Throughout Jesus' lifetime, it was difficult to know where he might turn up next. When his followers expected him to linger in one town, he would move on to the next. When the religious leaders expected him to dine with them, he could be found sharing a meal with prostitutes or tax collectors. Even as a child of twelve, Jesus surprised his parents by slipping away to an unexpected place.

Easter enables Jesus to continue to surprise for all eternity. He is now on the loose. There is no pinning him down, no getting a handle on him, no holding him back.

Notice what happens at the tomb on Easter morning. When Mary Magdalene approaches to anoint him with burial spices, she discovers the stone rolled away, and angels sitting where his body should be. Not understanding what has happened, she asks the person she presumes to be the gardener where they have laid him. “Mary,” he says, calling her by name. Recognizing him, she falls upon him with tears of joy.

But Jesus does not allow this for long. “Stop holding on to me,” he says, which seems to spoil this beautiful reunion. As one person put it, “If they had shown this ending to focus groups, it would never have made it.” But Jesus’ point is fundamental: every time we think we have hold of him, he will not stay long, for he has places he wants to take us, people to whom he wants to send us.

This moment marks a profound change in their relationship, and in his relationship with all who follow him, right down to today. Jesus is free of the grave and is roaming at large in the world. He will not be confined again. And he is on the loose in order to loose us from every grave in which we find ourselves. It is the business of the resurrected Christ to meet us precisely in those places where we are most hurting, to give us what we need, and to send us forth to pass along the message.

The unfolding of Easter grace, therefore, looks different each year. Since we experience the effects of sin and death in various ways throughout the course of our lives, we look for indications of new life precisely in those places in which we are most adversely affected. It is where we are most hurt, most vulnerable, most broken that Jesus shows himself. He is stronger than even the worst harm we have either endured or perpetrated, and through the power of the resurrection, he is able to bring about new life. The great feast of Easter reminds us of this truth, and invites us to look for signs of his extraordinary presence. It also invites us to share our experience with others.

In his Spiritual Exercises, St. Ignatius Loyola has us to reflect on the Easter stories. But he is keenly aware that the gospels only relate the stories of his post-resurrection appearances, not the story of the resurrection itself. Precisely what happened in the tomb that morning remains a great mystery. But, no longer bound by the normal limits of earthly life, Jesus is able to be with those he loves exactly as each one needs. He shows up unexpectedly, convinces them of his identity, and consoles them in their grief, in their guilt, in their doubt.

And so Jesus does for us. We are invited, therefore, to contemplate the consolation that he offers to those disciples to whom he appears, to consider what it was like for them to encounter the risen Lord, and what “new life” he offers them. We then consider our own experience, and how Jesus is bringing about these very things for us.

This is the Good News: Christ is risen; he is offering new life, and He is on the loose. There is no telling what he will do next. Spread the word.

Many blessings to you and your family for a Happy Easter!

Rev. George M. Witt, S.J.
Pastor
TUESDAY, APRIL 22nd
Documentary Film Screening: *Inequality for All*. 7:00 PM. Parish Lounge. Sponsored by Ignatian Social Justice. Details on page 3.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23rd
Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting. 7:00 PM. Conference Room. All are welcome.

FRIDAY – SUNDAY
APRIL 25th – APRIL 27th
Shelter Weekend. Wallace Hall. For information on volunteering in the Shelter, see details at right.

EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 21st
The Parish House will be closed.
One Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 AM in the Lady Chapel.
There will be no 12:10 PM or 5:30 PM Masses.

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.
Sponsored by the Emmaus Bereavement Ministry

On behalf of Pastor George Witt, S.J., and the Staff of Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, best wishes for a holy and blessed Easter Season.

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
Thank you for prayerfully considering an Appeal commitment!

Shelter Volunteers Needed

Shelter Weekend
Friday, April 25th – Sunday, April 27th

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

We welcome new parishioners and invite you to fill out a Parishioner Registration Card located in the pew racks, at the Parish House, and online at stignatiusloyola.org

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

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

Sunday, April 27th – Ignatian Spirituality and Politics
Presenter: Fr. Matt Malone, Editor-in-Chief, America Magazine

*Sunday, May 4th – Discerning God’s Will and Presence in Everyday Life
Presenter: Fr. Joseph Marina, S.J., Pastor, Church of St. Francis Xavier

* This session will be held in the Parish Lounge

Sunday, June 8th – Natural Law & Sexual Ethics
Presenter: Fr. Thomas Feely, S.J., Associate Pastor, Church of St. Ignatius Loyola

All sessions (unless otherwise noted) will be in held in Wallace Hall from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM.

Email ignatian40s@gmail.com to register.

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.

$10 donation requested. Proceeds benefit a charitable cause.

To register, email bobbykarle@gmail.com

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).”

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Sunday, May 11th
6:00 PM – 7:15 PM in the Parish Lounge

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IYA Women’s Fellowship Group

6:00 PM – 7:15 PM in Hoefner Lounge

Next meeting:
Sunday, May 25th

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

Email faithiya@gmail.com for more information.
MUSIC

SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH
Second Sunday of Easter

11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS
Langlais Suite Médiévale: Improvisation, Meditation
Regnart Stetit Jesus
Thompson Alleluia
Langlais Suite Médiévale: Acclamation

7:30 PM MASS
Vierne 24 Pièces en style libre: Preambule, Berceuse
J.S. Bach Prelude and Fugue in E minor, BWV 555 (Little 8)

TUESDAY, APRIL 29TH
7:00 PM EASTER MEMORIAL LITURGY
with Parish Community Choir
Wilby God Be in My Head

PSALMS OF DAVID
Schütz, Gabrieli, Monteverdi, and Rossi
Wednesday, May 7th
7:00 PM
Choir and Orchestra of St. Ignatius Loyola
K. Scott Warren, conductor

The lineage of Western sacred music begins with the Psalms: timeless songs of faith composed during the last millennium before the common era. These songs of love, songs of repentance, and songs of praise reach full expressive power in the hands of early Baroque masters Schütz, Gabrieli, Monteverdi and Rossi.

GIOVANNI GABRIELI
Omnes gentes
In Ecclesis
Plaudite omnis terra
Jubilate Deo

HEINRICH SCHÜTZ
Lobe den Herren, meine Seele
Herr, unser Herrscher
Die mit Tränen säen
Cantate Domino
Singet dem Herrn ein neues Lied

SALAMONE ROSSI
Haleluyah. Haleli nafshi
Ein kelohenu
Elohim hashiveinu
Shir La-ma’alot

Tickets: $65 Preferred / $50 General / $40 Reduced
Call 212-288-2520 for 24/7 ticket ordering.

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, April 21st (Easter Monday)
8:30 MEM Arlene Nugent

Tuesday, April 22nd (Easter Tuesday)
8:30 MEM Jean Grant
12:10 MEM Laura Regalado
5:30 MEM Nathan Davidson

Wednesday, April 23rd (Easter Wednesday)
8:30 MEM Living & Deceased Members of the Quigley & Whitlock Families
12:10 MEM Paulina Diaz
5:30 MEM Michael Lukas

Thursday, April 24th (Easter Thursday)
8:30 MEM George Adams
12:10 MEM Susan Little
5:30 MEM Living & Deceased Members of the Wallace Family

Friday, April 25th (Easter Friday)
8:30 MEM John B., John A., & Elizabeth Rooney
12:10 MEM Jeannette Hader
5:30 MEM Living & Deceased Members of the Regan Family

Saturday, April 26th (Easter Saturday)
8:30 MEM Dr. Emil Wittek

Sunday, April 27th (Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday)
Psalm 118  John 20:19–31

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).
Sponsored by the Archdiocesan Family Life/Respect Life Office
HOW TO INTERPRET THE BIBLE: FROM AUGUSTINE TO BERGOGLIO

Tuesday, May 6th
7:00 PM
Wallace Hall

Presented by Fr. Peter Dubovsky, S.J.,
Dean of the Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome

Biblical interpretation has a long and often uneasy history. It can be a battlefield of differing theological and spiritual schools. Various interpretations may fall across a full spectrum, from what is heretical or academically suspect to what is wonderfully appealing or even enlightening.

This lecture will consider different approaches to the Bible, their pluses and minuses, and will ask what makes for good and right interpretation of Biblical texts. To accomplish this, we will employ Jesuit Fr. John W. O'Malley's understanding of culture as presented in his book, Four Cultures of the West.

A brief presentation will follow on the work of the Gregorian University Foundation by Fr. Alan Fogarty, S.J., President.

Sponsored by the
Gregorian University Foundation & the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola

We extend warm congratulations to our RCIA Catechumens and Candidates who celebrated their entrance into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Let us pray for God’s continued blessing upon them.
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CHILDCARE OF THE WEEKEND:
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 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.

VISTs TO THE SICK: Please contact the Parish House between the hours of 9:00 AM and 9:00 PM.

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