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 and the Call to Continuing Conversion at St. Patrick’s Cathedral. The 2013 class consists of 11 catechumens (those preparing for Baptism) and 10 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. Here is the story of Tomoyo Igaya, who participated in this process in 2012.

- Maureen Fullam, Director
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Sheer Coincidence? My Journey with God

I recall having mixed emotions during the season of Lent last year – excited and eagerly looking forward to my Baptism, Confirmation, and receiving First Communion – yet still struggling to come to terms with the grim reality of the massive earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear crisis in Fukushima, Japan, that had occurred the year before.

I come from Japan, which is not a Christian country. My journey with God has been one of a kind. It was by sheer coincidence that I grew up in a predominantly Catholic environment. My parents enrolled me in one of the very few Catholic Kindergartens in Osaka only because it was conveniently located near our home. I spent four years of my childhood in New Rochelle, New York, where many neighbors were Catholic. My friends would head off to the local church on Sunday mornings wearing pretty dresses with ribbons, white tights, and black Sunday shoes. I remember wanting to go to church too, so I could dress up and be with my friends. When I was seven years old, the mother of my two close friends, Julia and Christina, invited my sister and me to attend Mass, and we happily tagged along. I still envision that Church’s altar when I pray.

I have always believed in God, but never felt the need or desire to join a Church, let alone to be baptized. I have seen photos taken of Julia and Christina when they received their First Communion. As a child, I assumed that you had to be born into a Catholic family to be Catholic. I learned later that this was not true, that you could choose to become Catholic as an adult, but I was content just praying to God every night in thanksgiving for His blessings.

Decades later, in the summer of 2011, I attended Julia’s wedding at St. Ignatius Loyola. As I shared the news of the wedding with a Catholic friend, he suggested that I contact the Parish and ask about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults program. It only occurred to me at that moment that the graduate school I had attended in Tokyo years before, the only school that had accepted my application, was a Jesuit school.

More recently, I had finished an LL.M. course at Fordham Law School, also Jesuit, and the only law school in New York City that welcomed my status as a part-time student residing in New York on a working visa. When I came back to St. Ignatius church, I felt the connection and knew that God was calling me. My desire to strengthen my relationship with God only grew stronger. After that, everything started to fall into place. Faith formation was like finding and putting together missing pieces of a massive puzzle. Day by day, it nearly brings me to tears to know and feel that God loves me no matter what, and that He is forgiving and will not punish me. People too often use the phrase “God will punish you,” regardless of their religion. A prominent Japanese politician once said in an interview that the earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear fallout in Fukushima “must be a punishment from God.” I continue to pray that he will understand and feel God’s love and forgiveness.

I am currently taking care of my friend’s two Japanese Catholic children who came to live in New York last year to escape the radioactive nuclear contamination in the area where they used to live. One of the children’s baptismal names is Ignatius Loyola. Another sheer coincidence? God continues to work wonders and strengthens me as I continue to seek guidance and strive to be a better servant.

Tomoyo Igaya, Parishioner
RCIA - Class of 2012
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17th
SVdP Lenten Food Drive:
Week 1. Details on page 5.

Ignatian Young Adult Lenten Reflection Group.
6:00 PM. Parish Lounge. Details on page 3.

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, FEBRUARY 18th
Presidents’ Day.
The Parish House will be closed.
One Mass will be celebrated in the Lady Chapel at 8:30 AM. There will be no 12:10 PM or 5:30 PM Masses.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20th
Daily Masses at 8:30 AM, 12:10 PM, and 5:30 PM: Time for Reflection.
The Daily Mass 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, FEBRUARY 21st
A History of Old Yorkville: An Exhibit and Presentation. 7:00 PM. Wallace Hall.
Sponsored by Boomers & Beyond.
Details on page 5.

FRIDAY – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd-24th
Shelter Weekend. Wallace Hall.
If you would like to volunteer, please contact Chris Halem at the Parish House.

Saturday, February 23rd
at a 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.

Mark’s Gospel LIVE
Sunday, March 3rd at 4:00 PM

Mark’s Gospel LIVE is a solo performance. All of St. Mark’s characters are portrayed as the story is narrated right from the Biblical text. There are no other actors. It is not a reading or a talk.

Rev. Morris is a Roman Catholic priest with the Archdiocese of Atlanta. He is the chaplain for the Kennesaw State University Catholic Center and the Atlanta Falcons.

Rev. Morris has performed Mark’s Gospel LIVE more than 300 times throughout the United States, the United Kingdom, and Canada.

ADMISSION: Free-Will Offering

Recommended Reading:
THE LIVING GOSPEL:

Daily Devotions for Lent
For Lenten prayer this year, we are recommending a small booklet by Rev. Scott Hurd of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.
Each daily devotion offers a prayer, a pertinent reflection on the gospel reading for the day, and a specific challenge for ongoing spiritual growth. Available at the Parish House while supplies last.

Cost: $2.00

Also Available:
Six Minute Reflections for Lent
Based on the writings of the late Bishop Kenneth Untener of Saginaw, Michigan, these booklets have been well received in past years. The goal is to find six minutes of quiet time each day during Lent and work through the booklet one day at a time.

Cost: $1.00
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RSVP by calling the Parish House at 212-288-3588 or emailing Fr. SooHoo, S.J. at soohooa@stignatiusloyola.org

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**TIMOR et TREMOR:**

*Renaissance Motets for Lent*

Wednesday, February 27th at 7:00 PM

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Tickets: $50 Preferred | $40 General | $20 student/senior rush.

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**Sunday Socials Winter 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.

**Sunday Social Dates:**

Feb. 17 | Mar. 17 | May 5

Mar. 3 | Apr. 14 | May 19

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).”

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**Calling All IYA Knitters & Crocheters!**

Come join other Young Adults for socializing and making knitwear for charity. Join us this winter on the following Wednesdays from 7:00 – 8:30 PM in the Parish House:

Feb. 20th | Mar. 6th & 20th

Email molly.nora@gmail.com with questions or to join the email list. All skill levels are welcome.

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**MUSIC**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24th**

Second Sunday of Lent

11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS

*Lauridsen O nata lux
Tallis O nata lux
7:30 PM MASS

*Reuter Kyrie from Missa Parce Domine
Franck Da Pacem, Domine*

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**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 10th at 3:00 PM

Long-standing audience favorites, *Organ Plus!* recitals celebrate the versatility of the organ with various combinations of instruments.

Tickets: $20 General | $10 student/senior rush.

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**CHANGE FOR CHANGE:**

Donations this year will be forwarded to *Hopeworks*, a youth development organization located in Camden, NJ. *Hopeworks’* Founder and Executive Director is Father Jeff Putthoff, S. J.

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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#### Monday, February 18th  (1st Monday of Lent)
- Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18  
  Psalm 19  
  Matthew 25:31-46
  - 8:30  MEM  
  - Mae Rooney

#### Tuesday, February 19th  (1st Tuesday of Lent)
- Isaiah 55:10-11  
  Psalm 34  
  Matthew 6:7-15
  - 8:30  MEM  
  - Rose Bernabei
  - 12:10  MEM  
  - Domingo & Pipina Noriega
  - 5:30  MEM  
  - Evelyne Scott Hansen Simond

#### Wednesday, February 20th  (1st Wednesday of Lent)
- Jonah 3:1-10  
  Psalm 51  
  Luke 11:29-32
  - 8:30  MEM  
  - Giro & Elina Zullo
  - 12:10  MEM  
  - Theresa & Frank Valente
  - 5:30  MEM  
  - Gerald Wallace Coughlin

#### Thursday, February 21st  (St. Peter Damian)
- Esther 13:9 – 14:19  
  Psalm 138  
  Matthew 7:7-12
  - 8:30  MEM  
  - John & Margaret Reilly
  - 12:10  LVG  
  - Victor & Josephine Quirolo
  - (50th wedding anniversary)
  - 5:30  MEM  
  - George Caruso

#### Friday, February 22nd  (The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle)
- 1 Peter 5:1-4  
  Psalm 23  
  Matthew 16:13-19
  - 8:30  LVG  
  - Tahra Elizabeth Yien
  - 12:10  MEM  
  - Sose & Mark Prekelezaj
  - 5:30  MEM  
  - Nathan Davidson

#### Saturday, February 23rd  (St. Polycarp)
- Deuteronomy 26:16-19  
  Psalm 119  
  Matthew 5:43-48
  - 8:30  MEM  
  - John B., John A., & Elizabeth A. Rooney

#### Sunday, February 24th  (2nd Sunday of Lent)
- Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18  
  Psalm 27
  - 8:30  MEM  
  - 12:10  MEM  
  - Sose & Mark Prekelezaj
  - 5:30  MEM  
  - Nathan Davidson

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**We pray for the faithful departed:**
- Patricia Karen Abanilla
- Mariana Cabral
- James M. Waterbury

May they rest in the peace of the Risen Lord

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**The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola greatly appreciates your contributions!**

You can donate from the convenience of your own home and computer. Your online giving to St. Ignatius Loyola is safe, secure, and confidential.

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**Announced Golden Wedding Mass Celebration**

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2013 are invited to attend the **Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass** with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick on **Sunday, June 23rd at 2:00 PM**.

**Pre-registration is required.**

To register, contact Diane Boyle at the St. Ignatius Parish House (212-288-3588 x618 or boyled@stignatiusloyola.org) by Tuesday, June 4th.

This event is sponsored by the Family Life/Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

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**EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31st**

**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

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**Adult Confirmation Class**

**Tuesday evenings, March 12th – April 23rd**

Adult parishioners of St. Ignatius who have received First Eucharist but who have not yet received the sacrament of Confirmation can register for a course in preparation for the sacrament to be conferred here on Wednesday evening, April 24th, at 5:30 PM.

The course will begin on Tuesday evening, March 12th at 7:15 PM and will continue for seven consecutive Tuesday evenings, concluding on Tuesday, April 23rd.

Attendance at all the sessions is required. Enrollment is limited. There may be room for a few parishioners already confirmed who seek some updating in Catholicism.

Interested adults should contact Fr. Bergen at the Parish House (212-288-3588).
This week the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, announced his decision to resign from his “ministry of Bishop of Rome, Successor of Saint Peter.”

The following statement from Father Adolfo Nicolás, S.J., Superior General of the Society of Jesus, captures well the sentiments of so many:

“We receive this announcement of the Holy Father with respect and admiration for his spiritual freedom, his humility, and his deep love for the Church.

“Let us pray in a special way for the enlightenment and guidance of the Holy Spirit, as a new Successor of Peter is sought and elected. We continue to trust that the risen Lord is faithful to his promise to be with his Church always.”

We at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish join our prayers with the rest of the Church in asking blessings upon Pope Benedict and in seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the weeks and months ahead.

BOOMERS & BEYOND

All Boomers (and Beyonders) are welcome ... singles, couples, friends, and neighbors!

How well do you know your neighborhood?

You may know it was previously called “Yorkville,” but do you know....

* What local thoroughfare had the nickname Sauerkraut Boulevard?
* What neighborhood site had been planned as New York’s central park?
* What Catholic church in our area was originally the site of the Immanuel Lutheran Church, currently on 88th and Lexington?

To learn these answers and other fascinating facts about Yorkville’s history, join us at:

A History of Old Yorkville:
An Exhibit and Presentation
by Kathryn Jolowicz, noted Yorkville Historian
Thursday, February 21st at 7:00 PM in Wallace Hall

Kathryn Jolowicz is a community leader and author. She is currently writing a book on the History of Yorkville/Kleindeutschland and Beyond.

RSVP by Tuesday, February 19th:
BoomersandBeyond.StIgnatius@gmail.com (preferred) or call 212-288-3588

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 ongoing struggle for many families and individuals.

Throughout Lent, SVP 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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Donations can be brought to the Parish House. Thank you for remembering those in need this Lenten Season.

LENTEN CROSS PROJECT

Registrations conclude this weekend.

As we follow along the Ignatian Way this Lent, we invite you to commit to an act of prayer, service, or community. Through this weekend, participants can review a list of suggested activities and commit to an action at sign-up tables in the Narthex after Mass. Participants will write their commitment on tags that will be attached to ribbons. These ribbons will be displayed on a large cross that will remain in the Narthex throughout Lent.

The Lenten Cross project is sponsored by Ignatian Social Justice.

A complete list of Lenten activities, including Holy Week Mass times, can be found in the Lenten brochure. Copies are available in the Narthex, at the Parish House, and online at www.stignatiusloyola.org

Lenten Vespers 2013. Thomas Merton, Trappist monk and spiritual writer, was baptized as an adult in Corpus Christi Church on November 16, 1938. In this Vesper series, through psalmody, music, and preaching, Corpus Christi will reflect on the 75th anniversary of his Baptism and his legacy for today's world.

Sunday, February 24th at 4:00 PM: Transforming Deserts: Thomas Merton’s Lenten Wisdom. Speaker: Kathleen Deignan, C.N.D., President, International Thomas Merton Society. Music: Will Cassatt, Guitarist, Manhattan School of Music. Corpus Christi will reflect on the 75th anniversary of his Baptism and his legacy for today’s world.

Retreat with Bishop Thomas Gumbleton: sponsored by Pax Christi Metro New York. Friday, March 1st – Sunday, March 3rd. St. Joseph's Renewal Center in Brentwood, Long Island. Bishop Gumbleton is a leading voice for peace, justice, and civil rights in the Catholic Church. Cost: $250; Commuter: $220; Saturday only: $125. Partial scholarships are available. Registration deadline: Wednesday, February 20th or until all spaces are filled. For more information or to register, email info@nypaxchristi.org or 212-420-0250.