Easter Mission

Since the election of Pope Francis two and half weeks ago, excitement has been in the air, and a new spirit of hope in the church. Can you feel it? Everyone, it seems, is thrilled with the promise held out by this unexpected turn of events. The positive energy has been palpable.

Naturally, as members of a Jesuit parish, we cannot help but be happy and proud. I cannot tell you how many emails and phone calls have come in expressing support and congratulations. Someone even jokingly asked me after Mass last week if my chest was sore from pounding it with pride over the election of a fellow Jesuit.

But Francis’ appeal extends far beyond Jesuit circles. While it is only natural for us who are familiar with Ignatian spirituality and Jesuit formation to rejoice, Francis has inspired hope in people around the world, including those who know little about the Society of Jesus. What is most often referenced in this regard are his humility, his prayerfulness, his work among the poor, and his gentle pastoral presence. Through one gesture after another, including his recent decision not to reside in the papal apartment, Francis has been winning over hearts, and showing a face of the church that the world is happy to see. Overnight, it seems, the mood has changed from one of uncertainty about the future to one of great hope.

The entire church, it seems, is experiencing an Easter moment.

The resurrection of Jesus is the central truth of our faith. Through this most extraordinary event, God demonstrated once and for all his power over death. And overnight, much of the fear and uncertainty of the first disciples was changed, first to wonder, then to joy and hope. A completely unforeseen and unimaginable event had taken place, and suddenly everything appeared different.

The resurrection of Jesus, of course, is infinitely more profound than the election of a single pope, but the effected shifts in perspective are comparable. We are reminded once again that God only needs a moment to fill our hearts with light, and that we do not have to fear that the problems which beset us will have the last word. Jesus is risen! And he is at work, even now, bringing hope and new life. Let us rejoice, and give thanks.

But as we do so, let us also turn our attention to the practical implications that follow. All four gospels remind us that Jesus’ resurrection culminated in the sending of the disciples. “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,” says Matthew. “Go into all the world and proclaim the Good News,” says Mark. “You are witnesses of these things,” reads Luke. And according to John, “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” The resurrection not only fills our hearts with hope, it also charges us to embody that hope in concrete ways as missionaries in the world. We are to carry this good news to those around us, with the Easter expectation that the risen Lord will open new doors and blaze formerly unimagined paths.

Isn’t this precisely what is energizing the church today? Pope Francis certainly has his work cut out for him as he takes on his new mission. And since he is human like the rest of us, we can be sure he will neither address perfectly the many difficulties besetting the church, nor do so in the exact manner that any one of us may like. But we are Easter people. We trust in the power of the resurrection to bring new life, we believe that the Spirit will help guide both him and all those dedicated to preaching the Good News, and we joyfully commit ourselves to carrying out our Easter mission, in union with Francis and the whole church throughout the world.

Let us seize this moment of excitement and commit ourselves to the mission entrusted to us as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!

Have a blessed Easter!

Rev. George M. Witt, S.J.
Pastor
Dear Parishioners,

I am delighted to share the news that Fr. Adolfo Nicolás, our Superior General, has invited me to profess final vows as a member of the Society of Jesus. This will mark the culmination of my Jesuit formation and final incorporation in the Society.

This is an important milestone for me, one that I am happy to share with the Parish. Fr. David Ciancimino, Provincial of the New York Province, will receive my vows at the Solemn Mass on April 21st. You are most cordially invited to attend.

I ask, please, for no gifts. In the model of Pope Francis, I encourage you, if you are so inclined, to make an offering instead to the poor.

Thank you for your continued prayers.

Blessings of the Easter Season,

Rev. George Witt, S.J.
Pastor

FROM THE PASTOR

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.
5:30 to 7:00 PM at the Parish House

Register your interest at 40sandfabulous@gmail.com

Monthly Social
Sunday, April 14th
8:30 – 10:00 PM (after the 7:30 PM Mass) in the Parish House

Please email 40sandfabulous@gmail.com for more information.

We welcome all parishioners in their 40s, as well as those in their late 30s and early 50s.

We look forward to meeting you!

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On behalf of Pastor George Witt, S.J., and the Staff of Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, best wishes for a holy and blessed Easter Season.

Prayer Booklets Now on Sale:

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. Cost: $1

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, April 1st
(Easter Monday)
Parish House will be closed.
One Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 AM
Acts 2:14, 22-33  Psalm 16  Matthew 28:8-15
8:30  MEM  Cono Pasqua

Tuesday, April 2nd
(Easter Tuesday)
Acts 2:36-41  Psalm 33  John 20:11-18
Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a
8:30  MEM  Anna T. Hughes
12:10  MEM  Nathan Rosser
5:30  MEM  Theresa & Frank Valente

Wednesday, April 3rd
(Easter Wednesday)
8:30  MEM  The Choix & Gordon Families
12:10  MEM  John L. Sullivan
5:30  LGV  Sr. Kathryn King, FSP

Thursday, April 4th
(Easter Thursday)
8:30  MEM  Bridget Burke
12:10  MEM  Ok Anis
5:30  MEM  Mr. & Mrs. Shane Farmer & Eugene

Friday, April 5th
(Easter Friday)
8:30  MEM  Henry Ballesteros
12:10  MEM  Barbara Crystal
5:30  MEM  Jean Auriana

Saturday, April 6th
(Easter Saturday)
Acts 4:13-21  Psalm 118  Mark 16:9-15
8:30  MEM  Loretta Szmyt

Sunday, April 7th
(Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday)
Acts 5:12-16  Psalm 118
Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19  John 20:19-31

LAY MINISTERS’ ENRICHMENT SPRING PROGRAM

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

Dr. Musgrave will invite us to identify new spaces within. We are a sacred container, the place where the human meets the transcendental. Dr. Musgrave will lead us in considering the self, and seeking to find the transcendental in all aspects of our daily lives.

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
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**SUNDAY, APRIL 7th**

Second Sunday of Easter

11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS

Widor  *Symphony No. 3 in E minor: Prelude*

Vaughan Williams  *Five Mystical Songs: Antiphon*

Lassus  *Surgens Jesus*

Widor  *Symphony No. 3 in E minor: Marcia*

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Comming 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.” This will prove to be an unforgettable afternoon of great music and camaraderie as these organists put the Mander through its paces.

**Tickets:**

$20 General

$15 Student/Seniors in advance

$10 Student/Seniors rush at the door

Visit [www.smssconcerts](http://www.smssconcerts) for complete information.

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**SEEMERS RETREAT**

FOR YOUNG ADULTS

April 26th – 28th

Friday Evening – Sunday Afternoon

Mt. Manresa Retreat House

Staten Island

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](http://www.jesuit-collaborative.org/charisnyc)

email CharisRetreatNYC@gmail.com, or call 347-619-CNYC.

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**IGNATIAN YOUNG ADULTS**

Discerning Distractions: Finding God in Popular Culture

Sunday, April 14th

6:00 – 7:00 PM in the Parish Lounge

In a world where it seems that we are continually distracted, finding God’s place in our lives seems difficult, sometimes impossible. But what if what we think are distractions might be one way that God is trying to communicate with us? What if we can find God in popular culture?

If you are in your 20's and 30's, you are invited to join Fr. Mark Mossa, S.J., for a discussion of movies, music, television, social media, and the many other distractions in the world of popular entertainment, and how we can be more discerning about the dangers and benefits they pose for our desire to encounter God in our lives.


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

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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 Socials Dates:**

*Apr. 14
May 5 & 19
June 2 & 16

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 on the following Wednesdays from 7:00 – 8:30 PM in the Parish House:

*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.

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Lassus  *Surgens Jesus*

Widor  *Symphony No. 3 in E minor: Marcia*
We extend warm congratulations to our RCIA Catechumens and Candidates who celebrated their entrance into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Let us pray for God’s continued blessing upon them.

Catechumens
Justin Alfano
Mallory Babcock
Cynthia Cho
Marie Conteh
Elena de Noue
Elizabeth Dyson
Alex Gorodetsky
Hallie Nazar
de Jaucourt
Philip Lauer
Zhibai Lin

Catechumens (cont’d.)
Christina Low
Sylvie Szabo

Candidates for Full Communion
Phillip Arico
Arjay Jensen
Anne Kelly
Braden McCurrach
Rick Ord
Sarah Tintle
Peter Williams

Candidate for Full Initiation
Neal Patrick
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. Marina
Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Ugo
9:30 AM Fr. Marina
Wallace Hall
11:00 AM Fr. Marina
Solemn
11:00 AM Fr. Ugo
7:30 PM Fr. Ugo

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