Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Ecumenism Cannot Wait” read the headline of the L’Osservatore Romano publication reporting the conclusion of the celebration of the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, November 30th, 2014 at the Patriarchal Church of St. George, Istanbul, where Pope Francis reconfirmed his commitment for full communion with the Orthodox Churches, as “the one thing that the Catholic Church desires, and that [he] seek[s] as Bishop of Rome.” Pope Francis has made a concentrated effort to continue the commitment of the Catholic Church to actualize unity with our Christian sisters and brothers. Pope Francis’ dialogical approach to all matters during his pontificate has proved particularly effective in this area of ecumenism.

The root meaning of the Greek word “Ecumenics” or oikoumene — meaning the “inhabited world” — is not limited only to promoting unity of Christians or dialogue with other religions, but can encompass a more fully realized engagement with the understanding of relationships within and between other traditions, promoting dialogue and peace.

The challenge of religious pluralism is one of the most pressing for contemporary Christianity. It is clear that a genuine dialogue of cultures and religions is urgently needed in the radically new context in which we find ourselves. Globalization’s influence on economics, communications, increased immigration, and multiculturalism in the Western context, is increasingly bringing us into contact with ‘the Other,’ especially in times of conflict.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity invites the whole Christian community throughout the world to pray in communion with the prayer of Jesus “that they all may be one” (John 17:21). Traditionally the week of prayer is celebrated between January 18-25, between the feasts of St. Peter and St. Paul. In the southern hemisphere, where January is a vacation time, churches often find other days to celebrate it — for example, around Pentecost, which is also a symbolic date for unity.

The theme for the week of prayer in 2015 comes from the gospel of John: “Jesus said to her: ‘Give me a drink.’” It was proposed by a group of Brazilian Christians called together by the National Council of Christian Churches of Brazil (CONIC). The biblical gesture of offering water to whomever arrives, as a way of welcoming and sharing, is something that is repeated in all regions of Brazil. The proposed study and meditation on the story of Jesus meeting a Samaritan woman at the well is to help individuals and communities to realize the dialogical dimension of the project of Jesus, which we call the Kingdom of God.

There is also a great need for intra-Christian and inter-religious dialogue in respect to religious education. Since the endeavor of religious education is an inclusive one, it can be applied to any and all education in religion. But it is important that we very clearly speak from within our own particular faith tradition as this fosters more authentic or “sincere” dialogue. It is a fallacy to conclude that one can hold a position outside of a particular tradition as this unwittingly creates a new tradition.

It is not enough to adopt a merely ‘pluralist’ or ‘tolerant’ model to enter into dialogue with ‘the Other’ as it avoids the challenges at hand. One of the challenges facing us as a global community is formulating moral norms and participating in an authentic dialogue of differences in order to truly love others in their “otherness.” This is why I firmly believe we must approach dialogue with other religious traditions from a position within a particular standpoint and tradition, in our case, Catholicism. The same can be said for approaches to religious education and Christian Religious Education in particular.

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, marking the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council’s Decree on Ecumenism, Unitatis Redintegratio (promulgated November 21st, 1964), prepared a document entitled A Church in Dialogue: Toward the Restoration of Unity Among Christians in which they held up “patience” and “perseverance” as the “twin virtues of ecumenism.” As we all know too well, these virtues are among the most difficult to master; yet, above all we must “trust in the slow work of God” as Teilhard de Chardin, S.J., prays, while diligently fostering the kingdom of God so that we “all may be one.”

— Carly-Anne Gannon
Director of Religious Education
**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21st**  
Job Transition Support Group.  
10:00 AM. Parish Lounge.  
Details on page 4.

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**FAMILY MASS LOCATION CHANGE**

**Sunday, January 25th**  
Because of an event being held in Wallace Hall, the 11:00 AM Family Mass for Sunday, January 25th will take place in the Grammar School's McKinnon Hall.  
We apologize for any inconvenience.

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**BOOMERS & BEYOND**

**Bridge with Boomers**  
Monday, January 26th  
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM  
Meeting Room

Join us for a friendly game of bridge in the afternoon.  
No need to bring your own partner or cards.  
All levels of expertise are welcome.  
"Bridge is too important to take seriously." – Oscar Wilde

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**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**  
January 18th – 25th  
This year’s theme is  
“Jesus said to her, ‘Give me a drink.’”  
(John 4:7)

The Week of Christian Prayer invites Christians throughout the world to pray in communion with the prayer of Jesus: “that they all may be one...so the world may believe.” (John 17:21).

For more information, visit www.geii.org

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**Last month, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Ignatius Loyola sponsored its annual Christmas Toy Drive. The donations were sent to St. Mary of the Assumption Parish on Staten Island. A letter of thanks from Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J., Pastor of St. Mary’s, was recently received by Fr. Witt:**

Dear Father Witt,

It is with great gratitude that I express my thanks to Erin Hazard, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and the members of your parish for your extraordinary donation of toys at Christmas.

St. Ignatius Loyola Parish has distinguished itself by its consistently generous gift of toys for the benefit of our families here at St. Mary of the Assumption. Our parish serves a largely immigrant population. Our families work hard, but the work that is available to them often does not provide them with a significant income. The generosity of St. Ignatius helps us to offer our families a chance to celebrate the holidays as other families are able to do so.

Sincerely,  
Rev. Mark C. Hallinan, S.J.  
Pastor

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**Catholic Schools Week**  
January 25th – January 31st  
Catholic Schools Week is an annual national celebration of Catholic elementary and secondary schools and the important role they play in providing a values-added education for America's young people.

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**Slave Labor & Consumerism**  
A forum featuring David B. Couturier, OFM. Cap.  
Thursday, February 5th at 7:00 PM, Wallace Hall  
Co-Sponsored by the parishes of St. Ignatius Loyola & St. Francis Xavier

This interactive discussion will focus on the labor issues, human coercion, and sex exploitation that are all a part of human slavery in today’s world.

RSVP by Sunday, February 1st to AntiSlaveryRSVP@gmail.com (preferred) or call 212-288-3588.

David B. Couturier, OFM. Cap. is a Professor of Pastoral Planning and Church Management at Indiana’s Graduate Theological Foundation. He teaches in the Department of Franciscan Studies at St. Bonaventure University in Olean, NY, and is a Professor in the Department of Theology at the Pontifical Antonianum University in Rome.

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**For your convenience...**  
To reach the Giving page on the parish website, scan the QR Code at left with your smartphone's camera.
**Sunday Social Dates:**

- Feb. 8
- Feb. 22
- March 8
- March 22

**IY A Knitting Group**

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 IYAknitting@gmail.com

**Monday, February 9th**

7:00 PM in the Conference Room

**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, January 27th**, in the Parish Lounge, from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM.

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

Registration is required. See box below.

**Meeting Christ in Prayer**

Meeting Christ in Prayer is an interactive 8-week guided prayer experience for small groups. Based on the **Spiritual Exercises** of St. Ignatius Loyola, it introduces participants to various ways of praying and provides an opportunity to support one another through faith sharing.

**Morning Sessions:**

- Tuesdays, February 3rd – March 25th*
  - 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

**Evening Sessions:**

- Wednesdays, February 4th – March 25th*
  - 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

*Note: Both sessions will conclude at the evening meeting on Wednesday, March 25th

**What does it offer?**

Weekly meetings are 90 minutes long and include group prayer, guided meditation, small group faith sharing, and an orientation for the following week’s prayer or prayer techniques. The cost of the program is a sliding scale of $30-$50 and covers all materials. Scholarships are available.

For information and/or to register for either the Emmaus Bereavement Support Group or Meeting Christ in Prayer, please contact Sr. Kathryn King at the Parish House or email kingk@saintignatiusloyola.org

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**Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness:**

**Music and Worship at St. Ignatius Loyola**

With K. Scott Warren & the St. Ignatius Loyola Music Staff

Come explore how music inspires and deepens our worship and our spiritual lives.

**Saturday, January 31st**

9:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Wallace Hall

**All Lay Ministers at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola are invited to attend.**

Continental breakfast will be available beginning at 9:15 AM.

Lunch will also be provided.

Space is limited.

To register online, scan the QR code at left with your smartphone or visit [http://tinyurl.com/January2015Enrichment](http://tinyurl.com/January2015Enrichment)

Contact layministersenrichment@gmail.com with questions.

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**Interested in becoming Catholic?**

Call 212-288-3588 or email church@stignatiusloyola.org
New Parishioners: 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

Job Transition Support Group
Wednesday, January 21st
10:00 AM in the Parish Lounge

Bringing together a group of experienced professionals looking to secure employment, we hope to help one another in the job search process.

Please bring your resume.

For more information, contact John Holewa at jholewa@gmail.com or Christian Nolan at ctnolan59@gmail.com

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) makes a difference in the lives of people in need through service and prayerful reflection.

Relying on their experience, IVC volunteers are older adults who serve in community agencies and schools as tutors, counselors, legal advisors, business consultants, nurses and teachers. They are men and women for others who seek to develop and enrich their own spiritual lives through individual and communal reflection in the tradition of St. Ignatius Loyola.

For more information about IVC, visit IVCUSA.org or contact Mary Ellen O’Driscoll, Metro New York Area Director, at 917-609-8163.

The Jesuit Collaborative invites you to share the gift of Ignatian spirituality and the opportunity to meet interesting people who are ready to further develop their spiritual lives.

Please visit us at www.jesuitcollaborative.org

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 time reflecting on a Scripture passage.

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

WALLACE HALL AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL

The space is available for a variety of events including fundraisers, lectures, receptions, and formal banquet-style dinners.

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

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious, or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P., at 212-371-1000 x2949, or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via email at victimassistance@archny.org

Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org

In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, January 19th
(Second Monday in Ordinary Time)
Hebrews 5:1–10    Psalm 110    Mark 2:18–22
8:30 MEM Eunice Ringelstein
12:10 MEM Barbara Evans
5:30 MEM Josephine Spirakos

Tuesday, January 20th
(Second Tuesday in Ordinary Time)
Hebrews 6:10–20    Psalm 111    Mark 2:23–28
8:30 MEM Alice Regan
12:10 MEM Celeste Lewis
5:30 MEM Helen Della Pietra

Wednesday, January 21st
(St. Agnes)
Hebrews 7:1–3, 15–17    Psalm 110    Mark 3:1–6
8:30 MEM Jenna Nolan
12:10 MEM Daniel Saunders
5:30 MEM Nathan Davidson

Thursday, January 22nd
(Second Thursday in Ordinary Time)
Hebrews 7:25–8:6    Psalm 40    Mark 3:7–12
8:30 MEM Patrick Murray
12:10 MEM Elizabeth Troilo
5:30 MEM Living & Deceased Members of the Wallace Family

Friday, January 23rd
(Second Friday in Ordinary Time)
Hebrews 8:6–13    Psalm 85    Mark 3:13–19
8:30 MEM Willie O'Shaugnessy
12:10 MEM Sose & Mark Prekelezaj
5:30 MEM Francis M. Cryan

Saturday, January 24th
(St. Francis de Sales)
Hebrews 9:2–3, 11–14    Psalm 47    Mark 3:20–21
8:30 MEM John B., John A., & Elizabeth Rooney

Sunday, January 25th
(Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Jonah 3:1–5, 10    Psalm 25
1 Corinthians 7:29–31    Mark 1:14–20
The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola will be participating in the food drive scheduled from Sunday, January 25th through Sunday, February 1st. Donations will go to the Community Pantry at the Church of St. Gregory the Great. Please bring non-perishable foods to the Parish House.

While all donations are greatly appreciated, these items are especially welcome:

- 100% fruit juices
- beans (canned or dry)
- canned fish (salmon, sardines, or tuna)
- canned fruits
- canned meat (chicken, beef, or ham)
- canned stews (chicken or beef)
- canned vegetables
- coffee/tea
- couscous
- dried fruits
- dry cereal and hot cereal (farina, grits, or oatmeal)
- dry milk packets
- flour/cornmeal/baking mixes
- nutritional beverages (Boost, Ensure, Carnation Instant Breakfast)
- nuts
- pasta/noodles
- peanut butter
- personal care items
- rice
- shelf-stable milk
- soy/almond/rice milk
- spices
- tomato sauce
- vegetable soups
- whole wheat crackers

Every item counts! Thank you for your generosity.

**SAVING THE DATE!**

Join Fr. Witt, Members of the Parish Staff, and Members of our Parish Ministries for The Ignatian Way Dinner

Saturday, February 21st in Wallace Hall immediately following the 5:30 PM Mass.

Details to follow.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY NOW**

Please remember us later! Remember St. Ignatius in your estate plan. If you would like information about planned giving, contact Fernando Castro, Treasurer, at 212-288-3588 x651 or castrof@saintignatiusloyola.org

**MUSIC**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 25TH**

11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS

Buxtehude Magnificat Primi Toni, BuxWV 203

Byrd Teach me, O Lord

Morley Agnus Dei

Buxtehude Prelude in C Major, BuxWV 547

**CARITAS CONCERT**

Sara Murphy & Michael Sheetz

Thursday, February 12th at 6:30 PM Wallace Hall

Caritas Concerts have the appeal of the less formal 19th-century salon concerts. The evenings begin and end with light refreshments and a chance to mingle with the performers, and intimate seating places the audience in close proximity to the music.

This concert will present an evening of song, featuring Mahler’s Rückert Lieder as well as works by Brahms, Elgar, and Lili Boulanger.

All proceeds will benefit the LifeWay Network, which works to combat human trafficking through safe housing and education.

**Tickets:** $50

Call 212-288-2520 for 24/7 ticket ordering.

Tickets can also be purchased at www.smssconcerts.org

**The N.P. Mander Organ Recital Series**

presents

ADAM J. BRAKEL

Director of Music

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Parish

Spring Hill, Florida

Sunday, February 22nd at 3:00 PM

Featuring the complete Six Études of Jeanne Demessieux, as well as music of J.S. Bach, Bossi, Rameau, Reger and others.

**Tickets:** $20

Call 212-288-2520 for 24/7 ticket ordering.

Tickets can also be purchased at www.smssconcerts.org

**Calling All Singers!**

The volunteer choirs — Parish Community Choir, Canticum Sacrum, and Wallace Hall Music Choir — are looking for new members. Details and schedule information can be found online at stignatiusloyola.org

Be a part of the wonderful music you hear each Sunday!

For more information or to schedule an audition, email the Music Office at music@stignatiusloyola.org
We pray for the faithful departed
James Geraghty
Eleuteria (Teri) Slater
May they rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

Reserve Clinic: Thursday, February 5th. Free private sessions will be held at St. Francis House, 135 West 31st Street, to assist unemployed individuals, as well as others facing possible layoffs, or career transitions. Volunteers will be available to assist in updating/editing resumes. Call 212-736-8500 x357 for an individual appointment. Participants should email a draft to resume@stfrancisnyc.org No walk-ins can be accepted.

World Marriage Day, February 8th, 2015:
Longest Married Couple Search.
The search begins for the longest married couple in the Archdiocese of New York. To enter, couples must be sacramentally married for a minimum of 65 years and reside in the Archdiocese of New York. The longest married couple(s) will be honored on Sunday, February 8th at the 12:00 PM Mass at the Church of St. Patrick, 26 Hunter Street, Highland Mills, NY. A reception will follow. Cost: $15 per couple. A limited number of tickets are available.

For further information or reservations, contact Izabella Nagle at 646-794-3190 or izabella.nagle@archny.org
Mail entries to: Family Life/Respect Life Office, 1011 First Avenue, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10022
Attn: Izabella Nagle.
Deadline for entries is Friday, January 30th.

This year marks the 42nd anniversary of the legalization of abortion in our nation. In prayerful recognition, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has put out materials for “Nine Days of Prayer, Penance and Pilgrimage” — from January 18th–26th. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/january-roe-events/nine-days-of-prayer-penance-and-pilgrimage.cfm

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