I Promise You Joy!

Today is Laetare Sunday, a day when we relax the discipline of Lent just a little. The priest wears rose colored vestments instead of violet. The Church wants to assure us that the discipline of Lent should not be a joyless affair. We are told in the opening antiphon: “Rejoice, Jerusalem!”

The enormous love of God for all people is at the heart of the Church and its activities. It reaches out to the whole world, embraces every culture, offers innumerable services in health and education, and speaks out regularly on behalf of the poor. The awareness of this great love, reflected in the life of the church, and in the encounters with Jesus through the Church’s sacraments, fills us with joy. And joy is what Christ offers us if we truly love. He tells us in John 15:9-14:

I have loved you just as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love.
If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love.
I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.

Because we are friends of the Lord, as He himself tells us, this joy cannot be easily taken from us. Even in times of difficulty, there is always the joy of expectation that love will eventually win over all. Jesus speaks of this in John 16:20-24:

In all truth I tell you, you will be weeping and wailing while the world will rejoice; you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn to joy.
A woman in childbirth suffers, because her time has come; but when she has given birth to the child she forgets the suffering in her joy that a human being has been born into the world. So it is with you: you are sad now, but I shall see you again, and your hearts will be full of joy, and that joy no one shall take from you.

The total giving of oneself to Christ in the Church is not easy. It is our faith, hope, and love that motivate us in the Lenten disciplines of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. This discipline can be sometimes painful. But the reward is the joy of the Lord. Jesus only tells us things that will bring about this joy. He says this in his beautiful prayer to the Father on the night before he died. We read in John 17:13:

But now I am coming to you and I say these things in the world to share my joy with them to the full.

Joy is the necessary consequence of faith. St. Paul re-echoes this theme in his letters to the Romans and to the Philippians:

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in your faith, so that in the power of the Holy Spirit you may be rich in hope. Romans 15:13

Always be joyful, then, in the Lord; I repeat, be joyful. Philippians 4:4

This joy is not incompatible with suffering. It comes from confidence in God’s love, a deep trust in His providence. It springs from steady faith in the goodness of all things and their Maker, God. Even if on the surface of the waters, there are great waves lashed up by strong winds, the water underneath is calm and still. It is in this deeper part of the soul where the joy of the Spirit resides.

Joy is the great gift of the Spirit. It is our great secret as Christians. It is recognized only by those with faith. In this Year of Faith, I hope and pray that we may all be proud of our faith, and in the Church which has been the instrument of God’s channelling that faith to us.

May we find in this faith the joy that only the Lord can give. Let us share this joy in the Lord, in His body, the Church, with everyone we meet.

Rev. Ugo Nacciarone, S.J.
Associate Pastor
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY:
SVdP Lenten Food Drive:
Week 4.
Details at bottom right.

This weekend our Parish will take up the annual Catholic Relief Services Collection. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10th
Ignatian Young Adult Lenten Reflection Group.
6:00 PM. Parish Lounge.

MONDAY, MARCH 11th
Ranger Rosary Ministry.
7:00 PM. Meeting Room.
Supplies and instructions are provided.
New members are welcome!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13th
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).

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting.
7:00 PM. Meeting Room.
All are welcome.

Information Session
Thursday, March 14th
11:45 AM – 12:30 PM Parish Lounge
Ignatian Volunteer Corps provides an opportunity for retired adult men and women to offer their skills, wisdom, and life experience in direct service to those who are economically poor and marginalized in our local community. For more information, or to confirm your attendance, please contact IVC Regional Director Liz McMahon at 201-618-6924 or emcmahon@ivcusa.org

THURSDAY, MARCH 14th
Did Jesus Really Mean to Say That?
Speaker: Sr. Carol Perry, S.U.
7:00 PM. Wallace Hall.
Details on page 5.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15th
Mass for the 40s & Fabulous Community.
6:30 PM. Lady Chapel.
Details on page 3.

Congratuations Father Witt!
Rev. George Witt, S.J., has been named an “Our Town Thanks You” (OTTY) Award Winner in the Clergy category. Sponsored by the Our Town East Side weekly, Fr. Witt received the award at Mt. Sinai on Tuesday evening, February 26th. The annual OTTY Awards are “an opportunity to show the entire community’s gratitude to the people who worked tirelessly [and] selflessly ... to improve the character of their neighborhood.”

A list of the winners, and their profiles, can be found in the March 7th issue of Our Town.

Begins This Weekend:

As stewards and Disciples of Christ, we recognize that all of the goods and riches in our life are gifts from God. Strengthened by the Eucharist, we respond to God’s generosity in our lives with gratitude by using and sharing our gifts in the service of others.

Please share your gifts and make a donation to the 2013 Cardinal’s Annual Appeal.
Gifts can be made online at www.cardinalsappeal.org
Thank you for your generosity!

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE
Food insecurity is an on-going struggle for many New Yorkers. Throughout Lent, SVdP 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 at left.

Please bring donations to the Parish House.
Thank you for remembering those in need this Lenten Season.

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**40s & FABULOUS**

**Mass for the 40s & Fabulous Community**


Friday, March 15th at 6:30 PM in the Lady Chapel

This Mass is open to all members of 40s & Fabulous and others in this age range who would like to join us. Please email 40sandfabulous@gmail.com to confirm your attendance and indicate if you would be interested in going out to dinner after Mass.

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**Lenten Film Series:**

*Finding God, the Risen Christ, in Cinema*

Parish House, immediately following the 5:30 PM Mass

**Saturday, March 23rd: Children of Heaven (1998)**

In a poverty-stricken region of Tehran, a girl loses her shoes. Together with her brother, they set out to find the shoes and help the family.

This series is open to all members of 40s & Fabulous and others in this age range who would like to join us. RSVP at 40sandfabulous@gmail.com

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**Our Catholic Faith**

40s & Fabulous invites all parishioners to the final session of its Speaker Series: *Our Catholic Faith.*

April 14th:

Wrap-up and Reflections  Rev. George Witt, S.J.

Register your interest at 40sandfabulous@gmail.com

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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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**MUSIC**

*Today’s 3:00 PM ORGAN PLUS! Recital has been postponed due to illness.*

A replacement date for this performance will be announced. Ticket holders should retain their original tickets for this performance as they will be honored for the new date. Visit www.smssconcerts.org for the latest information.

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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.

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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**RAFFLE:**

Called All IYA Knitters & Crocheters!

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

Mar. 20  |  Apr. 3 & 17  |  May 1, 15, 29

Email molly.nora@gmail.com with questions or to join the email list.

All skill levels are welcome.
Let us join our prayers to those of the entire Church in asking God’s blessings on the College of Cardinals as they gather to elect the new Pope.

Lenten Spirituality Resources
The New England Province of Jesuits has curated a list of online spiritual resources for Lent 2013. This mix of original content from the provinces of the Society of Jesus, as well as links to other helpful resources, is focused particularly on applying Ignatian Spirituality to the Lenten experience.
Visit http://news.sjnen.org/2013/02/lenten-spirituality-resources/

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

**Monday, March 11th (4th Monday of Lent)**
- Isaiah 65:17-21
- Psalm 30
- John 4:43-54
- **8:30** MEM Peter J. Burke
- **12:10** MEM Valentino Mazzia
- **5:30** MEM Lucía Chavarría

**Tuesday, March 12th (4th Tuesday of Lent)**
- Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12
- Psalm 46
- John 5:1-16
- **8:30** MEM Mae Rooney
- **12:10** MEM Harvey Karcher
- **5:30** MEM Evelyne Scott Hansen Simond

**Wednesday, March 13th (4th Wednesday of Lent)**
- Isaiah 49:8-15
- Psalm 145
- John 5:17-30
- **8:30** MEM Giro & Elina Zullo
- **12:10** MEM William Gallagher
- **5:30** MEM Eugene Anthony Petracca

**Thursday, March 14th (4th Thursday of Lent)**
- Exodus 32:7-14
- Psalm 106
- John 5:31-47
- **8:30** ANN Gerard Eich
- **12:10** MEM Franklin Vincent Nardiello
- **5:30** MEM Living & Deceased Members of the Wallace Family

**Friday, March 15th (4th Friday of Lent)**
- Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22
- Psalm 34
- John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- **8:30** MEM Rosario Castronovo
- **12:10** MEM Jack O’Leary
- **5:30** MEM Julia Burke

**Saturday, March 16th (4th Saturday of Lent)**
- Jeremiah 11:18-20
- Psalm 7
- John 7:40-53
- **8:30** MEM David Oing

**Sunday, March 17th (5th Sunday of Lent)**
- Isaiah 43:16-21
- Psalm 126
- Philippians 3:8-14
- John 8:1-11

We pray for the faithful departed:

**Julia Quigley**
May she rest in the peace of the Risen Lord

**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 Mass) - Organ/Cantor/Choirs/Brass
- **7:30 PM** - Organ/Cantor

**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](http://www.stignatiusloyola.org)

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Visit [www.stignatiusloyola.org](http://www.stignatiusloyola.org) and click on the Giving tab at the top of the page.

“*They recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread.*” Luke 24:13-35

You are most cordially invited to attend an

**EASTER MEMORIAL LITURGY**

to remember deceased parishioners and deceased family members of parishioners

**Tuesday, April 9th at 7:00 PM**

Refreshments following in Wallace Hall

RSVP by Monday, April 1st, to Sr. Kathryn King at 212-288-3588 or kingk@saintignatiusloyola.org

Sponsored by the Emmaus Bereavement Ministry

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**A Comparative View of the Gospels**

**Wednesday Evenings:**
March 20th, April 3rd & 17th, May 1st & 15th

**Facilitator:** Rev. Joseph Marina, S.J.

7:00 – 8:30 PM  
Wallace Hall Classroom

Which gospel was the first to be written and for whom was it intended? Why are some of our favorite parables presented only by Luke? Why does John omit references to bread and wine from his account of the Last Supper? To what extent are the gospels historically accurate?

These and other critical questions will be considered as we walk through each of the four gospels from a theological perspective. Attention will be given to the commonalities and differences in the life and teachings of Jesus across the gospels and to the spiritual implications of believing in Christ today.

Suggested readings will accompany each class meeting.

This seminar is offered to parishioners of St. Ignatius free of charge, but the purchase of *Living Jesus: Learning the Heart of the Gospel* by Luke Timothy Johnson (2000) is required. It is available at Amazon.com

**To register or to obtain more information,**
please contact
Fr. Joseph Marina, S.J., at 212-288-3588 or marinaj@saintignatiusloyola.org

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**Did Jesus Really Mean to Say That?**

**Speaker:** Sr. Carol Perry, S.U.

Resident Bible Scholar, Marble Collegiate Church

**Thursday, March 14th at 7:00 PM**

Wallace Hall

Jesus left us with some very provocative teachings that we often conveniently forget. If we take him seriously, our own Christian journeys might be quite different.

**Sister Carol Perry** is Resident Bible Scholar at Marble Collegiate Church. She is known for her ability to make the characters and stories of the Bible come to life with applications for today’s world. Sr. Carol has a Magisterii in Scientiis Sacris degree from Regina Mundi Pontifical Institute in Rome, an M.A. in Theology from St. Mary’s College at Notre Dame, and a B.S. from Fordham University. She is a Sister of St. Ursula.

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**Why Go To Confession Anyway?**

**Rev. Joseph Costantino, S.J.**

Pastor, Church of St. Francis Xavier

**Thursday, March 21st at 7:00 PM**

Wallace Hall

How did this Sacrament develop? What are some of its past practices? How might we better understand and approach this Sacrament in our own day?

**Pastor of St. Francis Xavier since September of 2006, Rev. Joseph Costantino, S.J., holds a BA from New York University, an MA in Philosophy from Fordham University, and both a Master of Divinity and Licentiate from the Weston Jesuit School of Theology, Cambridge, MA. Rev. Costantino has taught philosophy at Canisius College, Buffalo, and served as Vocation Director for the New York Province of Jesuits and Executive Director of St. Ignatius Retreat House, Manhasset. He is a past board member of the Ignatian Volunteer Corps and currently serves on the Board of Trustees for both Canisius College and Loyola High School.**
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**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. Marina  
9:30 AM  Fr. Bergen

Wallace Hall  
11:00 AM  Fr. Witt  
11:00 AM  Fr. Judge  
7:30 PM  Fr. Judge

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