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“ Building a Community of Disciples ”

February 15, 2015

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Listening for the Still, Small Voice of God

In his incredibly popular introduction to Christian faith, *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis offers a wonderful image for consideration as we prepare to enter the Season of Lent this week. He says that God made us, invented us, if you will, to run on a certain fuel, and that we will not function properly if an inadequate substitute is used. Just as a car is made to run on gasoline and is not going to work properly on anything else, so too are humans made to run on a particular fuel.

The fuel, of course, is God's own self communicated to us in countless ways. But without attention to his presence and openness to the power and grace that he supplies as our daily bread, we fall short of what is possible. We may manage for a time, but the peace we long for requires that we tap into the very source of life and allow it to feed us. God is the fuel that our spirits were created to burn; God is the food that our spirits were designed to feed on.

At a deep level, we already know this. But in the course of a year, in one way or another, we may fill ourselves up with things other than God. Tremendous energy is expended on all manner of substitutes that we hope will bring happiness, but do not. The list is long and familiar: riches, beauty, success, approval, pleasure. These and many other goods are often pursued as if they could offer the deep satisfaction for which we long. But focusing on them, the human spirit eventually conks. We are not made to run on such things.

For some, of course, the problem is not so much the pursuit of such goods as it is the sense of being glutted with unwanted and unwelcome fuel. Contrary to our own desires, we may find ourselves running on anger, or fear, or resentment. Any number of feelings can overwhelm us with their power, and make it nearly impossible for us to access the true source of life.

Whatever your experience, Lent is a wonderful opportunity to pause and to cleanse the system. With this in mind, we have chosen as this year's Lenten theme "Listening for the Still, Small Voice of God." The logic is simple. Insofar as we have been running on the wrong fuel, we need to avail ourselves of what we truly need. And the time-tested way to do so is to quiet down a bit so that we might hear what the Lord is trying to tell us and to make room for what he is trying to give.

There are a number of opportunities offered by the parish to help facilitate this.

The first is direct input. In order to supply good "listening material," we are hosting a number of lectures and concerts. Details about these can be found within the bulletin and on the website.

The second is service. The Lord speaks to us through the voices of those in need, so we are making available quite a few opportunities for active involvement. Once again, The Lenten Cross Project has identified a long list of projects. I encourage everyone to commit to one or more of these, or to serve in some other way, such as contributing each week to the Lenten Food Drive.



The third is prayer, particularly silent prayer. Indeed, the entire Christian spiritual tradition teaches us that silence is a prerequisite for coming to know God. And anyone familiar with the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius knows how highly he values it. In order to give our systems the break they need, and to be open to receive the presence for which we long, we need to create some interior space. A small amount of silence each day will go a long way in this regard.

In order to facilitate this, the Lady Chapel will remain open Tuesday through Friday evenings during Lent until 8:00 PM, with the Sacrament of Reconciliation available on Monday evenings from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM in the Church. We will also continue our Lenten practice of silent time for reflection during Wednesday Masses in lieu of a homily. And everyone is invited to participate in *Igniting Our Values*, a daily Lenten prayer experience organized by the Canadian and U.S. Jesuits. Details can be found in the bulletin and on the parish website.

I encourage you to prayerfully consider which of these practices appeals to you, and to commit to taking on at least one of them. I assure you, if you are faithful in listening for the still, small voice of God, he will not disappoint you. And you will find yourself recharged at Easter.

Have a blessed Lent.

— Rev. George M. Witt, S.J.
Pastor

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE



THIS WEEKEND:
Lenten Cross Registration begins.
Details on page 5.

THIS WEEKEND: SPECIAL COLLECTION



*At all Masses this weekend,
our Parish will take up the
annual Peter's Pence Collection.*

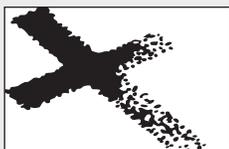
This worldwide collection supports the most disadvantaged: victims of war, natural disasters, and others in need of emergency assistance.

Thank you for your generosity!

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16th

Presidents' Day.

The Parish House will be closed.
One Mass will be celebrated in the Lady Chapel at 8:30 AM. There will be no 12:10 PM or 5:30 PM Masses.



Ash Wednesday, February 18th *Lent begins*

Masses: 8:30 AM
12:10 PM
5:30 PM (organ/cantor)
7:30 PM (organ/cantor/choirs)
Ashes will be distributed at all Masses
4:00 PM in Wallace Hall:
Ash Wednesday Service for children and families,
led by Carly-Anne Gannon, Director of Religious Education.
(Adults must remain with their children at this service.)



Job Transition Support Group.
10:00 AM. Parish Lounge.
Details on page 4.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21st
Ignatian Way Lenten Dinner.
Wallace Hall. Immediately following
the 5:30 PM Mass. *Details on page 5.*



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

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

Recommended Reading:

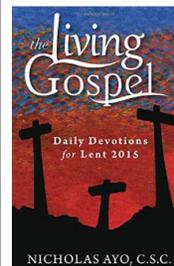
SIX MINUTE REFLECTIONS FOR LENT



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**

Also Available:

The Living Gospel: Daily Devotions for Lent



For Lenten prayer this year, we are recommending a small booklet by Nicholas Ayo, C.S.C.

Each daily devotion offers a prayer, a pertinent reflection on the Gospel reading for the day, and a specific challenge for ongoing spiritual growth. Available at the Parish House while supplies last. **Cost: \$2.00**

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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, facing surgery, or who are afflicted with any other condition of physical, mental, or spiritual suffering.

IGNATIAN YOUNG ADULTS



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)."

Sunday Social Dates

March 8 April 19
Feb. 22 March 22 May 3



IYA Lenten Reflection Group

Sundays, February 22nd - March 29th
6:00 PM - 7:15 PM in 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 the end of today.

Contemplative Leaders in Action (CLA) present



**Pope Francis:
Why He Leads the Way He Leads
A Fundraiser for CLA**

Wednesday, March 4th, Wallace Hall

Speaker: Author Chris Lowney

Doors open 6:30 PM/Reception begins at 7:00 PM

Tickets: \$125

For more information and/or to purchase tickets, visit www.jesuit-collaborative.org/cla/nycfund2015

CLA is a program of the Jesuit Collaborative

MUSIC



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND



11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS

Monteverdi *Missa in Illo tempore:*

Kyrie, Sanctus, Agnus Dei

Blow *Teach me thy way, O Lord*

11:00 AM FAMILY MASS

Manibusan *Open my eyes / Amazing Grace*

7:30 PM MASS

Warren, arr. *Humbly I adore Thee*

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.smsconcerts.org



THE ANNUAL CHANGE FOR CHANGE DRIVE

Donations this year will be forwarded to the *Jesuit Refugee Service: Education of Syrian Refugees*. Syria is the largest humanitarian crisis of our time. More than one million refugees from Syria are now living in Lebanon, swelling the population of the small country. How can a country educate every child when its population has expanded by 25% in less than four years? To address the needs of Syrian refugee students, some Lebanese schools have two shifts to double their capacity. Others have to turn people away.

In communities around the country, from the Bekaa Valley to the Mediterranean coast, *Jesuit Refugee Service* is creating schools for Syrian children in areas where educational opportunities weren't previously available.

Collection period runs to the end of April.

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

Bring donations to the Parish House in care of Carly-Anne Gannon.

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 5:30 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.

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

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, February 16th (*Sixth Monday in Ordinary Time*)
Genesis 4:1–15, 25 Psalm 50 Mark 8:11–13
8:30 MEM Alice Biegen

Tuesday, February 17th (*Sixth Tuesday in Ordinary Time*)
Genesis 6:5–8; 7:1–5, 10 Psalm 29 Mark 8:14–21
8:30 MEM Mae Rooney
12:10 MEM Matthew Byrne
5:30 MEM Violet Lillian Manzino

Wednesday, February 18th (*Ash Wednesday*)
Joel 2:12–18 Psalm 51
2 Corinthians 5:20–6:2 2 Matthew 6:1–6, 16–18

Thursday, February 19th (*Thursday After Ash Wednesday*)
Deuteronomy 30:15–20 Psalm 1 Luke 9:22–25
8:30 MEM John & Margaret Reilly
12:10 MEM Shirley Waters
5:30 MEM Wendi Harris Kaufman

Friday, February 20th (*Friday After Ash Wednesday*)
Isaiah 58:1–9a Psalm 51 Matthew 9:14–15
8:30 MEM Janet Kulp
12:10 MEM Elizabeth Bronikowski
5:30 MEM Nathan Davidson

Saturday, February 21st (*Saturday After Ash Wednesday*)
Isaiah 58:9b–14 Psalm 86 Luke 5:27–32
8:30 MEM Charles Regan

Sunday, February 22nd (*First Sunday of Lent*)
Genesis 9:8–15 Psalm 25
1 Peter 3:18–22 Mark 1:12–15

Saint Ignatius Loyola School extends a cordial invitation to the Parish Community to attend



A Celtic Celebration

Friday, February 20th

6:00 PM to 9:00 PM in Wallace Hall

Come join us for some traditional Irish fare and spirited song and dance!

The evening's entertainment will feature:

§ Aherne/Sheehan School of Dance
§ Our talented "in-house" Musicians

Tickets will be sold at the event to use for libations, a face painter, balloon artist, and at our *Siopa* to purchase some Irish treats.

Also featured – sensational raffles!

Tickets: \$35 per Adult / \$20 per Child
Ticket covers admission and food.

Attendance is by reservation only.

Please call the Grammar School Development Office at 212-861-3820 x135, to make a reservation.

Art & Faith Celebrate the Paschal Mystery

An art-slide lecture presented by

Rev. Leo J. O'Donovan, S.J.

Wednesday, February 25th
7:00 PM in Wallace Hall

How do works of art imagine the death and resurrection of Jesus and how does theology help us to interpret the images?



Rev. Leo J. O'Donovan, S.J., is President emeritus of Georgetown University and a past president of the Catholic Theological Society of America.

JOB TRANSITION SUPPORT GROUP



The Job Transition Support Group wants your help.

Since September, the group has met weekly, working with over 75 people to help develop and execute their job search strategies. We discuss our search activity, share job leads and ideas, review each other's resumes, and host speakers. Our members are dynamic professionals who have careers in a wide variety of businesses, industries, and non-profits.

We are looking for parishioner involvement, whether serving as speakers or sharing professional resources.

If you are interested in being involved, contact Christian Nolan at ctnolan59@gmail.com

The Job Transition Support Group will next meet on Wednesday, February 18th at 10:00 AM in the Parish Lounge.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

During the Season of Lent, the Church urges the faithful to reflect a spirit of penance in their daily lives through Fast and Abstinence.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of *Fast and Abstinence*.

Fridays in Lent are days of *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 through 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 lives. Those not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are encouraged to join in this discipline of abstaining to the extent that they are able.

LENTEN CROSS PROJECT



Registrations begin 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. Through next weekend, 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.

The Lenten Cross Registration Period runs through Sunday, February 22nd.

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

Volunteers are still needed to staff the sign-up tables for approximately 15 minutes after each Mass. Visit <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a084fafae23ab9-lenten> to view available timeslots.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE



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:

Week 1 (February 22nd – 28th): rice and beans	Week 4 (March 15th – 21st): tuna fish and soups, Chef Boyardee meals
Week 2 (March 1st – 7th): canned vegetables, canned stews and hash	Week 5 (March 22nd – 25th): cereals (oatmeal), canned fruits
Week 3 (March 8th – 14th): pasta and tomato sauce	

Donations can be brought to the Parish House.

Thank you for remembering those in need this Lenten Season.



Interested in becoming Catholic?

Call 212-288-3588 or email church@stignatiusloyola.org

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.

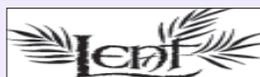
Won't you join us as we begin the Lenten Season by sharing a meal and reflecting on the road we will travel together this Lent as we listen for the still, small voice of God?

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

Thank you to all those who have offered to bring dessert. We have a wonderful selection of cookies, cakes, and pies to offer and no additional items are needed at this time.

Families are encouraged to attend!

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



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 www.stignatiusloyola.org



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Special Needs Mass: For families with loved ones on the Autism spectrum and with other challenging behaviors. Sunday, February 15th at 4:00 PM. Church of the Blessed Sacrament, 152 West 71st Street. All family members are invited to attend. For more information, contact jackie@snacknyc.com

Lecture: *Our Inheritance: Vatican II at 50/The Post-Conciliar Generation Looks at the Next Half Century.* Monday, March 9th–Tuesday, March 10th. Fordham University, Lincoln Center Campus, E. Gerald Corrigan Conference Center. A gathering of leading Catholic thinkers from the generation that came of age in a post-Conciliar world will explore how Vatican II continues to shape the Church and its engagement with the wider world. This event is free and open to the public. For a complete agenda, visit fordham.edu/CRC To register, email crcprogram@fordham.edu

Pax Christi Metro New York Annual Retreat: *Silent Prayer and Nonviolence.* Friday, March 13th–Sunday, March 15th. Led by Fr. Joachim Lally, CSP. St. Joseph's Renewal Center, Brentwood, Long Island. Fr. Lally is a certified presenter of Centering Prayer and a former assistant pastor and youth minister. For more information, contact Pax Christi Metro New York at 212-420-0250 or email info@nypaxchristi.org

Catholic Men's Conference. Saturday, March 21st. Fordham University, Rose Hill Campus. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of New York. This day-long event will provide an opportunity for men throughout the Archdiocese to recommit themselves to their spiritual lives. Speakers will include Cardinal Dolan, public speaker Damon Owens, and former New York Jets player Joe Klecko. **Cost:** \$45, includes breakfast, lunch, and a t-shirt. Space is limited. For more information or to register, visit www.nymensconference.com or call Kim Quatela at (646) 794-3198.

After School Tutors Needed: The Little Sisters of the Assumption Family Health Service is in great need of after-school tutors to assist low-academic performing East Harlem children (ages 7 – 12). The one-on-one tutoring sessions are held at the Center, 333 East 115th Street (between First Avenue and Second Avenue), once a week for 70 minutes. A variety of days and times are available. For more information, contact tgough@lsafhs.org or visit littlesistersfamily.org

PARISH STAFF

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Kathryn King, F.S.P.

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Rev. James Martin, S.J.

Rev. Anthony P. SooHoo, S.J.

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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. Bergen

Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Feely

9:30 AM Fr. Feely

Wallace Hall 11:00 AM Fr. Judge

Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Witt

7:30 PM Fr. Witt

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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