On Thursday of this week, Bishop Lagonegro will confer the Sacrament on Confirmation here at Saint Ignatius Loyola Parish. Within a few weeks of his election last year, Pope Francis conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation on young people of the Diocese of Rome. His homily for that celebration follows.

I would like to offer three short and simple points for your reflection.

In our second reading, we listened to the beautiful vision of Saint John at the end of the Book of Revelation: a new heaven and a new earth coming down from God. All is new, changed into good, beauty and truth; there are no more tears or mourning. This is the work of the Spirit: the Spirit brings us the new things of God. The Spirit comes to us and makes all things new; the Spirit changes us. The Spirit changes us! And Saint John’s vision reminds us that we are journeying toward the ultimate newness which awaits us and all reality, the happy day when we will see the Lord’s face — that marvelous face, the most beautiful face of the Lord — and be with Him forever in His love.

You see the new things of God are not like the novelties of this world, all of which are temporary; they come and go, and we keep looking for more. The new things which God gives to our lives are lasting, not only in the future when we will be with God, but today as well. God is even now making all things new; the Holy Spirit is truly transforming us, and through us He wants to transform the world in which we live. Let us open the doors to the Spirit, let ourselves be guided by the Spirit, and allow God’s constant help to make us new, inspired by the love of God which the Spirit bestows on us! How beautiful it would be if each of you, every evening, could say: Today at school, at home, at work, guided by God, I showed a sign of love toward one of my friends, my parents, an older person! How beautiful!

A second thought. In our first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Paul and Barnabas say that “we must undergo many trials if we are to enter the kingdom of God.” The journey of the Church and our own personal journeys as Christians are not always easy; they meet with difficulty and trials. To follow the Lord, to let His Spirit transform the shadowy parts of our lives and cleanse us from our sins, is to set out on a path with many obstacles, both in the world around us but also within us, in the heart. But difficulties and trials are part of the path that leads to God’s glory, just as they were for Jesus who was glorified on the cross. We will always encounter them in life! Do not be discouraged! We have the power of the Spirit to overcome these trials!

And here I come to my last point. It is an invitation which I make to you who are being confirmed and to all present. Remain steadfast on the journey of faith, with firm hope in the Lord. This is the secret of our journey! To go against the tide is good for the heart, but we need courage to swim against it. Jesus gives us this courage! The are no difficulties, trials or misunderstandings to fear provided we remain united to God, provided we do not lose our friendship with God, provided we make ever more room for God in our lives. This is especially so when we feel poor, weak and sinful, because God grants strength to our weakness, riches to our poverty, conversion and forgiveness to our sinfulness. The Lord is so rich in mercy: whenever we go to Him, He forgives us. Let us trust in God’s work! With Him we can do great things. Commit yourselves to great ideals, to the most important things. We Christians are not chosen by the Lord for little things; push onwards toward the highest principles. Stake your lives on noble ideals, my dear young people.

May God transform us, confirm us in our trials, and make us steadfast in the Lord. This is true joy. So may it be!

Homily of Pope Francis, Holy Mass and the Conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation, April 28th, 2013
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Special Collection This Weekend:
Catholic Relief Services

This weekend, 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.

SUNDAY, MARCH 30th
SVdP Lenten Food Drive continues through April 16th. Details on page 5.

Stations of the Cross for Families.
Church. 12:30 PM. Details on page 5.

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

Ignatian Young Adult Women’s Fellowship Group. 6:00 PM.
Hoefner Lounge. Details on page 3.


NEW! MONDAY, MARCH 31st
NIGHT PRAYER
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.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2nd
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.

THE ANNUAL CHANGE FOR CHANGE DRIVE
Donations this year will be forwarded to St. Ignatius School Nativity Mission in the Bronx, which educates students from low-income, underserved families.
Collection period runs to the end of April.
Loose change, bills, and checks (made out to “Church of St. Ignatius Loyola”) are welcome!
Bring donations to the Parish House in care of Joanne Cunneen.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PASSION SUNDAY, April 13th
Regular Weekend Mass Schedule:
Saturday 5:30 PM (Vigil)
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM
11:00 AM (Solemn)
11:00 AM (Wallace Hall Family Mass)
7:30 PM

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Monday, April 14th:
ARCHDIOCESAN DAY OF RECONCILIATION
The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 3:00 PM to 6:45 PM.
To be followed by the PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE AT 7:00 PM
Many priests will be available for Confession.

Good Friday, April 18th:
3:00 PM – Immediately following the Three Hours Devotion. Church.

Holy Saturday, April 19th:
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM in the Parish House Parlors.

LITURGIES OF THE TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 17th
Mass of the Lord’s Supper
7:00 PM (doors open at 6:30 PM)
Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J., Presider

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18th
Celebration of the Lord’s Passion
Liturgy at 7:00 PM (doors open at 6:30 PM)
Rev. Ugo Nacciarone, S.J., Presider

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 19th
Easter Vigil
8:15 PM (doors open at 7:45 PM)
Rev. George M. Witt, S.J., Presider
For reasons of safety, once the Vigil begins, latecomers will not be admitted into the Church until the end of the “Exultet.” Please be on time.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20th
Please note the change in Mass Times:
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
Noon (Solemn) – Organ/Cantor/Choirs/Brass
(There will be no 7:30 PM Mass on Easter Sunday.)

PLEASE OPEN FOR PAGES 3 AND 4
IGNATIAN 40s
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 build community and a deeper connection with one another.

Informal Get-Together at Caffe Grazie
(East 84th St off Madison Avenue)
Tonight following 7:30 PM Mass

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

BOOMERS & BEYOND
Please join us for a conversation with award-winning broadcast journalist and best-selling author, Jane Pauley as she discusses her new book

Your Life Calling: Reimagining the Rest of Your Life
Wednesday, April 23rd at 7:00 PM
Wallace Hall

Through her own personal stories of reinvention and the stories of others, Ms. Pauley offers insights and advice to those seeking what's next. This is an inspirational guide especially for Boomers — "the lucky generation."

Tickets: $20 in advance or $25 at the door
Please send checks to:
Boomers & Beyond, c/o St. Ignatius Loyola, 980 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10028
Questions: boomersandbeyond.st.ignatius@gmail.com (preferred)
or 212-288-3588

is an inter-parish social and community service organization for Catholics who are over 50.

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.

Sunday Socials:
April 6      May 4

NEW! IYA Women’s Fellowship Group
Last Sunday of every month
6:00 PM – 7:15 PM in Hoefner Lounge

NEXT MEETING - TONIGHT
A discussion group for women in their 20s & 30s to discuss the delicate balance between work and faith.

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

SEEKERS’ RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS
Friday, April 4th – Sunday, April 6th
Linwood Spiritual Center, Rhinebeck, NY
Join other young adults in their 20s and 30s as they learn how their Catholic faith impacts their lives, through Ignatian spirituality.

Cost: $275/person; financial assistance available.
For more information, visit jesuit-collaborative.org/charisnyc, email CharisRetreatNYC@gmail.com, or call 347-619-2692.
MUSIC

SUNDAY, APRIL 6TH
5th Sunday of Lent

11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS
Mendelssohn Kyrie; Richte mich, Gott
Dressler Ich bin die Auferstehung

11:00 AM FAMILY MASS
Manibusan, arr. Open My Eyes/Amazing Grace

7:30 PM MASS
Spiritual, arr. Warren Precious Lord, Take My Hand

PASSION

Mozart Requiem, Bach, Schütz
Wednesday, April 9th at 7:00 PM

Four 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
Kevin Deas, bass-baritone

Schütz
Die Sieben Worte Jesu
Christi am Kreuz, SWV 478
Elliott Carlton Hines, Jesus
Elisa Singer, Soprano Evangelist
Heather Petrie, Alto Evangelist
Steven Caldicott Wilson, Tenor Evangelist
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.

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.

We pray for the faithful departed
E. Thomas Connolly
Mara Gavios
May they rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, March 31st (4th Monday of Lent)
Isaiah 65:17–21 Psalm 30 John 4:43–54
8:30 MEM Ava Elizabeth Cosenza
12:10 MEM James Buscarino
5:30 MEM William Powers

Tuesday, April 1st (4th Tuesday of Lent)
Ezekiel 47:1–9, 12 Psalm 46 John 5:1–16
8:30 MEM Irene Denihan
12:10 MEM Gerard Cloney
5:30 MEM Cono Pasqua

Wednesday, April 2nd (4th Wednesday of Lent)
Isaiah 49:8–15 Psalm 145 John 5:17–30
8:30 MEM The Choix & Gordon Families
12:10 MEM Robert Cremin
5:30 MEM Helen Elizabeth Brinster

Thursday, April 3rd (4th Thursday of Lent)
Exodus 32:7–14 Psalm 106 John 5:31–47
8:30 MEM William & Ann Reilly
12:10 MEM Norine Isacco
5:30 MEM Sose & Mark Prekelezaj

Friday, April 4th (4th Friday of Lent)
Wisdom 2:1a, 12–22 Psalm 34 John 7:1–2, 10, 25–30
8:30 MEM Bridget Burke
12:10 LVG Berta Reinecker & Family
5:30 MEM James Buscarino

Saturday, April 5th (4th Saturday of Lent)
Jeremiah 11:18–20 Psalm 7 John 7:40–53
8:30 LVG Ellen McDonough

Sunday, April 6th (5th Sunday of Lent)
Ezekiel 37:12–14 Psalm 130 Romans 8:8–11 John 11:1–45

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
You are invited to submit the names of deceased loved ones to Sr. Kathryn King no later than Tuesday, April 22nd.
Stations of the Cross for Families
Today at 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.

We invite families to join us in the Church today 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
ARCHDIOCESAN DAY OF RECONCILIATION
The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 3:00 PM to 6:45 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
STATIONS OF THE CROSS for the Parish Community

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.

Donations can be brought to the Parish House.

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

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.

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, at robbiefmanning@gmail.com

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 www.cardinalsappeal.org
Thank you for prayerfully considering an Appeal commitment!
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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 LENT

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

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 Haagerty, founder of Community Solutions, Will Haughey, co-founder of the Honduras-based toy company Tegu, and David Elcott, Taub Professor of Practice in Public Service and Leadership at New York University. The event is free. To RSVP, email RCEvent@fordham.edu or call (212) 636-7347.

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

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 npaxchristi.org

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