As another Catholic Schools Week approaches, we are reminded again that one of the blessings in our lives for which we are most grateful is the education and experience our two children, now ages 13 and 16, have received from the Catholic schools they have attended in New York since Kindergarten.

For our family, Catholic schools have proved to be more than just a place where our sons have received an outstanding education, learned invaluable study habits, and gained a solid grounding in the teachings of the Catholic Church. Their schools have, in fact, been where they learned to respect others, to appreciate all that they have, and to help those less fortunate. It is where a spirit of service has been fostered as our boys have participated in fundraising efforts following natural disasters, visited the elderly, and wrote letters to those serving overseas. We are confident that our boys will be better members of society because of the strong values instilled in them at their Catholic schools.

For my husband and me, the boys’ grammar school, St. Ignatius Loyola School, has played no less an important and valuable role in our lives. It has been our richest source of friendships, of spiritual strength, and of community. Over the years, as one family or another at St. Ignatius has suffered extreme loss or hardship, we have seen the school respond without hesitation and with great generosity to provide comfort and make those suffering feel whole again. In this way, our Catholic grammar school has served as both forum and example to us, as we strive to be better Christians and help those in need.

Anyone raising children in this country at this time knows there are so many cultural and environmental factors that conspire against parents as they attempt to teach their children the difference between right and wrong, or how to treat all individuals with the respect they deserve, or how to lead a life according to Christ’s teachings. We do our best to shield, to filter and to set standards that we know may be hard to uphold. But it feels as if as soon as we turn our back or let our children out the door, so many outside influences and factors challenge the tenets of what we believe.

It has, therefore, been the greatest source of comfort and security for my husband and me to know that when we send our children off every day to Catholic school, they are receiving a message consistent with what we try to reinforce at home, one that echoes the challenge to choose at times a path that may feel “countercultural” or even scary. We are gratified to know that their schools have provided a source of stability, strength, and courage for them as they try to be modern witnesses to Christ.

At this time, we would like to express our deepest gratitude to the faculty, staff, and administration of our boys’ Catholic schools. These men and woman have chosen a very special calling that requires in some ways greater effort and less reward than that of their professional counterparts in other schools. They have been our children’s greatest role models and have contributed exponentially to their intellectual, spiritual, social, and moral development. We are forever in their debt.

Like so many other noble institutions with a mission that does not revolve around the pursuit of profit, Catholic schools, despite the vital role they play in the communities in which they serve, are under great financial strains with their future far from certain. We have all seen the heartbreaking reports in the news of one Catholic school after another closing its doors. Based on our experience, we know that no other educational option can play exactly the same role in families’ lives once those doors are closed.

This week, we join with so many other parents in thanksgiving for the great blessing that is a Catholic education. And we invite everyone who believes in the vital mission of Catholic schools to support them in whatever way they are able, including offering up continuous prayers for the sustainability of this all-important arm of the Church.

– Megwin and Chris Hoopes
Parishioners & Parents
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26th

Feeding Our Neighbors: Archdiocesan-Wide Food Drive begins today and runs through Sunday, February 2nd. Details on page 5.

Catholic Schools Week begins. Grammar School tours following the 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM Masses. Details at right.

Representatives of Inner-City Scholarship Fund visiting on Sunday morning. Details at right.

New Parishioners Meet & Mingle. Following the 11:00 AM Masses. Hosted by the New Parishioners Committee. Details below.

Sunday Social. 8:30 PM. Wallace Hall. Hosted by the Ignatian Young Adults. Follows the 7:30 PM Mass. Details on page 3.

MONDAY, JANUARY 27th

Ranger Rosary Ministry. 7:00 PM. Meeting Room. Join us in making rosaries to send to our military. New members are welcome!

FRIDAY – SUNDAY

JANUARY 31st – FEBRUARY 2nd

Shelter Weekend. Wallace Hall. For information on volunteering in the Shelter, see details on page 4.

Inner-City Scholarship Fund

For generations, Catholic schools have served boys and girls in the poorest areas of New York City. Inner-City Scholarship Fund, a not-for-profit organization founded in 1971, provides tuition assistance to students from low-income families who wish to attend Catholic schools within the Archdiocese of New York's inner-city, thus making a values-based Catholic education a viable choice for all children.

This morning, representatives from Inner-City Scholarship Fund will be visiting St. Ignatius Loyola Parish to provide information about how you can make a tangible difference for the children who are suffering the greatest educational disadvantage.

You can also visit www.icsf-nyc.org or call Kelvin Gentles at (646) 794-3328 to learn more about Inner-City Scholarship Fund.

Catholic Schools Week

January 26th – February 1st

Catholic Schools Week is an annual national celebration of Catholic elementary and secondary schools and the important role they play in providing a values-added education for America's young people.

Grammar School Tour

Today

In recognition of Catholic Schools Week, parishioners are invited to take a tour of our Grammar School immediately following the 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM Masses.

The Grammar School is located at 48 East 84th Street.

Adult Confirmation Class

Tuesday evenings, February 18th – April 1st

Adult parishioners of St. Ignatius who have received First Eucharist but who have not yet received the sacrament of Confirmation can register for a course in preparation for the sacrament to be conferred here on Thursday, April 3rd, at 5:30 PM.

The course will begin on Tuesday, February 18th, at 7:15 PM and will continue for seven consecutive Tuesday evenings, concluding on Tuesday, April 1st.

Attendance at all the sessions is required. Enrollment is limited. Interested adults should contact Fr. Bergen at 212-288-3588.

PLEASE OPEN FOR PAGES 3 AND 4

For your convenience...
To reach the Giving page on the parish website, scan the QR Code at left from your smartphone.
**Sunday Socials Winter 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. All young adults (ages 21-39) are welcome.

To receive updates on IYA events and other opportunities, you can follow us on Facebook at “Ignatian Young Adults (NYC).”

**Sunday Social Dates:**
- Jan. 26th
- Feb. 9th & 23rd

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**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, February 11th, in the Parish Lounge, from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM.

The sessions, both educational and supportive, are run by experienced facilitators. Registration is required. See box below.

**Meeting Christ in Prayer**

Morning Sessions: Tuesdays, February 18th – April 8th
- 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Evening Sessions: Wednesdays, February 19th – April 9th
- 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Meeting Christ in Prayer is an interactive 8-week guided prayer experience for small groups. Based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola, it introduces participants to various ways of praying and provides an opportunity to support one another through faith sharing.

**What does it offer?**

Weekly meetings are 90 minutes long and include group prayer and guided meditation. The cost of the program is a sliding scale of $30-$50 and covers all materials. Scholarships are available.

For information and/or to register for either the Emmaus Bereavement Support Group or Meeting Christ in Prayer, please contact Sr. Kathryn King at the Parish House or email kingk@saintignatiusloyola.org

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**Ignatian 40s Speaker Series:**

**Ignatian Spirituality**

Ignatian 40s invites all parishioners to its second Annual Speaker Series. Led by the pastoral staff of St. Ignatius and external speakers, it is hoped that this series will deepen our appreciation of Ignatian spirituality and its practical applications in today’s complex world.

**Part 1 — Ignatian Spirituality**

**Sunday, February 9th**
Discerning God’s Will & Presence in Everyday Life

Presenter: Fr. Joseph Marina, S.J., Pastor
Church of St. Francis Xavier

**Sunday, March 9th**
Ignatian Contemplation — Jesus & Me

Presenter: Fr. Ugo Nacciarone, S.J., Associate Pastor
Church of St. Ignatius Loyola

**Part 2 — Catholic Faith in Everyday Life**

**Sunday, March 23rd**
Ignatian Spirituality & Sport

Presenter: Mr. Dennis Baker, S.J., Scholastic of the New York Province

**Sunday, April 6th**
Health Care Ethics: Finding God Beyond the Bedrails

Presenter: Fr. Dan O’Hare, S.J., Ethicist
Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center

**Sunday, April 27th**
Ignatian Spirituality & Politics

Presenter: Fr. Matt Malone, S.J., Editor-in-Chief, America

**Sunday, June 8th**
Natural Law & Sexual Ethics

Presenter: Fr. Thomas Feely, S.J., Associate Pastor
Church of St. Ignatius Loyola

All sessions will be held in Wallace Hall from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM.

Email ignatian40s@gmail.com to register.
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd
The Presentation of the Lord
11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS
Howells Preludio Sine Nomine
Byrd Senex puerum
Howells Nunc dimittis
Flor Peeters Festival Voluntary

11:00 AM FAMILY MASS
with Training Choirs I and II
Dilworth Joy in My Heart
Praetorius Jubilate Deo

7:30 PM MASS
Improvisation Presentation
Frank Henry Shera Nunc dimittis
Gigout Toccata, from Dix Pièces

The N.P. Mander Organ Recital Series presents
ANDREW HENDERSON
Director of Music & Organist
Madison Avenue
Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 23rd at 3:00 PM
Join us in March for...
Organ Plus! — Organist Nancianne Parella
with Jorge Ávila, violin
Victoria Drake, harp
Arthur Fiacco, cello

Sunday, March 16th at 3:00 PM
All Tickets for Organ Recitals: $20
Call 212-288-2520 for 24/7 ticket ordering.
Tickets can also be purchased at www.smssconcerts.org

We pray for the faithful departed
Maureen Degnan
Nancy Short
May they rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week
Monday, January 27th (3rd Monday in Ordinary Time)
2 Samuel 5:1–7, 10 Psalm 89 Mark 3:22–30
8:30 MEM Dr. Emil Wittek
12:10 MEM Franklin Nardiello
5:30 MEM Dorothea McElduff

Tuesday, January 28th (St. Thomas Aquinas)
8:30 MEM Mae Rooney
12:10 MEM Michael F. Bette
5:30 MEM Philippa Haggar Planchard

Wednesday, January 29th (3rd Wednesday in Ordinary Time)
2 Samuel 7:4–17 Psalm 89 Mark 4:21–25
8:30 MEM John & Nora Reilly
12:10 MEM Esther Carrigan Flynn
5:30 MEM Joan Walsh

Thursday, January 30th (3rd Thursday in Ordinary Time)
8:30 MEM Thomas F. Regan
12:10 MEM Adrien Fache
5:30 MEM Hilda Handal

Friday, January 31st (St. John Bosco)
2 Samuel 11:1–4a, 5–10a, 13–17 Psalm 51 Mark 4:26–34
8:30 MEM Thomas F. Regan
12:10 MEM Adrien Fache
5:30 MEM Hilda Handal

Saturday, February 1st (3rd Saturday in Ordinary Time)
2 Samuel 12:1–7a, 10–17 Psalm 51 Mark 4:35–41
8:30 MEM Donald Monagle

Sunday, February 2nd (The Presentation of the Lord)
Malachi 3:1–4 Psalm 24

We are the St. Ignatius Loyola ministry for parishioners in their 40s (those in their late 30s and early 50s are also welcome). We organize spiritual, service and social activities, and events that support a deeper understanding of our faith as well as building community and a deeper connection with one another.

Upcoming Event:
Potluck Wine, Cheese, & Sweets Social
Friday, February 7th at 6:30 PM, Wallace Hall

To join our mailing list and learn more about our upcoming events, please email Ignatian40s@gmail.com

Shelter Volunteers Needed

Shelter Weekend
Friday, January 31st – Sunday, February 2nd

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Women’s Shelter needs set-up and stay-over volunteers every other weekend through April. Both men and women are invited to assist.

To volunteer, please leave a message for Teresa Abruzzo at the Parish House or email svdp.shelter980@gmail.com
**THE FAITH THAT DOES JUSTICE LECTURE SERIES**

Sponsored by Ignatian Social Justice

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10th, 7:00 PM**

Pope Francis & His Message for Our Time.
Robert Ellsberg, Publisher and Editor-in-Chief, Orbis Books. Details at right.

**MONDAY, MARCH 24th, 7:00 PM**

Identity & Inclusiveness: A Tug of War in Today’s Church. Peter Steinfels, founding co-director of the Center on Religion and Culture at Fordham University

**THURSDAY, MAY 22nd, 7:00 PM**

Catholic Social Teaching & Public Policy. John Carr, director of the Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life at Georgetown University

All of The Faith That Does Justice events will be held in Wallace Hall

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**Feeding Our Neighbors:**

Archdiocesan-Wide Food Campaign

**STARTS TODAY!**

The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola is participating in the food drive scheduled from today through Sunday, February 2nd.

Please bring donations of non-perishable foods to the Parish House.

All donations are greatly appreciated, but especially needed are rice, canned vegetables, pasta, tomato sauce, and canned tuna.

All donations will go to the Community Pantry at the Church of St. Gregory the Great on West 90th Street.

Every item counts!

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**Join Fr. Witt, Members of the Parish Staff, and Members of our Parish Ministries for**

**The Ignatian Way Dinner:**

*Feeding the Hungry, Feeding Our Souls*

Saturday, February 8th in Wallace Hall immediately following the 5:30 PM Mass.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to come together as a Parish Community to share a meal and learn about the work being done at St. Gregory’s. Maureen Albert, head of the St. Gregory’s Community Food Pantry, will present a short talk about how the food we donate gets to those in need.

Dinner will consist of meatless lasagna, salad, & beverages.

**Can you contribute a dessert?**

A limited number will be accepted. Please let us know when you RSVP.

**Families are encouraged to attend!**

To RSVP, visit
https://donate.stignatiusloyola.org/ignatianwaydinner
or email silsupper2@gmail.com
by Monday, February 3rd.

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**Interested in becoming Catholic?** Call 212-288-3588 or email church@stignatiusloyola.org

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**The Faith That Does Justice Lecture Series**

**POPE FRANCIS & HIS MESSAGE FOR OUR TIME**

*Monday, February 10th 7:00 PM Wallace Hall*

During the brief time he has occupied the Chair of St. Peter, Pope Francis’ leadership has electrified not only Catholics but millions of others around the world.

With his influence crossing both datelines and the boundaries of faith, how does Pope Francis’ simple ways and powerful words impact American public life?

**About Robert Ellsberg**

Mr. Ellsberg, a native of Los Angeles, became a Catholic in 1980 while a member of Dorothy Day’s Catholic Worker community. He now serves as publisher and editor-in-chief of Orbis Books.

Copies of a brochure that details upcoming The Faith That Does Justice lecture events are available in the Narthex, the Parish House, and at stignatiusloyola.org

Sponsored by Ignatian Social Justice
Corpus Christi Chapter of the International Thomas Merton Society presents “Thomas Merton & the Utility of Nothing.” Saturday, February 1st, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM. Presented by Bishop Seraphim of Sendai. Corpus Christi Church, 529 West 121st Street. Free for members/$10 for non-members. For more information, call 212-666-9350 or visit www.corpuschristi-nyc.org/corpus-christi-chapter

Gender Issues in the American Church: A Vineyard Workers’ Workshop. Friday, February 7th, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Fordham University, Rose Hill Campus, Keating Hall. Presented by Thomas Beaudoin, Ph.D. This workshop will introduce research bearing on some important matters that arise for lay ministers in Catholic pastoral contexts concerning sex, gender, and sexual orientation. The significance of this research for contemporary lay ministry will be explored. In advance of the session, students will be required to read and comment on materials that will be made available through Fordham’s Blackboard site. Fee: $100 for guests and alumni of Fordham University/Free for students enrolled in Fordham’s Religion and Religious Education graduate program. For more information and to register, visit www.fordham.edu/gre

Lecture: Karl Rahner’s Legacy and the Frontiers of Theology Today & the Installation of the Karl Rahner, S.J., Memorial Chair in Theology. Tuesday, February 11th, 5:30 PM. Fordham University, Rose Hill Campus. Bradford E. Hinze will discuss the two facets of Rahner’s theology: his engagement with the struggles of his contemporaries and his dedication to searching the received sources of Catholic theology in order to articulate a still-emerging tradition of Christian faith in ways capable of captivating and energizing people in their everyday lives. To register, visit www.alumni.fordham.edu/calendar/detail.aspx?ID=3562

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. Ugo
9:30 AM Fr. Witt
Wallace Hall 11:00 AM Fr. SooHoo
Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Feely
7:30 PM Fr. Feely

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Children’s Liturgy of the Word:
Sundays at the 9:30 AM Mass and
the 11:00 AM Mass in Wallace Hall.

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.