How BIG Can Your Life Be?

This question hangs in the balance on Wednesday’s Sacred Music in a Sacred Space concert, entitled My Soul Rejoices. The Choir and Orchestra of St. Ignatius present two sacred choral monuments, Mozart’s Solemn Vespers and Bach’s Magnificat.

The ancient office of vespers, codified by St. Benedict in the sixth century, contains prescribed psalms and hymns, and concludes with the Mary’s Song, the Magnificat. Mozart's Vespers settings are dynamic renderings of Psalms 110, 111, 112, 113, and 117. According to custom he concludes with an exultant single-movement Magnificat. In contrast, Bach’s Magnificat setting is a multi-movement work, exploring through different musical styles the various themes of this great canticle of the church. What really intrigues me about Wednesday's program is the progression of texts, culminating in Mary’s sung response to the above question: how BIG can your life be?

Let’s take a look at this progression. Psalm 110 was a coronation psalm, written in celebration of the crowning of a new king in ancient Israel:

“The Lord (Yahweh) said unto my lord (the new king), sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool.”

The Lord God of Israel goes on to describe, quite graphically, the many ways in which he will ruin nations and crush the skulls of hostile kings on behalf of his Chosen People. After this brief episode of sanctified blood-letting, there begins a litany that sounds remarkably like the Magnificat:

Psalm 111 – God “gives food to the hungry,” and has “shown the power of his mighty works.”

Psalm 112 – Describes the fortune of those who fear the Lord and delight in God’s commandments: “mighty shall his seed be on earth.”

Psalm 113 – God “lifts the simple out of the dust and the poor from the miry pit, and sets them among princes.”

Psalm 117 – The mercy of the Lord endures forever.

Finally, we come to the Magnificat itself:

My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior. He looks on his servant in her lowliness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy is his name! His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him. He puts forth his arm in strength and scatters the proud-hearted. He casts the mighty from their thrones and raises the lowly. He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty. He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy, the mercy promised to our fathers, to Abraham and his sons for ever.

What is this canticle, but a summation of the contents of the previous psalms, a recounting of the history of God’s dealings with humanity? And the fact that these words are spoken by a young Jewish girl, a nobody in the eyes of her culture, is indicative of the often counterintuitive ways in which God works in our lives.

In the psalms of the vespers, God issues the same challenge to us as to Mary. When confronted with what had to be the most terrifying of propositions, this seemingly insignificant girl answered with a “YES” that resounds through the generations. Through her family’s observance of the rituals of Judaism, Mary would have had great familiarity with the mighty acts of God, as related in the Torah, and through these Psalms. The Magnificat is her response to a God who is omnipotent and omnipresent, yet not so far removed as to be unable to care intimately for all of his creation.

Denise Levertov, in her poem The Annunciation, asks:

Aren’t there annunciations of one sort or another in most lives?

What is your annunciation…that opportunity, perhaps unavoidable, that you feel drawing you forward, maybe even nipping at your heels? It’s the thing that both can excite you and fill you with dread. The Bible is full of women and men, some of whom responded to God’s call to live fully human lives, embodying God’s love, power, and justice. There are also many examples of those who shrank in fear from the awesome task they were born to undertake.

We are each called not to comfort and security, but to the awesome task of partnering with God to be co-creators of a world that is more just, humane, and loving than the one we were born into.

Your Music Ministry invites you to join us this Wednesday at 7:00 PM, as we re-create these majestic works, both of which call us into larger being and communion with each other and our God.

- W. Scott Warren
Director of Music Ministries
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14th
Our Catholic Faith:
Introduction and The Profession of Faith.
Presenter: Fr. Joseph Marina, S.J.
40s & Fabulous Speaker Series.
5:30 PM. Parish House. Details on page 3.

40s & Fabulous Monthly Social.
8:30 – 10:00 PM. Parish Lounge.
Details on page 3

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17th
Ignatian Young Adult Knitters/Crocheters.
7:00 PM. Conference Room.
Details on page 3.

My Soul Rejoices:
Sacred Music in a Sacred Space
Concert. 7:00 PM. Church.
Details on page 5.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18th
Thursday Morning Prayer Group.
9:30-11:00 AM. Parish House.
Open to those who have made the
Meeting Christ in Prayer Retreat.
For information and registration,
contact Sabina Fila at sabinft@verizon.net

The commissioning of Parish Ministers will take
place at all Masses next weekend,
October 20th and 21st.

World Mission Sunday:
Missionaries of Faith
October 21st
On World Mission Sunday we
recommit ourselves to our vocation, through Baptism,
to share our faith. We also pray for the Church’s world-
wide missionary work. Please visit our website,
www.stignatiusloyola.org, to read a letter from
Archbishop Dolan about World Mission Sunday.

ELECTION 2012

Message from the
U.S. Bishops:
Our nation faces political challenges that demand urgent moral choices. We are a nation at war, with all of its human costs; a
country often divided by race and ethnicity; a nation of immigrants
struggling with immigration. We are an affluent society where
too many live in poverty; part of a global community confronting
terrorism and facing urgent threats to our environment; a culture
built on families, where some now question the value of marriage
and family life. We pride ourselves on supporting human rights,
but we fail even to protect the fundamental right to life, especially
for unborn children. We bishops seek to help Catholics form their
consciences in accordance with the truth, so they can make sound
moral choices in addressing these challenges. We do not tell
Catholics how to vote. The responsibility to make political choices
rests with each person and his or her properly formed conscience.

WHY DOES THE CHURCH TEACH ABOUT
ISSUES AFFECTING PUBLIC POLICY?
The Church’s obligation to participate in shaping the moral character
of society is a requirement of our faith, a part of the mission given
to us by Jesus Christ. Faith helps us see more clearly the truth
about human life and dignity that we also understand through human
reason. As people of both faith and reason, Catholics are called to
bring truth to political life and to practice Christ’s commandment
to "love one another" (Jn 13:34). According to Pope Benedict XVI,
"charity must animate the entire lives of the lay faithful and therefore
also their political activity, lived as ‘social charity’” (Deus Caritas
Est, no. 29). The United States Constitution protects the right of
individual believers and religious bodies to participate and speak
out without government interference, favoritism, or discrimination.
Civil law should recognize and protect the Church’s right and
responsibility to participate in society without abandoning our
central moral convictions. Our nation’s tradition of pluralism is
enhanced, not threatened, when religious groups and people
of faith bring their convictions into public life. The Catholic
community brings to the political dialogue a consistent moral
framework and broad experience serving those in need.

VOTER RESOURCES
2012 Voting Guide – Catholics in Alliance for the Common Good
www.catholicsinalliance.org

A Balancing Act: Catholic teaching on the church’s rights – and
the rights of all. David Hollenbach, SJ and Thomas A Shannon, PhD
America, March 5, 2012
www.americamagazine.org/content/article.cfm?article_id=13262

Six Thoughts Before the Election – Michael O’Loughlin
America, In All Things: Our Group Blog, posted September 19, 2012
www.americamagazine.org/blog/entry.cfm?entry_id=5372

PLEASE OPEN FOR PAGES 3 AND 4
Sunday Socials Fall Schedule
The Sunday Socials are held in Wallace Hall at 8:30 PM, following the 7:30 PM Mass. They are hosted by the Ignatian Young Adults for those in their 20’s and 30’s. We look forward to seeing you there!

To receive updates on IYA events and other opportunities, you can 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 this fall on the following Wednesdays from 7:00 – 8:30 PM in the Parish House Conference Room:
- Oct. 17th and 31st
- Nov. 14th and 28th
- Dec. 12th

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

Emmaus Bereavement Support Group
A six session support group for those who have experienced the death of a loved one will begin on Tuesday evening, October 23rd, in the Parish House from 7:00 to 8:30 PM.

For information and registration, please contact Sr. Kathryn King at the Parish House or email kingk@saintignatiusloyola.org

St. Vincent de Paul
Calling All Volunteers: Shelter Information Session
Sunday, October 28th in Wallace Hall.
After the Sunday Social, which follows the 11:00 AM Masses.
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will once again be sponsoring a women’s shelter every other weekend in Wallace Hall from November through April. The shelter season begins the weekend of November 16th-18th.

If you think that you might be interested in this ministry to the homeless, please join us for an information session on October 28th.

40s & Fabulous
40s & Fabulous has launched its first Speaker Series – Our Catholic Faith. Using the framework of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, it is hoped that this series will deepen our understanding of our Catholic Faith and its practical applications in today’s complex world.

Our Catholic Faith Schedule
2012
- Introduction and The Profession of Faith (Creed)
  October 14th  Rev. Joseph Marina
- Celebration of the Christian Mystery (Church & Sacraments)
  November 4th  Rev. Peter Fink
  November 18th  Rev. Peter Fink

2013
- Life in Christ (Moral Teachings of the Catholic Church)
  January 6th  Rev. Ugo Nacciarone
  January 20th  Rev. Ugo Nacciarone
- Christian Prayer
  February 10th  Rev. James Martin
  February 24th  Sr. Kathryn King
- Wrap-up and Reflections
  April 14th  Rev. George Witt

All sessions will be held from 5:30 to 7:00 PM at the Parish House.

Register your interest at 40sandfabulous@gmail.com

Monthly Social
Sunday, October 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 currently have 180 members and we look forward to meeting you!

Religious Education
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a program of religious formation for children ages 3, 4, and 5. The program draws on the scriptural and liturgical traditions of the Church.

Our meeting place is the Atrium, behind Wallace Hall, a space where children enjoy an environment that supports their spiritual development.

We meet weekly on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons from September through May.

For more information contact Adele Gallo at amdgallo@me.com
Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, October 15th
(St. Teresa of Jesus)
8:30 MEM
Alice O'Brien
12:10 MEM
Jack O'Leary
5:30 MEM
George Opfer

Tuesday, October 16th
(St. Hedwig, St. Margaret Mary Alocoque)
8:30   MEM
Mae Rooney
12:10 MEM
Michael Antonow
5:30 MEM
John Martucci Guzzardo

Wednesday, October 17th
(St. Ignatius of Antioch)
8:30   MEM
John & Nora Reilly
12:10 MEM
Alan Davey
5:30 MEM
Robert Troilo

Thursday, October 18th
(St. Luke)
8:30 MEM
Gail Muldoon-Murphy
12:10 MEM
The Waters Family
5:30 MEM
Bridie Bell

Friday, October 19th
(St. John De Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, and comps.)
8:30 MEM
James Johnson
12:10 MEM
Maria Young
5:30 MEM
Rosemary Barry

Saturday, October 20th
(St. Paul of the Cross)
Ephesians 1:15-23   Psalm 8    Luke 12:8-12
8:30 MEM
Loretta Frances Durkin

Sunday, October 21st
(29th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Isaiah 53:10-11   Psalm 33
Hebrews 4:14-16   Mark 10:35-45

SEPTEMBER SACRAMENTS

Weddings
Erich Gen Anderer and Kisha Omer
Francis Xavier Carmody and Lauren Joan Hartmann
Cyril Dumuis and Gia Ann Curatola
Kyle Brooks Dwyer and Sabrina Aurora Nagel
William Austin Laverty and Lyndsey Taylor Lostritto
Martin Lawrence Livingston and Meghan Norene Carr
Gannon Scott McCaffery and Taylor Jean Alexander
Fron Nahzi and Claire Servini
Bradley Jon Schneller and Elizabeth Jane Belford

Baptisms
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Maya Teresita Buccio   Juliana Marie Mahalik
Cate Alexandra Capello   Resse Mills
Jay Graydon Capello   Stella Mae Piskora
Benjamin Xavier Davis   Charleston Homes Smith
Reese Taylor Gillin   William Hayward Smith
Evan Ronald Hofsdal   Francesca Terese Tinghino
Ava Rose Holley   Eva Tsvetaeva
John Ignatius Jarmoszuk

Interested in Becoming Catholic?
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If you feel attracted to the Catholic faith, we want you to know about a program at the Parish which will begin later in the fall. A group will meet here during the year to inquire into the Catholic faith, to come to know Jesus through the Gospels, and to pray and to prepare for the Easter Sacraments. This process is also open to those Catholic adults who have not received the Sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation.

For more information about this process, which is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), contact Maureen Fullam at 212-288-3588 or email church@stignatiusloyola.org

We pray for the faithful departed:
Victor Downes
Pad Nicholas Grocholski
May they rest in the peace of the Risen Lord

SAVE THE DATE...
Saturday, October 27th
at the
12:10 PM Mass
Celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
For those those who are seriously ill, elderly, disabled, facing surgery or who are afflicted with any other condition of physical, mental, or spiritual suffering.

Weddings
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**CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:**
The boilers are installed, as are all new pipes, radiators, water heaters, and thermostats. The new gas line is laid, the new chimney has been erected, and the final inspections have begun in advance of firing up the system.

Over the past few weeks we have raised an additional $100,000.
Our total currently stands at $1,878,854.
Thank you to all who have contributed!

To donate online, visit www.stignatiusloyola.org and click on the Emergency Heating and Cooling Campaign tab on the right side of the homepage. If you would like to make a credit card payment, contact Pat Schneider at schneiderp@saintignatiusloyola.org or 646-981-2610.

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**Catholics in the Public Square**
*The Landscape since Vatican II*

**Presented by**
FR. THOMAS MASSARO, S.J.

**Wednesday, October 31st**
7:00 PM in Wallace Hall

What principles have guided and should guide Catholics as they participate in public life today? It is easy enough to recall and describe discrete momentary controversies regarding, for example, Catholic politicians and church leaders. But this presentation seeks to survey the broader landscape to discern the lasting features of Catholic participation in secular political life and engagement in the public over the last half-century.

**Thomas Massaro, S.J.,** is the new Dean of Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University. A native New Yorker and a graduate of Regis High School, he taught as Professor of Moral Theology for fifteen years at the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry and its predecessor, Weston Jesuit School of Theology in Cambridge. Father Massaro holds a doctorate in Christian social ethics from Emory University. Among the seven books he has produced are two volumes offering an ethical evaluation of American social welfare policies, as well as three editions of the popular classroom text *Living Justice: Catholic Social Teaching in Action.*

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**THE SPIRITUALITY OF ST. IGNATIUS**

**Monday, November 12th**
7:00 PM in Wallace Hall

**Part 1:**
Introduction to St. Ignatius and Ignatian Spirituality

**Presented by Rev. Fred Pellegrini, S.J.**
Rector of the St. Ignatius Loyola Jesuit Community

Join us for a three-part seminar, designed in concert with our parish’s celebration of The Ignatian Way, as we explore some of the tenets and insights of the spirituality of St. Ignatius.

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**MUSIC**

**MY SOUL REJOICES**

**Wednesday, October 17th**
7:00 PM

Choir and orchestra of St. Ignatius Loyola
K. Scott Warren, conductor

**MUSIC AT MASSES**

**Sunday, October 21st**

**11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS**
*Howells* Rhapsody No. 2
*Hassler* Cantate Domino
*Fauré* Tantum ergo sacramentum
*Schumann* Präludium in B Minor

**11:00 AM FAMILY MASS**
Parish Community Choir joins Wallace Hall Choir
*Dawson* Ev’ry Time I Feel the Spirit

**7:30 PM MASS**
*Howells* Rhapsody No. 2
*Schumann* Präludium in B Minor
St. Francis Free Resume Clinic: Monday, October 22nd. 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 considering 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

Trailblazers in Habits: Maryknoll Sisters Documentary Film Premiere Fundraiser. Sunday, October 28th at 2:00 PM. SVA Theatre, 333 West 23rd Street. A 90-minute film documenting the pioneer work of Maryknoll Sisters, the first U.S.-based congregation of Catholic women religious dedicated to foreign mission. Directed by Nancy Tong, an alumna of Maryknoll School, Hong Kong. The film coincides with the Maryknoll Sisters’ Centennial year. Tickets: $100 and $250 are available online at www.maryknollsisisters.org/premier or by email at TrailblazersInHabits@gmail.com

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

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Children’s Liturgy of the Word:
Sundays: 9:30 AM Mass (all ages)
11:00 AM Wallace Hall Family Mass
(ages 3-5 only)

Centering Prayer:
Mondays and Thursdays at 6:30 PM

Confections:
5:00 PM Saturday or by appointment. Communal Penance Services are celebrated during Advent and Lent.

Baptisms:
Please call Joanne Cunneen at the Parish House to arrange for a Baptism and the preparation given prior to Baptism.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults:
Contact Maureen Fullam, M.A., Director, at the Parish House.

Marriages:
The Bride or Groom should call Joanne Cunneen at the Parish House to begin preparation for Marriage, normally one year in advance.

Visits to the Sick:
Please contact the Parish House between the hours of 9:00 AM and 9:00 PM.