The Art of the Family Mass

“I want a mess,” declared Pope Francis at last summer’s World Youth Day in Rio de Janiero. “I want to see the church get closer to the people. I want to get rid of clericalism, the mundane, this closing ourselves off within ourselves, in our parishes, schools or structures. Because these need to get out!”

It is a startling quote to read. A mess? How could we seek to make a mess in our churches? The power of the Mass stems partly from the comfort this weekly ritual brings to our lives. It connects us to values and traditions that are old, across the boundaries of the ages. We come to Mass each Sunday to find peace in the order that the Mass provides. Why would we want to make a mess out of something that is inherently beautiful?

Pope Francis’ remarks strike a special chord for those who come to worship at the Wallace Hall Family Mass. For the families who come every Sunday to worship together, the challenges of praying the Mass while keeping children controlled and calm are manifold. Hearing the readings and homilies and getting spiritual food for our week are among the reasons we come to Mass. Getting the family up on a Sunday morning can be difficult; moving across Manhattan and into church even harder. But arriving at a space filled with young children and parents brings near boundless energy to the start of the Mass. It’s beautiful and affirming: pulsating life in all of its messy glory.

Of course, it is also necessary to find a certain level of calm and focus in the Mass so that everyone can hear well and pray. It often feels as if life is bursting from the seams of the Mass, and the structure of the liturgy is what can contain and guide this raw energy. As liturgical ministers it is our mission to educate, shape, and illuminate how the Mass can bring us to a deeper understanding of faith, community, and prayer.

Added into the Family Mass experience is the music presented by the Wallace Hall Choir and Orchestra. Our volunteer musicians prepare hymns, service music, and anthems which we rehearse before Mass. Through the beauty of the music, its accompanying text, and the high level of musicianship, we seek to enhance the worship experience of parishioners at the Wallace Hall Family Mass.

The form of the Mass is the vessel through which spiritual communication flows. Similarly, the pitches and rhythms of a piece of music is the structure that allows human feeling to flow freely into the minds and hearts of those listening. The choir’s ability to communicate feeling is conditioned on how well we can speak the musical language.

We warm up each week with tuning exercises, listening constantly for unified vowels and correct pitches. Walking, tapping, and stomping in rhythm helps to build a framework for moving together in time. Our volunteer singers and instrumentalists, aged high school and above, grow with their music every week in the context of singing and playing well in front of others. Our two high school interns, Ellen O’Neill and Nathaniel McKeever, lead music theory classes for the choir before our warmups to bring everyone up to speed on common musical vocabulary. We search for a better sound all the time, for in the sound lies a beautiful truth — that it is possible for us to come together and achieve harmony.

The creation of music happens when we truly listen to one another, and the force that we channel is something higher than us all. It transcends our earthly limitations, and offers us a glimpse of something that we can only find together, listening intently, as a community. We affirm our beliefs together in Mass, we sing in harmony in the face of all that we struggle with, and this challenges us to see the world, and its potential, in a different way. It creates something new for us, and unexpected — a glorious, harmonious mess.

– Michael Sheetz
Music Associate
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd  
*The N.P. Mander Organ Recital Series* presents Andrew Henderson. 3:00 PM. Church. Details on page 5.

NEW! IYA Women’s Fellowship Group. 6:00 PM. Hoefner Lounge. Details on page 3.

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24th  
Ranger Rosary Ministry. 7:00 PM. Meeting Room. Join us in making rosaries to send to our military. New members are welcome!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26th  
Contemplative Leaders in Action present *Joy in the Spiritual Life with Rev. James Martin, S.J.*: A Special Fundraiser for CLA. 7:00 PM. Wallace Hall. Details on page 5.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting. 7:00 PM. Conference Room. All are welcome.

FRIDAY – SUNDAY  
FEBRUARY 28th – MARCH 2nd  
Shelter Weekend. Wallace Hall. For information on volunteering in the Shelter, see details at right.

SATURDAY, MARCH 1st  
Poverty Simulation. 10:00 AM. Wallace Hall. Sponsored by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Details at right.

The Cardinal’s Appeal offers vital support to Catholic programs and ministries throughout the Archdiocese as well as in our own parish. Please support the Appeal by making your pledge today. Gifts can be made online at cardinalsappeal.org

For your convenience…  
To reach the Giving page on the parish website, scan the QR Code at left with your smartphone’s camera.

All parishioners are invited to attend  
**CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK**  
*Saturday, March 8th at 12:10 PM*

This is a wonderful opportunity to receive the healing strength of the Sacrament of the Sick as a community. This liturgy is designed so that the community can support those members who face the suffering of illness or aging.

All those who are chronically or acutely ill, elderly, disabled, facing surgery, or who are afflicted with any other condition of physical, mental, or spiritual suffering are invited to participate.

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

**Shelter Volunteers Needed**

*Shelter Weekend*  
*Friday, February 28th – Sunday, March 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

**POVERTY SIMULATION**  
*Saturday, March 1st at 10:00 AM*  
Wallace Hall

An opportunity to roleplay the day-to-day reality of low-income families.

Coffee and a light breakfast will be offered.

Please RSVP to pattiehughes110@gmail.com, specifying which type of role you would like to play.

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You’ve notified your friends, you’ve notified your credit cards, you’ve notified your magazines. Please don’t forget to notify your church. This information helps us to keep our database current.
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).”

**NEW!**

**IYA Women’s Fellowship Group**

**Last Sunday of every month**

6:00 PM – 7:15 PM

Hoefner Lounge

A discussion group for women in their 20s & 30s to discuss the delicate balance between work and faith, using St. Ignatius’ Spiritual Exercises as a center.

**Upcoming Meetings**

February 23 March 30 April 27 May 25

Email faithiya@gmail.com to RSVP or for more information.

**IYA Lenten Reflection Group**

Sundays from March 9th – April 13th

6:00 PM – 7:15 PM in the Sacred Heart Parlor

A sharing group for young adults in their 20s & 30s

A reflection group for young adults to share experiences about their relationship with God and grateful and openly listen to one another.

This year we will gather to reflect on Richard Rohr’s book Wondrous Encounters: Scripture for Lent.

Copies of the book can be purchased on Amazon.com.

Please bring the book to the first meeting.

**Meeting Dates**

March 9 March 16 March 23 April 6 April 13

To register, email faithiya@gmail.com by Saturday, March 1st.

**Praying with Yoga**

**with Jesuit Scholastic Bobby Karle, S.J.**

**For Young Adults in Their 20s & 30s**

Learn how the practice of yoga can deepen your spiritual life and enrich your Christian faith.

Participants should wear comfortable clothing appropriate for yoga. If you have a yoga mat, bring it to the sessions.

**Sundays**

March 9 April 13 May 11

6:00 PM–7:15 PM in the Parish Lounge

$10 donation requested. Proceeds benefit a charitable cause.

To register, email bobbykarle@gmail.com
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SUNDAY, MARCH 2nd
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS
with Parish Community Choir
J.S. Bach Pastorale BWV 590: Movements 1, 2, 3
Spiritual, arr. Dawson  Ain’t that good news!
Saint-Saëns Panis Angelicus
Viere Pièces de fantasie: Toccata in B minor

7:30 PM MASS
J.S. Bach Pastorale BWV 590: Movement 3
J.S. Bach Prelude and Fugue in E minor, BWV 555 (Little 8)

Annual Golden Wedding Mass Celebration
Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2014 are invited to attend one of the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass Celebrations with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick on Sunday, June 14th and Monday, June 15th at 2:00 PM.

Pre-registration is required.
To register, contact Diane Boyle at the Parish House (212-288-3588 x618 or boyled@stignatiusloyola.org).

We pray for the faithful departed
Patrick Gerard Hanrahan
Sheila Joyce
May they rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, February 24th (7th Monday in Ordinary Time)
James 3:13–18  Psalm 19  Mark 9:14–29
8:30 MEM John B., John A., & Elizabeth A. Rooney
12:10 MEM Marian Vinocour
5:30 MEM Romana K. Reger

Tuesday, February 25th (7th Tuesday in Ordinary Time)
James 4:1–10  Psalm 55  Mark 9:30–37
8:30 MEM Dr. Emil Wittek
12:10 MEM Eugene Rippa
5:30 MEM Richard Phillips

Wednesday, February 26th (7th Wednesday in Ordinary Time)
James 4:13–17  Psalm 49  Mark 9:38–40
8:30 MEM Donald Gordon
12:10 MEM Bill Seekman
5:30 MEM David Driscoll

Thursday, February 27th (7th Thursday in Ordinary Time)
James 5:1–6  Psalm 49  Mark 9:41–50
8:30 MEM Daniel Sarisky
12:10 MEM Colin Cooney
5:30 MEM Living & Deceased Members of the Wallace Family

Friday, February 28th (7th Friday in Ordinary Time)
James 5:9–12  Psalm 103  Mark 10:1–12
8:30 MEM Vera Grey
12:10 MEM Augustin Perkovic
5:30 MEM William Powers

Saturday, March 1st (7th Saturday in Ordinary Time)
James 5:13–20  Psalm 141  Mark 10:13–16
8:30 MEM Elizabeth Lumley

Sunday, March 2nd (8th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Isaiah 49:14–15  Psalm 62
1 Corinthians 4:1–5  Matthew 6:24–34

PRAYER RESOURCES

Pray as You Go
http://www.pray-as-you-go.org
Pray as you go is a daily prayer session designed for use on your iPod or other portable MP3 player.

3-Minute Retreats
http://www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer.htm
Take a short prayer break right at your computer. Spend some quiet time reflecting on a Scripture passage.

Interested in becoming Catholic?
Call 212-288-3588 or email church@stignatiusloyola.org
Contemplative Leaders in Action (CLA) present


Wednesday, February 26th
Wallace Hall
Doors open 6:30 PM/Reception begins at 7:00 PM
Followed by the Speaking Program

Pope Francis is an apostle of joy. But how can we non-popes incorporate such virtues as joy, humor, and laughter into our own personal spiritual lives?

– Rev. James Martin, S.J.

Tickets:
Individual Tickets – $100
Members of CLA Cohorts 2012 & 2013 – $50

For more information and/or to purchase tickets, visit http://jesuit-collaborative.org/CLANYFundraiser

CLA is a program of the Jesuit Collaborative

THE ANNUAL CHANGE FOR CHANGE DRIVE

Donations this year will be forwarded to St. Ignatius School Nativity Mission (SIS) in the Bronx. Inspired by Jesuit educational values, SIS educates promising children from low-income, underserved families, regardless of religious denomination. It is a rigorous and disciplined academic program that recognizes each student's unique gifts, challenges, and potential.

The collection period runs from Ash Wednesday to the end of April.
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.
Catholic Extension is a national fundraising organization committed to building and strengthening Catholic faith communities in the poorest regions of the United States.

Visit catholicextension.org to learn more.