THE HEALING TOUCH OF CHRIST
FOR THE SICK

In an essay entitled “In Praise of Skin,” author Brenda Peterson describes a healing performed by a Native American grandmother. The grandmother pronounces an ancient remedy for her granddaughter’s untreatable skin ailment. “Skin needs to be touched,” she exclaims, as she begins a lengthy program of massage and anointing of her granddaughter that ultimately heals her.

Jesus, too, knew that skin needs to be touched! The Hebrew text of Leviticus outlines the harsh treatment meted out to those in ancient Israel who had any kind of skin disease or serious disfigurement. “For no one who has a blemish may draw near a person blind or lame, or one who has a mutilated face or limb too long, or a person with an injured foot or hand, or a dwarf, or a person with a defect in his or her sight” (Leviticus 21:16-20). These persons were considered unclean and untouchable. Yet Jesus reached out to touch and heal lepers, those who were blind, menstruating women, even the dead. Many who were identified as “unclean” he healed. He restored those whom he touched to full membership in the community and to solidarity in human fellowship. Jesus demonstrated the power of human touch in healing! Furthermore, Jesus continues to heal any of us who desire it.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is an opportunity for all who are ill, not only those who are gravely ill, to receive the healing touch of Christ. Like the other Sacraments, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is a communal celebration that engages the body (skin), as well as the mind and spirit. Some of us suffer from chronic illnesses of all sorts, from stresses of family and workplace, from terminal disease, or from the effects of aging. Some of us face impending surgeries or treatments.

Family members and caregivers who are deeply affected by the illnesses of loved ones are similarly in need of Jesus’ healing touch. In the communal Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, we ask God to send the Holy Spirit, the Consoler and Sanctifier, to be healer of the whole person. Moreover, the bodily presence of our Parish Community, who participates in the liturgy along with those who seek healing, strengthens the faith of those who are ill as well as that of the entire community. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, we witness as a community of faith the meaning of suffering, caregiving, human limitations, faith, and darkness, all of which are critical to our spiritual journey.

In keeping with our Parish’s Lenten theme of The Healing Touch of Christ, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick as a community on Saturday, March 10th, during the 12:10 PM Mass in the church. Our communal celebration is a way of modeling Jesus’ restoration of those healed to full membership and to solidarity in the community.

All parishioners are welcome to attend as a sign of our common search for healing, in order that our own suffering and woundedness will be transformed into signs of hope.

Sister Kathryn King, FSP
Pastoral Associate
**SUNDAY, MARCH 4th**
Organ Plus! Concert: Nancianne Parrella.
4:00 PM. Church. Details at right.

Ignatian Young Adult
Lenten Reflection Group.
6:00 PM. Parish Lounge.

Sunday Social. 8:30 PM. Wallace Hall.
Hosted by the Ignatian Young Adults
(follows the 7:30 PM Mass).
All young adults (ages 21-39) are welcome.

**MONDAY, MARCH 5th**
Business Ethics in the Workplace:
Session 1: Christian Faith at Work.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 6th**
Reconciliation Tuesdays:
The Sacrament of Confession will follow the 5:30 PM Daily Mass during Lent.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7th**
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).

**THURSDAY, MARCH 8th**
Scripture Reflections Group. 7:00 PM. Conference Room.

**FRIDAY – SUNDAY, MARCH 9th-11th**
Shelter Weekend. Shelter Volunteers Urgently Needed! We are in great need of volunteers to stay overnight with our shelter guests. The shelter runs every other weekend (Friday-Saturday-Sunday) from November through April. We serve 12 women each evening. For more details, and to volunteer, please contact Chris Halem at chrishalem@yahoo.com or 917-494-7301.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 11th**
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.
Family members and caregivers are also invited.

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**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.

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**SCRIPTURE STUDY**

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

This Week: Thursday, March 8th at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room.

**Holiness of God: Jesus, Moneychangers**

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**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.

Thank you for participating in Change for Change!
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.

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)”

Next Sunday Social:

March 4th

40s & FABULOUS

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Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

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(2nd Monday of Lent)
8:30 MEM Margaret Keely
12:10 MEM Beau Breck
5:30 MEM George Caruso

Tuesday, March 6th
(2nd Tuesday of Lent)
Isaiah 1:10, 16-20 Psalm 50 Matthew 23:1-12
8:30 MEM Lourdes Lacson
12:10 MEM The Meehan Family
5:30 MEM James Buscarino

Wednesday, March 7th
(St. Perpetua & St. Felicity)
Jeremiah 18:18-20 Psalm 31 Matthew 20:17-28
8:30 MEM The Choix and Gordon Families
12:10 MEM Emma and Ignatius Galvin
5:30 MEM James Buscarino

Thursday, March 8th
(St. John of God)
Jeremiah 17:5-10 Psalm 1 Luke 16:19-31
8:30 MEM Jere White
12:10 MEM Gertrude Neilson
5:30 MEM Patricia T. Smalley

Friday, March 9th
(St. Frances of Rome)
Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Psalm 105
Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46
8:30 MEM David R. Gavitt
12:10 MEM Valentino Mazzia
5:30 MEM Deceased Members of the Scanlon & McLoughlin Families

Saturday, March 10th
(2nd Saturday of Lent)
8:30 MEM Robert Galvin

Sunday, March 11th
(3rd Sunday of Lent)
Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1:22-25 John 2:13-25

Available at the Parish House:

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Cost: $1.00

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a program of religious formation for young children, ages 3 and 4. It meets in the Parish House on Mondays from 3:00 – 4:30 PM and on Wednesdays from 2:00 – 3:30 PM.

For more information contact Adele Gallo at amdgallo@me.com

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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 5th 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. The session will consider fairness and discrimination in organizations, conflicts of interest, and a variety of financial issues such as insider trading and financial misconduct.

**Session II: Christian Faith and Business Life in the World**
Thursday, March 22nd at 7:30 PM
Parish House
A presentation and discussion of Roman Catholic perspectives and teachings on the important and positive role of creative business activity in social life. Entrepreneurship and creative business are among the most important ways in which we engage God's creation and build up the world and our lives in society.

LENTEN LECTURE
Dr. Beverly Musgrave discusses The Sacred Relationship of Caregiving:
An Intergenerational Exploration
Monday, March 26th at 7:00 PM
Wallace Hall
Topics include:
- How to recognize some of the psychological and spiritual dimensions of transition.
- How to develop a new space in your heart for compassionate caregiving.
A wine and cheese reception will follow the talk.
RSVP: Sr. Kathryn King at kingk@stignatiusloyola.org or 212-288-2588.

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.

Rev. 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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Dr. Beverly Musgrave has a Ph.D. in psychology and is trained as a psychoanalytic psychotherapist and spiritual director. She is a licensed mental health counselor in New York State and has a private practice in New York City. Dr. Musgrave recently retired from Fordham University as a professor in pastoral care and counseling.

Hosted by Emmaus Bereavement Ministry, Boomers & Beyond, Ignatian Young Adults, and 40s & Fabulous
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.

Sunday, March 4th at 4:00 PM: Elders as Spiritual Friends and Mentors. Speaker: Dr. Aliou C. Niang, Union Theological Seminary. Corpus Christi Church, 529 West 121st Street. For more information, visit www.corpus-christi-nyc.org

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.

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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:**
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