mutual consolation and edification in our Lord” (ibid. 673). Ignatius himself wrote over 1,000 letters a year! In triplicate!

This epistolary tradition remains a hallmark of the Jesuit “way of proceeding.” For example, a few times a year we Jesuits receive from our Superior General in Rome a letter addressed “To the Whole Society” by which we are informed of significant developments, decisions, and milestones that affect the universal Society. Our current Superior General, Father Adolfo Nicolás, S.J., has written his first letter to the whole Society for 2015; it is “On the Re-creation of the Apostleship of Prayer.”

Younger readers might not have heard of the Apostleship of Prayer, although they likely have no problem with “The Pope’s Prayer Group!” Those of us with thicker ankles and longer memories will remember the Morning Offering and the Sacred Heart Messenger. The Apostleship of Prayer was founded 170 years ago by a French Jesuit and from the start it possessed a profound missionary sense and was intimately united to prayer for the intentions of the Pope. It now numbers over 40 million members in 63,000 centers—schools, parishes, religious communities—in 30 countries. It seeks to promote prayer as an apostolic activity of the faithful. With reason, Father Nicolás, who is the Moderator of the association, writes, “Gradually, the richness of the original intuition became overlaid with formats and language that often appear outmoded today, so that the spiritual depths of the devotion have become silted up.” With the specific recommendation and approval of Pope Francis, then, the Society of Jesus is now in the process of re-creating this apostolic work, in “an effort to provide a simple, effective, and fresh way for people to offer the whole of their lives to the Lord from a missionary and apostolic perspective.”

One of the central tenets of my faith is what we call the communion of saints. When someone promises to pray for me, I experience a deep connection. Prayer is powerful and we are all—the quick and the dead—united in praise and petition and thanksgiving, the “cloud of witnesses” imagined in the Letter to the Hebrews. When a Jesuit pronounces his vows, he calls on “the whole heavenly court, and all those here present” to intercede for him as he offers his life to God. All the saints march in together in prayer.

The Apostleship of Prayer has as its aim to create a global network of prayer for the needs of the Church and the world. Father Nicolás continues, “It is a simple and practical method for ‘thinking with the Church’ by means of prayer for the deep longings of the world with all its joys and sorrows. It makes prayer a true service and an aid to those who are striving daily to meet the world’s challenges.”

And what better way to be a missionary than to be in Pope Francis’ Prayer Group? Central to the activity of the members is to join the Pope in praying for two intentions that he proposes each month, one universal in its scope and content, the other specific to evangelization and mission work. The intentions for February 2015 are: 1) That prisoners, especially the young, may be able to rebuild lives of dignity; 2) That married people who are separated may find welcome and support in the Christian community.

By joining this global prayer group and guided by the monthly intentions of the Pope, I am doing a truly ecclesial service, in solidarity with the Church and the world, in Eucharistic communion, in apostolic readiness, with love for the Risen Christ. For more information, visit their website, www.apostleshipofprayer.org

— Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.
Associate Pastor
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8th
Sunday Social. 8:30 PM. Wallace Hall.
Hosted by the Ignatian Young Adults.
Follows the 7:30 PM Mass.
Details on page 3.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9th
Bridge with Boomers. 1:00 PM.
Meeting Room. Details on page 3.

Ignatian Young Adults Knitting Group.
7:00 PM. Conference Room.
Details on page 3.

Ranger Rosary Ministry. 7:00 PM.
Meeting Room. Over 10,000 rosaries
and counting! Join us in making
rosaries to send to our military.
New members are welcome!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11th
Job Transition Support Group.
10:00 AM. Parish Lounge.
Details on page 3.

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

FRIDAY – SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 13th – FEBRUARY 15th
SVdP Women’s Shelter
Wallace Hall
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Women’s Shelter
needs set-up and stay-over volunteers
every other weekend through April.

To volunteer, please leave a message for Erin Hazard at
the Parish House or e-mail svdp.shelter980@gmail.com

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT
OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Saturday, February 28th at 12:10 PM
For those
those who are seriously ill, elderly, disabled,
facingsurgery, or who are afflicted with any other
condition of physical, mental, or spiritual suffering.

For your convenience...
To reach the Giving page on the parish website,
scan the QR Code at left from your smartphone.

Special Collection Next Weekend:
Peter’s Pence Collection
Next weekend, our Parish
will take up the annual
Peter’s Pence Collection.

This worldwide collection supports the most
disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, natural
disasters, and others in need of emergency assistance.
Visit stignatiusloyola.org to read a letter from
Cardinal Dolan regarding this special collection.

Adult Confirmation Class
Tuesday evenings, March 10th – April 21st
Adult parishioners of St. Ignatius who
have received First Eucharist but who
have not yet received the sacrament of
Confirmation may register for a course
in preparation for the sacrament to be conferred here on
Thursday, April 23rd, at 5:00 PM.

The course will begin on Tuesday, March 10th, at 7:15 PM
and will continue for seven consecutive Tuesday
evenings, concluding on Tuesday, April 21st.

Attendance at all the sessions is required.
Enrollment is limited.

There may be room for a few already confirmed
parishioners who seek some updating in Catholicism.

Interested adults should contact Fr. Bergen
at 212-288-3588.

As stewards and Disciples of Christ, we recognize
that all of the goods and riches in our life are gifts from God.
Strengthened by the Eucharist, we respond to God’s
generosity in our lives with gratitude by using and
sharing our gifts in the service of others.

Please share your gifts and make a donation to
the 2015 Cardinal’s Annual Appeal.
Gifts can be made online at www.cardinalsappeal.org

You’ve notified your friends, you’ve notified your
credit cards, you’ve notified your magazines.
Please don’t forget to notify your church.

PLEASE OPEN FOR PAGES 3 AND 4
**Sunday Social Winter/Spring 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)."

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**IYA Knitting Group**

All IYAs are welcome to join us as we craft for charity. If you have questions or would like to be placed on the mailing list, contact Amy at IYAknitting@gmail.com

**Monday, February 9th**
7:00 PM
Conference Room

**BOOMERS & BEYOND**

**Bridge with Boomers**

Monday, February 9th
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Meeting Room

Join us for a friendly game of bridge in the afternoon. No need to bring your own partner or cards. All levels of expertise are welcome.

"Bridge is too important to take seriously." – Oscar Wilde

**MUSIC**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH**

**11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS**
Jongen Cantabile*
Gibbons Almighty and everlasting God
Blow Lord, thou art become gracious
Jongen Choral*
*Also played at 7:30 PM Mass

**11:00 AM FAMILY MASS**
with Parish Community Choir
Dawson, arr. There is a balm in Gilead

**The N.P. Mander Organ Recital Series**

presents

**ADAM J. BRAKEL**
Director of Music
St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Parish
Spring Hill, Florida

**Sunday, February 22nd at 3:00 PM**
Featuring the complete Six Études of Jeanne Demessieux, as well as music of J.S. Bach, Bossi, and others.

**Tickets**: $20
Call 212-288-2520 for 24/7 ticket ordering.
Tickets can also be purchased at www.smssconcerts.org

**CARITAS CONCERT**

Sara Murphy & Michael Sheetz

**New Date:**
**Wednesday, March 18th at 6:30 PM**
**Wallace Hall**

Caritas Concerts have the appeal of the less formal 19th-century salon concerts.

All proceeds will benefit the LifeWay Network, which works to combat human trafficking through safe housing and education.

**Tickets**: $50 / Call 212-288-2520 for 24/7 ticket ordering.
More than 10,000 New Yorkers are currently waiting for a life-saving transplant... in other words, they are waiting for a chance to live.

New York ranks 49th out of 50 states with regard to the percentage of residents registered as organ donors. New York ranks 3rd in the country in people waiting for organ donations, yet only 23% of New Yorkers are registered organ donors.

The Roman Catholic Church has long supported organ and tissue donation. In this context, donation is seen as an opportunity for individuals to foster a culture that values life.

Learn more about becoming a donor by visiting the New York Organ Donor website: www.donatelifeny.org/

Copies of the brochure Organ and Tissue Donation: A Catholic Perspective are available in the Narthex and at the Parish House.

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Please remember that all contributions made to the parish by check should be made payable to the parish in the parish’s name.

Contributions to be made to a parish by check should not be made payable to the pastor, administrator, or any parish employee.

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LIFE

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, February 9th
(Fifth Monday in Ordinary Time)
Genesis 1:1–19  Psalm 104  Mark 6:53–56
8:30 MEM Edward Daly
12:10 MEM Deceased Members of the Scanlon & McLoughlin Families
5:30 MEM Daniel Harrington

Tuesday, February 10th
(St. Scholastica)
Genesis 1:20–2:4a  Psalm 8  Mark 7:1–13
8:30 LVG Fr. George Witt
12:10 MEM Valentino Mazzia
5:30 MEM Mark V. Martinez

Wednesday, February 11th
(Fifth Wednesday in Ordinary Time)
Genesis 2:4b–9, 15–17  Psalm 104  Mark 7:14–23
8:30 MEM Giro & Elina Zullo
12:10 MEM Lucio Calo
5:30 MEM Dorothea Jean Lynch

Thursday, February 12th
(Fifth Thursday in Ordinary Time)
Genesis 3:1–8  Psalm 32  Mark 7:31–37
8:30 MEM Elizabeth T. Brevett
12:10 MEM Sose & Mark Prekelezaj
5:30 MEM Eileen Redding

Friday, February 13th
(Fifth Friday in Ordinary Time)
Genesis 3:1–8  Psalm 32  Mark 7:31–37
8:30 MEM Roberta Malone
12:10 MEM Nora Terriberry
5:30 MEM Raymond J. Feerick

Saturday, February 14th
(St. Cyril & St. Methodius)
Genesis 3:9–24  Psalm 90  Mark 8:1–10
8:30 MEM Jack O’Leary

Sunday, February 15th
(Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Leviticus 13:1–2, 44–46  Psalm 32
1 Corinthians 10:31–11:1  Mark 1:40–45

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) makes a difference in the lives of people in need through service and prayerful reflection. Relying on their experience, IVC volunteers are older adults who serve in community agencies and schools as tutors, counselors, legal advisors, business consultants, nurses and teachers. They are men and women for others who seek to develop and enrich their own spiritual lives through individual and communal reflection in the tradition of St. Ignatius Loyola.

For more information about IVC, visit IVCUSA.org or contact Mary Ellen O’Driscoll, Metro New York Area Director, at 212-924-7900 x1707.
IGNITING OUR VALUES: An Ignatian Pilgrimage
This Lent, the Society of Jesus invites us to risk the “safety of busyness” by taking part in IGNITING OUR VALUES, the Jesuits’ prayer program for Lent 2015.

IGNITING OUR VALUES will consider six Jesuit/Ignatian values, in light of the Lenten Gospel readings. Short daily reflections and specially composed prayers will focus our attention on Finding God in All Things, the Magis, the Service of Faith and the Promotion of Justice, Apostolic Availability, Spiritual Discernment, and Men and Women for Others. A carefully curated selection of music, video, art and poetry, as well as a special weekly focus on the Blessed Mother, will enhance the experience.

Daily reflections were solicited from across the Jesuit/Ignatian spectrum. Contributors are Jesuits and lay people, men and women, alumni, teachers, administrators, retreat directors, social workers, parish staff, spiritual directors, Ignatian partners and colleagues in mission. Their occupations range from sound editor to general contractor, from nurse to policy advocate, from lawyer to chef. A diverse group of ordinary people who share the extraordinary impact of Ignatian spirituality.

From Ash Wednesday, February 18th, through Easter Sunday, April 5th, IGNITING OUR VALUES will be available and refreshed daily. Or, if you prefer an offline experience, IGNITING OUR VALUES will be available as a daily email or a weekly PDF file.

For additional information, or to sign up for daily emails or PDFs, visit www.jesuits.org/ignite

Join Fr. Witt, Members of the Parish Staff, and Members of our Parish Ministries for

The Ignatian Way Lenten Dinner
Saturday, February 21st
Wallace Hall
immediately following the 5:30 PM Mass.

Now in its third year, the Ignatian Way Dinner is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a Parish Community.

Won’t you join us as we begin the Lenten Season by sharing a meal and reflecting on the road we will travel together this Lent?

Dinner will consist of meatless lasagna, salad, and beverages.

Can you contribute a dessert? A limited number will be accepted. Please let us know when you RSVP.

Families are encouraged to attend!

To RSVP, email IWSILSUPPER@gmail.com by Monday, February 16th.

IYA Lenten Reflection Group
Sundays from February 22nd – March 29th
6:00 PM – 7:15 PM
Hoefner Lounge

For young adults in their 20s & 30s

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

This year we will gather to reflect on Tim Muldoon’s book The Ignatian Workout for Lent: 40 Days of Prayer, Reflection, and Action.

Copies of the book can be purchased on Amazon.com. Please bring the book to the first meeting.

Meeting Dates
February 22 March 8 March 22
March 1 March 15 March 29

To register, email ignatianyoungadults@gmail.com by Sunday, February 15th.
Parish Staff

Pastor
Rev. George M. Witt, S.J.

Associate Pastors
Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J.
Rev. Thomas H. Feely, S.J.
Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.

Pastoral Associates
Joanne Cunneen
Carly-Anne Gannon
Kathryn King, F.S.P.

Assisting Priests (Sunday)
Rev. Philip G. Judge, S.J.
Rev. James Martin, S.J.
Rev. Anthony P. SooHoo, S.J.

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Scott Warren, Director
Nancianne Parrella
Robert Reuter
Michael Sheetz
Maureen Haley
Philip Anderson
Sara Murphy, Administrator

Staff information: on the website at music/music staff

Assistant to the Pastor
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Administrative Assistant
Patricia Schneider

Communications Coordinator
Elizabeth O'Sullivan

Director of Facilities
Czeslaw “Chester” Ciupinski

Asst. to the Director of Facilities
Caroline Fernandes

Treasurer
Fernando Castro

Weekday Masses
Monday – Friday
8:30 AM, 12:10 PM, and 5:30 PM
Saturday: 8:30 AM

Masses for Next Weekend:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM Fr. Judge
Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Judge
9:30 AM Fr. Feely
Wallace Hall: 11:00 AM Fr. Hilbert
Solemn: 11:00 AM Fr. Bergen
7:30 PM Fr. Bergen

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Ms. Carly-Anne Gannon, M.Phil., M.Ed.
Director
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St. Ignatius Loyola Grammar School
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Ms. Theodora Crist, M.S.
Executive Director
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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:
4:30 PM Saturday or by appointment.
Communal Penance Services are celebrated during Advent and Lent.

Baptisms: Please call Joanne Cunneen at the Parish House (212-288-3588 x632) 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 (212-288-3588 x632) 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