Welcoming the New Year

It feels to me that we are just about to conclude a holiday season that stretches back to Thanksgiving Day. The flood of visitors to New York is slackening off and we’re ready to brace for the months of serious winter ahead.

These past six weeks have been a very special time in the Church's liturgical calendar. I have been noticing how the Masses from Thanksgiving Day to the present have been laced with prayers of praise and thanksgiving. For example, from the Mass of Thanksgiving Day: Every day will I bless You. And from a Mass in the third week of Advent: I will bless the Lord at all times. And from the Vigil of Christmas: Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I think the key words in these prayers are every day, at all times, and forever. The beginning of a prayer that the celebrant prays at every single Mass, just before the Eucharistic Prayer, is this: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. Always and Everywhere! That can be quite a challenge.

I could not help but think of these words a few weeks ago after a conversation I had with a man in his mid-fourties whom I’ll call Paul. Paul has been struggling to find his way in the Catholicism into which he was born and baptized. He had no formal Christian education after his baptism – no Catholic schooling, no after school religious education program. His parents, let’s call them Ray and Jean, were once practicing Catholics but had turned away from God and organized religion. Their first child had died shortly after birth. Ray’s father had died six months after the death of their infant, and Jean’s mother had died three months after that.

Three deaths within a year. God had abandoned them, they believed. In their rage and desperation, they concluded there really was no God after all, for what kind of God could have allowed so much tragedy in so short a time? So they became atheists. And that is how they see themselves today, some thirty years later.

I have not met Paul’s parents. But I am curious. Was there nothing good at all that came out of those three deaths? Was God nowhere to be found? Was there no comfort, no strength from anyone? Had God abandoned them, or had they abandoned God? Had they formed their idea of how God should act by studiously avoiding the image of the crucified Jesus?

Paul is pursuing his search for God. Fortunately, he is not burdened with his parents’ requirement that God be a God who averts disasters and prevents tragedies. He acknowledges how blessed he has been even while he was not paying much attention to God. But that is changing!

We begin a new year on Tuesday with so much ahead of us that remains unknown. Surely there will be hard times ahead – friends and relatives whose life choices or values greatly disappoint us, illness, the deaths of loved ones. What better way to welcome the new year than with hearts grateful always and everywhere, and with this prayer of unknown origin: “I thank God for what he has given me. I thank God for what he has taken from me. And I thank God for what I have left.”

A very happy and blessed New Year to you!

Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J.
Associate Pastor
**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 31st**
Daily Masses at 8:30 AM and 12:10 PM
5:30 PM Vigil Mass (Church)

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 1st**
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
One Mass will be celebrated
at 10:30 AM (Church).
(The Parish House will be closed.)

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2nd**
Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting.
7:00 PM. Conference Room.
All are welcome.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 3rd**
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 sabinaft@verizon.net

**LAY MINISTERS’ ENRICHMENT**
**Winter Program**

**The Power of Invitation:**
Friendship and Ministry with Christ

with
Fr. Joseph Marina, S.J.
Associate Pastor
Church of St. Ignatius Loyola
**Saturday, January 26th, 2013**
Wallace Hall 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM

This day of reflection will focus on the call of discipleship and the gift of friendship with Christ as invitations to draw closer to God’s love.
We will explore the dynamics of **call** and **reply** through our own stories and those of some notable disciples in the history of Christianity.
Continental breakfast and lunch to be provided.
Space is limited.
Registration closes on Monday, January 21st.
Please register online at http://january2013enrichment.eventbrite.com

**Can You Help?**
**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED**
For the Ministry of Hospitality

Hospitality is all about welcoming and acknowledging one another as members of our parish community.
It embodies The Ignatian Way aspects of service and community. Act now. Sign up TODAY.
For more information, contact Adele Gallo, head of the Hospitality Ministry, amdgallo@me.com or 516-528-4660.

**MUSIC**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 1st**
**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**
10:30 AM MASS
Bach From the **Orgelbüchlein**:
Das alte Jahr vergangen ist
Der Tag, der ist so freudenreich
Es ist das heil uns kommen her
Herr Christ, der ein’ge Gottes Sohn
In dir ist freude

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 6th**
**Epiphany of the Lord**
11:00 AM SOLEMN
Langlais La Nativité
Duruflé Prélude sur l’Introit de L’Épiphanie
Mendelssohn There shall a star
Lassus Videntes stellam
Pachelbel Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern

**Save the Date!**
**Organ Concert:** Nigel Potts
Organist and Choirmaster at Christ & Saint Stephens Episcopal Church in New York City
**Sunday, February 3rd at 3:00 PM**
Nigel Potts is an active international recitalist, recording artist, well-known exponent of orchestral transcription, and a respected champion of 19th and 20th century British organ music.
Tickets: $20 general, $10 student/senior rush
Visit www.smssconcerts.org for tickets and information

**Special Collection at all Masses next weekend, January 5th and 6th:**
Catholic Communications Campaign and the Catholic University of America.
Visit our website to read a message from Cardinal Dolan about this upcoming collection.
THE 2012 ANNUAL COLLECTION

Thank you to those who have contributed to this appeal. The goal this year is $480,000. At present, the total stands at $320,232.

If you have not yet made a donation, there are several ways to do so: • by check
• by credit card (please contact Pat Schneider at 646-981-2610)
• via the St. Ignatius Online Giving Program. Visit www.stignatiusloyola.org and click on the Giving tab on the upper right. Thank you!

January 24th – 27th
Men’s Retreat
The Gift of Surrender:
Yielding to a Loving God
St. Ignatius Retreat House
Manhasset, NY

directed by
Rev. Thomas R. Marciniak, S.J., Fordham University
The retreat begins Thursday evening with check-in at 5:00 PM and dinner at 6:00 PM. Retreantants are welcome to join the 4:00 PM Liturgy.
Cost: $390 pp private room $345 pp semi-private; $330 pp commuter
For additional information, contact: Carlos Cuartas cdcuartas@gmail.com
Peter Riordan pjiordan2001@yahoo.com
To register, contact Sandy Zaremba at 516-621-8300 x15 or s.zaremba@inisfada.net

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February 24th Sr. Kathryn King

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Director
(212) 861-4764

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**After School Tutors Needed:** The Little Sisters of the Assumption Family Health Service is in great need of caring, responsible after school tutors to assist low-academic performing East Harlem children (ages 7 – 12). Tutoring takes place at the Center, 333 East 115th Street, once a week, for 75 minutes. A variety of days and times are available. For more information, please contact the Volunteer Director: tgough@lsafhs.org or call 646-672-0434. Visit [www.littlesistersfamily.org](http://www.littlesistersfamily.org).

**John Courtney Murray Lecture,** sponsored by America Press, Inc.
Postconciliar Catholicism:
What John Courtney Murray Did Say, Did Not Say, and Might Have Said.
Speaker: Rev. Bryan Hehir,
Professor of the Practice of Religion and Public Life, Harvard Kennedy School.
Monday, January 14th.
Reception at 5:00 PM, Lecture at 6:00 PM.
Pope Auditorium, Fordham University at Lincoln Center, West 60th Street and Columbus Avenue.
Free and open to the public.
RSVP: development@americamagazine.org or 212-581-4640.

**World Marriage Day, February 10th, 2013:**
Longest Married Couple Search.
The search begins for the longest married couple in the Archdiocese of New York. To enter, couples must be sacramentally married for a minimum of 65 years and reside in the Archdiocese of New York. The longest married couple(s) will be honored on Sunday, February 10th at St. Patrick’s Cathedral at the 10:15 AM Mass. A reception will follow.

For further information or reservations contact Izabella Nagle at 646-794-3190 or izabella.nagle@archny.org
Mail entries to: Family Life+Respect Life Office, 1011 First Avenue, NY, NY 10022; Attn: Izabella Nagle.
Deadline for entries is January 30, 2013.

**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. Judge
9:30 AM Fr. Judge
Wallace Hall 11:00 AM Fr. Ugo
Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. SooHoo
7:30 PM Fr. SooHoo

**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 at 6:30 PM

**Confessions:** 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.