St. Patrick or St. Joseph? Choose your saint of preference and stand behind him because we celebrate both these giants of our faith this week. And, by the way, there is absolutely nothing wrong with being a fan of the two at the same time. As an Irish-Italian American, I am proud to admit that I enjoy their respective feasts with great alacrity. Corned beef and cabbage vs. lasagna and cannoli? Yes to all, please!

An interesting story came out of Ireland a few years ago, one with Italian and artistic overtones. It seems that one of the Jesuit houses in Dublin, unbeknownst to its residents, possessed an original work of Michelangelo da Merisi (more popularly known as Caravaggio). This piece, The Taking of Christ, was painted in Rome in 1602 and disappeared sometime during the eighteenth century. Its whereabouts were unknown for nearly 200 years. Yet, since the early 1930’s, it had been hanging in the Jesuits’ dining room in Dublin, “benefitting” from direct sunlight, daily wafts of cigarette smoke, and the occasional splash of food and beverage. The painting was a gift from an Irish physician in gratitude to the Jesuits for their support following the death of her husband and assumed to be a high-end copy.

About 20 years ago, the painting was sent out to be cleaned and restored. As centuries of dirt and grime were stripped away, it became obvious that this was no copy. It was an original Caravaggio! And the painting has been on loan to the National Gallery of Ireland ever since that great discovery. It still travels from time to time, even taking the centerpiece of the Saints and Sinners exhibition at Boston College in 1999.

I like the combination of Irish and Italian dynamics in this story of the Caravaggio. Though obviously unintended, the pairing implies a collaboration of sorts – one that New Yorkers are especially mindful of in light of the mere 24 hours that separate the feasts of St. Patrick (March 17) and St. Joseph (March 19). The former is not only the patron saint of Ireland but of our own archdiocese, while the latter is the patron saint of Vatican II, the Universal Church, and several other things. That seems to give St. Joseph an edge, but this is merely a matter of opinion!

In a way, we can look to the experience of the Irish Jesuits and their priceless Italian masterpiece for some reminders of the lessons of life. First, that with the passing of time, people can become tarnished and taken for granted, barely warranting a second look as others pass by. The beauty of our truest and innermost selves can become shadowed by the trials that get laid upon us. We carry our crosses in imitation of Christ and what a wonderful privilege that is.

But the sufferings of the human condition can take their toll. This is why nurturing our faith and staying close to the church, especially through the sacraments of reconciliation and the Eucharist, is key. Because then the restoration comes! It comes through God’s saving grace and our openness to receive that grace. Our outer boundaries and the ill effects of suffering get stripped away by God’s love and the heart of Christ within us shines its way to the surface, revealing the person we have always been and the one we are meant to become.

For sixty years, one of Caravaggio’s masterpieces hung in a Jesuit dining room waiting to be noticed and appreciated for what it truly was. Its day finally came, and now that painting is available for all the world to enjoy! As Easter continues to make its way toward the shores of our souls and our Church once again, and while the sacredness of Lent presses on, we are reminded that what lies at our true center should never be covered or eclipsed but held high for all the world to see.

In the end, it becomes much more important to recognize what Sts. Patrick and Joseph had in common rather than that which made them different. Both loved Jesus with a most genuine and wonderful love. That’s who they were at the heart of their identity. We are called to follow their example and, in so doing, to be open to discovering the masterpiece that lies within.

Rev. Joseph G. Marina, S.J.
Associate Pastor
**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY:**
SVdP Lenten Food Drive: Week 5.
Details at bottom right.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 17th**
Ignatian Young Adult
Lenten Reflection Group.
6:00 PM. Parish Lounge.

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, MARCH 18th**
Stations of the Cross for the Parish Community.
7:30 PM. Church.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 19th**
Mass of Celebration in Honor of Pope Francis.
7:30 PM. Church.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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, MARCH 21st**
Why Go To Confession Anyway?
Speaker: Rev. Joseph Costantino, S.J.
7:00 PM. Wallace Hall.
Details on page 3.

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

**SATURDAY, MARCH 23rd**
40s & Fabulous Lenten Film Series.
*Children of Heaven.* Following the 5:30 PM Mass.
Parish House. Open to members of 40s & Fabulous and others in this age range.
Details on page 3.

**LAY MINISTERS’ ENRICHMENT**
Our Sacred Story Nestled in the Ordinary: 
*The Heart of Contemplative Existence is Gratitude*

with Beverly Musgrave, PhD
Professor in Mental Health and Pastoral Counseling at Fordham University,
Pastoral Psychotherapist, Spiritual Director

Saturday, April 20th
Wallace Hall 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Continental breakfast and lunch to be provided.
Space is limited. Registration closes on Monday, April 15th.

Please register online at http://april2013enrichment.eventbrite.com
Email layministersenrichment@gmail.com for additional information.

Dr. Musgrave invites us to read *Earth Crammed with Heaven* by Elizabeth A. Dryer in advance of our April program. It is available at Amazon.com or PaulistPress.com

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

**LENTEN FOOD DRIVE**
Food insecurity is an on-going struggle for many New Yorkers.
Throughout Lent, SVdP is accepting donations of food for the Community Pantry at the Church of St. Gregory the Great.

The items requested each week are listed above.
Please bring donations to the Parish House.
Thank you for remembering those in need this Lenten Season.
Lenten Film Series:
Finding God, the Risen Christ, in Cinema
Parish House, immediately following the 5:30 PM Mass

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

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

Music
SUNDAY, MARCH 24th
Passion Sunday
11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS
The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to St. Luke (chanted)
Bruckner Christus factus est pro nobis
Handl In nomine Jesu

11:00 AM FAMILY MASS with Middle School Choir
Archer The Lord’s My Shepherd
Spiritual, arr. Cox Ride On, King Jesus

7:30 PM MASS with St. George’s College Chamber Choir from Weybridge, England
Goodall The Lord is my shepherd
Durufé Ubi Caritas
Rutter A Clare Benediction
Ogden Go forth and tell

Coming in April:
20th Anniversary of the N.P. Mander Organ Sunday, April 28th at 3:00 PM
Join organists K. Scott Warren, Nancianne Parrella, Kent Tritle, Renée Anne Louprette and Andrew Henderson for a concert celebrating the 20th anniversary of “the mighty Mander.”
Tickets: $20 General
$15 Student/Seniors in advance
$10 Student/Seniors Rush at the door
Visit www.smssconcerts for complete information.

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:
Mar. 17 May 5
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 and follow us on Facebook at “Ignatian Young Adults (NYC).”

Calling 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
June 12 & 26
Email molly.nora@gmail.com with questions or to join the email list. All skill levels are welcome.

Seekers Retreat
FOR YOUNG ADULTS
April 26th - 28th
Friday Evening - Sunday Afternoon
Mt. Manresa Retreat House, Staten Island
Are you in your 20s-30s? Wondering what’s important in your life, what you’re looking for, or how to let God in? You’re not the only one.

Join CHARIS NYC for a peer-led, weekend Seekers Retreat on Friday, April 26th through Sunday, April 28th. Join other young adults seeking a deeper relationship with God. Learn how their Catholic faith impacts their lives, through Ignatian spirituality. Take time to reflect on your journey, your desires, and God’s hopes and dreams for you.

Cost: $250/person; financial assistance available. For more information, visit www.jesuit-collaborative.org/charisnyc, email CharisRetreatNYC@gmail.com, or call 347-619-CNYC x2692.
**The Easter Vigil**
The Easter Vigil liturgy is the most beautiful liturgy in the Roman Catholic Church.

Celebrated on Holy Saturday after sunset, the Vigil Mass is regarded as the most important Mass of the liturgical year. It is replete with ancient and dramatic features that are unique to this worship service. Adults who have never been baptized are baptized at this liturgy. Baptized Christians of other denominations are received into the Church through the sacraments of Confirmation and first Eucharist. Baptized Roman Catholics who have never had religious instruction are confirmed and receive their first Eucharist.

Because it is so rich with detail, the Vigil Mass usually lasts about three hours. We invite you to attend the Vigil service on Saturday, March 30th! Doors will open at 7:30 PM; the service begins at 8:00 PM. Because the Vigil begins in complete darkness, no latecomers will be admitted into the Church until the end of the “Exultet.”


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

You are invited to submit the names of deceased loved ones to Sr. Kathryn King no later than Monday, April 1st.

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**Announced Masses and Readings for the Week**

**Monday, March 18th** *(5th Monday of Lent)*  
8:30 MEM  John F. McCarthy, Jr.  
12:10 MEM  Howard Rudolph  
5:30 MEM  Frieda Meiert

**Tuesday, March 19th** *(St. Joseph)*  
2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16  Psalm 89  Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22  
Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a  
8:30 MEM  George Montoya  
12:10 MEM  Antoinette Iacobellis  
5:30 MEM  Maurice O’Connor

**Wednesday, March 20th** *(5th Wednesday of Lent)*  
Daniel 3:14-20, 51-92, 95  Daniel 3  John 8:31-42  
8:30 MEM  Rose Bernabei  
12:10 MEM  Franklin Vincent Nardiello  
5:30 LVG  Emilie Trautmann

**Thursday, March 21st** *(5th Thursday of Lent)*  
Genesis 17:3-9  Psalm 105  John 8:51-59  
8:30 MEM  Julia Midyette  
12:10 MEM  Alexander Gomez  
5:30 MEM  Nathan Davidson

**Friday, March 22nd** *(5th Friday of Lent)*  
Jeremiah 20:10-13  Psalm 18  John 10:31-42  
8:30 MEM  Raffaela Lauriello  
12:10 MEM  The Gilhooley Family  
5:30 MEM  Evelyn Norwood Vinci

**Saturday, March 23rd** *(St. Toribius of Mogrovejo)*  
Ezekiel 37:21-28  Jeremiah 31  John 11:45-56  
8:30 MEM  John B., John A., & Elizabeth A. Rooney

**Sunday, March 24th** *(Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord)*  
Isaiah 50:4-7  Psalm 22  

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**HOSPITALITY MINISTRY**

**VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED**

**Passion Sunday, March 24th:**  
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11:00 AM Wallace Hall Mass,  
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**Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 30th** at 8:00 PM

**Easter Sunday, March 31st:** 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM,  
11:00 AM Wallace Hall Mass, Solemn Mass at Noon, 7:30 PM  
A spirit of welcome and celebration is all that is required.

For more information, contact Adele Gallo, head of the Hospitality Ministry: 516-528-4660 or amdgallo@me.com

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**Don’t Be Alarmed...** The police car that has been parked in front of the church the past few weekends is not there in response to any threats received. Large houses of worship are being provided this visible sign of protection by local precincts.

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**We pray for the faithful departed:**

*Albert A. DeMatteo*

May he rest in the peace of the Risen Lord
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31st Annual Pax Christi Metro New York Way of the Cross: Friday, March 29th: Join in the largest public Christian peace witness in New York City. This modern-day enactment of the Stations of the Cross will take place on Good Friday from 8:30 AM – Noon. The walk begins at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza (47th Street at First Avenue) and proceeds along 42nd Street to between 8th and 9th Avenues. Please wear or bring a cross. For further information, contact Pax Christi Metro at 212-420-0250 or visit www.nypaxchristi.org

Cathedral High School Hall of Fame Dinner: Wednesday, April 17th at Mutual of America NYC. Honoree: Margaret Fennelly Grace, Class of 1938 and president of The Grace Institute, NYC for her dedication to Empowering Young Women through Education. For tickets or more information, contact Maria Rivera at 212-688-1545, x225 or mrivera@cathedralhs.org

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. Bergen
Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Ugo
9:30 AM Fr. Ugo
Wallace Hall 11:00 AM Fr. Marina
Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Witt
7:30 PM Fr. Witt

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