The Motherhood Community

Motherhood is the closest I have ever come to God and the most sacred journey I have ever taken with Him. It is His greatest gift of love to me.

When I became a mother, my priority completely shifted. Ask me to share my dreams, and I will explain in great detail my hopes for my daughters. Someone once asked me to clarify and I responded, “What do you mean? These ARE my dreams – what I hope and pray for my family.”

Being a stay-at-home mom in a big city can be lonely at times, especially with very young children. For the first two years after the birth of my daughters I lived in a bubble, when my every waking moment was given over to the needs of my children. The next two years were spent juxtaposing doing for them and teaching them how to be independent. Any free time I had was used to clean, cook, tend to the household, check on my husband Peter – and maybe take a shower if I was still awake! Then I did it all over again the next day, seven days a week, for years! Don’t get me wrong, God made kids extra cute at this stage in their lives for a reason. All it took was one smile and all of the work was worth it.

My husband and I believe that our deeper understanding of what we are capable of as we raise our children is an ongoing gift from God. The process of educating and instilling morals and values reveals and crystallizes who we truly are. We find this to be the most challenging aspect of parenting, because not only do we have to clearly DEFINE the morals and values that we hope to pass on to our children, but we have to honestly BE the example of what we want to teach. We have discovered along the way that there are aspects of our own behavior that require changing.

When I first became a mom I was blessed to have a lot of love and support from family and close friends. Unfortunately, they did not live close by. My husband was at work most of the day and the only social relationships I had were determined by proximity and convenience. Community was definitely lacking in my life!

When I think about my mother and her mother, I often wonder how they managed. My grandmother had thirteen children, of which my mom is the eldest! My mom was a single mother who immigrated to America and raised two children (one with special needs) while holding down three jobs. How did she cope? In a word: community – a group of like-minded families who shared similar values, including loving and honoring God and one’s parents, respecting one’s elders, treating one another with kindness and compassion, and valuing education.

For me, being a member of the Wallace Hall Family Mass community provides this same sense of belonging and comfort. A parish mentor of mine once advised, “Friendship comes in all different forms, but you must pay attention and be open to receive it.” This advice also carried over to motherhood. When I opened myself to the Wallace Hall community, not only did I meet some of the most amazing families, I also made many new friends. This did not happen out of convenience, but rather through the shared love of our faith and of our core values. More than anything, I am so grateful to all of the experienced mothers and mother-figures for sharing with me their wisdom and guidance. I call them my “Community Mothers.”

We are working on the development of the Wallace Hall Family Ministry. It will be comprised of three parts: spiritual education for parents, service activities for families with children of all ages, and family-friendly social activities. Let us come together as a community as we journey together here at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish.

– Thu Nguyen
Wallace Hall Family Mass Coordinator

If you would like additional information about the Wallace Hall Family Ministry, please email wallacehallcommunity@gmail.com
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, MAY 12th
Sacred Songs and Arias.
SMSS Concert. 3:00 PM. Church.
Details on page 5.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15th
Hopeworks 'N Camden.
A talk by Fr. Jeff Putthoff, S.J. 7:00 PM.
Please note this change of date from May 16th.

THURSDAY, MAY 16th
Ignatian Volunteer Corps Information Session.
10:30-11:15 AM. Parish Lounge.
Details at right.

Don’t Be Alarmed.... The police car that has been parked in front of the church on 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.

The Stewardship Appeal supports many important ministries and programs. Your gifts are allocated towards religious education programs, youth ministries, local charities, the education of seminarians, retired clergy, and all of the services provided by the Archdiocese.

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!

PRAYER SUGGESTION... Sacred Space
We invite you to make a “Sacred Space” in your day and spend ten minutes in prayer, as you sit at your computer, with the help of on-screen guidance and scripture chosen specially every day.
Visit www.sacredspace.ie

Sacred Space is a work of the Irish Province of the Society of Jesus.

Parishioners and Friends of St. Ignatius Loyola Parish are cordially invited to attend LifeWay Network’s Spring Fundraiser Event

Towards New Life:
Moving Forward Together
Thursday, May 16th
6:30 – 8:30 PM in Wallace Hall
Wine and hors d’oeuvres will be served.
This event supports LifeWay Network, which collaborates to combat human trafficking through safe housing and education. Lifeway is supported by 30 Religious Congregations, including the Society of Jesus, Franciscan Sisters of Peace, and the Presentation Sisters.

Tickets: $125. Visit www.lifewaynetwork.org to register and pay online, or mail payment to LifeWay Network, Inc., PO Box 75412, Forest Hills, NY 11375.
Donations are also gratefully accepted. The need is great to stop modern-day slavery and support the survivors!

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Parish Lounge
IVC is an organization of men and women who are retired from full-time work and want to use their talents to help others. Volunteers commit two days per week to working directly with those who are economically poor and marginalized or with organizations that address issues that affect the poor.
For more information, or to confirm your attendance, please contact IVC Regional Director Liz McMahon at 201-618-6924 or emcmahon@ivcusa.org

The Greater New York Regional Council of the Ignatian Volunteer Corps cordially invites you to
An Evening of Gratitude
Honoring
Joseph A. Califano, Jr. - Della Strada Award
Rev. Tom Sheridan, S.J. - Gerard Manley Hopkins Award
Tuesday, May 21st at Regis High School
5:30 PM Liturgy, Rev. Walter Modrys, S.J., Presider
6:30 – 8:00 PM Award Reception, Cocktails, and Hors d’oeuvres
$125 suggested donation
RSVP via email to Elizabeth McMahon, New York Regional Director at emcmahon@ivcusa.org or 201-618-6924

PLEASE OPEN FOR PAGES 3 AND 4
**Now on Sale at the Parish House!**

10 Things Pope Francis Wants You to Know

Pope Francis has captured the hearts of the media and the people. Fascinated by his charisma and the many firsts of his papacy – first pope from the Americas, first Jesuit pope, and first to be named Francis – people are eager to know him personally.

In **10 Things Pope Francis Wants You to Know**, John L. Allen, Jr., senior Vatican analyst for CNN, author, and senior correspondent for the National Catholic Reporter, writes with clarity about the Pope’s vision and values. Using recent and archived interviews with Pope Francis and those who know him, the author describes Pope Francis’ vision of leadership and evangelism, and his desire for the Church to be close to the people, especially the poor.

Cost: $3.00

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**Last call for Donations!**

**CHANGE FOR CHANGE:**

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

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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**Come and Hear**

Fr. Jeff Putthoff, S.J.,
Hopeworks ‘N Camden
Founder and Executive Director

**NEW DATE!**

Wednesday, May 15th
7:00 PM in the Meeting Room

Hopeworks ‘N Camden uses education, technology, and entrepreneurship to partner with young men and women, ages 14-23, as they identify and earn a sustainable future. Together they seize the opportunity to heal and thrive in the midst of violence and poverty.

Hopeworks is currently celebrating more than a dozen successful years, with results that include:

- 1300 student trainees
- 275 youth jobs
- 100 college students
- 1720 college credits

This talk is sponsored by Ignatian Social Justice.

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**IGNATIAN YOUNG ADULTS**

**Sunday Socials**

**Spring 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).”

**IYA Knitters & Crocheters**

Come join other Young Adults for socializing and making knitwear for charity.

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

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The Staff of the St. Ignatius Loyola Day Nursery cordially invites the members of the Parish Community to

**The Annual Spring Benefit:**

**Celebrating the Magic of Brazil**

Friday, May 17th
7:00 PM to Midnight
The Central Park Boathouse
Cocktails, Dinner, Dancing, Raffle, Live and Silent Auctions

For ticket information, please call 212-734-6427 x24.

Persons over 21 years of age are welcome.

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**Meeting Christ in Prayer:**

**Reunion Gathering**

Wednesday, May 29th
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 program. It is an opportunity to renew and deepen your desire to continue to “meet Christ in your prayer” and life as well as to reconnect with your companions on the spiritual journey. Refreshments following.

**RSVP to Sr. Kathryn King at kingk@saintignatiusloyola.org by Monday, May 27th.**
We pray for the faithful departed
Sr. Thomas Callahan, S.C.
Mary Durkin
May they rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY NOW
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Leave a legacy to the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola by including a bequest in your will.
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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 blessed Mother’s Day.

The Parish Ministry Council cordially invites St. Ignatius Parishioners active in Ministry to the Ministers’ Night Annual Supper Social

The Ignatian Way: Our Parish, Our Mission

Tuesday, June 4th
7:00 PM – Wallace Hall

We look forward to sharing a meal together!

additional details to follow...

FULLY CANCELLED: ORGAN PLUS! Recital with Nancianne Parrella and Friends originally scheduled for Sunday March 10th

Regrettably, the Organ Plus! recital featuring organist Nancianne Parrella and friends, originally scheduled for Sunday, March 10th, will not be rescheduled.

Sacred Music in a Sacred Space will refund those who purchased tickets via postal mail in the coming weeks. Ticket holders may also contact Sacred Music in a Sacred Space via email at concerts@stignatiusloyola.org with any questions or concerns.

SACRED SONGS AND ARIAS
SUNDAY, MAY 12th at 3:00 PM

A perfect afternoon treat on Mother’s Day, this recital highlights the many fine solo voices that comprise the Choir of St. Ignatius Loyola, along with featured guests. The themes of love, creation, supplication, and hope will unfold in art songs, chant, arias, and duets from oratorio, opera, and spirituals. Includes music of Bach, Handel, Mozart, Schubert, Fauré, Poulenc and more.

Tickets: $30 General

REJOICE IN THE LORD!
A MUSIC MINISTRY CELEBRATION
SUNDAY, MAY 19th at 3:00 PM

The entire musical community of St. Ignatius Loyola — the Choir of St. Ignatius Loyola, Parish Community Choir, Wallace Hall Choir, Canticum Sacrum, the High School Choir, and Children’s Choirs — join forces in thanksgiving on Pentecost.

Free will offering – No tickets needed!

SUNDAY, MAY 19th
Solemnity of Pentecost
11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS
with the Parish Community Choir

Messiaen Apparation de l’Eglise Éternelle*
Dawson Ev’ry Time I feel the Spirit
King Let Us Love in Deed and Truth
Duruflé Choral Varies sur le theme du ‘Veni Creator’: Allegro*

* Also being played at the 7:30 PM Mass

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Join choristers from local schools and sing with our St. Ignatius Children’s Choirs next season!

Rising 1st through 12th graders may ‘audition’ on Monday, June 3rd, and Tuesday, June 4th, from 3:30–5:30 PM. No appointment is necessary.

All parish children are welcome and no prior experience is necessary. Please see the brochure in the Narthex for additional information.

Contact Maureen Haley, Director of Children’s Choirs, at haleym@stignatiusloyola.org with questions.
Humanitarian Aid in West Africa: Mali and the Sahel Crisis. A symposium and discussion sponsored by Catholic Relief Services. Tuesday, May 14th from 7:00-8:30 PM. St. Paul the Apostle Parish Center, 405 West 59th Street. Guest speaker: Mr. Jean Marie Adrian, who spent 25 years living and working on the continent of Africa. His work has included overseeing the CRS response to several humanitarian crises on the continent and leading CRS regional offices in both East and West Africa. Mr. Adrian holds a Master’s degree in International Agriculture and Rural Development from Cornell University. RSVP to michele.gilfillan@crs.org

Special Needs Mass: For families affected by autism and other developmental disabilities. Sunday, May 19th at 4:00 PM. Church of the Blessed Sacrament, 152 West 71st Street. All family members are invited to attend. For more information, contact jackie@snacknyc.com

Resume Clinic: Monday, May 20th and Thursday, May 23rd. Free private sessions will be held at St. Francis House, 135 West 31st Street, to assist unemployed individuals, as well as others facing possible layoffs, or career transitions. Volunteers will be available to assist in updating/editing resumes. Call 212-736-8500, x357 for an individual appointment. Participants should email a rough draft to resume@stfrancisnyc.org Because of the preparation work that is necessary, no walk-ins can be accepted.

2013 Bernardin Award and Murnion Lecture: Shaping Parish Life: Ongoing Influences of Vatican II and the Catholic Common Ground Initiative. Friday, June 7th at 6:00 PM. American Bible Society, 1865 Broadway. This evening will feature the presentation of the annual Cardinal Bernardin Award to Dr. Zeni Fox, Professor of Pastoral Theology at Seton Hall University. The award presentation will be followed by the annual Philip K. Murnion lecture, given by Sr. Katarina Schuth, O.S.F., of St. Thomas University, St. Paul, Minnesota. The 50th anniversary of the ordination of priesthood of the late Msgr. Murnion will be marked with a special remembrance. Free and open to the public. Register online at: catholiccommonground.org by Monday, June 3rd. For more information, call 773-371-5432.

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