

Church of St. Ignatius Loyola

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April 23, 2017 | Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday | The Jesuit Ministry of Reconciliation

April is the cruelest month,” if you believe T.S. Eliot in *The Wasteland*. April is cruel? How can April be cruel? It is Spring, the lilacs are in bloom, the mild weather gets the blood flowing again, love is in the air. We can empathize with Eliot’s dystopian take on the lilacs bred from the “dead land,” perhaps this year more than most. April 2017 has brought bitter discourse, mistrust and violence, a rise in xenophobia and maltreatment of innocent minority communities, when dissent turns into personal vitriol. Whether you pronounce “divisive” with a long ‘i’ or a short one, the breakdown of civility is a venal context for the vernal month of April.

The Year of Mercy was called by Pope Francis, who highlighted the active and performative nature of mercy, describing it as a “concrete reality” rather than an abstract ideal, explaining that mercy makes love “visible and tangible... something concrete: intentions, attitudes, and behaviors that are shown in daily living” (*Misericordiae vultus*, 6, 9). The seeds planted during that Jubilee of Mercy are now “stirring dull roots with spring rain,” as Eliot would have it. *Mercy* blossoms into *forgiveness*; forgiveness bears fruit in *reconciliation*. Mercy can be a unilateral action by an individual, but genuine forgiveness requires an encounter that sees mercy offered and accepted, given and received. The encounter and exchange of mercy that characterizes forgiveness leads to reconciliation. Jesuit scholastic William C. Woody, S.J., writes in a recent essay: “Genuine reconciliation thus arises as the new state of relation among those parties involved, be they individuals, groups of people, or the all-merciful, compassionate God.”

The Society of Jesus has identified the *ministry of reconciliation* as an urgent imperative of our faith. The recent General Congregation, our highest legislative body, emphasized the Jesuit mission with Christ the Reconciler in numerous dimensions—with God, with humanity, and with creation. Father General Arturo Sosa promulgated the decrees of the General Congregation, saying that now more than ever, the world requires agents of reconciliation and mercy.

This is not a new characteristic of the Jesuit charism. From its earliest days, the Society was “ready to reconcile the estranged,” and was fervently engaged in numerous approaches to such reconciliation, ranging from work with prostitutes and orphans to theological disputes in universities, prison ministry with incarcerated individuals, and peace mediation in larger instances of social strife and violence, all the while celebrating sacramental reconciliation by hearing confessions.

A contemporary of St. Ignatius, a classmate at the University of Paris, described the earliest companions as those who “work to help others, and to walk with those who wander off the beaten path.”

Through the ministry of sacramental confession and spiritual conversation, Woody explains, “Jesuits earned a reputation as approachable, kind, and compassionate confessors.” Our critics, such as Blaise Pascal, accused us of being *too* kind, “putting cushions under the knees of sinners, and under their elbows!”

The Divine Mercy we celebrate this Sunday is the source—the Principle and Foundation—of our call to be co-workers with Christ in his mission to “reconcile all things in God.” The personal experience of God’s mercy is something we must return to frequently, insists St. Ignatius, as a helpful corrective against the tendency to believe the ministry of reconciliation is somehow under our human responsibility and purview. The recent decree mentioned above reiterates this humble disposition of service to Christ’s mission: “We seek to understand how God invites us...to share in that great work of reconciliation.”

Jesuits and our colleagues can foster constructive dialogue, through the unequalled network of schools and universities we run, and through our parishes and social centers. Far from resting on our cushioned elbows, we at St. Ignatius Loyola have this month of April been zealous in providing opportunities for reconciliation: with God (confessions), with our neighbors (an interfaith dinner), with those who are “off the beaten track” (a panel on immigration), and with our own memories and bereavement (Memorial Mass).

We can leave T.S. Eliot to his moods. The rain and the sun of April give birth to the evanescent glory of a rainbow. Divine Mercy has opened the window of forgiveness and reconciliation, if we will only look!

— Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.
Associate Pastor

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY, APRIL 24th

Ranger Rosary Ministry.

7:00 PM. Conference Room. *Details on page 3.*

TUESDAY, APRIL 25th

Easter Memorial Liturgy.

7:00 PM. Church.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27th

Juilliard Organists in Recital.

7:00 PM. Church. *Details on page 3.*

Ignatian Social Justice.

7:00 PM. Conference Room.



Taking Hold: Creative Planning for Retirement and Beyond

*An interfaith adult education program
sponsored by the Episcopal Church Foundation
and organized by Rabbi Leonard Schoolman*

*Three Tuesday evenings beginning May 16th
7:00 PM in Wallace Hall*

May 16th: Social Security, Medicare & You

**May 23rd: Living Fully in Retirement
and Estate Planning**

**May 30th: Ensuring Your Wishes are Fulfilled
and Planning for the End of Life**

Every day, ten thousand Americans turn sixty-five. Different challenges and opportunities will confront them every day, yet nothing has prepared them for these massive changes in their lives.

This program will join individuals and experts from various faith traditions, ages, and backgrounds as an interfaith collaboration of congregations that seeks to answer common questions and provide guidance on the next steps in this exciting new stage of life.

Registration is required.



To register for any or all of the evenings, visit <http://bit.ly/2lKjtal> or scan the code at left.

For more information, call 800-697-2858 or email ecf@episcopalfoundation.org



Special Collection

Next weekend our Parish will take up the annual collection for *Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.*

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, April 24th *(Second Monday of Easter)*

Acts 4:23-31 Psalm 2 John 3:1-8

8:30 MEM John B., John A. & Elizabeth A. Rooney

12:10 MEM Laura Regalado

5:30 ANN George Adams

Tuesday, April 25th *(St. Mark)*

1 Peter 5:5b-14 Psalm 89 Mark 16:15-20

8:30 MEM Marianne T. Bogunovich

12:10 MEM Rae Tavernia

5:30 MEM Thomas Flammer

Wednesday, April 26th *(Second Wednesday of Easter)*

Acts 5:17-26 Psalm 34 John 3:16-21

8:30 MEM Emil Wittek

12:10 MEM Mary & Michael Hegarty

5:30 MEM Anna Gagen

Thursday, April 27th *(St. Peter Canisius)*

Acts 5:27-33 Psalm 34 John 3:31-36

8:30 MEM Quinn & Iervolino Family

12:10 MEM Erin Kane Rodriguez

5:30 MEM Living & Deceased Members of the
Regan & Burke Families

Friday, April 28th *(Second Friday of Easter)*

Acts 5:34-42 Psalm 27 John 6:1-15

8:30 MEM Marianne T. Bogunovich

12:10 MEM Dolores Pitocco

5:30 MEM William Powers

Saturday, April 29th *(St. Catherine of Siena)*

Acts 6:1-7 Psalm 33 John 6:16-21

8:30 LVG Julia Wallace

Sunday, April 30th *(Third Sunday of Easter)*

Acts 2:14, 22-33 1 Peter 1:17-21

Psalm 16 Luke 24:13-35

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RANGER ROSARY MINISTRY



Monday, April 24th
7:00 PM in the Conference Room

16,000 rosaries and counting!

The Ranger Rosary ministry meets twice a month to make rosaries for Catholics who are serving in the armed services. These rosaries are constructed from materials with no metal parts that might reflect light or make a rattling noise.

New members are always welcome!

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul provides confidential financial assistance to people in serious financial need.



If you are a parishioner in need, please leave a message for SVdP at the Parish House to request a consultation.



The Staff of the St. Ignatius Loyola Day Nursery cordially invites the members of the Parish Community to the
2017 Annual Spring Benefit

Friday, May 19th
7:00 PM to Midnight

**New York Athletic Club
180 Central Park South**

*Cocktails, Dinner, Dancing, Raffle,
Live and Silent Auctions*

For ticket information, please call (212) 734-6427 x24.

Persons 21 years of age and over are welcome.

Black tie optional.



THE ANNUAL CHANGE FOR CHANGE DRIVE

Donations this year will be forwarded to **Xavier High School, Chuuk, Micronesia.**

The collection period runs to the end of this month.

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 Carly-Anne Gannon.

MUSIC



SUNDAY, APRIL 30th

11 AM SOLEMN MASS



Buxtehude

Prelude and Fugue in E Major, BuxWV 141

Rheinberger

Abendlied, Op. 69, No. 3

Rheinberger

Mass in E: Kyrie eleison

Rheinberger

Organ Sonata No. 3, Op. 88: III. Fugu



Juilliard Organists in Recital

Thursday, April 27th at 7:00 PM

Organ students from the Juilliard School will present a recital on our N.P. Mander pipe organ, performing selections from the works of Johann Sebastian Bach, Marcel Dupré, Antonín Dvořák, Jean Langlais, Maurice Ravel, and Charles Marie Widor.

The recital is free and all are welcome.



Chanticleer: Washing of the Water Sunday, April 30th 4:00 PM

Washing of the Water will feature music of spiritual intensity by Palestrina, Gibbons, Tomkins, Cardoso, Victoria, Bryars, Gabriel, Simon & Cohen.

The GRAMMY® award-winning ensemble Chanticleer is known around the world as "an orchestra of voices" for the seamless blend of its twelve male voices.

Tickets: \$35 – \$85



Haydn's The Creation Wednesday, May 24th 7:00 PM

Performed in English, Franz Joseph Haydn's beloved oratorio depicts the creation of the world as told in the Book of Genesis and John Milton's *Paradise Lost*.

Tickets: \$25 – \$80

Tickets are available online at www.smssconcerts.org



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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. Feely
Sunday:	8:00 AM	Fr. Yesalonia
	9:30 AM	Fr. Feely
Wallace Hall Family	11:00 AM	Fr. Martin
Solemn	11:00 AM	Fr. Bergen
	7:30 PM	Fr. Bergen

Religious Education for Children

Ms. Carly-Anne Gannon, Director
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Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sundays at the 9:30 AM Mass.

Centering Prayer

Mondays at 6:30 PM.

Confessions

4:30 PM Saturday or by appointment.

Baptisms

Please call Teresa Cariño 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 Teresa Cariño 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.

Cocktails and Canapés: Young Professionals Networking. Hosted by America Media. Thursday, April 27. 6:30 PM. New York Athletic Club, 180 Central Park South. Join Fr. Matt Malone, S.J., Fr. James Martin, S.J., and the editors of America Media for an evening of networking and conversation. Professionals will be attending to share ideas and experiences from various industries including media, finance, technology, real estate, healthcare and more. Tickets start at \$75 for general admission. Event includes open bar and an assortment of canapés and hors d'oeuvres. For ticket information, visit americaspringdrinks.eventbrite.com

After-School Tutors Needed. The Little Sisters of the Assumption Family Health Service is in need of after-school tutors to assist low-academic performing East Harlem children. Three tutors are needed for Mondays from 4:45 PM to 5:45 PM; one tutor for Wednesdays, also from 4:45 PM to 5:45 PM. The one-on-one tutoring sessions are held at the Center, 333 East 115th Street (between First and Second Avenues). For more information, email tgough@lsafhs.org or visit www.littlesistersfamily.org

Sunday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Every Sunday from 3:15 PM to 5:30 PM. Saint Joseph's Church, 404 East 87th Street. An opportunity for quiet prayer and silent adoration. All are welcome.



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