The readings for this Sunday point to a future filled with hope for those who believe. From the prophet Daniel’s vision of the end times to the assurance of Jesus that the Son of Man will return and that his words will never pass away, we hear the promise of God that great things lie in store for the world and for us. Such a message seems quite appropriate as we approach the Season of Advent.

But implied in these readings as well is a tangible sense of mortality, that life as we know it changes and progresses in time toward a future point where new life will be a gift, not a given. We do not require apocalyptic readings or futuristic visions to realize that life moves through seasons much like the Earth does. We are born. We grow and bloom. We peak and then begin to tire. And finally we move closer to God for the life and energy that our bodies can no longer provide.

Being in our 40s drives home a reminder of life’s seasons. Our fourth decade offers us the opportunity to look back on substantial experiences of growth and fond memories while also looking ahead toward many possibilities to come. Each of us has our own story. Nonetheless, the same Lord is with us, calling us to greater depth in the experience of God’s love.

The 40s & Fabulous group was established last January in response to a real need at the parish. Since then, we have become a vibrant group of over 200 diverse and interesting people. We are studying the Catholic faith, learning what it means to be part of an Ignatian parish, and engaging in Christian service. Equally meaningful is the increasing sense of community being created as people come to know one another.

In that spirit, we would like to share some comments from our members:

“I have enjoyed the group’s openness to what our faith means to each of us. In a day of political correctness it isn’t easy to find people who are having similar experiences within their faith journey, that we can question and discuss where we are, and what our faith means to each of us. The group offers many channels to explore and grow whether through volunteering, retreats, socializing, or exploration of church teachings. Being part of the 40s group has enhanced my life.”

“I am sure I have a different culture and mentality from most of the group, but nevertheless I can fit into it which is great; this group brings friendship among people who are not like-minded.”

“This is a smaller version of church, where a group of Christians gets together in the Spirit of Christ to share, do, discuss, and pray with one another. Fellowship provides closeness to Christ as well as each other and the world. Our group has provided exactly that: a forum of fellowship based in our church.”

“What I have felt emanating from the 40s and Fabulous group is a spirit of welcome. I was widowed prematurely last year, and trying to find my way forward alone is not easy. Being welcomed to participate in the group in whatever way I can has been a little hearthfire warming my existence.”

“I have been reminded that the Church is really a community at its core. I had forgotten that and now feel the warm welcome of the 40s and Fabulous group.”

How comforting it is to realize, as the world continues on its course, moving toward God’s vision on multiple levels and global scales, that a home is here between 83rd and 84th Streets to provide a forum for faithful Catholics in their 40s – a home where we can review our life experiences in the light of Christ, look forward to what may be coming down the road, share our faith and pray together, learn new insights, help the less fortunate, work for justice, and build the bonds of community.

Our group is a microcosm of the Church at large and we are blessed to enjoy the support of the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola as we move ahead.

– Stephanie Sarka, Coordinator
40s & Fabulous Ministry
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Special Collection This Weekend: Campaign for Human Development

These days it is not hard to imagine having to choose between rent or health care, food or transportation, household bills or clothing for your children. For millions of Americans who live at or below the poverty line, these choices are forced by layoffs, pay freezes, or retirement fund decreases.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) makes a difference in low-income communities by funding programs that address the root causes of poverty. More than ever, CCHD needs your support from this weekend’s collection.

Thank you for your generosity.

SOUTH SATURDAY - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17th-18th
SVDP Angel Project begins.
Details at right.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18th
Our Catholic Faith: Celebration of the Christian Mystery (Part 2).
Presenter: Rev. Peter Fink, S.J.
5:30 PM. Parish House. Details on page 4.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19th
Ranger Rosary Ministry. 7:00 PM.
Meeting Room. Supplies and instructions are provided.
New members are welcome!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd
Thanksgiving Day Mass
9:30 AM
This will be the only Mass celebrated on Thanksgiving Day.
The Parish House will be closed.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd
One Daily Mass will be celebrated in the Lady Chapel at 8:30 AM. The Parish House will be closed.

ATTENTION LECTORS: Copies of the new Workbook for Lectors, Year C, 2013 (beginning the First Sunday of Advent, Dec. 2nd), are available for $10 at the Parish House reception desk.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

SVDP CHRISTMAS ANGEL PROJECT:
Begins This Weekend!

It has become a tradition at St. Ignatius Loyola for our parishioners to purchase Christmas gifts for members of low-income parishes. Beginning this weekend, participants will be able to select angel cards that have been placed in the Narthex and Wallace Hall. Cards will also be available at the Parish House while the supply lasts.

Gifts must be returned to the Parish House no later than Sunday, December 9th.

Thank you for being an angel to someone in need!

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November 16, 2012
Year of Faith

Dear Friends in the Lord,

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has set aside Thanksgiving Day as the time when we, as a nation, give thanks to the Lord for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us.

Here in the Archdiocese, we recently experienced Hurricane Sandy which wreaked havoc in certain sectors, most especially Staten Island and lower Manhattan. The loss of lives and property was, sadly, even more than anticipated.

Yet, despite such tragedies and hardships in life, we praise the Lord for all that He has given us, particularly our family and loved ones. Many in our midst, however, are hungry, homeless, and physically and mentally afflicted. Hence the need for this annual special collection at Thanksgiving. Your contribution will be used to provide affordable housing, new jobs, food pantries, and numerous other Catholic Charities programs aimed at assisting our less fortunate brothers and sisters in the Lord.

With our Christian obligation as a community of believers to provide for those who were affected by the hurricane in addition to the usual needs of our distressed brothers and sisters, I urge you to be as generous as possible in your donation. Even more so, I ask that you keep them in your prayers.

Wishing you and your loved ones a very blessed Thanksgiving Day, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,
+Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York
December at
Sacred Music in a
Sacred Space

Advent Lessons and Carols
Sunday, December 2nd at 4:00 PM
Rev. George M. Witt, S.J., Presider
The Choir of St. Ignatius Loyola
Nancianne Parrella, organ
Free will offering

Honoring the quieter and more profound aspects of the season, this liturgy invites us to be still and turn our awareness to the coming of Emmanuel, God with Us.

The Choir of St. Ignatius Loyola will offer motets for Advent by Howells, Franck, Spencer, Praetorius, and Manz, and the congregation will join in singing carols for the season.

Gloria!
The Annual Christmas Concerts
Sundays, December 9th and 16th at 3:00 PM
Choirs and Orchestra of St. Ignatius Loyola
K. Scott Warren, Maureen Haley, Robert Reuter, and Michael Sheetz, conductors
Nancianne Parrella, organ  Victoria Drake, harp

Tickets: $50 general  $20 student/senior rush
Rutter  Gloria  Warren, arr. Lo, How a Rose
Praetorius  In Dulci Jubilo  E’er Blooming
Yon  Gesu Bambino  Howells  A Spotless Rose
Adam  O Holy Night

At the center of this year’s beloved annual Christmas concerts is a stunning choral spectacle: John Rutter’s Gloria, a brassy and extroverted masterwork by one of Great Britain’s most beloved living composers.

General tickets are available in the Parish House, online at www.smssconcerts.org or by calling 212-288-2520.

Saint Ignatius Loyola School extends a warm welcome to the Parish Community to join us for the

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR
Sunday, December 2nd in McKinnon Hall
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
The Fair offers decorations, housewares, greenery, ornaments, religious items, and many other possibilities for gift giving. Also featured will be a Secret Santa Shop for the children and a booth of fun activities hosted by our Brownie and Girl Scout Troops.

Our annual Brunch with Santa will also take place on December 2nd. Attendance is by reservation only. Please call the Grammar School at 212-861-3820, x135.
Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, November 19th
(33rd Monday in Ordinary Time)
8:30 MEM    Janet Sughrue
12:10 MEM    Thomas Hogan
5:30 MEM    Marie-Laure Béraud

Tuesday, November 20th
(33rd Tuesday in Ordinary Time)
8:30 MEM    Domingo & Josefina Noriega
12:10 MEM    Theodore J. Forstmann
5:30 MEM    Sose & Mark Prekelezaj

Wednesday, November 21st
(Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary)
8:30 MEM    Lisa Spinozzi
12:10 MEM    Sose & Mark Prekelezaj
5:30 MEM    Nathan Davidson

Thursday, November 22nd
(St. Cecilia)

Thanksgiving Day
One Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 AM

Friday, November 23rd
(St. Clement I, St. Columban, Bl. Miguel Agustín Pro)
8:30 MEM    Marie-Laure Béraud
One Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 AM

Saturday, November 24th
(St. Andrew Dung-Lac)
8:30 MEM    John B., John A., & Elizabeth Rooney

Sunday, November 25th
(Solemnity of Christ the King)
Daniel 7:13-14    Psalm 93
Revelation 1:5-8    John 18:33b-37

In this Year of Faith we recognize that the spirit of Thanksgiving is central to the life of every human being. On Thursday we pause, upon the instruction of Abraham Lincoln, in order to recall the goodness of God in permitting us to live in freedom and prosperity. It is also important to remember those suffering without shelter, food, and other basic necessities.

As a Catholic people, how will we commemorate God’s gifts to us? Will we attend Mass? Will we say grace at meals? Will we serve those who are doing without?

As Catholics we remember that each and every celebration of the Mass is an act of thanksgiving in and of itself. Our giving thanks demonstrates our acknowledgement that without God nothing exists, but with God all things are possible.
Christmas Themes at the Metropolitan Museum of Art
An art slide lecture presented by Rev. Terrence Dempsey, S.J.
Monday, December 3rd at 7:00 PM in Wallace Hall
This lecture is free and open to the public.

Rev. Terrence Dempsey, S.J., is the May O’Rourke Jay Endowed Chair in Art History and Religion and the founding Director of the Museum of Contemporary Religious Art at Saint Louis University in St. Louis, MO. He has curated over 55 exhibitions, including 40 exhibitions at the Museum of Contemporary Religious Art.

It is a pleasure to welcome back Fr. Dempsey to St. Ignatius Loyola, where his previous art slide lectures have included The Wounded Body of Christ and the Modern Social Conscience and The Crucifixion in Art History.

Adapting Buddhist Meditation Practices to Christian Spirituality
A Presentation and Book Signing by Susan Stabile
Tuesday, December 11th at 7:00 PM Wallace Hall

Book signing will follow the lecture. Copies of Dr. Stabile’s book will be available for sale that evening.

Drawing from her recently published book, Growing in Love and Wisdom: Tibetan Buddhist Sources for Christian Meditation, Susan Stabile will explore some of the common values and understandings that underlie Christianity and Buddhism and talk about how interreligious engagement can offer mutual enrichment for people of both traditions.

Raised as a Catholic, Susan Stabile devoted 20 years of her life to practicing Buddhism and was ordained as a Tibetan Buddhist nun before returning to Catholicism in 2001. Susan is a spiritual director and retreat leader and spent several years as a member of the adjunct ministerial staff at St. Ignatius Loyola Retreat House in Manhasset.

THANKSGIVING

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

The Parish House will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 22nd and 23rd in observance of Thanksgiving.

The Thanksgiving Day Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 AM.
One Daily Mass will be celebrated on Friday at 8:30 AM.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul and the Ignatian Young Adults invite you to participate in the Annual Turkey Drive
A donation of $30 will help the Yorkville Common Pantry purchase a 12-pound turkey, side dishes, and dessert for one of the many families in the pantry program; however, a donation of any amount is appreciated!

Please make checks payable to: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul and bring it to the Parish House.
Thank you!

Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration
Tuesday evening, November 20th at 7:00 PM

The Yorkville Christian-Jewish Council will hold its annual interfaith Thanksgiving gathering at Temple Shaaray Tefila, located at 250 East 79th Street at 2nd Avenue.
The program will include musical performances by Kol Rinnah, the Temple Shaaray Tefila Chorale, the Shaaray Tefila School of Rock, the children’s choir, Cantor Todd Kipnis, and the Young People’s Chorus of New York City.
Rabbi Jonathan Stein and Monsignor Thomas Modugno will offer holiday messages. A social hour will follow. All are cordially invited to this free event.
Mercy Center Bronx: Seeking Volunteer ESL and Computer Teachers. Mercy Center is a community resource center in the South Bronx that provides support, hope, and skills that empower neighborhood residents to improve their lives. Volunteers are needed to teach ESL classes on Thursday and Friday mornings and an Introduction to Word Processing class on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. There are many other opportunities to volunteer in various programs and classes. Mercy Center is easily accessible by the No. 2, 5, and 6 subways. For additional information, please contact Dottie Larkin at 718-993-2789, x264.

**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. Witt

Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Bergen

9:30 AM Fr. Ugo

Wallace Hall 11:00 AM Fr. Marina

Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Witt

7:30 PM Fr. Ugo

**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

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