Joy in the Midst of Sorrow

There is a very touching scene in the movie “Shadowlands” in which the famous Christian author, C.S. Lewis, is in a beautiful English valley with his wife, Joy, who has only a short time to live. Both are experiencing intense joy and consolation in each other’s company in this beautiful natural setting. A shadow comes over Joy’s face as she realizes that they will not have that much time together, and that the parting will be very painful. C.S. Lewis reminds her that the pain then is the price we pay for the happiness now. If they did not love each other so much, they would experience neither the happiness nor would they suffer the pain a short time from now. In an imperfect and sinful world, great love, which is the mark of the true disciple of the Lord, will occasion moments of great joy, but also times of great pain and sorrow. You simply cannot have one without the other.

Today is Laetare Sunday. It is given this name because of the Latin of the opening lines of the entrance antiphon:

“Rejoice, Jerusalem! Be glad for her, you who love her!”

Laetare Sunday comes in the middle of Lent, a season of penitence, to remind us that the pain of this season will lead us to the incredible joy of Easter. As disciples of the Lord we fast, pray, and give alms to the poor during Lent. We also refrain from singing the Gloria and the Alleluia at Mass. Engaging in these Lenten practices means that we will rejoice all the more when the season comes to an end and we sing, shout, and celebrate the Lord’s resurrection.

The joy that comes from God is not inconsistent with pain and suffering. We read how the martyrs, at the height of their suffering, would sing with joy and even have a smile on their faces. It is the desire to be completely united with Jesus that allows us to accept the gift of joy even when I am united with him in his pain and suffering, so that I may also be given the gift of rejoicing with him in his resurrection.

There is a story from the life of St. Francis that beautifully illustrates this:

One winter day St. Francis was coming to St. Mary of the Angels from Perugia with Brother Leo, and the bitter cold made them suffer keenly. St. Francis called to Brother Leo, who was walking a bit ahead of him, and he said: “Brother Leo, even if the Friars Minor in every country give a great example of holiness and integrity and good edification, nevertheless write down and note carefully that perfect joy is not in that.”

And when he had walked on a bit, St. Francis called him again, saying: “Brother Leo, even if a Friar Minor gives sight to the blind, heals the paralyzed, drives out devils, gives hearing back to the deaf, makes the lame walk, and restores speech to the dumb, and what is still more, brings back to life a man who has been dead four days, write that perfect joy is not in that.”

Now when he had been talking this way for a distance of two miles, Brother Leo, in great amazement, asked him: “Father, I beg you in God’s name to tell me where perfect joy is.”

And St. Francis replied; “When we come to St. Mary of the Angels, soaked by the rain and frozen by the cold, all soiled with mud and suffering from hunger, and we ring at the gate of the Place and the brother porter comes and says angrily: ‘Who are you?’ And we say: ‘We are two of your brothers.’ And he contradicts us, saying: ‘You are not telling the truth. Rather you are two rascals who go around deceiving people and stealing what they give to the poor. Go away.’

And he does not open for us, but makes us stand outside in the snow and rain, cold and hungry, until night falls – then, if we endure all those insults and cruel rebuffs patiently, without being troubled and without complaining, and if we reflect humbly and charitably that that porter really knows us and that God makes him speak against us, oh, Brother Leo, write that perfect joy is there!

To be one with Jesus under any circumstances is our only true joy!

Fr. Ugo Nacciarone, S.J. Associate Pastor
SUNDAY, APRIL 3rd
Stations of the Cross for Children and Families.
1:00 PM. Church.

Ignatian Young Adult Lenten Series.
6:00 - 7:15 PM.
Parish Lounge.

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

Dear Parishioners,

"Making All Things New" is a pastoral initiative established by Archbishop Dolan to create a process for strategic parish planning in the Archdiocese of New York.

Although the process is still in the pre-planning stage, its purpose is to make sure that Mass, the sacraments, and the life of our faith are available to every Catholic in the Archdiocese, both now and in the future.

Priests and deacons, religious sisters and brothers throughout the Archdiocese are being consulted about the wisest and most effective ways to ensure that the human, financial, and brick-and-mortar resources of our parishes will continue to serve us well in the days and years ahead.

Now it is our chance to be a part of the process and help the Archdiocese make important choices about parish criteria and the structure of the planning process. This will begin with a survey, which will be distributed at all Masses next weekend. The survey is brief, and it is my hope that it can be completed at the conclusion of Mass. Special boxes wherein completed surveys can be deposited will be placed in the Narthex. They can also be dropped off at the Parish House during the week.

To learn more about "Making All Things New," please refer to the letter on Pastoral Planning written by Archbishop Dolan that has been inserted into this week's bulletin. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Fr. George Witt, S.J.

The 2011 Archdiocesan Stewardship Appeal

Dear Parishioners,

My deepest thanks to all those who have generously supported the 2011 Archdiocesan Stewardship Appeal.

To date, we have raised $283,652, or 86% of our goal of $330,000.

If you have not yet made your commitment to the Appeal, please prayerfully consider making a pledge or a one-time gift. Envelopes are available in the pews and in the Narthex. Thank you for your generosity.

Fr. George Witt, S.J.

Gifts can also be made online at www.stewardshipappeal.org
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 Le Moyne College.

This Week:
Thursday, April 7th at 7:00 PM – Conference Room
At Bethany: Jesus with Mary, Martha, and deceased Lazarus

SCRIPTURE SERIES

IGNATIAN YOUNG ADULTS

Dead Man Walking

NEW DATE: Friday, April 15th
7:00 PM in the Parish Lounge

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

Pizza will be served.
RSVP by emailing IgnatianYoungAdults@gmail.com

Sunday Socials Schedule
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)”

SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY READING GROUP

Monthly Meeting:
Tuesday, April 19th at 7:15 PM in the Conference Room

In preparation for this meeting, please read The End of the Affair by Graham Greene.

For additional information, contact Chris Carney at ccarney123@gmail.com or 914-316-3068 or Meg Gottemoeller at megcorp@aol.com

New members are always welcome!

BOOMERS & BEYOND

Saturday Brunch
April 9th at 12:00 Noon
Uptown Restaurant and Lounge
1576 Third Avenue (between 88th & 89th Streets)

Enjoy a relaxed Saturday brunch with Boomers & Beyond. Sip a Mimosa, Bloody Mary, cool beer or soft drink while you dig into your choice from a tantalizingly tempting brunch menu…

all for $19.75 (coffee/tea and gratuities included). Seating is limited… first come, first served.

To reserve your place at the table, RSVP by Thursday, April 7th.

Send your check to: Boomers & Beyond, c/o Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, 980 Park Avenue, NY, NY 10028 or register online at www.boomersandbeyondnyc.com

For more information, email boomersandbeyond.eastside@gmail.com (preferred) or call 646-241-1332.

is an inter-parish social and community service organization for single Catholics who are over 50.

SMSS Music
Sacred Music in a Sacred Space

Wednesday, April 13th
at 8:00 PM

Antonio Caldara Crucifixus
Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina Stabat Mater
Francesco Scarlatti Miserere (U.S. Premiere)
Antonio Vivaldi Stabat Mater

Performed by the Choir and Orchestra of St. Ignatius Loyola
Kent Tritle and Renée Anne Louprette, Conductors

Join us on a pilgrimage through the Italian Baroque as we explore the sonic palate of these great composers.

7:00 PM Pre-Concert Organ Recital
Works of Bach, Walther, Martini, Gabrieli, and more
Nancianne Parrella, Organist

Concert tickets are $50 for preferred seating and $40 or $30 (student/senior) for general seating. Visit www.smssconcerts.org or call 212-288-2520 to order.


SMSS Scripture Series Reflections
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 Le Moyne College.
WEDDINGS
Tomas Laurusevicius and Aldona Anna Bak
Richard Leone and Denise Limongello
Christopher Joseph Principe and Felicia A. Morris

BAPTISMS
Luke Bandur-Rosen
Josephine Giovanna Bastock
Isabella Mia Blanco
Joseph Wilfred Billey
Henry William Boccagno
Griffin Kieran Conway
Taylor Alexandra del Valle
Audrey Teresa Englert
William Kieran Haynes
Sophie Anne Kasouf
Devin Michael Lynn
Kieran Lee O’Connor
Caroline Elizabeth Reidy
Luciano Rudolfo Scarpati
Allegra Anne Soljan
Emilia Francesca Sorrentino
Claire Isabelle Sopkin
Alexander Gabriel Jun-Xiao Tan

Lenten Prayer Resources
Pilgrimage with Jesus: Lent 2011
Podcasts by two Jesuits, Fr. James Gartland and Fr. Martin Schreiber, for each week of Lent.
Rev. Michael Himes, Boston College
http://www.bc.edu/alumni/association/spirituality/reflections.html
A Lenten reflection is posted each week.

Announced Masses and Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday, April 4th
(St. Isidore of Seville)
Isaiah 65:17-21 Psalm 30 John 4:43-54
8:30 MEM Bridget Burke
12:10 MEM George A. Nelson, Jr.
5:30 MEM George Caruso

Tuesday, April 5th
(St. Vincent Ferrer)
Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12 Psalm 46 John 5:1-16
8:30 MEM Henry Ballesteros
12:10 LGV Patricia Manzo
5:30 MEM Patrick Power

Wednesday, April 6th
(4th Wednesday of Lent)
Isaiah 49:8-15 Psalm 145 John 5:17-30
8:30 MEM The Choix and Gordon Families
12:10 MEM William H. Meehan
5:30 MEM Lastenia Vera

Thursday, April 7th
(St. John Baptist de La Salle)
Exodus 32:7-14 Psalm 106 John 5:31-47
8:30 MEM John & Nora Reilly
12:10 MEM Dorothea D. Tamayo
5:30 MEM Patricia O’Brien

Friday, April 8th
(4th Friday of Lent)
Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22 Psalm 34 John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
8:30 MEM The Kelly Family
12:10 MEM Valentino Mazzia
5:30 MEM Catherine Scanlon

Saturday, April 9th
(4th Saturday of Lent)
Jeremiah 11:18-20 Psalm 7 John 7:40-53
8:30 MEM Charles Kettaneh

Sunday, April 10th
(5th Sunday of Lent)
Ezekiel 37:12-14 Psalm 130
Romans 8:8-11 John 11:1-45

What is different at Mass during Lent?
During the season of Lent, the word “Alleluia” is omitted at all Masses. The word is a Hebrew verb, halelu-yah, loosely translated as “Praise the Lord.” The last syllable, Yah, is an abbreviation of the sacred name of God. In the Hebrew Scriptures it occurs only in a few groups of psalms, which are songs of praise and joy. In the New Testament it occurs only at the end of the Book of Revelation to celebrate the victory of the Lamb of God. These are sentiments that are reserved for the full victory of Jesus at the resurrection, and so are omitted during Lent.

At the Easter vigil, “Alleluia” will be sung with great enthusiasm, for His victory is ours also.

Copies of our Lenten Brochure are available in the Narthex, at the Parish House, and online at www.stignatiusloyola.org
LENTEN LECTURES

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 George-town 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.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 24th
Please note the change in Mass Times:
7:30 AM - Quiet
9:00 AM - Organ/Cantor
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

A spirit of welcome and celebration is all that is required. Sign-up sheets will be available in the back of church after all Masses this weekend.

For more information, speak to a Hospitality Minister after Mass, or contact Adele Gallo, head of the Hospitality Ministry: amdgallo@me.com

Easter Memorial Liturgy
Tuesday, May 3rd
at 7:00 PM
Our annual liturgy to remember parishioners and family members who died in 2010.
You are invited to submit the names of deceased loved ones to Sr. Kathryn King no later than Monday, April 25th.

Sr. King can be reached at 212-288-3588 or kingk@stignatiusloyola.org

DEAD MAN WALKING:
THE JOURNEY CONTINUES
a talk by
Sr. Helen Prejean, C.S.J.
Monday, April 18, 2011
7:00 PM in Wallace Hall
Now that her story has been told in print, on screen, on the theater stage, and in opera houses, Sister Helen Prejean looks back upon her Dead Man Walking experience and personal awakening to the cause that became the source of her international standing today: fighting the death penalty.

Sr. Helen Prejean, C.S.J., has been instrumental in sparking international dialogue on the death penalty and helping to shape the Catholic Church’s newly vigorous opposition to state executions.

CHANGE FOR CHANGE: We are collecting donations throughout Lent for the Mercy Center in the Bronx. The Collection period runs from Ash Wednesday to the end of April. Loose change, bills, and checks are welcome! Please bring donations to the Parish House in care of Joanne Cunneen.
Sr. Kathleen Dietz, FSO, will speak about the responsibility the family has for nurturing the faith, preserving it, and handing it on to the next generation. Monday, April 11th at 7:00 PM. The Rochester Room of Church of St. Thomas More, 65 East 89 Street. Free will offering accepted.

An interdisciplinary conference. Tuesday, April 12th, 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM. Fordham University Center for Ethics Education and Center on Religion and Culture. McNally Amphitheatre, Fordham University Lincoln Center Campus. Event details are available at www.fordham.edu/moraloutrage. RSVP to Adam Fried at 718-817-0926 or ethics@fordham.edu

The Faith of Abraham: Bond or Barrier? Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Perspectives. The Annual Spring McGinley Lecture.
Wednesday, April 13th at 6:00 PM – Fordham University Lincoln Center Campus, 113 West 60th Street. Thursday, April 14th at 6:00 PM – Flom Auditorium, Rose Hill Campus. Free and open to the public. For more information, call 718-817-4745 or email mcgchair@fordham.edu

Faith and Science in Harmony: The Heavens Declare the Glory of God.
A talk by Dr. Anton Koekemoer, research astrophysicist on the scientific faculty of the Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore and a key member of many of the large cosmological projects carried out with the Hubble Space Telescope. Monday, April 18th at 7:00 PM. Saint Joseph Church School, 420 East 87 Street. The event is free and will be followed by a dessert reception. For additional information call 212-289-6030.

Praying the Easter Triduum Retreat: “No Greater Love”
Thursday, April 21st – Sunday, April 24th St. Ignatius Jesuit Retreat House, 251 Searingtown Road, Manhasset, NY (Accessible by LIRR, Port Washington Line.)
The retreat begins with supper at 6:00 PM on Holy Thursday and ends with breakfast after an Easter Morning Emmaus Walk. Cost: $360 pp/private, $300 pp/semi-private. Call 516-621-8300 x15 for registration and additional information, or visit www.inisfada.net

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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. Bergen
Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Dugan
9:30 AM Fr. Witt
Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Ugo
Wallace Hall 11:00 AM Fr. Dugan
7:30 PM Fr. SooHoo

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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.