D uring the summer, the New York Times Arts section ran a feature called Your First Classical Music Crush. It was a brilliant collection of essays written by performers, producers, and educators, focusing on, as the article stated, “their own cultural epiphanies.” I began to think about my “cultural epiphany” when, at the age of three, I discovered the record player in our house. On the turntable was an LP that I now keep in my office: Rachmaninoff’s Second Piano Concerto, performed by Leonard Bernstein and the New York Philharmonic, with a very young Philippe Entremont at the piano. I played it. I played it again. And again. It’s on my iPod and I listen to it in the car even now. Rachmaninoff’s language of soaring melody, lush harmony, and rich orchestrations captured my imagination in such a profound way that it set me on a path that I follow to this day. In some respects, our Sacred Music in a Sacred Space concert this week is a public fulfillment of my own private epiphany.

The popularity of Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873-1943) as a composer of piano and orchestra music tends to overshadow his significant contributions to the choral genre. His command of choral forces will be on clear display this Wednesday evening when I have the privilege of leading the expanded Choir of St. Ignatius Loyola in his All-Night Vigil. The Vespers, as it is known, was written in less than two weeks during the winter of 1915 and is considered the crowning musical achievement of the Russian Orthodox Church. It is based largely on liturgical chant melodies with which Rachmaninoff would have become familiar as a boy, when his grandmother regularly took him to church services.

Although the Vespers is conceived as a concert work, each of the fifteen movements are taken directly from the liturgy of the All-Night Vigil service, which was celebrated on Saturday evenings and on the eves of major feast days. The Vigil unfolded through the night, and concluded at dawn with Matins.

**Please note:** This concert will not last all night—we have a reception afterwards!

In the Vespers, we find a multiplicity of texts, ranging from Psalms to the Ave Maria, and from the Nunc dimittis (Lord, now let your servant depart in peace) and the Magnificat, to prayers indigenous to the Eastern Rite, such as the Trisagion (Holy God, holy and mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us). One of the more complex movements is a highly stylized version of the Easter narrative, with interjections given by the angel who meets the women (called “myrrh-bearers”) at the tomb. The angel asks them, “Why do you mingle myrrh with your tears of compassion, O ye women disciples? Behold the tomb and understand: the Savior is risen from the dead!” The narrative concludes with the exclamation, “Since He is God, He is risen from the tomb!” set in large block chords, with the choir at the upper reaches of their registers. Interspersed within this narrative is a refrain from Psalm 119: Blagosloven yesi, Ghospodi, nauchi mia opravdaniym Tvoym (Blessed are you, O Lord. Teach me your statutes).

This rich array of ancient Christian and Hebrew prayers is more than matched by Rachmaninoff’s resonantly eloquent voice. For the movements that are not based on liturgical chant, Rachmaninoff composed what he called “conscious counterfeits”—his own original chant-like melodies. These melodies are woven through choral textures that are ravishing at one moment, transparent at another. Voices imitating the sound of church bells, a sonic theme from Rachmaninoff’s youth, are brought into play during the many exclamations of Alleluia and Slava (Glory).

I’ve found it helpful to watch for a few recurring words in the text:

- Ghospod: Lord
- Bogu, Boze: God
- Blazhen, Blagoslovi, Blagosloven: blessed
- Milost: mercy
- Slava: glory
- Svita: holy
- Spas: Savior
- Bogoroditse: Theotokos, a Greek reference to the Mother of God
- Ottsu, Ottsa: Father
- Sinu: Son
- Smert: death
- Sviatomu Duhu: Holy Spirit
- Poklonimisia: worship
- Slava Tebe, Botse: Glory to Thee, O God

As you might imagine, I have barely scratched the surface of all the reasons that I’m excited about the Vespers. In addition to being a deeply gratifying musical experience, it is a cultural journey that gives us an opportunity to view our own spiritual heritage through slightly different lenses, courtesy of our sisters and brothers in the Russian Church. Finally, it is a journey through varying landscapes of the spirit, one that I hope will refresh you, and renew your sense of enchantment and wonder.

Sacred Music in a Sacred Space presents Rachmaninoff’s All-Night Vigil, Wednesday, October 16th, 7:00 PM. For information and tickets, visit www.smssconcerts.org

K. Scott Warren
Director of Music Ministries
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13th
Sunday Social. 8:30 PM. Wallace Hall. Hosted by the Ignatian Young Adults. Follows the 7:30 PM Mass. Details on page 3.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14th
The Parish House will be closed in observance of the Columbus Day holiday. One Mass will be celebrated in the Lady Chapel at 8:30 AM. There will be no 12:10 PM or 5:30 PM Masses.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15th
Emmaus Bereavement Support Group. 7:00 PM. Parish Lounge. Details below.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16th
Sacred Music in a Sacred Space Presents Rachmaninoff Vespers. 7:00 PM. Church. Details on page 5.

Ignatian Young Adults Knitting Group. 7:30 PM. Conference Room. Details on page 3.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19th
Potluck Wine, Cheese, & Chocolate Social. 6:30 PM. Wallace Hall. Hosted by Ignatian 40s. Details on page 3.

EMMAUS BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP
A six-session support group for those who have experienced the death of a loved one will begin on Tuesday evening, October 15th, in the Parish Lounge, from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM.

The sessions, both educational and supportive, are facilitated by experienced facilitators.

Registration is required.

COMPASSIONATE CARE TRAINING
A four-week program that prepares ministers who are interested in bringing the Eucharist to the sick and homebound.

Thursday evenings:
October 31st, November 7th & 21st, December 5th
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM in the Parish Lounge

For information and to register for either the Emmaus Bereavement Support Group or the Compassionate Care ministry, please contact Sr. Kathryn King at the Parish House or email kingk@saintignatiusloyola.org

World Mission Sunday
October 20, 2013
Do Good on Earth

Dear Friends in the Lord:

Our beloved Holy Father, Pope Francis, has shown himself to be a great teacher with the heart of a missionary. Like Jesus, he teaches by word and example, keeping the poor, the troubled, and the vulnerable in clear view at all times. In that spirit I write to you today. Our Catholic Church, at every level and by its very nature, is missionary. Its origin is in the very mission of Jesus Christ and of the Holy Spirit. It is in Christ alone that “salvation is offered to all people, as a gift of God’s grace and mercy” (see Ephesians 2:8; Romans 1:6).

In every nation, World Mission Sunday will be observed on the weekend of October 19 – 20. This essential observance is an experience in learning for us all. It is a time for us to be inspired by the heroes of our Church who serve God’s beloved children in places of poverty, injustice, and even outright persecution. The priests, religious, and lay missionary groups make it possible for the most needy to encounter Christ and His Sacraments, and thereby to live in hope of heaven.

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith is the Holy Father’s chief missionary arm, providing resources for more than 1,150 mission dioceses the world over. No work of the Church is more central to her reason for being. So, I am asking that every parish and all the faithful experience the fullness of World Mission Sunday. The Society for the Propagation of the Faith oversees the worldwide celebration of this most important day, representing and acting in the name of the Holy Father himself. In his address in advance of World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis summarizes well the direction on which we must stay! “The Church – I repeat again – is not a relief organization, an enterprise or an NGO, but a community of people, animated by the Holy Spirit, who have lived and are living the wonder of the encounter with Jesus Christ and want to share this experience of deep joy, the message of salvation that the Lord gave us. It is the Holy Spirit that guides the Church in this path.”

The theme for the United States’ observance of this day is “Do good on earth.” This is taken from the words of St. Therese of Lisieux, the young Carmelite Sister who is the Patroness of the Missions. It is a call to put faith into action! The materials prepared by the Society of the Propagation of the Faith highlight the missionary efforts of the Salesian Sisters in Chennai, India, and their pastoral work among young women and girls who are victims of trafficking and slavery. The Sisters save the girls’ lives and, with love they teach and celebrate the faith. It is a most inspiring glimpse into Missionary realities today.

At a time when the needs in the missions have grown substantially, and the urgency of the cry of the poor is all the more pronounced, I ask you for the gift of your generosity. With the mutual efforts of our clergy, religious, and faithful, every parish in this local Church should embrace a true concern to do the very best for those most in need. Jesus commissioned His apostles and told them, “As the Father has sent me, so I have sent you” (John 20:21). That is the eternal challenge and privilege of all the Church’s servants and all the faithful. Let us pray that, this year, World Mission Sunday will touch each of us deeply, and that we will be united in providing true assistance where it is needed most, for the sake of Christ! I thank you in advance for your serious and generous response to the needs of others. In the end, the words of the Catechism of the Catholic Church instructs us: “It is by what they have done for the poor that Jesus Christ will recognize his chosen ones” (CCC, 2243).

With prayerful best wishes, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,
Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York

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

**Join other Catholic singles (50+) for a**

**Hudson River Fall Foliage Cruise**
Saturday, October 19th  
(Rain date: October 26th)

Sit back and take in the sights as we cruise along the majestic Hudson River and head to Cold Spring-on-Hudson. There will be a 3½ hour stop-over in Cold Spring.

Cost: $60 per person

For more information, call 646-241-1332 or visit www.boomersandbeyondnyc.com

**All couples and singles (50+) are invited to an**

**Autumn Wine Tasting**
Friday, October 25th from 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM in Wallace Hall

Cost: $15 (before October 22nd)/$20  
Price includes wine tasting and reception

To register, send a check payable to Boomers & Beyond to the Parish House.

Questions? Email (preferred) BoomersandBeyond.St.Ignatius@gmail.com or call 212-288-3588.

**IGNATIAN YOUNG ADULTS**

**Sunday Socials Fall 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).”

**Sunday Social Dates:**
- Oct. 13
- Oct. 27
- Nov. 17
- Dec. 1

**IYA Knitting Group**

Next Meeting:
Wednesday, October 16th at 7:30 PM  
Conference Room

All IYAs are welcome to join us as we craft for charity. If you have questions or would like to be placed on the mailing list, contact Amy at amybalszerg@comcast.com

**Praying with Yoga**

with Jesuit Scholastic Bobby Karle, S.J.  
*For Young Adults in their 20s and 30s*

Learn how the practice of yoga can deepen your spiritual life and relationship with God, 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:**  
- October 20th & November 10th  
  6:00 PM – 7:15 PM in the Parish Lounge

$10 donation requested.  
All proceeds will benefit a charitable cause.  
For information, email bobbykarle@gmail.com

**The Hour Children truck is coming!**

**Sunday, October 27th**  
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

The HOUR CHILDREN truck will be parked outside St. Ignatius Church, ready to receive donations of clothing, toys, kitchenware, knick-knacks, household items, electronics, and small furniture.

**HOUR CHILDREN: A community of mothers and children where love makes the difference.**

Visit www.HourChildren.org  
Sponsored by the Ignatian Young Adults

**New Name!**

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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 building community and a deeper connection with one another.

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**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

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**Charis presents “What Next?”**

A peer-led weekend retreat for those in their 20s and 30s.

Friday evening, November 8th – Sunday, November 10th  
Mariandale Retreat Center, Ossining, NY

Cost: $255 per person

Register at www.jesuit-collaborative.org/charisnyc

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Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, October 14th – Columbus Day observed
(St. John Ogilvie)
8:30  LVG    Danielle McShane

Tuesday, October 15th
(St. Teresa of Jesus)
8:30  MEM    Alice O’Brien
12:10  MEM    Jack O’Leary
5:30  MEM    Ralph Orefice

Wednesday, October 16th
(28th Wednesday in Ordinary Time)
8:30  MEM    Giro & Elina Zullo
12:10 MEM    Marguerite McDermott & Family
5:30  MEM    Sose & Mark Prekelezaj

Thursday, October 17th
(St. Ignatius of Antioch)
8:30  MEM    Rose Bernabei
12:10 MEM    Anna La Mothe
5:30  MEM    Robert Troilo

Friday, October 18th
(St. Luke)
8:30  MEM    Edward McSherry
12:10 MEM    The Waters Family
5:30  MEM    Mamie Vitarelli

Saturday, October 19th
(St. John de Brébeuf & St. Isaac Jogues)
8:30  MEM    Jay Johnson

Sunday, October 20th
(29th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Exodus 17:8–13   Psalm 121
FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Many of you may already be aware of Making All Things New, the Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning initiative. All parishes in the New York Archdiocese are participating. Beginning this weekend, and for the next 3 weeks, we will include a bulletin insert outlining MATN and our parish’s response. Please pray for our Parish’s Core Team Members: Kathy Murnion (Chair), Marissa Blackett, Gerard Ryan, and Jane and Frank Vardy as they faithfully represent our parish throughout this initiative.

I also ask for your prayers as 31 pilgrims and I embark on a pilgrimage to Spain and Portugal. Between October 20th and November 2nd, we will be walking the last 100 kilometers of the “Camino” to Santiago de Compostela and visiting various holy sites in Portugal. Please be assured of our prayers for all of you. While I am away, Father Bergen will be coordinating the pastoral needs of the parish.

Rev. George M. Witt, S.J.
Pastor

MUSIC

RACHMANINOFF
VESPERS
All-Night Vigil, op. 37
Wednesday, October 16th
at 7:00 PM

Choir of St. Ignatius Loyola
K. Scott Warren, conductor

Experience one of the most famous a cappella choral works in the canon, as Sacred Music in a Sacred Space begins its 25th anniversary season. Artistic Director K. Scott Warren will lead the expanded 60-voice Choir of St. Ignatius Loyola in this expansive masterwork. Considered the crowning achievement of Russian Orthodox liturgical music, it is an apt beginning to the 2013-14 season.

Tickets: $65 Preferred | $50 General | $40 Reduced
Visit www.smssconcerts.org

MUSIC AT Masses
Sunday, October 20th

11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS
with Middle School Choir

Buxtehude Ciacona in E minor
Howells Requiem: I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills
Lord Do you know your shepherd’s voice?
Naplan Al Shlosa D’Varim
Buxtehude Praeludium in C Major

7:30 PM MASS

Jongen Petit Prelude (Aria)
Bach Fugue in C minor

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

We are in need of conscientious altar servers for weekend Masses and occasional funerals.

Boys and girls (in grades 4-8) who are interested should contact Fr. Tom Feely, S.J., in the Parish office at 212-288-3588 or at feelyt@saintignatiusloyola.org

It is not necessary to be a student in the parish grammar school to serve. Training sessions will begin in the near future.

Thank you for considering this invitation!

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a program of religious formation for children ages 3, 4, and (returning) 5 year olds. The program draws on the scriptural and liturgical traditions of the Church. Classes are now underway.

For information, contact Adele Gallo at amdgallo@me.com

All Will Be Well:
Listening to Julian of Norwich Today
Monday, October 28th at 7:00 PM
Wallace Hall

Scholar VERONICA MARY ROLF will discuss her new book,
Julian’s Gospel: Illuminating the Life and Revelations of Julian of Norwich

In Julian’s Gospel, Veronica Mary Rolf reconstructs the life of English mystic Julian of Norwich, along with commentary on Julian’s most popular work, Revelations. The book also examines the political, cultural, social, and religious environment that formed and deeply influenced Julian’s development as a woman and a mystic.

A book signing will follow the lecture.
Copies of Julian’s Gospel: Illuminating the Life and Revelations of Julian of Norwich will be available for sale.
HealthCare Chaplaincy and the Future of Health Care. Wednesday, October 23rd, 8:30 AM. 65 Broadway, 12th Floor. Presented by the HealthCare Chaplaincy. This free introductory event showcases some of the elements of HealthCare Chaplaincy’s clinical practice, education, and research endeavors into multi-faith spirituality in palliative care. Presenters will also share their real-life experience and the impact HealthCare Chaplaincy plays in the lives of patients and loved ones. To RSVP, contact Michelle Nicholas at mnnicholas@healthcarechaplaincy.org or 212-644-1111 x135.

The Second Annual Adult Faith Formation and Evangelization Forum. Theme: Worship, Witness, Celebrate, Receive, and Proclaim God’s Love. Saturday, November 9th. Fordham University, Rose Hill Campus, Bronx. Presented by The Archdiocese of New York, Fordham University, and American Bible Society. Presentations in English and Spanish on how attendees can be an evangelizer in their family, their parish, and their community. Price is $30. Fee includes admission to two presentations, forum panel discussion, and a box lunch. To register, visit www.nyfaithformation.org

Are you a Catholic physician, health care professional, or medical student? The Catholic Medical Association (CMA) helps doctors and health care professionals grow in faith, maintain ethical integrity, and provide excellent health care in accordance with the teachings of the Church. The CMA offers professional, spiritual, and moral support through local chapters and annual national conferences featuring world-class speakers and CME credits. Be part of the New Evangelization and join the CMA to help build a culture of life in health care and to provide a voice for Catholic medical and ethical principles in society. Visit www.cathmed.org to learn more about the CMA and the benefits of membership.

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

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

Weekday Masses
Monday-Friday
8:30 AM, 12:10 PM and 5:30 PM
Saturday: 8:30 AM

Masses for Next Weekend:
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