Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As Lent draws near, I would like to offer some helpful thoughts on our path of conversion as individuals and as a community. These insights are inspired by the words of Saint Paul. The Apostle was writing to the Christians of Corinth to encourage them to be generous in helping the faithful in Jerusalem who were in need.

By making himself poor, Jesus did not seek poverty for its own sake but, as Saint Paul says ‘that by his poverty you might become rich’. This is no mere play on words or a catch phrase. Rather, it sums up God’s logic, the logic of love, the logic of the incarnation and the cross. God did not let our salvation drop down from heaven, like someone who gives alms from their abundance out of a sense of altruism and piety. Christ’s love is different! It is striking that the Apostle states that we were set free, not by Christ’s riches but by his poverty.

We might think that this ‘way’ of poverty was Jesus’ way, whereas we who come after him can save the world with the right kind of human resources. This is not the case. In every time and place God continues to save mankind and the world through the poverty of Christ, who makes himself poor in the sacraments, in his word and in his Church, which is a people of the poor. God’s wealth passes not through our wealth, but invariably and exclusively through our personal and communal poverty, enlivened by the Spirit of Christ.

In imitation of our Master, we Christians are called to confront the poverty of our brothers and sisters, to touch it, to make it our own and to take practical steps to alleviate it. Destitution is not the same as poverty: destitution is poverty without faith, without support, without hope. There are three types of destitution: material, moral, and spiritual.

Material destitution is what is normally called poverty, and affects those living in conditions opposed to human dignity: those who lack basic rights and needs such as food, water, hygiene, work and the opportunity to develop and grow culturally. In response to this destitution, the Church offers her help, her diaconia, in meeting these needs and binding these wounds which disfigure the face of humanity. In the poor and outcast we see Christ’s face; by loving and helping the poor, we love and serve Christ.

No less a concern is moral destitution, which consists in slavery to vice and sin. How much pain is caused in families because one of their members — often a young person — is in thrall to alcohol, drugs, gambling, or pornography! How many people no longer see meaning in life or prospects for the future, how many have lost hope! If we think we don’t need God who reaches out to us though Christ, because we believe we can make do on our own, we are headed for a fall. God alone can truly save and free us.

The Gospel is the real antidote to spiritual destitution: wherever we go, we are called as Christians to proclaim the liberating news that forgiveness for sins is possible, that God is greater than our sinfulness, that he freely loves us at all times and that we were made for communion and eternal life. The Lord asks us to be joyous heralds of this message of mercy and hope!

Dear brothers and sisters, may this Lenten season find the whole Church ready to bear witness to all those who live in material, moral and spiritual destitution the Gospel message of the merciful love of God our Father, who is ready to embrace everyone in Christ. We can do this to the extent that we imitate Christ who became poor and enriched us by his poverty. Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty. Let us not forget that real poverty hurts: no self-denial is real without this dimension of penance. I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt.

May the Holy Spirit, through whom we are ‘as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything,’ sustain us in our resolutions and increase our concern and responsibility for human destitution, so that we can become merciful and act with mercy. In expressing this hope, I likewise pray that each individual member of the faithful and every Church community will undertake a fruitful Lenten journey. I ask all of you to pray for me. May the Lord bless you and Our Lady keep you safe.

Condensed from Lenten Message of Our Holy Father Francis 2014

To read the full text of Pope Francis’ Lenten Message, please visit the parish website at www.stignatiusloyola.org
March 5th
Ash Wednesday
Lent begins

Masses:
8:30 AM
12:10 PM
5:30 PM (organ/cantor)
7:30 PM (organ/cantor/choirs)

Ashes will be distributed at all Masses
4:30 PM in Wallace Hall:
Ash Wednesday Service for children and families, led by Joanne Cunneen.
(Adults must remain with their children at this service.)

SATURDAY, MARCH 8th
Celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.
12:10 PM. Church. Details at right.

THE ANNUAL CHANGE FOR CHANGE DRIVE
Donations this year will be forwarded to St. Ignatius School Nativity Mission in the Bronx. Inspired by Jesuit educational values, SIS teaches promising children from low-income, underserved families, regardless of religious denomination.
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.

Daylight Saving Time starts Sunday, March 9th.
Don't forget to set your clocks forward!

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

Recommended Reading:
SIX MINUTE REFLECTIONS FOR LENT
Based on the writings of the late Bishop Kenneth Untener of Saginaw, Michigan, these booklets have been well received in past years. The goal is to find six minutes of quiet time each day during Lent and work through the booklet one day at a time. Cost: $1.00

Also Available:
The Living Gospel: Daily Devotions for Lent
For Lenten prayer this year, we are recommending a small booklet by Sister Theresa Rickard, O.P.
Each daily devotion offers a prayer, a pertinent reflection on the gospel reading for the day, and a specific challenge for ongoing spiritual growth. Available at the Parish House while supplies last. Cost: $2.00

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.

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

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Saint Ignatius Loyola School extends a cordial invitation to the Parish Community to attend

A Celtic Celebration
Friday, March 7th
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM in Wallace Hall
Just in time for St. Patrick’s Day, come join us for some traditional Irish fare, and spirited song and dance.
§ Aherne/Sheehan School of Dance
§ Our talented “in-house” Musicians
There will be a cash bar, a face painter, and an Irish shop to purchase some treats. Sensational raffles, too!

Tickets: $30 per Adult / $20 per Child
Ticket covers admission and food.
Attendance is by reservation only.
Please call the Grammar School Development Office at 212-861-3820, ext. 135, to make a reservation.

IGNATIAN YOUNG ADULTS
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).”

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.

Organ Plus!
Organist Nancianne Parella
with Jorge Ávila, violin
Victoria Drake, harp
Arthur Fiacco, cello
Sunday, March 16th at 3:00 PM

The N.P. Mander Organ Recital Series presents

All Tickets for Organ Recitals: $20
Call 212-288-2520 for 24/7 ticket ordering.
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SUNDAY, MARCH 9TH
1st Sunday in Lent

11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS
Byrd  Mass for Four Voices: Kyrie, Sanctus, Agnus Dei
Brahms  Schaffe in mir, Gott

11:00 AM FAMILY MASS
with Middle School Choir
J.S. Bach  Prelude in D minor BWV 851
Franck, arr. Leavitt  Panis Angelicus

7:30 PM MASS
Chant, arr. Reuter  Parce Domine

FEBRUARY SACRAMENTS

Weddings
Zachary Hoffman & Molly Marantz
Kevin J. Travers & Colleen Anne Moody

Baptisms
Devon Elizabeth Beal     Arden Zalota
Jack Edward Beal         Maldutis
Olivia Dawson Brett      Carolina
Douglas Graham           Susana Perez
Broadwater               Annabelle Fuller Pierce
William Michael Brown    Olivia Cantrell Pierce
Victoria Pilar Campbell  Roberto Rodino
Adam Matthew Kamran      di Miglione
Bruno Carrelli Korcak   Celine Juliette Torrens
Kennedy Michele Leacock

First Holy Communion
Claudio Rau
Marcellino Rau

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, March 3rd (8th Monday in Ordinary Time)
1 Peter 1:3–9    Psalm 111    Mark 10:17–27
8:30 MEM  James Panagakos
12:10 MEM  Joseph P. Casey
5:30 MEM  A. Bing

Tuesday, March 4th (8th Tuesday in Ordinary Time)
1 Peter 1:10–16   Psalm 98   Mark 10:28–31
8:30 MEM  Margaret Keely
12:10 MEM  Mrs. Kelly
5:30 MEM  Nancy McGuire

Wednesday, March 5th (Ash Wednesday)
Joel 2:12–18    Psalm 51
2 Corinthians 5:20–6:2   2 Matthew 6:1–6, 16–18

Thursday, March 6th (Thursday After Ash Wednesday)
8:30 MEM  Christopher Ryan
12:10 MEM  The Meehan Family
5:30 MEM  Teresita Fernandez

Friday, March 7th (Friday After Ash Wednesday)
Isaiah 58:1–9a   Psalm 51   Matthew 9:14–15
8:30 MEM  John & Nora Reilly
12:10 MEM  Bridget Clancy
5:30 MEM  Sose & Mark Prekelezaj

Saturday, March 8th (Saturday After Ash Wednesday)
8:30 MEM  Sose & Mark Prekelezaj

Sunday, March 9th (1st Sunday of Lent)
Genesis 2:7–9:3; 1:1–7   Psalm 51
Romans 5:12–19   Matthew 4:1–11

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.

WALLACE HALL AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL
The space is available for a variety of events including fundraisers, lectures, receptions, cocktail parties, and formal banquet-style dinners.

For more information, contact Caroline Fernandes at 212-288-3588 or fernandesc@saintignatiusloyola.org

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

During the Season of Lent, the Church urges all the Faithful to reflect a spirit of penance in their daily life through fast and abstinence.

_**Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence.**_

_Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence._

_Fasting_ requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two other smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength, but these two meals together should not equal a full meal in quantity. Fasting obliges all those who have reached the age of 18 and continues to oblige until age 59. Those not specifically obliged to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able.

_Abstinence_ prohibits individuals from eating meat on a particular day. Abstinence obliges all those who have reached the age of 14 and continues to oblige throughout their entire life. Those not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are encouraged to join in this discipline to the extent that they are able.

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**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

**LENTEN FOOD DRIVE**

It is estimated that 1.5 million New Yorkers rely on soup kitchens and food pantries. Food insecurity is an on-going struggle for many families and individuals.

Throughout Lent, SVdP will be accepting donations of food for the Community Pantry at the Church of St. Gregory the Great.

The items requested each week are listed below:

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<td>(March 16th – 22nd): tomato or spaghetti sauce, or Chef Boyardee canned meals</td>
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<td>(March 23rd –29th): canned tuna or chicken, canned soup</td>
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**Donations can be brought to the Parish House.**

_Thank you for remembering those in need this Lenten Season._

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**LENTEN CROSS PROJECT**

Registrations begin this weekend.

This Lenten season, we invite you to participate in the Lenten Cross project and commit to an act of prayer, service, or community. Through next weekend, participants can review a list of suggested activities and commit to an action at sign-up tables in the Narthex after Mass. Participants will write their commitment on tags that will be attached to ribbons. These ribbons will be displayed on a large cross that will remain in the Narthex throughout Lent.

_The Lenten Cross Registration Period extends from Saturday, March 1st through Sunday, March 9th._

A list of family-friendly commitment options will be available after the 11:00 AM Wallace Hall Family Mass.

_A complete list of Lenten activities, including Holy Week Mass times, can be found in the Lenten brochure. Copies are available in the Narthex, at the Parish House, and online at www.stignatiusloyola.org_.

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**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 gratefully and openly listen to one another.

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

**Meeting Dates**

March 9, March 16, March 23, March 30, April 6, April 13

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**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20th**

Please note the change in Mass times on Easter Sunday:

- **7:30 AM** - Organ/Cantor
- **9:00 AM** - Organ/Cantor
- **10:30 AM** - Organ/Cantor/Choirs/Brass
- **10:30 AM** (Wallace Hall Family Mass) - Piano/Choirs
- **12 Noon** (Solemn) - Organ/Cantor/Choirs/Brass

(There will be no 7:30 PM Mass on Easter Sunday.)
Tending the Soul: A Women's Retreat. Saturday, March 8th – Sunday, March 9th. Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington, NY. Facilitator: Jean Lynch. Through prayer, reflection, group sharing, and ritual, this retreat will offer participants a chance to reconnect with the Holy, and ponder the simple things that are sometimes missed, the blessings that are often overlooked, and the beauties that are too frequently ignored. Fee: $200. Registration includes a private room, private bath, and all meals. The retreat begins on Saturday morning at 9:00 AM and concludes on Sunday at 12:00 PM. Registration deadline is Monday, March 3rd. For more information, please contact Pat McDonough at pmcdonough@jesuitcollaborative.org

The Business of Justice: New Horizons of Social Transformation. Tuesday, April 1st. Fordham University, Rose Hill Campus, Tognino Hall. The emergence of cutting-edge, innovative practices in social justice offers real hope for change. But where are they effectively applied? Join leaders in business and community development to explore emerging models for advancing justice and human dignity around the world today. Speakers: Rosanne Haggerty, founder of Community Solutions, Will Haughey, co-founder of the Honduras-based toy company Tegu, and David Elcott, Taub Professor of Practice and founder of Community Solutions, Will Haughey, co-founder of the Honduras-based toy company Tegu, and David Elcott, Taub Professor of Practice. The event is free. To RSVP, email CRCevent@fordham.edu. Because of the preparation work that is necessary, no walk-ins can be accepted.

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

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