March 20, 2011
Second Sunday of Lent

Lament, Repent, and Re-Imagine!

The theme of a Lenten guide sent to me by a friend offered a way to frame my reflection on the tragedies that continue to unravel in Japan: the triple disasters of an earthquake, tsunami, and the multiple explosions in the Fukushima Dai-ishi nuclear power reactors that threaten minute by minute to collapse into a total nuclear meltdown. Earth, water, air, and fire seem to be exploding in lament over the chaos, brokenness, suffering, and evil caused by the irreverence that we humans appear to exercise in our attempts to control, manipulate, manage, and ignore Mother Nature.

I am not suggesting that the earthquake and tsunami in Japan were deliberately willed. However, Mother Earth is suffering an anguish of spirit from the arrogance of human decisions such as building 20% of the world’s nuclear reactors in areas with frequent seismic activity. Nuclear plants located in densely populated, unsuitable sites threaten the people with three possible vulnerabilities: design failure, human error, and natural disasters. Japanese geologists had long forecast a significant earthquake southwest of Tokyo and had poured huge resources into monitoring and predicting its effects. Yet she arrived with a surprising fury and devastation that has humbled the world’s scientific community.

Is Mother Earth lamenting about the danger and mistreatment of others? “O Lord…save me from all my pursuers” (Psalm 7:2). Is she crying out about the abuses on the part of those who collude in manipulating her to satisfy the voracious hungers for energy? “For my soul is surfeited with troubles and my life draws near to the nether world” (Psalm 88:4). Biblical laments are prayers for help coming out of pain and suffering. In these psalms of lament, I hear the voice of Mother Earth speaking to the invasion of chaos and brokenness that is pulling her apart. But she is not the only one to lament! We, her daughters and sons, have become numbed and desensitized to the social sins against creation.

Theologians speak of lament as a form of resistance that helps us to overcome the loss of both voice and hope as a result of evil and suffering. Is it time for Christians to lament the destruction of the earth due to models of progress that give false assurances of control and place the earth and her people in jeopardy? A prayer of lament reaches beyond expressing grief and outrage to a yearning for reconciliation with God. To lament is to engage in both subversion and transformation because it is a profound statement against the assumptions that drive the world and it suggests that things do not have to be the way they are.

Lamentation should lead us to repentance; change of heart, mind, and direction. It offers us the opportunity to open our beliefs and our hearts to a Generous and Loving God who heals and restores us to right relationship. Is Mother Earth crying out for a shift in our perspective, a shift in our intellectual-spiritual journey that restores a recognition and experience of beauty, the integration of the true and good? If beauty were to be restored to its rightful place in our moral agency, it would require a shift in our attitude and social practice, that is, an aesthetic approach to personal goodness as well as to the domain of the common good. The damage being inflicted on Mother Nature, creation, at this time in history is massive. But as Christians move from lament to repentance, they must ask penetrating questions about what is true, good, and beautiful.

Finally, lament and repentance lead to re-imagining. Jeremiah, who witnessed the destruction of his world, remembered God’s everlasting mercy. God saves even in the midst of overwhelming hopelessness and despair. The resurrection of Jesus Christ invites us to trust the in-breaking of the kingdom of God which makes all things new. Our prayer of lament over our earth’s destruction as well as our personal decisions to repent will lead to newness for us and for our earth. Re-imagining our own relationship to Mother Earth and our use of resources is a moral imperative. We have a responsibility to become better informed about the complex relationships that structure human interaction with creation.

Re-imagining asks us to take time, to notice, enjoy, and care about both the earth and her people. Hans Urs von Balthasar once said that a culture that loses a sense of what is beautiful is drawn to forget both what is true and what is good.

- Sr. Kathryn King, FSP
Pastoral Associate
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SUNDAY, MARCH 20th

Ignatian Young Adult Lenten Series.
6:00 - 7:15 PM. Parish Lounge. Details on page 3.

Young Adult Sunday Social. 8:30 PM.
Wallace Hall. Hosted by the Ignatian Young Adults (follows the 7:30 PM Mass). All are welcome.

Daily Masses During Lent

Unless otherwise noted, all Daily Masses during the Lenten Season will be celebrated in the Church.

TUESDAY, MARCH 22nd

Ignatian Social Justice Monthly Meeting.
7:00 PM. Meeting Room.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23rd

Daily Masses at 8:30 AM, 12:10 PM, and 5:30 PM: Time for Reflection.
The Daily Masses on the Wednesdays of Lent offer a few moments to reflect quietly upon the readings of the day (in lieu of a homily). Enjoy a few moments of quiet time during the Lenten season.

THURSDAY, MARCH 24th

God's Club. 3:00 - 5:00 PM. Parish House.
A place for children 3-5 years of age and their parents or caregivers to enrich their faith through art, stories, and songs.

Lenten Scripture Series. 7:00 PM.

FRIDAY - SUNDAY, MARCH 25th - 27th

Shelter Weekend. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Pattie Hughes at the Parish House.

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 the silence is to encourage personal prayer and reflection.

NOW AVAILABLE AT THE PARISH HOUSE:

SIX MINUTE REFLECTIONS FOR LENT

A small booklet of prayers and reflections for the Lenten Season is available at the Parish House. 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

Copies of our Lenten Brochure are available in the Narthex, at the Parish House, and online at www.stignatiusloyola.org
**IGNATIAN YOUNG ADULTS**

**Lenten Series**

Sundays: March 13 - April 17
6:00 – 7:15 PM in the Parish Lounge

This year’s series will be centered around
*Seven Weeks for the Soul: A Reflective Journey for Lent or Other Times of Renewal*
by Gerard W. Hughes. The series will be facilitated by Fr. Anthony SooHoo, S.J.

For information, email Fr. SooHoo at soohooa@stignatiusloyola.org or call the Parish House at 212-288-3588.

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

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**Dead Man Walking**

Monday, April 11, 7:00 PM
Parish Lounge

In preparation for Sr. Helen Prejean’s lecture on Monday evening, April 18th, IYA is hosting the screening of this powerful film.

Pizza will be served.

RSVP by emailing IgnatianYoungAdults@gmail.com

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**Indoor Volleyball!**

*Location: The East Village*

Interested in playing volleyball and competing in a league? The IYAs are looking to field a team from the Parish.

If you are interested in playing, please contact Jose Arevalo at jlmarevalo@yahoo.com

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**Sunday Socials Schedule**

March 20th
April 3rd & 17th
May 1st & 15th, June 12th & 26th

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 are welcome.

To receive updates on IYA events and other opportunities, follow us on Facebook at “Ignatian Young Adults (NYC)”

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**It’s Girl Scout Cookie Time!**

Cookies will be on sale next weekend in Wallace Hall after the 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM Masses. Please support our Grammar School Girl Scout troops!

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**IGNATIAN TEENS**

**Saturday Service Opportunity**

March 26th: *Father’s Heart Ministries*

We will meet at 8:00 AM in the Parish House and go as a group by subway to Father’s Heart Ministries, a soup kitchen and food pantry located at 545 East 11th Street. We should be returning to the Parish House by noon.

Register by Thursday, March 24th.

Email it@stignatiusloyola.org or call 212-288-3588 x610

Chaperones are needed. If you can assist, please call the number above.

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**SCRIPTURE SERIES**

Fr. Robert O’Brien, S.J., of the St. Ignatius Jesuit Community, will be offering reflections on the Sunday Scripture readings for the six weeks of Lent. Father O’Brien is Professor Emeritus of Philosophy at LeMoyne College.

*This Week:*

Thursday, March 24th at 7:00 PM - Conference Room

*At the Well: Jesus with the Samaritan Woman*

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**Lenten Vespers 2011 for Young Adults**

How often do the voices of young Catholics find a forum in our midst? In this five-week Lenten series, sponsored by Corpus Christi Church, a new generation of theologians will reflect on their message and its meaning.

**Week 3: What are young Catholics saying about...**

**The Earth and Sacramental Theology**

Sunday, March 27th at 4:00 PM

Speaker: Dr. Erin Lothes Biviano
Assistant Professor of Theology, College of St. Elizabeth

Corpus Christi Church
529 West 121st Street

For more information, visit www.corpus-christi-nyc.org

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**THANK YOU!**

The Priests and Brothers of the Society of St. Paul, who staff St. Pauls/Alba House Publishing, wish to thank the members of St. Ignatius Parish for their interest and support at the Book Sale on March 5th and 6th.

Whatever you purchased, may it serve to strengthen and deepen your spiritual lives.
**Announced Masses and Scripture Readings for the Week**

**Monday, March 21st**  
(2nd Monday of Lent)  
8:30 MEM  Gregory Kimmins  
12:10 MEM  Eileen Hanna  
5:30 MEM  Nathan Davidson

**Tuesday, March 22nd**  
(2nd Tuesday of Lent)  
Isaiah 1:10, 16-20  Psalm 50  Matthew 23:1-12  
8:30 MEM  Joe Foley  
12:10 MEM  Quentin Kane  
5:30 MEM  Hilda Perello

**Wednesday, March 23rd**  
(St. Toribio de Mogrovejo)  
Jeremiah 18:18-20  Psalm 31  Matthew 20:17-28  
8:30 MEM  John Rafferty  
12:10 MEM  Dorothea D. Tamayo  
5:30 MEM  The Bernabei Family

**Thursday, March 24th**  
(2nd Thursday of Lent)  
Jeremiah 17:5-10  Psalm 1  Luke 16:19-31  
8:30 MEM  John B., John A., & Elizabeth Rooney  
12:10 MEM  The Gilhooley Family  
5:30 MEM  Cliff Jones

**Friday, March 25th**  
(Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord)  
Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10  Psalm 40  Hebrews 10:4-10  Luke 15:1-3, 11-32  
8:30 MEM  Maria Mannarino  
12:10 MEM  Owen Charles Lynch  
5:30 MEM  Tom McCarthy

**Saturday, March 26th**  
(2nd Saturday of Lent)  
8:30 MEM  Dr. Emil Wittek

**Sunday, March 27th**  
(3rd Sunday of Lent)  
Exodus 17:3-7  Psalm 95  Romans 5:1-2, 5-8  John 4:5-42

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**Lenten Prayer Resources**

**Pray as You Go**  
http://www.pray-as-you-go.org/  
Pray-as-you-go is a daily prayer session designed for use on your iPod or other portable MP3 player.

**3-Minute Retreats**  
http://www.loyolapress.com/  
3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer.htm  
Take a short prayer break right at your computer. Spend some quiet time reflecting on a Scripture passage.

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**Adult Confirmation Class**  
Tuesday evenings  
April 5th - May 17th  
Adult parishioners of St. Ignatius who have received First Eucharist but who have not yet received the sacrament of Confirmation can register for a course in preparation for the sacrament to be conferred here on Wednesday evening, May 18th, at 5:30 PM.

The course will begin on Tuesday evening, April 5th, at 7:15 PM and will continue for seven consecutive Tuesday evenings, concluding on Tuesday, May 17th.

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 the Parish House (212-288-3588).

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**We pray for the faithful departed**  
Paul Charron, Jr.  
Marie Mezo  
Barbara Whyte

May they rest in the peace of the Risen Lord

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**Lay Ministers’ Enrichment**

**The Power of Liturgy: in Your Life, in Your Church, in Your Ministry**

Saturday, April 2nd  
9:30 AM - 3:00 PM  
Wallace Hall

Presenters:

**Fr. Thomas Scirghi, S.J.**  
Associate Professor of Systematic Theology at Fordham University and formerly Professor of Liturgical Theology at the Jesuit School of Theology, where he prepared lay women and men for ecclesial lay ministry.

**Fr. Ugo Nacciarone, S.J.**  
Associate Pastor, Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, who will speak about ways in which lay ministry emerges from liturgy and enters back into liturgy.

Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. The program will conclude with Mass.

Registration is required and space is limited. Please register by Monday, March 28th with Fr. Ugo at nacciaroneu@stignatiusloyola.org or leave a message for him at 212-288-3588.

All Lay Ministers are invited to attend this program.
LENTEN LECTURES

TAG, YOU’RE IT!
An intergenerational evening with the author of the ultimate caregiver handbook
Wednesday, March 30th
7:00 PM in Wallace Hall

GAIL SHEEHY, New York Times best-selling author, will share insights from her latest book, 
Passages in Caregiving: Turning Chaos Into Confidence.
Based on her own experience and research, caring for her husband, Ms. Sheehy is again shaping the national conversation on a vital issue. She will offer practical advice and suggest resources for those who are or will be unpaid caregivers to family and friends – one third of all Americans!

A book signing will follow the lecture.
Sponsored by: Emmaus Bereavement Ministry, Boomers & Beyond, and Ignatian Young Adults.
RSVP online to: gailsheehy@saintignatiusloyola.org
(Enter “Gail Sheehy” on the subject line)
Or call 212-288-3588 and enter x647

FREEDOM IN THE CHURCH
A talk by
Rev. Ladislas Orsy, S.J.
Monday, April 4th
7:00 PM in Wallace Hall

A book signing will follow the lecture

God himself has endowed human persons with freedom that is a divine attribute. They who have it, cherish it; they who lack of it, aspire to it, Christians not excepted. We may therefore ask: What is the extent and role of freedom in the church? The speaker will raise some hard questions and will not rest with easy answers.

Ladislas Orsy, S.J., is a theologian and canon lawyer. During the years of Vatican Council II he taught at the Gregorian University in Rome, then in the United States at Fordham University and The Catholic University of America.
He is now professor of jurisprudence at Georgetown University Law Center. He is the author of a recent book Receiving the Council: Theological and Canonical Insights and Debates, as well as other books and numerous articles. His main intent in his writings and lectures is to keep the spirit of the Council alive.

Sunday, March 27th
McKinnon Hall
9:00 AM – 2:30 PM
Every two seconds someone in the United States needs blood.
The New York Blood Center requires 2,000 donations daily to meet the transfusion needs of our community. Please be a part of our Blood Drive on March 27th.

Appointments can be made online at https://drm.nybloodcenter.org/
PublicScheduler/GroupWelcome.aspx?Group06239
Walk-ins are also welcome!

Bible 2.0
Register by April 1st!
Unit 3: One Nation under God
In this unit we will focus on the period of the monarchy up to the Babylonian Exile.
Active participation and an open mind are the only pre-requisites for those interested in the program.
Each session will meet from 7:30 to 9:00 PM in the Parish Lounge on the following Wednesdays:
April 27, May 4, 11, 25, and June 1, 15, 22, 29
If you have any questions or would like to participate in the program, please email Fr. Anthony SooHoo, S.J., at the Parish House (212-288-3588) or soohooa@stignatiusloyola.org
Register soon - Space is limited.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 24th
Please note the change in Mass Times:
7:30 AM - Quiet
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10:30 AM - Organ/Cantor/Choirs/Brass
11:00 AM (Wallace Hall Family Mass) - Piano/Choirs
Noon (Solemn) - Organ/Cantor/Choirs/Brass
7:30 PM - Organ/Cantor

Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Japan as they continue to deal with the after-effects of the recent 9.0 earthquake and the tsunami that have devastated parts of their nation.
As Catholic Christians we are called to be mindful of the needs of others, and even more so during the Lenten Season. Catholic Relief Services is working with Caritas International and other agencies to find pathways to bring aid to the many thousands stricken by this disaster.
We will be accepting donations to CRS at all Masses this weekend. Or, visit the Catholic Relief Services website if you prefer to make an online gift: www.crs.org
Thank you!

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

Saturday: 8:30 AM

Masses for Next Weekend:
Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM Fr. Dugan
Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Ugo
9:30 AM Fr. Judge
Solemn: 11:00 AM Fr. Bergen
Wallace Hall: 11:00 AM Fr. Ugo
7:30 PM Fr. Bergen

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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.

Eucharistic Adoration: First Saturdays
at 9:00 AM in the Lady Chapel.

Centering Prayer:
Mondays and Thursdays at 6:30 PM

Confessions: 5:00 PM 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 9:00 AM-9:00 PM.