Today we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. This devotion was inspired by the mystical writings of a simple Polish nun, Sr. Faustina Kowalska. Despite misunderstanding and rejection, she continued to trust in the Lord’s plan for her. After dying from tuberculosis at the age of 33, she was canonized a saint by Pope John Paul II on April 30, 2000. Mother Faustina’s devotion points to Jesus’ great love and compassion revealed to us through the sacrifice of the Eucharist and the sacrament of Reconciliation.

In Hebrew the words Ḥesed and rahāmîm are often used to describe God’s compassion and mercy. In the psalms, we hear:

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

(Psalm 145:8)

The Lord’s steadfast love (Ḥesed) is characterized by tenacious fidelity to those who are party to the covenant. Unaffected by the human tendency to categorize and exclude, this outrageous and unconditional divine love knows no bounds. Likewise, the Lord’s mercy and compassion (raḥāmîm) are not limited to a particular people, but extends to all of creation.

In Hebrew the abstract noun raḥāmîm is related to the word for “womb” (raḥam). Unlike the English understanding of mercy, which usually involves a withholding of punishment or the sparing of a life, the Jewish notion is much richer and more evocative. Biblical mercy involves compassionate action that gives birth to new life. It embodies the selfless love of a mother bearing a child in her womb and underscores the deep connection between the one who shows mercy and the one who has received it.

During the Penitential Rite at Mass, we often pray Kyrie, eleison (“Lord, have mercy”). Eleos, which translates these Hebrew words for mercy, comes from a Greek word that describes the oil from olives. In the ancient world, oil was used to heal wounds and prepare an athlete’s muscles for strenuous activity. Whenever we pray, “Lord, have mercy,” we are calling upon God to soothe and comfort us and our world, which suffer from the effects of sin. We also ask God for the courage, strength, and healing that allows us to forgive one another.

Extracting oil from olives requires intense manual labor. Likewise, reconciliation requires hard work, patience, and commitment as we cooperate with God’s grace to reach out to those who have been estranged by our words or actions. When we ask for forgiveness or forgive others, we die to self, but we also make room for something new in our relationships. Eucharist and reconciliation go hand in hand. Jesus died for our sins so that we truly might live with one another as brothers and sisters. Reconciliation helps us to live more faithfully the Eucharist.

This Divine Mercy Sunday Pope Benedict will acknowledge the virtuous life of his predecessor, John Paul II, by beatifying him. Many years after his attempted assassination, Pope John Paul II met with Mehmet Ali Ağca, the young man who tried to kill him. Dressed in his customary white robes, he tenderly held the hand that fired the gun which almost ended his life. At the end of the conversation, Ali Ağca raised the pope’s hand to his forehead in a gesture of respect. After leaving the cell, the pope told the gathered reporters, “I spoke to him as a brother whom I have pardoned and who has my complete trust.” On that day, Pope John Paul II once again showed to the world what humanity is capable of.

In our day the Internet has brought with it unprecedented transparency and free flow of information. Yet, in our “confessional culture” of “reality” shows and tell-all books we have become less tolerant, more apt to tear down the vulnerable, and condemn those who have wronged us. We live in a world that readily delights in exposing scandal and sin, but that has not yet fully discovered the way to its redemption.

Blessed John Paul II forgave and called Mehmet Ali Ağca his brother because his soul was nurtured and sustained by the Eucharist and the sacrament of Reconciliation. True forgiveness, which is never easy, gets us in touch with our most authentic and best selves. It also calls us to be more compassionate as we encounter the brokenness and humanity of those who have hurt us. When we recognize our own sinfulness, we realize that we all are in need of God’s mercy and redemption. Only then can our broken world be healed of the divisions that separate brothers and sisters from one another.

Rev. Anthony P. SooHoo, S.J. Associate Pastor
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, MAY 1st
Young Adult Sunday Social. 8:30 PM. Wallace Hall. Hosted by the Ignatian Young Adults (follows the 7:30 PM Mass). All are welcome.

TUESDAY, MAY 3rd
Easter Memorial Liturgy 7:00 PM
Our annual liturgy to remember parishioners and family members who died in 2010. All parishioners are welcome.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4th
Shelter Volunteers’ Dinner 6:30 PM. Parish Lounge. Details on page 3.

THURSDAY, MAY 5th
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.

Scripture Reflections Group. 7:00 PM. Conference Room. Led by Fr. Robert O’Brien, S.J., of the St. Ignatius Jesuit Community. All are welcome.

SATURDAY, MAY 7th
10:00 AM. Church. First Holy Communion. Grammar School Students.

Last Call!
CHANGE FOR CHANGE:
Throughout Lent, donations have been collected for the Mercy Center in the Bronx. It is not too late to participate! Please bring contributions to the Parish House by the end of this week in care of Joanne Cunneen. Loose change, bills, and checks are welcome.

ParishPay
Making it Easier to Give
Many of our parishioners are making automatic online gifts to St. Ignatius. By giving online to St. Ignatius you will no longer need to receive envelopes in the mail. In addition, you may also make gifts to our annual Parish collections, as well as to Archdiocesan special collections. For further information, or to enroll in the program, please visit our website: www.stignatiusloyola.org (click on About Us: Stewardship/Giving)

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.

Proclaim the Word!
Lectors proclaim the Word of God during Mass and embody the Good News in their lives.
If you feel called to serve in this ministry at St. Ignatius Loyola, please contact Fr. Bergen at the Parish House: 212-288-3588.

PLEASE OPEN FOR PAGES 3 AND 4
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 Street 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!
For more information, or to RSVP (by Monday, May 9th), email: boomersandbeyond.eastside@gmail.com (preferred) or call: 646-241-1332
You can also register online at www.boomersandbeyondnyc.com
BOOMERS & BEYOND is an inter-parish social and community service organization for single Catholics who are over 50.

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.

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.

SHELTER VOLUNTEERS’ “Thank You” Dinner
Wednesday, May 4th
6:30 PM in the Parish Lounge
If you worked in our women’s homeless shelter this season, please join us on Wednesday, May 4th at 6:30 PM in the Parish Lounge for a celebratory dinner.
This is a great opportunity to meet your fellow volunteers and enjoy good food and fellowship.
RSVP to Pattie Hughes: pattiehughes@verizon.net

Monthly Meeting:
Tuesday, May 17th at 7:15 PM
in the Conference Room
In preparation for this meeting, please read “The Shoes of Van Gogh: A Spiritual and Artistic Journey to the Ordinary” by Cliff Edwards.
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!
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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  
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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

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**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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We pray for the faithful departed
George B. Adams
Elizabeth B. Pizzitola
May they rest in the peace of the Risen Lord

Easter Memorial Liturgy
Tuesday, May 3rd 7:00 PM
Our annual liturgy to remember parishioners and family members who died in 2010. All parishioners are welcome.

We welcome to the Staff Scott Warren, who will begin in June. Scott served on our staff part-time from 2001-2006, and has been a regular presence since that time. He continues his position as Organist at Temple Emanu-El on Fifth Avenue even as he joins our Staff as a full-time member.

Staff News
We congratulate and offer our best wishes to our Associate Music Director, Renée Anne Louprette. Renée has accepted a position as Organist at Trinity Church Wall Street and her final Sunday at St. Ignatius is May 29th. We thank Renée for her six years of service to our Parish and for her marvelous contributions to our liturgical and concert ministries.

Spring Liturgical Concert
Sunday, May 15th at 3:00 PM
featuring the Parish Community Choir,
with members of the Choir of St. Ignatius Loyola,
Canticum Sacrum, High School Choir,
and Children’s Choirs.
No tickets are required. A free-will offering will be taken.

Sacred Music in a Sacred Space
Wednesday, May 25th
at 8:00 PM
Ludwig van Beethoven Christus am Ölberge
George Frideric Handel Foundling Hospital Anthem
and Organ Concerto No. 3 in G Minor, Op. 4
Performed by the Choir and Orchestra of St. Ignatius Loyola
Kent Tritle, Conductor

7:00 PM Pre-Concert Organ Recital
Works of Mozart and Beethoven
David Enlow, Organist
Organist and Choir Master,
Church of the Resurrection, NY
Organ Faculty, The Juilliard School

Many 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.

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 or 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

Take Note!
Children’s Choir Auditions
Auditions for the St. Ignatius Loyola children’s choir program will be held in the Parish House on the following dates and times:
Monday, May 16th from 3:15 – 4:30 PM for children rising into the 1st grade and current choir siblings.
Tuesday, May 17th from 3:15 – 4:30 PM for children rising into the 2nd – 8th grades.
No appointment or preparation is necessary. Parents or caregivers should attend with their children to complete registration forms.
Call 212-288-3588 x 633 or email music@stignatiusloyola.org with any questions.
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 Watson 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 setonshrine05@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.

St. Francis Free Resume Clinic
Tuesday, May 24th and Thursday, May 26th
12:00 noon to 4:30 PM
St. Francis House, 135 West 31st Street
Renew, the St. Francis Younger Retiree Program, is sponsoring a free clinic to assist those who are unemployed, as well as others facing layoffs or career transitions. Volunteers will be available to assist individuals in updating or editing their resumes. Please call before Wednesday, May 18th to schedule an individual appointment: 212 736-8500, x 357.
Draft resumes can be emailed to resume@stfrancisnyc.org or mailed to Frances McPartland, Resume Clinic, St. Francis House, 135 West 31st Street, New York, NY 10001.

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

Music Ministries
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Renée Anne Louprette
Nancianne Parrella
Robert Reuter
Mary Huff
Michael Sheetz
Philip Anderson
Erin Acheson, Administrator
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