Christian faith is grounded in several core beliefs. One is that God became a human person in Jesus of Nazareth. A second is that Jesus died and is raised to new life. The whole of Christianity is centered in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. St. Paul wrote, “If Christ has not been raised from the dead, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.” (1 Corinthians 15:17)

Easter, the core of the Christian message, points to fulfillment according to Paul. Jesus Christ ushers in the new creation through his death and resurrection. The Risen One shows what is intended for the world: a new way of being human, with new relationships within the entire cosmos. The resurrected Jesus does not appear to his friends as a light, an angel, or as any other heavenly being. He is not a ghost, nor does he appear in a resuscitated body. He returns in a human body present among his friends and relatives. He walks, talks, and eats with them as He did before. However, he is also transformed into a new way of being human, so that at first most do not recognize him. The resurrection, then, is not a new morality, or ethic, but an entirely new creation.

In his 2006 Easter Vigil homily, Pope Benedict XVI spoke of the resurrection as a “qualitative leap” in the history of evolution and of life. This leap is toward a new future, a new world beginning with Christ which permeates the world we now inhabit. Resurrection transforms the world and draws it, and us, toward itself. Many centuries ago St. Bonaventure envisioned all things being transformed in Christ, “since, in his human nature, Christ embraces something of every creature in himself when he is transfigured.” Resurrection then, is not a miracle of the past, but a forward embrace of loving transformation in God. Resurrection is now!

We live, however, in an anxious world that avoids suffering and death. Suffering is perceived as an evil that can be manipulated or controlled. Death is considered the end, not a beginning. For Christians, suffering and death are an essential part of love that pulls us forward into new life. Because of Jesus, it is possible to understand death as being integral to God's love. The self-emptying of God into creation by becoming fully human in Jesus was the ultimate act of humility. Jesus, by a self-emptying that included death shattered by Abba in raising Him to new life, overcame death's power. As Christians, we believe that death is the basis of resurrected life, not merely in the future, but more importantly in the present, because the entire cosmic Body of Christ is imbued with the Spirit of the living God.

It is for this reason that, since 2007, the Emmaus Bereavement Ministry has celebrated an Easter Memorial Liturgy for deceased parishioners and loved ones of parishioners who have died, rather than a memorial liturgy of the dead during November. The new life given by God through the resurrection of Jesus draws us into communion with God, with our deceased loved ones, with ourselves, and with all creation. Christ continues to bring wholeness, reconciliation, compassion, and forgiveness to us, as well as to those who have died. What better time than the Easter Season for us to gather as a community of faith to rejoice in the hope and promise of new life in communion with one another, living and deceased?

On Tuesday, April 17th, at 7:00 PM, we will remember and celebrate parishioners, family members, or friends of parishioners, who died in 2011. We will clothe ourselves in the glorious mystery of the Resurrection, poised to receive our own restoration to health and wholeness, as we mourn the loss of our loved ones. All parishioners are invited to join in this special remembrance. We also invite you to bring a photograph of the individual you would like to celebrate that evening for our Altar of Remembrance.

Sister Kathryn King, FSP
Pastoral Associate
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, APRIL 15th
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.

40s & Fabulous Monthly Social. 8:30 – 10:00 PM. Parish Lounge. Details on page 3.

MONDAY, APRIL 16th

Ranger Rosary Ministry. 7:00 PM. Meeting Room. Supplies and instructions are provided. New members are welcome!

TUESDAY, APRIL 17th
Easter Memorial Liturgy 7:00 PM
Our annual liturgy to remember parishioners and family members who died in 2011. All parishioners are welcome.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18th
Open House: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Parish House. 5:00 PM. Details on page 4.

IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS

Information Session Thursday, April 19th 11:15 AM – Noon Parish Lounge IVC is an organization of men and women who are retired from full-time work and want to use their talents to help others.

For more information, or to confirm your attendance, please contact IVC Regional Director Liz McMahon at 201-618-6924 or emcmahon@ivcusa.org

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18th (continued)
IYA Knitting/Crocheting Group. 7:00 PM. Conference Room. All young adults, at any skill level, are welcome as we craft for charity. Meetings are held on Wednesdays once or twice each month. If you have questions or would like to be placed on the mailing list, contact Molly at molly.nora@gmail.com


THURSDAY, APRIL 19th

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 20th

FRIDAY – SUNDAY, APRIL 20th – 22nd
Shelter Weekend

THE RICHARD TUCKER MUSIC FOUNDATION

presents Rising Stars of Opera
On April 18th at 6:30 PM, eight rising opera stars, winners of prestigious grants from The Richard Tucker Music Foundation, will perform opera and sacred music at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola. The artists will include Jennifer Johnson Cano, Heidi Melton, Amber Wagner, and Rachel Willis-Sorenson, among others, artists who represent the most exciting young voices in the opera world today and who are performing at the Metropolitan Opera, Lyric Opera of Chicago, and the Royal Opera, Covent Garden. The program will include music by Wagner, Mozart, Massenet, and Weber accompanied by pianist Carrie-Ann Matheson. The concert is presented in memory of Agnes Varis by The Richard Tucker Music Foundation.

This concert is free and open to the public.

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.

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PLEASE OPEN FOR PAGES 3 AND 4
SUNDAY SOCIALS SCHEDULE
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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)”

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To register, or for more information, please contact Fr. Anthony SooHoo, SJ at soohooa@stignatiusloyola.org by Tuesday, April 17th.

IGNATIAN SOCIAL JUSTICE
Please join us for our next meeting on Wednesday, April 18th at 7:00 PM in the Meeting Room
as we welcome
Ellen P. Chapnick,
Dean for Social Justice Initiatives at Columbia Law School.

Dean Chapnick will lead an interactive discussion about the Social Justice Gap and engage us in thinking of ways to help fill it.
For more information, email ignatiansocialjustice@gmail.com

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

A Night in Seville: The Annual Spring Benefit
Friday, May 18th,
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 x24.
Persons over 21 years of age are welcome.

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**The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:**
**OPEN HOUSE**
Visit the Atrium (located in the Parish House) 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.

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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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**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.

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**Announced Masses and Scripture Readings for the Week**

**Monday, April 16th**
*(Second Monday of Easter)*
8:30 MEM  Cornelius & Josepine Haugh
12:10 MEM  Jack O’Leary
5:30 MEM  Wolfgang Herz

**Tuesday, April 17th**
*(Second Tuesday of Easter)*
8:30 MEM  William & Ann Reilly
12:10 MEM  Francis X. O’Connor
5:30 MEM  Aurora Forero

**Wednesday, April 18th**
*(Second Wednesday of Easter)*
Acts 5:17-26  Psalm 34  John 3:16-21
8:30 MEM  Giro & Elina Zullo
12:10 MEM  Nancy Berry
5:30 MEM  Aloysius Grogan

**Thursday, April 19th**
*(Second Thursday of Easter)*
Acts 5:27-33  Psalm 34  John 3:31-36
8:30 MEM  John Figge
12:10 MEM  Thomas Gangemi
5:30 MEM  James Geosits

**Friday, April 20th**
*(Second Friday of Easter)*
8:30 MEM  George Ruppel
12:10 MEM  Joseph Peter Gulbin
5:30 MEM  Nathan Davidson

**Saturday, April 21st**
*(St. Anselm)*
Acts 6:1-7  Psalm 33  John 6:16-21
8:30 MEM  Paul J. Walling

**Sunday, April 22nd**
*(Third Sunday of Easter)*
This weekend we are launching the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola EMERGENCY HEATING AND COOLING CAMPAIGN!

The heating and cooling systems which have served our church for over 50 and 35 years respectively are in desperate need of replacement. In order to address this urgent need, we must raise $2,400,000. A small group of generous parishioners has already pledged just under one million dollars to get the campaign underway. Now we need your help.

Look for a letter in the mail this week explaining the details of the project. This is an urgent matter, and we are relying on your generosity. We cannot meet our goal without your assistance. Please take time to fill out the pledge card you will receive and return it to the church as soon as possible.

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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.

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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.
Between Heaven and Mirth: Why Joy, Humor, and Laughter are at the Heart of the Spiritual Life. A talk by Fr. James Martin, S.J. Tuesday, April 17th at 7:30 PM. St. Mary of the Angels Chapel, lower level of Holy Name of Jesus Church at 96th Street between Amsterdam and Broadway. For more information, call 212-749-0276 x12.

The Pope’s PR Problem: The Untold Story of Benedict XVI. Monday, April 23rd at 7:00 PM. Saint Joseph’s Church Yorkville, 404 East 87 Street. The third annual lecture in observance of the anniversary of the visit of Pope Benedict XVI to Saint Joseph’s Church Yorkville. Speaker: John L. Allen, Jr., foremost Vaticanologist in the United States. Mr. Allen is Senior Correspondent for the National Catholic Reporter as well as the senior Vatican analyst for CNN. Following the talk and a “Q&A” period there will be a dessert reception. All are welcome. Admission is free. For more information, call 212-289-6030.

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 Atheistic Imagination: A Challenge for Jews, Christians, and Muslims. 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 mcgehair@fordham.edu

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