The Holy Father’s intention for the Apostleship of Prayer for the month of April is:

That many young people may hear the call of Christ and follow him in the priesthood and religious life.

This Sunday is the 49th annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations. It always occurs on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, and that explains the reason for the prayer intention for this month. The Fourth Sunday of Easter is often called “Good Shepherd Sunday,” since the gospel each year on this day has Jesus describe himself as the good shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. It is this vocation of special care for the sheep that we pray may attract young men and women.

It is true that everyone has a vocation, a calling to service in the Body of Christ, the Church, and its mission to the world. Some of us carry out this mission through marriage and the family, others through other states of committed service to build up the kingdom of God. But from the earliest days of the Church, there were persons set aside for special service, whose whole lives would bear witness to the work of Jesus, and nothing else. They were called to bear prophetic witness to the life and teachings of Jesus in an unambiguous way. They would have no other interest to distract them from this mission.

A week ago yesterday the first reading of the Mass was about the situation in the early Church when the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. The solution of the apostles was to name seven deacons to take care of the distribution of food, while the apostles devoted themselves to prayer and the service of the word. So even in the earliest days of the church, a variety of vocations was recognized. By the time we get to the letters of Paul to Timothy and Titus, we find that we now have bishops, priests, and deacons. As the church grew in numbers, various paths were opened for service. Each calling was characterized by different requirements, as we see again in the pastoral letters of Paul. One is not superior to another, they are just different, and we would be the poorer if any were to disappear.

A few years ago, when the Archdiocese of New York was celebrating the 200th anniversary of its founding, there was an impressive exhibit at Ellis Island of the work of the religious sisters in the development of our nation. The work the sisters have done through the ages in education, health, and social welfare is truly amazing. It would be a tremendous loss if lack of vocations were to diminish this great work. We could say the same thing about religious brothers and the schools they run. As for the priesthood, we are all too aware of the shortage and aging of priests in our parishes. From my long years in Africa, I can bear witness to the wonderful work of the priests and religious sisters and brothers not only in building up the church, but in developing the nations in which they labored.

The work of encouraging vocations to the priesthood and religious life begins in the family. A son or daughter expressing a desire to enter such a calling should not be discouraged. It is true that the recent scandals in the Western church have discouraged some from such a vocation, but there have always been difficulties of one sort or another in the church. Furthermore, there is greater need than ever in a secularized society for those who bear witness to a set of values that run counter to the present culture and who challenge the world as well as assist the world, especially the world of the poor. Much of this work goes unnoticed, but is gratefully recognized by those who benefit from this humble service. So today, and always, we pray that many young people may hear the call of Christ and follow him in the priesthood and religious life.

Rev. Ugo Nacciarone, S.J.
Associate Pastor
SUNDAY, APRIL 29th
Rejoice in the Lord:
A Music Ministry Celebration.
3:00 PM. Church. Details on page 5.

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, APRIL 30th
Ranger Rosary Ministry. 7:00 PM.
Meeting Room. Supplies and instructions
are provided. New members are welcome!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2nd
Shelter Volunteers’ Mass and Dinner.
6:30 PM. Parish Lounge.
Details on page 5.

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

SATURDAY, MAY 5th
First Holy Communion.
Grammar School Students.
10:00 AM. Church.

Just published!

ACCIDENTAL AFRICAN BLESSINGS: A MEMOIR
Associate Pastor Fr. Ugo Nacciarone, S.J.,
was missioned to Nigeria in
1967 and spent the next 40
years working in Africa.
He returned to the
United States in 2007.
This book is a reflection of
Fr. Ugo’s years in Africa.
To order a copy of Accidental African Blessings,
visit www.amazon.com or www.bn.com

SAVE THE DATE!

Meeting Christ in Prayer:
Reunion Gathering
Wednesday, May 23rd
7:00 – 8:30 PM in Wallace Hall
This gathering is open to all those who have
participated at any time in the
Meeting Christ in Prayer Retreat.
It will be an opportunity to renew and deepen your
desire to continue “meeting Christ in prayer.”
RSVP to Sr. Kathryn King at
kingk@saintignatiusloyola.org

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**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](http://tinyurl.com/IgnatianYoungAdults) and follow us on Facebook at “Ignatian Young Adults (NYC)”

**EATS & SWEETS**

Not your average church cookbook, **EATS & SWEETS** is a professionally-bound collection of appetizer and dessert recipes. It’s a great resource for party planning, and supports our Parish too! Cost: $20

Available in the Parish House. The books will also be on sale next weekend, May 5th and 6th, after the Saturday 5:30 PM and Sunday 11:00 AM and 7:30 PM Masses.

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**GRAMMAR SCHOOL NEWS**

**84th Street Stars Summer Day Camps!**

The camp is located at Saint Ignatius Loyola School and is staffed by Saint Ignatius Loyola School Faculty.

Open enrollment for parishioners* is available in the following camps:

- Music Theater and Dance Camp (1st–8th grade)
- Basketball Skills Camp (5th–8th grade)
- Sports Camp (1st–8th grade)
- Summer Strings Camp for Violinists, Violists, and Cellists (1st–8th grade)

All campers participate in games and recreation, arts and crafts, and weekly field trips!

You may choose to attend any combination of one or more weeks.

**The Camp Day:**

Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM

**Week One:** June 25th – June 29th
**Week Two:** July 2nd – July 6th*  (*no camp on Wednesday, July 4th)
**Week Three:** July 9th – July 13th
**Week Four:** July 16th – July 20th

**Camp Fees:**

- $550 for one week
- $500 for Week Two ONLY (due to the July 4th holiday)
- $500 per week if attending two or more weeks

For more information, please send your mailing address to Sarah Danyi at danyis@saintignatiusloyola.org

*NOTE: Summer Day Camp is open only to registered St. Ignatius parishioners and St. Ignatius Grammar School students.

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**Making Time:**

Late Nights, Bothering God, Art Lessons at All Hours

**An Art Presentation**

by Rev. Michael F. Tunney, SJ

Monday, May 14th at 7:00 PM

Wallace Hall

Join Fr. Michael Tunney, SJ, for an art presentation in which he offers a select tour through his works of recent years, linking the art and his own experience of prayer and reflection. It will respond to the classic Ignatian search for God in all things.

Rev. Michael F. Tunney, SJ, is the founding director of the Office of Mission & Identity at Canisius College, Professor of Fine Arts in the college’s studio art program he founded in 1995, and rector of the Canisius Jesuit Community. Rev. Tunney has an MFA in painting and MS in art history from Pratt Institute. His work has been exhibited at the Albright-Knox Art Gallery and Art Dialogue Gallery in Buffalo, as well as in Boston, New York City, Kansas City, and Montreal.

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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.
Announced Masses and Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday, April 30th  
(St. Pius V)  
8:30 MEM  May O'Neill  
12:10 MEM  Sose & Mark Prekelezaj  
5:30 MEM  William Powers  

Tuesday, May 1st  
(St. Joseph the Worker)  
Acts 11:19-26  Psalm 87  John 10:22-30  
8:30 MEM  Evelyn Lauder  
12:10 MEM  Charles Glowacki  
5:30 MEM  Kathleen Ann Bartone  

Wednesday, May 2nd  
(St. Athanasius)  
8:30 MEM  The Choix & Gordon Families  
12:10 MEM  Charles Glowacki  
5:30 MEM  Michael Nardoza  

The Hour Children Project:  
A talk by Sr. Tesa Fitzgerald,  
Executive Director  
Hour Children  
Thursday, May 17th  
7:00 PM in Wallace Hall  
Each year we look forward to the arrival of the Hour Children truck at St. Ignatius and the opportunity to donate gently used furniture, household goods, clothing, and toys to mothers and their children. But have you ever wondered about the story behind this amazing ministry? The program, begun 25 years ago by Sr. Tesa, is unique because it works with women and their children while the mothers are still incarcerated.  
Come hear how Sr. Tesa has affected the lives of so many and how we, too, can effect change.  
This talk is being jointly sponsored by Ignatian Social Justice and Ignatian Young Adults.  

Finding God in Unsettled Times:  
A Conference on Ignatian Spirituality  
Friday, June 29th – Sunday, July 1st  
Loyola University Maryland  
Can we find God in unsettled times? And if so, how? Ignatius lived in unsettled times. The world around him was experiencing wars, religious and ethnic persecutions, slavery, and plague. And Ignatius himself experienced the loss of loved ones, career upheaval, near-death illness, and the profound unsettledness that comes when one faces one’s own sinfulness. Centuries later we find ourselves in unsettled times that are different and yet much the same.  
The Jesuit Collaborative invites you to learn about Ignatius’s Spiritual Exercises, a time-tested way of finding God, and to journey with them as they seek to find God in unsettled times, in these times, at all times, always.  
The Conference will offer a variety of workshops and keynote presentations.  
Additional information can be found by visiting www.jesuit-collaborative.org
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.

A letter was recently sent to all registered parishioners 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 that accompanied the letter and return it to the church as soon as possible. Pledge cards are available at the Parish House. The letter and pledge card can also be accessed by visiting our website, www.stignatiusloyola.org and clicking on the Emergency Heating and Cooling Campaign tab at upper right.

For additional details, please contact Mary Reed, Director of Development, at 212-288-3588 x632 or reedm@stignatiusloyola.org

Rejoice in the Lord
A Music Ministry Celebration
Sunday, April 29th at 3:00 PM

featuring the
Parish Community Choir
with members of the
Choir of St. Ignatius Loyola,
Canticum Sacrum,
Wallace Hall Choir,
High School Choir,
and Children's Choirs

with
K. Scott Warren, Robert Reuter, Mary Huff,
Michael Sheetz, and Nancianne Parrella

in music by
Aguiar, Brahms, Manibusen, Wertsch, Bach,
Hampton, Herford, Copland,
Franck, Berg, Rutter, Farrell, and Blakley

No tickets are required.
A free-will offering will be taken.

Shelter Volunteers’ “Thank You”
Mass and Dinner
Wednesday, May 2nd
6:30 PM in the Parish Lounge

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul invites all those who volunteered at our women’s shelter to celebrate the end of another successful shelter season. Please join us for Mass and dinner on Wednesday, May 2nd at 6:30 PM in the Parish Lounge.

This is a great opportunity to meet your fellow volunteers and enjoy good food and fellowship.

RSVP to Chris Halem at chrisahlem@yahoo.com
Pastor
Rev. George M. Witt, S.J.

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Joanne Cunneen
Kathryn King, F.S.P.

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Rev. James L. Dugan, S.J.
Rev. Ugo R. Nacciarone, S.J.

Assisting Priests (Sunday)
Rev. Philip G. Judge, S.J.
Rev. James Martin, S.J.
Rev. Anthony P. SooHoo, S.J.

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PARISH STAFF

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

Meetings for Unemployed Job Seekers.
St. Francis of Assisi Church is starting a series of weekly meetings to assist unemployed persons looking for work. The nine Saturday morning meetings begin Saturday, May 12th, 10:00 – 11:30 AM at St. Francis House, 135 West 31st Street. There is no fee. Enrollment is limited, and a pre-enrollment interview is required. No walk-ins permitted.

For more information, call the Job Seekers Outreach Ministry at (212) 736-8500, x269, or email jobsministry@stfrancisnyc.org and leave a message, including your name and phone number.

Religious Education for Children
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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.