Metanoia: A Movement of the Heart

This Sunday and next, the members of this year’s RCIA class (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) will join those from other parishes across the Archdiocese at the Rite of Election or the Call to Continuing Conversion at St. Patrick’s Cathedral. The class consists of 15 catechumens (those preparing for Baptism) and 9 candidates (those already baptized). Timothy Cardinal Dolan will welcome them and officially accept their desires on behalf of the Universal Church. During Lent they will move through their final period of preparation for reception of the Easter Sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Last year I participated in this process and was received into the Catholic Church.

I was raised with a strong Protestant faith, attended church services, and was an active member in the youth group. Christian values were part of my life. I grew up believing in God’s existence: that He had created the universe yet loved me so much that not a hair would fall from my head without His permission, and that I was meant to live a life that was a reflection of God’s love.

Call it a late teenage rebellion or a quarter-life crisis, but as I grew up and moved out on my own, I became less and less involved in my church community. I had not lost belief in God or in my values, but they seemed to be less important. I found myself looking for fulfillment in other areas, wanting to “get ahead” and spending a great deal of time focusing on work, thinking that the rewards would be enough to sustain me.

About two years ago, something began to shift. I started thinking about life holistically rather than in terms of pursuing immediate happiness. I thought that I was exactly where I wanted to be, with a good and rewarding job. Yet I felt and knew that something was missing. What did I truly value? What was important to me?

These questions are not unique, but are so personal that only I could answer them. As I reflected, I came to realize that living a life aligned with Christ was at the top of the list. I had a thought in my head (or as I believe, in my heart). It felt like a call to return to the foundation I had experienced as a child. I longed to work on building a closer relationship with Christ. I just wasn’t quite sure how to do it.

As I was walking down Park Avenue one day, I saw a sign outside of St. Ignatius that read: “Interested in becoming Catholic?” The answer was so clear to me: yes. I had long held a great respect for the deep rooted traditions of the Catholic Church. The focus of the Mass around the Sacrament of the Eucharist was very important to me, a reminder that I am not perfect, but if I truly repent my sins are forgiven. So I decided to attend.

I remember my first experience at St. Ignatius. Sitting in the pew surrounded by a community of believers, I felt like I had returned home. I was making a commitment to myself and my relationship with Christ to take the next step in my journey. I began inquiring into the Catholic faith and was received into the Church at the Easter Vigil last year.

I do not know what the future holds, but now that I have become Catholic, I know I am on the right track, refocusing my life around my faith and working to continually build a relationship with Christ. I am engaged in an ongoing journey, and am comforted by the support of the Church and the belief that God loves me.

And during this season of Lent I am part of our Parish community that is praying for this current group of catechumens and candidates, who through God’s grace, are changing their lives, giving up old ways of doing and being, and are committing themselves to Jesus Christ.

Rebecca Alimena
Parishioner
RCIA Class of 2011
On Saturday, February 25th, Rev. Jeffrey von Arx, S.J., President of Fairfield University, will be the presider at the 5:30 PM Mass.

We welcome Father von Arx and all of the members of the Fairfield University Community who will be joining us at this Mass.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26th**
Ignatian Young Adult Lenten Reflection Group. 6:00 PM. Parish Lounge. Details on page 3.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27th**
Ranger Rosary Ministry. 7:00 PM. Meeting Room. Supplies and instructions are provided. New members are welcome!

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28th**
Reconciliation Tuesdays: The Sacrament of Confession will follow the 5:30 PM Daily Mass during Lent.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29th**
Daily Masses at 8:30 AM, 12:10 PM, and 5:30 PM: Quiet Wednesdays. The Daily Masses on the Wednesdays of Lent will offer a few moments to reflect quietly upon the readings of the day (in lieu of a homily).

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting. 7:00 PM. Conference Room. All are welcome!

**THURSDAY, MARCH 1st**
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 Murray-Weigel Jesuit Community in the Bronx. Details at right.

**CHANGE FOR CHANGE:**
Donations this year will be forwarded to the Catholic Medical Mission Board, which works collaboratively to provide quality healthcare programs and services, without discrimination, to people in need around the world.
The collection period runs from Ash Wednesday to the end of April. 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 Joanne Cunneen.

**MUSIC**
Mander Organ Recital Series presents Organ Plus!

**NANCIANNE PARRELLA**
Associate Organist
Church of St. Ignatius Loyola
with Jorge Ávila, violin
Victoria Drake, harp
and Arthur Fiacco, cello

Sunday, March 4th at 4:00 PM

Featuring original works and transcriptions for organ, harp, and cello by Franck, Bloch, Vierne, Duruflé, Mahler, and more.

Tickets are $20, or $15 for students and seniors, and are available in the Parish House, online at www.smssconcerts.org or by calling 212-288-2520.
Meeting Christ in Prayer
Wednesdays, February 29th to April 25th
Morning Session: 9:30 – 11:00 AM
Evening Session: 7:00 – 8:30 PM
Parish Lounge

“Meeting Christ in Prayer” is an eight week program of spiritual renewal based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. It is a fresh opportunity to encounter Jesus Christ, to grow in knowledge and understanding of Him, to imitate His love, and to renew one’s participation in His risen life. Each weekly gathering includes a guided meditation, faith-sharing, and orientation for the prayer of the following week. Open to both beginners in the spiritual journey and those committed to a prayer life for years, the commitment of participants is daily personal prayer of 30 minutes and an “examen,” or review of the day, in the evening.

Suggested scale for offering: $30 – $50 to cover materials.

To register, contact Sr. Kathryn King at the Parish House (212-288-3588) or kingk@stignatiusloyola.org

IGNATIAN YOUNG ADULTS
SUNDAY SOCIALS SCHEDULE
The IYA hosts socials for young adults (ages 21-39) in Wallace Hall from September through June following the Sunday evening 7:30 PM Mass.

Next Sunday Social:
March 4th

To receive updates on IYA events and other opportunities, please sign up for our email list at http://tinyurl.com/IgnatianYoungAdults and follow us on Facebook at “Ignatian Young Adults (NYC)”

IYA Lenten Reflection Group

WHAT IS IT?
A reflection group for young adults in their 20’s and 30’s who can commit to regularly attending to share experiences about our relationship with God and gratefully and openly listen to one another. We will be reflecting on Henri Nouwen’s book Show Me the Way.

WHEN IS IT?
The group will meet each Sunday during Lent (February 26th - March 25th) from 6:00 PM to 7:15 PM in the Parish Lounge.

HOW CAN I JOIN?
If you are interested in participating, RSVP by calling the Parish House at 212-288-3588 or emailing Fr. SooHoo, S.J. at soohooa@stignatiusloyola.org

Copies of the book can be purchased on Amazon.com. Please bring the book with you.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 8TH

Please note the change in Mass times on Easter Sunday:

7:30 AM - Organ/Cantor
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

IYA Knitting & Crocheting Group

Next Meeting:
Wednesday, March 21st
7:00 – 9:00 PM
in the Conference Room

All IYAs are welcome to join us as we craft for charity. Meetings are held on Wednesdays once or twice each month. All skill levels are welcome. If you have questions or would like to be placed on the mailing list, contact Molly at molly.nora@gmail.com
Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, February 27th
(1st Monday of Lent)
8:30  MEM  Donald Gordon
12:10  MEM  Marguerite McDermott
5:30  MEM  Maria Melinda Yulo-Lalko

Tuesday, February 28th
(1st Tuesday of Lent)
Isaiah 55:10-11  Psalm 34  Matthew 6:7-15
8:30  MEM  Rose Bernabei
12:10  MEM  Elizabeth O’Donnell
5:30  MEM  Living & Deceased Members of the Wallace Family

Wednesday, February 29th
(1st Wednesday of Lent)
8:30  MEM  Mrs. Kathy Egan
12:10  MEM  Ndue Gjomarkaj
5:30  MEM  William Powers

Thursday, March 1st
(1st Thursday of Lent)
Esther 13:9-14:19  Psalm 138  Matthew 7:7-12
8:30  MEM  William Iurato
12:10  MEM  Beau Breck
5:30  MEM  Ruth Keller

Friday, March 2nd
(1st Friday of Lent)
Ezekiel 18:21-28  Psalm 130  Matthew 5:20-26
8:30  MEM  Theresa Fahey
12:10  MEM  Edna Maher
5:30  MEM  Maurice Kunstenaar

Saturday, March 3rd
(St. Katharine Drexel)
Deuteronomy 26:16-19  Psalm 119  Matthew 5:43-48
8:30  ANN  Reverenda Madre San Luis

Sunday, March 4th
(Second Sunday of Lent)
Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18  Psalm 116
Romans 8:31b-34  Mark 9:2-10

New Parishioners
We welcome new parishioners and invite you to fill out a Parishioner Registration Card located in the pew racks, at the Parish House, and online at: www.stignatiusloyola.org
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Adult Confirmation Class
Tuesday evenings
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Alexis Eugenio Rovzar
May he rest in the peace of the Risen Lord

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SAVE THE DATE…
Saturday, March 10th
at the 12:10 PM Mass

Celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

For those who are seriously ill, elderly, disabled, facing surgery or who are afflicted with any other condition of physical, mental, or spiritual suffering.

BUSINESS SEMINAR

Business Ethics in the Workplace: Perspectives from Inside and Outside
Rev. Francis T. Hannafey, S.J.
Associate Professor of Religious Studies at Fairfield University

Session I: Christian Faith at Work
Monday, March 5 at 7:30 PM – Parish House
A presentation and discussion of important ethical issues that can arise in the workplace and consideration of how these may affect us as Christian believers.

Session II: Christian Faith and Business Life in the World
Thursday, March 22 at 7:30 PM – Parish House

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

It is estimated that 1.5 million New Yorkers rely on soup kitchens and food pantries. Food insecurity is an on-going struggle for many families and individuals.

Throughout Lent, SVdP will be accepting donations of food for the Community Pantry at the Church of St. Gregory the Great.

The items requested each week are listed below:

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LENTEN LECTURE

Lights! Camera! Action!
How can Catholics live in a media saturated culture?

A talk by Rev. Dr. Richard Leonard, S.J.
Wednesday, March 14th at 7:00 PM
Wallace Hall

We are sent to our culture as it is, not as we would like it to be. And whether we like it or not, the media is the modern day marketplace where minds and hearts are won and lost. What’s on our agenda today, and what can we do about it?

A book signing will follow the lecture.
Copies of Movies that Matter: Reading Film Through the Eyes of Faith will be available for sale that evening.

Fr. Richard Leonard is a Jesuit priest, author, educator and critic of our modern culture. He directs the Australian Catholic Office for Film and Broadcasting. He has served on juries at the Venice, Berlin, Hong Kong, Montreal, Brisbane, and Melbourne International Film Festivals and has lectured on film, faith, and culture across Australia and the Pacific, Asia, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

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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.

Lenten Vespers 2012. The spirituality and theology coming to the Church from Africa and Latin America help to expand the vision of the universal Church. In this Vesper series, through psalmody, music, and preaching, participants will reflect on the witness of the Church in Africa and Latin America.

Paul Elie Speaks on Dorothy Day. Thursday, March 8th at 7:00 PM. Mary Chapel, Church of St. Francis Xavier, 55 West 15 Street. Paul Elie is the author of The Life You Save May Be Your Own, which tells the story of Thomas Merton, Dorothy Day, Flannery O’Connor, and Walker Percy, American Catholics who penned books out of their search for God. This is the second in a series of three talks being sponsored by the Lay Spirituality Program of the Church of St. Francis Xavier. Suggested donation: $15. Please email layspirits@gmail.com or call 212-627-2100 x216.

New Harmony in Our Broken World. Sunday, March 25th, 1:00 – 5:00 PM. Fordham University, Rose Hill Campus. Presenter: John Philip Newell, poet, scholar, and teacher. Internationally acclaimed for his work in Celtic spirituality. He is the co-founder of Salva Terra: A Vision Towards Earth’s Healing, and is an ordained Church of Scotland Minister. Coffee, tea, and cookies will be provided. Registration is required by Monday, March 12th. Limited seating available. RSVP: Adelaide at asharris@scny.org or Sr. Mary at mheyser1@fordham.edu. For more information, call 718-549-9200. Sponsored by Fordham University’s Office of Alumni Relations and The Sisters of Charity New York.

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