A mere three weeks since the close of Christmastide and the strains of Joy to the World and Silent Night have given way to the more somber notes of renewed war in the Ukraine, of politicians abusing their office, of a terrorist attack in Paris. Our nights are far from silent. Yet our hearts long to be expanded as Jesus’ was in his nights of terror and aloneness. Poet and Carmelite nun Jessica Powers describes her longing for a perspective of hope in her poem, Night of Storm.

The times are winter. Thus a poet signed our frosty fate. Life is a night of snow. Our faithless footprints from our own heels blow. Where can an exile out of heaven go, with murk and terror in a trackless place and stinging bees swept down upon his face?

Or what is else? There is your world within. And now the soul is supplicant: O most wretched and blind, come home! Where love has been burns the great lantern of the Holy Ghost. Here in His light; review your world of frost; a drifting miracle! What had been night reels with unending eucharists of light.

Powers is acknowledging that our world is fraught with apprehension all too immediately present in the media. She challenges us to penetrate the frosty darkness by encountering the ‘eucharists of light’ in deeds of goodness. These rays of light from lanterns of loving—forgiveness, compassion, gratitude, gestures of peace and justice, commitment to truth—reveal signs of hope that can sustain us.

Fiction offers us stories of the ways much of life is missed due to the failure to be present in the moment. In Carson McCullers’s novel, The Heart is a Lonely Hunter, the people who circle about are “all very busy” and have “so much business in their minds that does not let them rest.” Developing an interior life is crucial to a life of grace and meaning. It is the Spirit of Christ who can guide us in weathering the winters of our lives and our world. Christ desires to lead us into intimacy with Himself, the Father and all Creation. Our parish offers many opportunities to deepen such intimacy.

Meeting Christ in Prayer is an eight-week retreat in daily life based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola. Beginning the first week of February, the program, which is open to all, is an opportunity to grow in knowledge and love of Jesus Christ, to develop a regular rhythm of prayer and to meet other men and women of faith who desire to grow in their relationship with Christ. Our parish introduced this program in Lent 2011, and has since offered it twice a year.

Participants have the opportunity to deepen their prayer using Scripture and Ignatian methods of meditation and contemplation. They are asked to make two commitments: Spend 20-30 minutes in daily personal prayer and attend a weekly gathering with other participants. No previous experience is required! The weekly meeting includes faith sharing, the practice of various forms of prayer, and the presentation of the theme of the following week. Sessions are offered on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday evenings in order to accommodate a variety of schedules.

How has this lantern of prayer shed light of good deeds on a fractious world? Participants report growing in their relationship with Christ and appreciation of the Scriptures. Some experience a stronger sense of being at home in the parish community, others are moved to join parish ministries or serve as facilitators. Participants from other Christian traditions have attended with the intention of introducing the program to their own parishes; for example, one brought the program to Episcopalian and Catholic communities in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Several prayer groups have developed that meet regularly. Finally, a thirst to continue exploring the Ignatian tradition has become rooted in those who have made the retreat. A new program “The First Spiritual Exercises: Four Guided Retreats” by Australian Jesuit Michael Hansen, S.J., will be introduced in Spring 2015. Surely, these eucharistic lanterns of prayer illumine the goodness that abounds everywhere!

— Sr. Kathryn King, FSP
Pastoral Associate
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1st
Feeding Our Neighbors: Archdiocesan-Wide Food Drive ends today. Please bring donations to the Parish House. Details on page 5.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd
Bridge with Boomers. 1:00 PM. Meeting Room. Details on page 3.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4th
Job Transition Support Group. 10:00 AM. Parish Lounge. Details on page 4.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5th
Lecture: Slave Labor & Consumerism. Speaker: David B. Couturier, OFM. Cap. 7:00 PM. Wallace Hall. Details at right.

Inner-City Scholarship Fund
Help us keep Catholic education within reach!
Since 1971, Inner-City Scholarship Fund has changed lives for the better by providing thousands of families with demonstrable financial needs the opportunity to give their children a quality, values-based K-12 Catholic education within the Archdiocese of New York.

The impact a Catholic school education has on a child’s future is astonishing: 98% of high school seniors graduate, and 96% pursue higher education. And just as importantly, students learn values that last a lifetime!

As we conclude this year’s Catholic Schools Week, we hope you will take a moment to learn more on how you can keep a deserving child’s goals well within reach by contacting Kelvin Gentles at (646) 794-3328 or by visiting www.InnerCityScholarshipFund.org

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 today 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.

For your convenience...
To reach the Giving page on the parish website, scan the QR Code at left from your smartphone.

PLEASE OPEN FOR PAGES 3 AND 4

The Cardinal’s Appeal offers vital support to offices, ministries, and programs 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
**IGNATIAN YOUNG ADULTS**

**Sunday Social Winter/Spring 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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**IYA 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
Conference Room

**IYA Lenten Reflection Group**
Sundays from February 22nd – March 29th
6:00 PM – 7:15 PM in Hoefner Lounge
For young adults in their 20s & 30s
A reflection group for young adults to share experiences about their relationship with God and gratefully and openly listen to one another.
This year we will gather to reflect on Tim Muldoon’s book *The Ignatian Workout for Lent: 40 Days of Prayer, Reflection, and Action.*
Copies of the book can be purchased on Amazon.com
Please bring the book to the first meeting.

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To register, email ignatianyoungadults@gmail.com by Sunday, February 15th.

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**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 Meeting Christ in Prayer, please contact Sr. Kathryn King at the Parish House or email kingk@saintignatiusloyola.org

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**BOOMERS & BEYOND**

**Bridge with Boomers**
Monday, February 2nd
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

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

**Shelter Volunteers Needed!**
Friday, February 13th – Sunday, February 15th
Wallace Hall
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Women’s Shelter needs set-up and stay-over volunteers every other weekend through April.

To volunteer, please leave a message for Erin Hazard at the Parish House or e-mail svdp.shelter980@gmail.com
More than 10,000 New Yorkers are currently waiting for a life-saving transplant... in other words, they are waiting for a chance to live.

New York ranks 49th out of 50 states with regard to the percentage of residents registered as organ donors. New York ranks 3rd in the country in people waiting for organ donations, yet only 23% of New Yorkers are registered organ donors.

The Roman Catholic Church has long supported organ and tissue donation. In this context, donation is seen as an opportunity for individuals to foster a culture that values life.

Learn more about becoming a donor by visiting the New York Organ Donor website: www.donatelifeny.org/

Copies of the brochure Organ and Tissue Donation: A Catholic Perspective are available in the Narthex and at the Parish House.

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 212-924-7900 x1707.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY NOW

PLEASE REMEMBER US LATER!

Remember St. Ignatius in Your Estate Plan.

Over the years, gifts left to the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola in wills, bequests, and memorials have helped us to continue to operate: as a place of worship, as a place to protect and teach our children, and as a caring and generous parish where parishioners may come for spiritual guidance.

If you would like information about planned giving, contact Fernando Castro, Treasurer, at 212-288-3588 x651 or castrof@saintignatiusloyola.org
Join Fr. Witt, Members of the Parish Staff, and Members of our Parish Ministries for

The Ignatian Way
Lenten Dinner

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

Now in its third year, the Ignatian Way Dinner is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a Parish Community.

Feeding Our Neighbors:
Archdiocesan-Wide Food Campaign

ENDS TODAY!

Please bring donations of 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.

MUSIC

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH

11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS
Whitlock  Sonata No. 2 in C minor: Canzona*
Hogan, arr.  My God is so high
Mozart  Solemn Vespers: Laudate Dominum
Rowley  Gaudeamus*

*also played at 7:30 PM Mass

11:00 AM FAMILY MASS
with Training Choirs I and II
Webb  Hand me down my silver trumpet

RESCEDHULED

CARITAS CONCERT
Sara Murphy & Michael Sheetz
NEW DATE
Wednesday, March 18th 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

Contemplative Leaders in Action (CLA) present

Pope Francis:
Why He Leads the Way He Leads
A Fundraiser for CLA
Wednesday, March 4th, Wallace Hall

Speaker: Author Chris Lowney
Doors open 6:30 PM/Reception begins at 7:00 PM
Tickets: $125

For more information and/or to purchase tickets, visit www.jesuit-collaborative.org/cla/nycfund2015

CLA is a program of the Jesuit Collaborative

Won’t you join us as we begin the Lenten Season by sharing a meal and reflecting on the road we will travel together this Lent?

Dinner will consist of meatless lasagna, salad, and beverages.

Can you contribute a dessert?
A limited number will be accepted.
Please let us know when you RSVP.
Families are encouraged to attend!
To RSVP, email IWSILSUPPER@gmail.com by Monday, February 16th.
Resume 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.

Go Red for Women Health Fair. Friday, February 6th, 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Lenox Hill Hospital, Einhorn Auditorium, 131 East 76th Street. Receive complimentary screenings, information, and consultations for a range of health-related issues, including cholesterol/HDL, blood pressure, hands-only CPR instruction, nutritional counseling, physical therapy, and stress management. No appointment is necessary.

Special Needs Mass: For families with loved ones on the Autism spectrum and with other challenging behaviors. Sunday, February 15th at 4:00 PM. Church of the Blessed Sacrament, 152 West 71st Street. All family members are invited to attend. For more information, contact jackie@snacknyc.com

First Annual Catholic Men’s Conference. Saturday, March 21st. Fordham University, Rose Hill Campus. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of New York. This day-long event will provide an opportunity for men throughout the Archdiocese to recommit themselves to their spiritual lives. Speakers will include Cardinal Dolan, public speaker Damon Owens, and former New York Jets player Joe Klecko. Cost: $45. Fee includes breakfast, lunch, and a t-shirt. Space is limited. For more information or to register, visit www.nymensconference.com or call Kim Quatela at 646-794-3198.

After School Tutors Needed: The Little Sisters of the Assumption Family Health Service is in great need of after-school tutors to assist low-academic performing East Harlem children (ages 7 – 12). The one-on-one tutoring sessions are held at the Center, 333 East 115th Street (between First Avenue and Second Avenue), once a week for 70 minutes. A variety of days and times are available. For more information, contact tgough@lsafts.org or visit littlesistersfamily.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:
4:30 PM Saturday or by appointment. Communal Penance Services are celebrated during Advent and Lent.

Baptisms: Please call Joanne Cunneen at the Parish House (212-288-3588 x632) 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 (212-288-3588 x632) 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.

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

Masses for Saturday Next Weekend:
Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM Fr. Witt
Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Bergen
9:30 AM Fr. Judge
Wallace Hall 11:00 AM Fr. Feely
Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Hilbert
7:30 PM Fr. Hilbert