Several weeks ago, at the beginning of Lent, I reminded the Parish that while the themes of Lent are perennial, each year has its own distinct character. Since the needs of our world, our families, and our own hearts are different each year, the specific graces that the Lord holds out for us each Lent are unique.

The same is true for Easter. The great themes remain unchanged: Resurrection, new life, the victory over sin and death. Indeed, these themes lie at the heart of our Easter proclamation: Christ is risen! And we celebrate this history-changing event with great fanfare.

As a community gathered in His name, it is only right that we do so. We remember and tell each other once again how death was not the end of the story for Jesus. By remaining true to love, He defeated the power of death, and now lives forever as pure love, giving access to life to all who follow Him. This is great Good News!

But as with Lent, the unfolding of Easter grace looks different each year. Since we experience the effects of sin and death in various ways throughout the course of our lives, we look for indications of new life each Easter precisely in those places where we are most adversely affected. It is where we are most hurt, most vulnerable, most broken that Jesus shows Himself. He is stronger than even the worst harm we have either endured or perpetrated, and through the power of the Resurrection, He is able to bring about new life. The great feast of Easter reminds us of this truth, and invites us to look for signs of His presence.

Of course the promise of new life is only going to make a difference as we apply ourselves to its demands, and as we remain open to its potential effects. It is important to remember this, especially in an age that demands instant results. For too many people, Easter Sunday stands on the calendar as a single day of celebration, and carries with it the unrealistic expectation that all signs of death are immediately cast off, and only joy remains.

For most of us, life does not work this way. Yes, there is cause for rejoicing, but it can take a while for our hearts to catch up with this reality. No doubt this was the experience of the first disciples. They were sick with grief, disappointment, and loss when they approached the tomb. And they were completely unprepared to find it empty. It took a while for them to make sense of what they discovered, to realize through later encounters with Him that Jesus was indeed alive, that He had conquered death, and that nothing, therefore, would ever be the same again. They were certainly not fully able to do this that first morning.

And so it is with us. We arrive at Easter this year struggling with many of the same issues with which we entered Lent; but now there is a different focus. We see more clearly where sin and death have wrought their worst, how we have colluded with these dark forces and also how we have been victim of them. But we also see that we have not been destroyed, and we place our trust in the fact that through the Resurrection, we too share in the new life that was given to Jesus.

Thankfully, the Church gives us seven weeks to celebrate the great mystery of Easter, for just as Lent is a process of discovery and deepening, so too is Easter. Our task now is to keep our eyes open to signs of new life, to trust that they will appear where before there was only death.

Our challenge as followers of the risen Christ is to allow this amazing truth to inform the way we live. We are called to believe it, to proclaim it, and to treat others with the same freedom and generosity that made it possible. When we do these things, we create opportunities for the risen Lord to show Himself. And when He does, then we will know joy, and our joy will be complete.

Happy Easter!

Rev. George M. Witt, S.J.
Pastor
EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 9th
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.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11th
Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting. 7:00 PM.
Conference Room.
All are welcome.

THURSDAY, APRIL 12th
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.

Meetings of the Thursday Evening Scripture Reflection Group are cancelled until further notice.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14th
Finding God in Movement: Sponsored by the Ignatian Young Adults. 5:00 PM. Wallace Hall.
Teens and adults of all ages are welcome.
Details on page 3.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY NOW
PLEASE REMEMBER US LATER!
Remember St. Ignatius in Your Estate Plan.
Leave a legacy to the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola by including a bequest in your will.
Please contact Mary Reed, Director of Development, at 212-288-3588 x632 or reedm@stignatiusloyola.org

Set your DVR!
Sunday, April 8th
St. Ignatius Loyola will be the setting for The CBS Sunday Morning Show’s feature story on Thomas De Wesselow’s new book The Sign: The Shroud of Turin and the Secret of the Resurrection.
The segment will air on Easter Sunday between 9:00 and 9:30 AM.
By mid-afternoon Sunday, the story will be posted at CBS Sunday Morning’s website: www.cbsnews.com/sections/sunday/main3445.shtml

LAY MINISTERS’ ENRICHMENT SPRING PROGRAM
All Lay Ministers at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola are invited to Presence is Abundance ~ Engaging Life’s Conversations
Saturday, April 28th
9:30 AM – 3:00 PM in Wallace Hall
Speaker: Sister Vivienne Joyce, SC
Spiritual Director and Supervisor of Spiritual Directors, Former Associate Director of Pastoral Counseling Training at the Postgraduate Center for Mental Health
Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.
Registration is limited (first-come, first-served) and closes on Monday, April 23rd.
Please register online at http://april2012enrichment.eventbrite.com
For additional information, visit www.stignatiusloyola.org and click on Faith Formation: Lay Ministers’ Enrichment.

PLEASE OPEN FOR PAGES 3 AND 4
40s & FABULOUS

Monthly Social
Sunday, April 15th
8:30 – 10:00 PM
(after the 7:30 PM Mass)
in the Parish Lounge (located in the Parish House)

Get to know some of your fellow parishioners
and also learn about some of the activities we are planning.

Please email us at 40sandfabulous@gmail.com
for more information about the group.
We welcome all parishioners in their 40s,
as well as those
in their late 30s and early 50s.

IGNATIAN YOUNG ADULTS

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The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: OPEN HOUSE
Visit the Atrium and hear a brief presentation about the program.

- Monday, April 16th  6:30 – 7:30 PM
- Wednesday, April 18th  5:00 – 6:00 PM
- Sunday, April 22nd  12:30 – 1:30 PM

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a program of religious formation for young children, ages 3 and 4.

For more information contact Adele Gallo at amdgallo@me.com or 516-528-4660.

Announced Masses and Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday, April 9th (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  Patricia O’Brien

Tuesday, April 10th (Easter Tuesday)
Acts 2:36-41  Psalm 33  John 20:11-18
8:30 MEM  The Kelly Family
12:10 MEM  Valentinò Mazzia
5:30 MEM  Bridget Burke

Wednesday, April 11th (Easter Wednesday)
8:30 MEM  Cecil Spadafora
12:10 MEM  John L. Sullivan
5:30 MEM  Deceased members of the Scanlon & McLoughlin Families

Thursday, April 12th (Easter Thursday)
8:30 LVG  Patricia Manzo
12:10 MEM  The Meehan Family
5:30 MEM  Joseph Phelan

Friday, April 13th (Easter Friday)
8:30 MEM  Mae Rooney
12:10 LVG  Michael Egan
5:30 MEM  James L. Smith

Saturday, April 14th (Easter Saturday)
Acts 4:13-21  Psalm 118  Mark 16:9-15
8:30 MEM  Daniel F. O’Leary, Sr.

Sunday, April 15th (Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday)
Acts 4:32-35  Psalm 118
1 John 5:1-6  John 20:19-31

Mander Organ Recital Series presents

K. SCOTT WARREN
Interim Director of Music,
Church of St. Ignatius Loyola
Organist and Choir Master,
Congregation Emanu-El

Sunday, April 22nd at 4:00 PM
Works by Bach, Elgar, Buxtehude, Praetorius, Whitlock, Procter and Franck.
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.

IGNATIAN SOCIAL JUSTICE
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Easter Memorial Liturgy
Tuesday, April 17th at 7:00 PM
Our annual liturgy to remember parishioners and family members who died in 2011.

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.

We extend warm congratulations to our RCIA Catechumens and Candidates who celebrated their entrance into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Let us pray for God’s continued blessing upon them.

Catechumens
Angelika Bluewolf
Lillith Coto
Daniela Darrah
Sule Haskell
Amanda Holmen
Mary Hom
Tomoyo Igaya
Rebecca Kehoe
Jordan Lert
Jessica Melzer
Sara Moore
Brian Simpson
Emir Senturk

Catechumens (cont’d.)
Virginia Hoge Verwaal
Alice You

Candidates for Full Communion
Andrea Bustros
Susan-Jayne F. Caballero
Amy Elise Drake
Wesley Fox
Nathan Gallagher
Elizabeth Lee
Allison Olear

Candidates for Full Initiation
Katie Hamlin
Alischenka Liranzo

CHANGE FOR CHANGE:
We are collecting donations for the Catholic Medical Mission Board. 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.
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. Ugo
Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Dugan
9:30 AM Fr. Dugan
Wallace Hall 11:00 AM Fr. Ugo
Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Judge
7:30 PM Fr. Judge

VATICAN II: 50th Anniversary Celebration Conference, Universal Call to Holiness. Monday and Tuesday, April 23rd – 24th. Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT. Seven of the eight featured presenters will base their presentations on one of the seven speeches given by several cardinals at the conclusion of the council on December 8, 1965. The agenda of the conference will not be a critique of the council documents, but, rather, creative ways in which the energy of the council can be marshaled in establishing the agenda and needs of the 21st century. For more information, contact 203-371-7790, or visit www.sacredheart.edu/VIIconference.cfm

The Annual Spring McGinley Lecture.
Tuesday, April 24th at 6:00 PM – Fordham University Lincoln Center Campus, 113 West 60th Street. Wednesday, April 25th 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

Third Annual Healing Mass in Honor of St. Peregrine, Patron of those suffering with cancer.
Tuesday, May 1st 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.

Music Information: (212) 288-2520 Email: music@stignatiusloyola.org