The Gift of New Life

The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the central event of our Christian faith. In fact, as St. Paul reminds us, if we are wrong about this, we are the most pitiable of people, putting our faith where it does not belong. But if he is raised from the dead, as we who are Christian dare to believe, then we are the most fortunate people, for in recognizing this truth, being baptized into it, and living out its radical implications, we are given a gift of immeasurable proportions, the gift of new life.

And this means new life now, not simply at the end of our lives. God’s intention is not to let death have its way with us. Death does not have the last word, life does. Even though the powers that be killed Jesus, and the sin of the world cut him down, God raised him up, gave him new life, and sent him back to his disciples to show them that death, while painfully real, is not as strong as life.

What an incredible message! No matter how much disappointment, heartache, or failure intrudes into our lives or into our world, the message of Jesus’ resurrection stands bold and victorious above them.

This is not cheap grace. The story of Jesus’ Passion gives the lie to any misconception we may have about suffering. We are not immune to the terrible effects of greed, jealousy, violence, or any of the many ways that people hurt one another. Neither are we immune to the ravages of nature, illness, or disease. Like Jesus, who entered fully into our human experience, we too come face to face with death’s power.

Even a quick review of recent headlines reminds us of how vulnerable we are, and how much suffering there is in the world: the earthquake and tsunami in Japan, civil unrest in the countries of Northern Africa and the Middle East, murderous war in Iraq and Afghanistan, paralyzing discord in our own government, continued revelations of clergy sexual abuse in our Church. Closer to home, we face personal losses through unemployment, broken relationships, unrealized dreams, the demise of loved ones. There seems to be no end to the ways that death inserts itself into our lives.

The resurrection of Jesus is God’s answer to all of this. Yes, death is real. Yes, we suffer. Yes, we both sin and are sinned against. But God loves us too much to allow these to destroy us. God loves the world too much to let it be swallowed up in sin, or to give up on the beautiful new creation He promised long ago, through the prophet Isaiah, when He promised to bring about a new heaven and a new earth. Easter marks the final victory over the powers that want to destroy us, and it serves as a reminder of how to relate to the unwanted things that beset us: with faith, with hope, and with love.

Through his Passion and death, Jesus models for us the way to respond to those things that cause us so much pain. He teaches us the importance of putting our trust in God; he demonstrates for us the counter-intuitive force of surrender; he shows us the liberating power of forgiveness. And through his resurrection, Jesus shows us once and for all that these are the path to life. These are the tools through which victory was won, and the tools we are invited to wield now in imitation of him, so that we may share the new life we have been given.

Of course, it is never just about what God is doing for us. The gift of new life that we receive is to be shared with others, as we see in the very first biblical witnesses. Once they knew Jesus was alive, his disciples became apostles, spreading the good news to all they encountered. As we sing out our Alleluia’s this Easter, we ready ourselves to share with others what has been given to us. Let this prayer of Jesuit Cardinal Carlo Maria Martini be our prayer:

Lord Jesus, we ask you now to help us to remain with you always, to be close to you with all the ardor of our hearts, to take up joyfully the mission you entrust to us and that is to continue your presence, and spread the good news of your Resurrection.

Have a blessed Easter!

Rev. George M. Witt, S.J., Pastor
**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 25th**
The Parish House will be closed.
One Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 AM in the Lady Chapel.
There will be no 12:10 PM or 5:30 PM Masses.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 26th**
Ignatian Social Justice Meeting.
7:00 PM. Parish Lounge.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27th**
Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting.
7:00 PM. Conference Room.
All are welcome.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 28th**
Scripture Reflections Group.
7:00 PM. Conference Room.
All are welcome.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30th**
Finding God in Movement:
An Ignatian Young Adult Event.
5:00 PM. Wallace Hall.
Details on page 3.

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**Training Session for New Eucharistic Ministers**

Those who are interested in serving as EMs at St. Ignatius Loyola are invited to attend a training session:

- Thursday, May 12th from 7:00 – 9:00 PM
- Sunday, May 22nd from 1:30 – 3:30 PM

*For additional information, or to RSVP, contact Fr. Anthony SooHoo, S.J., by Monday, May 9th: 212-288-3588 (Parish House) or soohooa@stignatiusloyola.org*

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**CHANGE FOR CHANGE**

We are collecting donations 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.

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**ParishPay**

Many of our parishioners are making automatic online gifts to St. Ignatius. By giving online monthly to St. Ignatius you will no longer need to receive monthly envelopes in the mail. In addition, you may also make gifts to our annual Parish collections, as well as Archdiocesan special collections.

For further information, or to enroll in the program, please visit our website: [www.stignatiusloyola.org](http://www.stignatiusloyola.org) (*click on About Us: Stewardship/Giving*)

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You’ve notified your friends, you’ve notified your credit cards, you’ve notified your magazines.
Please don’t forget to notify your church.
This information helps us to keep our database current, and cuts down on the cost of additional postage. Thanks!
Visit to the Islamic Cultural Center
1711 Third Avenue
Thursday, May 12th
6:15 PM

Join BOOMERS & BEYOND for an evening of education, enrichment, and enlightenment on the basic beliefs of Islam both as a religion and as a way of life.

IMAM SHAMSI ALI will meet us to discuss Islam and the history and architectural significance of the Mosque. Following Imam Ali’s talk, there will be a question and answer period and an opportunity to observe an evening prayer service.

(It is suggested that women wear a head covering while in the Mosque.)

Meet at the 96th St. entrance of the ISLAMIC CULTURAL CENTER (which is located at 1711 Third Ave.).

This invitation is open to ALL Boomers, married or single. Please take the opportunity to participate in this unique experience!

RSVP by Monday, May 9th to: boomersandbeyond.eastside@gmail.com (email preferred) or call: 646-241-1332
or register online at www.boomersandbeyondnyc.com

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

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

Finding God in Movement
Saturday, April 30th
5:00 PM
Wallace Hall

with Katie and Becky Bignell, Liturgical Dancers

We worship God in many different ways, not just with our voices and words. Join us for this workshop in creative movement as we explore how to pray using our bodies.

No prior dance experience is necessary. All Ignatian Young Adults are invited to attend!

To register, email Fr. SooHoo, SJ at soohooa@stignatiusloyola.org or call the Parish House at 212-288-3588.

Sunday Socials Schedule
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.

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A Night to Celebrate the Jesuit Volunteer Corps
Wednesday, May 4th
6:30 – 8:30 PM
Wallace Hall

Join in celebrating the JVC: its great work, its current volunteers serving in the New York City area, and the amazing accomplishments of its distinguished alumni.

Tickets are $100 each. This event will benefit the work of the JVC, which comprises volunteers working with poor and marginalized populations across the United States and in seven countries around the world.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit www.jesuitvolunteers.org/celebrate or call 410-244-1733.

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

An Enchanted Evening: The Annual Spring Benefit
Friday, May 13th, 7:00 PM to Midnight
The Central Park Boathouse

Cocktails, Dinner, Dancing, Raffle, Live and Silent Auction

For ticket information, please call 212-734-6427.

Persons over 21 years of age are welcome.
## Announced Masses and Scripture Readings for the Week

### Monday, April 25th
*(Easter Monday)*

Parish House will be closed.

One Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 AM

- Acts 2:14, 22-33
- Psalm 16
- Matthew 28:8-15

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

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### Tuesday, April 26th
*(Easter Tuesday)*

- Acts 2:36-41
- Psalm 33
- John 20:11-18

8:30 **MEM** Dr. Emil Wittek

12:10 **MEM** Kathleen Ann Bartone

5:30 **MEM** Joseph Eugene Quinn

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### Wednesday, April 27th
*(Easter Wednesday)*

- Acts 3:1-10
- Psalm 105

8:30 **MEM** The Bernabei Family

12:10 **MEM** Dorothea D. Tamayo

5:30 **MEM** Kathleen Ann Bartone

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### Thursday, April 28th
*(Easter Thursday)*

- Acts 3:11-26
- Psalm 8

8:30 **MEM** Pat Gucciardo

12:10 **MEM** Rosemarie Lavin

5:30 **MEM** Living & Deceased Members of the Wallace Family

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### Friday, April 29th
*(Easter Friday)*

- Acts 4:1-12
- Psalm 118
- John 21:1-14

8:30 **MEM** Brian Christopher Dugan

12:10 **MEM** Kathleen Ann Bartone

5:30 **MEM** William Powers

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### Saturday, April 30th
*(Easter Saturday)*

- Acts 4:13-21
- Psalm 118
- Mark 16:9-15

8:30 **MEM** Gloria Abadía

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### Sunday, May 1st
*(Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday)*

- Acts 2:42-47
- Psalm 118
- 1 Peter 1:3-9
- John 20:19-31

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### Pastoral Visits Available for Homebound and Ill Parishioners

Parishioners have been trained for the ministry of pastoral visiting to the homebound and chronically ill in our Parish.

If you are interested in having a visit arranged for yourself or for another person, please contact Sr. Kathryn King at:

212-288-3588 or kingk@stignatiusloyola.org

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### Prayer Suggestion...

**Sacred Space**

We invite you to make a “Sacred Space” in your day and spend ten minutes in prayer, as you sit at your computer, with the help of on-screen guidance and scripture chosen specially every day. Visit [www.sacredspace.ie](http://www.sacredspace.ie)

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### Prayer Booklets for the Easter Season

Prayer booklets for the Easter Season are available at the Parish House for one dollar. Authored by the late Bishop Kenneth Untener of Saginaw, Michigan, the booklet offers brief prayers and reflections for each of the fifty days of the Easter Season.

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### Have You Registered?

If St. Ignatius Loyola is where you regularly worship, we invite you to fill out a Parishioner Registration Card located in the pew racks, at the Parish House, and online at:

[www.stignatiusloyola.org](http://www.stignatiusloyola.org)

Having your name in our records is the only way we can certify that you are a practicing Catholic.

If you move or if your email address changes, please be sure to notify us so that we can update our records.

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We pray for the faithful departed
Luz Japlit
Quirico Japlit
Erma Mazzucco
May they rest in the peace of the Risen Lord

We extend warm congratulations to our RCIA Candidates and Catechumens who celebrated their entrance into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

Let us pray for God’s continued blessing upon them.

Catechumens
Nicole Agnew
Lynn Chao
Lauren Egan
James Hare
Laura Huse
Jennifer McAllister
Marie Nentwich
Donya Sabet
Elizabeth (Lily) Scholz

Candidates for Full Communion
Rebecca Alimena
Elina Anatole
Mark Baumer
Justin Boyd
Lauren Garille
Sally Marois
Bryan Stewart
Miklos Toth
Lindsey Wakeman
Sarah Wong

Candidates for Full Initiation
Stephanie Chiu
Maritza Montalvo
Jenae Noell

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

On behalf of Pastor George Witt, S.J., and the Staff of Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, best wishes for a holy and blessed Easter Season.
Second Annual Healing Mass 
in Honor of  St. Peregrine, 
patron of those suffering with cancer. 
Monday, May 2nd at 7:00 PM 
Cathedral of St. Patrick 
For cancer patients, survivors, their families, 
friends, and members of  the medical community. 
This healing Mass will include the 
communal rite of  the anointing of  the sick.

Fourth Annual Walton House 
History Symposium 
Saturday, May 7th, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM 
Our Lady of  the Rosary Parish, 
7 State Street (South Ferry at the Battery) 
Contributors: Sr. Margaret John Kelly, DC (St. John's 
University), Maureen Murphy, Ph.D. (Hofstra), Mary 
Brown, Ph.D. (Marymount), and Maria Iacullo-Bird, 
Ph.D. ( Pace University) 
Free and open to the public. Registration required, limited seating. Call 212-269-6865 
or email setonshrin05@netscape.com

Rejoice in a Journey of  Hope 
Day of Recollection 
for Separated and Divorced Catholics 
(Sponsored by the Family Life/Respect Life Office 
of the Archdiocese of  New York) 
Saturday, May 14th, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM 
Church of  the Holy Family (Mechler Hall) 
2158 Watson Avenue (off Castle Hill Avenue) 
Bronx, NY 
$10.00 Admission Fee includes lunch. 
Pre-Registration required: Contact Barbara at 
718-863-9156 no later than Tuesday, May 10th.

Golden Wedding 
Jubilee Mass 
Couples celebrating their 
50th Wedding Anniversary anytime 
during 2011 are invited to attend the 
Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Archbishop Dolan at the 
Cathedral of St. Patrick on Sunday, 
May 22nd at 2:00 PM. Pre-registration is required. 
To register, contact Diane Boyle 
at the St. Ignatius Parish House: 
212-288-3588 x618 
or boyled@stignatiusloyola.org 
by Tuesday, May 3rd.

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

Religious Education 
for Children 
Joanne Cunneen, M.A., M.S. Director 
(212) 861-4764

St. Ignatius Loyola 
Grammar School 
Ms. Mary Larkin, M.S. Ed. 
Principal 
48 East 84th Street 
New York, NY 10028 
(212) 861-3820 Fax: (212) 879-8248

St. Ignatius Loyola 
Day Nursery 
Ms. Theodora Crist, M.S. 
Executive Director 
240 East 84th Street 
New York, NY 10028 
(212) 734-6427 Fax: (212) 734-6972

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.