Only Say the Word

The first quality I want to highlight about God's word this Lent is that it is creative. It has the power to bring into being something that never existed before. When I listen to the word of God in scripture — really listen — that word is powerful enough to create something new in me: a new understanding, a new attitude, a new outlook, a new feeling. And that new thing fits so well and seems so right!

For all the New Testament writers, the word of God is preeminently the person of Jesus. He is the perfect expression of who God is. And all that God has to speak has been said in him! We learn from the Gospels that the spoken words of Jesus are powerfully effective. This is particularly true of the miracle stories. I think of the story of the Roman centurion who approaches Jesus and asks him to cure his servant lying at home, paralyzed and in great pain. “I will come and cure him,” Jesus tells him. And the centurion answers: “Do not put yourself to the trouble. Only say the word and my servant will be cured.” I am sure you recognize the similarity of these words to the words that are spoken at every Mass just before the reception of the Eucharist: “Only say the word and my soul shall be healed.”

The Gospel story of the healing of the Roman centurion’s servant is but one of the Gospel testimonies to illustrate how efficacious the word of Jesus is — alone, of itself, without any help, without any actions or rituals. The word of the Lord can accomplish what it says it will do! The centurion’s servant recovered at the very time Jesus was commending the centurion for his faith. The centurion was right. There was no need for Jesus to come in person. His word was good enough.

If you have not suspected it already, this essay really comes down to a not so thinly disguised invitation to pray with the daily scripture readings for the balance of Lent, and to allow the word of God to be creative and efficacious in you. The scripture readings for the daily Masses of Lent can be found at www.usccb.org/bible/readings

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 23rd
SvdP Lenten Food Drive continues through April 16th. Details on page 5.

It’s Girl Scout Cookie Day! Cookies will be on sale today in Wallace Hall after the 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM Masses.

Ignatian Spirituality & Sport. 5:30 PM. Wallace Hall. Part of the Ignatian 40s Speaker Series. Open to all parishioners. Details on page 3.

Ignatian Young Adult Lenten Reflection Group. 6:00 PM. Parish Lounge.

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

MONDAY, MARCH 24th
Identity & Inclusiveness: A Tug of War in Today’s Church. Speaker: Peter Steinfels. 7:00 PM. Wallace Hall. Details on page 5.

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 25th
Exhibit and Lecture at the Second Avenue Subway Information Center. 6:00 PM. Sponsored by Boomers & Beyond. Details on page 3.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26th
Daily Masses at 8:30 AM, 12:10 PM, and 5:30 PM: Quiet Wednesdays. The Daily Mass on the Wednesdays of Lent offer a few moments to reflect quietly on the readings of the day.

NEW! NIGHT PRAYER
Wednesday, March 26th at 7:00 PM in the Church
This is a wonderful opportunity to spend 30 minutes in prayer one night a week during the Lenten Season. Night Prayer is a contemplative service using the Church’s Liturgy of the Hours.

FRIDAY – SUNDAY
MARCH 28th – MARCH 30th
Shelter Weekend. Wallace Hall. To volunteer, leave a message for Teresa Abruzzo at the Parish House.

Special Collection Next Weekend: Catholic Relief Services
Next week, our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection.
This Collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch over 100 million lives around the world. Donations help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and advocacy for the voiceless.

Please find below a letter from Cardinal Dolan about this collection.

Office of the Cardinal
1011 First Avenue
New York, NY 10022

March 23, 2014

Dear Friends in the Lord,

The Catholic Relief Services Collection funds six Catholic agencies that work to serve our suffering brothers and sisters in the Lord around the world. Through humanitarian aid, resettlement of displaced individuals and families, and advocating on behalf of victims, Catholic Relief Services allows us to see Christ in every suffering person.

Allow me to share with you some information about two of the six agencies provided for by this collection.

During drought seasons, the only water available in Ethiopia and other areas of East Africa runs deep underground — often as deep as 1,000 feet. Catholic Relief Services worked with other aid partners to bring in rigs that can drill down to these depths. Catholic Legal Immigration Network is a dedicated network of legal immigration programs that promotes the dignity and protects the rights of immigrants.

Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Legal Immigration Network are two of the six worldwide Catholic relief agencies funded by the Catholic Relief Services Collection. These agencies work to provide food, water, disaster relief, and other vital assistance to those in need. Please be as generous as you can, as your support truly makes a difference.

With prayerful best wishes, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York

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.)
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.

**Catholic Faith in Everyday Life**

**TODAY – Ignatian Spirituality & Sport**

**Presenter:** Mr. Dennis Baker, S.J., Jesuit Scholar 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, May 4th – Discerning God’s Will and Presence in Everyday Life**

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

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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**An Exploration of The Gospel of John**

Presented by Mr. Brian Pinter

**Six Sessions Beginning April 15th**

**Tuesdays at 7:00 PM in the Meeting Room**

The Gospel of John presents a portrait of Jesus distinct from the other three gospels in style and content. Join us as we explore the many elements singular to John’s story, among them Jesus’ mystical discourses, Jesus’ encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well, and the significance of John’s account of the Last Supper. As we study together we are sure to grow in appreciation of the theological masterpiece that is John’s Gospel.

**Brian Pinter** is Chaplain and Teacher of Theology at Regis High School. He is also the Education Associate and Bible scholar-in-residence at Christ Church United Methodist.

Mr. Pinter holds degrees in theology and religion from St. Joseph’s and Fordham Universities.

Space is limited. Early registration is recommended.

Email bergenw@saintignatiusloyola.org or call the Parish House at 212-288-3588.

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**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 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.

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**BOOMERS & BEYOND**

**Exhibit & Lecture at the Second Avenue Information Center**

Tuesday, March 25th, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

All couples and singles (50+) are invited to this exclusive new exhibit preview/lecture. Enter on Second Avenue between 84th & 85th Streets.

The lecture will be followed by a cocktail party at Dorrian’s Red Hand Bar (84th Street & Second Avenue) from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM.

$25 cash payment at the bar.

RSVP required for the free subway event.

Call 646-241-1332 for details.

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**HOSPITALITY MINISTRY**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Passion Sunday, April 13th:**

Saturday Vigil at 5:30 PM; Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM (Solemn & Wallace Hall Family Masses), 7:30 PM

**Holy Thursday, April 17th:**

Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 7:00 PM

**Good Friday, April 18th:**

Celebration of the Lord’s Passion at 7:00 PM

**Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 19th at 8:15 PM**

**Easter Sunday, April 20th:**

7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM (Church & Wallace Hall Family Masses), Solemn Mass at 12:00 Noon

For more information, contact Rob Manning, head of the Hospitality Ministry: robbiefmanning@gmail.com

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**Today is Girl Scout Cookie Day!**

Cookies will be on sale **today** in Wallace Hall after the 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM Masses. Please support our Grammar School Girl Scout troops! **Proceeds from the sale will be donated to the Community Pantry at the Church of St. Gregory the Great.**
MUSIC

SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH
4th Sunday of Lent
11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS
Howells Requiem: Salvator Mundi and Psalm 23

7:30 PM MASS
with Parish Community Choir
Reuter Missa Porce Domine: Kyrie
Gillen In Living Water

PASSION

Mozart Requiem, Bach, Schütz
Wednesday, April 9th at 7:00 PM
Five days before Palm Sunday, we present
the extraordinary narrative of Jesus’ Passion as set
by Heinrich Schütz, Bach’s beloved motet Jesu, meine
Freude, and Mozart’s timeless Requiem.

Mozart
Requiem, K. 626
Tami Petty, soprano
Sara Murphy,
mezzo soprano
John Tiranno, tenor
Morris Robinson, bass

Schütz
Die Sieben Worte Jesu
Elliott Carlson Hines, Jesus
Soprano Evangelist
Elisa Singer,
Tenor Evangelist
Heather Petrie, Alto Evangelist
Steven Calcict Wilson,
Peter Stewart, Bass Evangelist

Tickets: $65 preferred / $50 general / $40 reduced
Tickets are available online at smssconcerts.org

Scan the QR code at left to view a video featuring
SMSS Artistic Director K. Scott Warren
discussing the upcoming concert, Passion.

We pray for the
faithful departed
Charlie Denihan
May he rest in the peace
of the Risen Lord.

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, March 24th (3rd Monday of Lent)
8:30 MEM John B., John A., & Elizabeth Rooney
12:10 MEM The Gilhooley Family
5:30 MEM Maurice Joseph Morrisey

Tuesday, March 25th (The Annunciation of the Lord)
Isaiah 7:10–14; 8:10 Psalm 40
8:30 LVG Ana Schaefer
12:10 MEM Mackinley Sillerman
5:30 MEM Harold Popaduke

Wednesday, March 26th (3rd Wednesday of Lent)
Deuteronomy 4:1, 5–9 Psalm 147 Matthew 5:17–19
8:30 MEM Dr. Emil Wittek
12:10 MEM Concetta Cavelli
5:30 MEM Antonio Delgado

Thursday, March 27th (3rd Thursday of Lent)
8:30 MEM Olga Corbera
12:10 MEM Franklin Nardiello
5:30 MEM Living & Deceased Members of the Wallace Family

Friday, March 28th (3rd Friday of Lent)
Hosea 14:2–10 Psalm 81 Mark 12:28–34
8:30 MEM Jose Corbera
12:10 MEM Marjorie Feinberg
5:30 MEM Mark Naughton

Saturday, March 29th (3rd Saturday of Lent)
8:30 MEM Raymond Flannery

Sunday, March 30th (4th Sunday of Lent)
1 Samuel 16:1b, 6–7, 10–13a Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8–14 John 9:1-41

The Staff of the St. Ignatius Loyola Day Nursery cordially invites the members
of the Parish Community to

The Annual Spring Benefit:
Creating Bridges
Friday, May 2nd
7:00 PM to Midnight
Guastavino’s
Dinner, Dancing, Raffle,
Live and Silent Auctions
For ticket information, please call
212-734-6427 x24.
Persons over 21 years of age are welcome.

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“They recognized Jesus in the breaking of
You are most cordially invited
to attend an
EASTER MEMORIAL LITURGY
to remember deceased parishioners and deceased
family members of parishioners

Tuesday, April 29th at 7:00 PM
Refreshments following in Wallace Hall
RSVP by Friday, April 25th to Sr. Kathryn King at
212-288-3588 or kingk@saintignatiusloyola.org
Sponsored by the Emmaus Bereavement Ministry
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.

Donations can be brought to the Parish House.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Week 3
(March 23rd – 29th):
canned tuna or chicken, canned soup

Week 4
(March 30th – April 5th):
canned fruits, cereal

Week 5
(April 6th – 12th):
canned vegetables, beans

Week 6
(April 13th – 16th):
rice, tomato sauce, bread

THE FAITH THAT DOES JUSTICE

LECTURE SERIES

IDENTITY & INCLUSIVENESS:
A TUG OF WAR IN TODAY’S CHURCH

Monday, March 24th
at 7:00 PM
Wallace Hall

Presented by
Peter Steinfels, Founding co-director of the Center on Religion and Culture, Fordham University

Among the divisions afflicting the Church today is the one between Catholics primarily concerned about strengthening Catholic identity and those primarily concerned about embracing those who have been marginalized.

Peter Steinfels is the founding co-director of the Center on Religion and Culture at Fordham University. Steinfels was a religion reporter for The New York Times for over two decades and was former editor-in-chief of Commonweal magazine. He is currently the Visiting D’Angelo Professor in the Humanities at St. John’s University.

Sponsored by Ignatian Social Justice

LENTEN READING LIST - WEEK 3

Recommendations by the St. Ignatius Loyola Staff

Ask the Beasts: Darwin and the God of Love. Elizabeth Johnson, CSJ. Bloomsbury Academic. 2014.


Stations of the Cross for Families

Sunday, March 30th
12:30 PM

Dear Children:

Stations are places where people wait while they are traveling from one place to another. A school-bus stop is like a station. People wait at subway stations or bus stations. Church stations are also places where people take time to think about Jesus as he went to die on a cross. They are Stations of the Cross and show us how much Jesus loved us. Praying the Stations of the Cross is a Lenten tradition.

This year we invite families to join us in the Church on Sunday, March 30th at 12:30 PM where we will walk the Stations of the Cross together. At each Station we will stop and listen to a short reading and say a prayer.

Please join us and begin making the Stations of the Cross an annual Lenten observance for you and your family.

Monday, April 14th

DIOCESAN DAY OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available beginning at 3:00 PM.

To be followed by the PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

7:00 PM

Many priests will be available for Confession.

Wednesday, April 16th at 7:30 PM

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, & online at stignatiusloyola.org

The Cardinal’s Appeal offers vital support to Catholic programs and ministries throughout the Archdiocese as well as in our own parish.

Gifts can be made online at www.cardinalsappeal.org
Available at the Parish House:

SIX MINUTE REFLECTIONS FOR LENT
Based on the writings of the late Bishop Kenneth Untener, 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

Usury: A Moral Problem for Jews, Christians & Muslims. The Annual Spring McGinley Lecture. Rev. Patrick J. Ryan, S.J., Laurence McGinley Professor of Religion and Society. Respondents: Rabbi Daniel Polish, Ph.D., Congregation Shir Chadash, Poughkeepsie and Professor Hussein Rashad, Ph.D., Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY. Tuesday, April 8th at 6:00 PM. Fordham University Lincoln Center Campus, 113 West 60th Street. Wednesday, April 9th at 6:00 PM. Flom Auditorium, Rose Hill Campus. Free and open to the public. For more information, call 718-817-4745 or email mcgchair@fordham.edu

The Business of Justice: New Horizons of Social Transformation. Tuesday, April 1st. Fordham University, Rose Hill Campus, Tognino Hall. 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 Ellcct, Taub Professor of Practice in Public Service and Leadership at New York University. The event is free. To RSVP, email CRCevent@fordham.edu or call (212) 636-7347.

32nd Annual Pax Christi Metro New York Way of the Cross. Friday, April 18th. 8:30 AM. Join in the largest public Christian peace witness in New York City. This modern-day enactment of the Stations of the Cross will take place on Good Friday. The walk begins at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza (47th Street at First Avenue) and proceeds along 42nd Street to between 8th and 9th Avenues. Please wear or bring a cross. For further information, contact Pax Christi Metro at 212-420-0250 or visit nypaxchristi.org

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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.
Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service
Monday, April 14th at 7:00 PM

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.

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

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