Lent and RCIA: A Healing Time

This Sunday and next, members of the RCIA group (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) will join adults from other parishes across the Archdiocese at the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion at St. Patrick’s Cathedral. The 2015 class consists of 14 catechumens (those preparing for Baptism) and 16 candidates (those already baptized). Timothy Cardinal Dolan will welcome them and officially accept their desires on behalf of the Universal Church. During Lent they will move through their final period of preparation for reception of the Easter Sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Here is the story of Joe van Brussel who participated in the process in 2014.

Each year I look forward to Lent as an occasion for reflection. Even during the years when I was not as active in my faith, I conducted a personal ‘audit’ on Ash Wednesday to review my life, habits, and direction. I would ask myself why I did things the way I did and challenge myself to improve some aspect of my life. Often I chose to give up chocolate, as if that was the key to moral and spiritual growth!

Since renewing my faith journey two years ago and becoming a Catholic at the Easter Vigil last year, Lent has become more special and profound. In a recent homily at St. Ignatius, the presider spoke about the people in Mark 1:29-39, and the different stations in life that they occupied—the sick, the cured, and the servants. He explained how all of us pass through those stations in our lives at some time or another. We are sick. We are cured. We serve. This moving message helps me frame how I think about Lent now. This season is a chance to reflect on which parts of myself are sick, how I can cure them, and what is asked of me when I am well.

When I moved from the West Coast to New York in 2012, it seemed as if most of my life was sick. I felt lost, lonely, distressed. Rather than seek help, I thought I could cure myself, or maybe I could avoid seeking a cure at all. I knew I wanted a sense of purpose and a closer relationship with God, but I was reluctant to take the steps necessary to achieve that goal. It seems as though we sometimes know we want something, and even suspect the best way of attaining it, but still close ourselves off from the answer.

Last year when Cardinal Dolan visited St. Ignatius, he said that we are all in a cosmic 12-step program and that the first step is recognizing we need to be saved. Through God’s grace, I finally recognized my own limits and turned to God and the Church for help, for ‘the cure.’ Through the RCIA process and the incredible community here, I found what I was looking for. Parishioners here are active, loving and engaged; the homilies are inspiring and challenging; the music and architecture are uplifting and raise one’s spirit toward God.

Now that Lent is here, I think about where I have been but also about where I am going and, most importantly, how I can serve. As I have grown closer to God and seen many of my life’s ills healed, I draw strength from the Church and my faith. I try to use the gifts God gave me to serve the needs of others. I still struggle to understand and serve God’s will, which often feels like the most daunting part. Fortunately, thanks to St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, I have the loving support and spiritual tools to embrace the challenge.

I will probably still give up chocolate this Lent, but each time I pull my hand back from the Snickers on the store shelf, I’ll think about the deeper meaning of my Lenten journey and the many ways I can serve others and grow closer to God.

— Joe Van Brussel, Parishioner
RCIA Class of 2014
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd
The N.P. Mander Organ Recital Series presents Adam J. Brakel. 3:00 PM. Church.
Details on page 3.

Ignatian Young Adult Lenten Reflection Group. 6:00 PM. Hoefner Lounge. Details on page 3.

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

Private Prayer & Confession
Monday Evenings
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM in the Church
The church will be open on Monday evenings to provide a time for private reflection and to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Priests will be available for confession. Doors open at 6:00 PM.

Tuesday to Friday Evenings
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in the Lady Chapel
The Lady Chapel will be open as an opportunity to spend time in private contemplation.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd
Bridge with Boomers. 1:00 PM. Meeting Room.
All expertise levels are welcome.


Ranger Rosary Ministry. 7:00 PM. Conference Room. Over 10,000 rosaries and counting! Join us in making rosaries to send to our military. New members are welcome!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25th
Daily Masses at 8:30 AM, 12:10 PM, and 5:30 PM: Quiet Wednesdays.
The Daily Mass on the Wednesdays of Lent will offer a few moments to reflect quietly upon the readings of the day (in lieu of a homily).

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25th (continued)
Job Transition Support Group. 10:00 AM. Parish Lounge.
Bringing together experienced professionals looking to secure employment.


Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting. 7:00 PM. Conference Room.
All are welcome.

FRIDAY – SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 27th – MARCH 1st
Shelter Weekend. Wallace Hall.
To inquire about volunteering, email svdp.shelter980@gmail.com

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28th
Celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. 12:10 PM. Church. Details on page 4.

IGNITING OUR VALUES: An Ignatian Pilgrimage

This Lent, the Society of Jesus invites us to risk the “safety of busyness” by taking part in IGNITING OUR VALUES, the Jesuits’ prayer program for Lent 2015.

IGNITING OUR VALUES will consider six Jesuit/Ignatian values, in light of the Lenten Gospel readings. Short daily reflections and specially composed prayers will focus our attention on Finding God in All Things, the Magis, the Service of Faith and the Promotion of Justice, Apostolic Availability, Spiritual Discernment, and Men and Women for Others. A carefully curated selection of music, video, art and poetry, as well as a special weekly focus on the Blessed Mother, will enhance the experience.

Daily reflections were solicited from across the Jesuit/Ignatian spectrum. Contributors are Jesuits and lay people, men and women, alumni, teachers, administrators, retreat directors, social workers, parish staff, spiritual directors, Ignatian partners and colleagues in mission. Their occupations range from sound editor to general contractor, from nurse to policy advocate, from lawyer to chef. A diverse group of ordinary people who share the extraordinary impact of Ignatian spirituality.

Through Easter Sunday, April 5th, IGNITING OUR VALUES will be available and refreshed daily. Or, if you prefer an offline experience, IGNITING OUR VALUES will be available as a daily email or a weekly PDF file.

For additional information, or to sign up for daily emails or PDFs, visit www.jesuits.org/ignite
**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](http://www.jesuit-collaborative.org/cla/nycfund2015)

CLA is a program of the Jesuit Collaborative

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

**presents**

**ADAM J. BRAKEL**

**Director of Music**

**St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Parish**

**Spring Hill, Florida**

**TODAY at 3:00 PM**

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

**Tickets:** $20

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

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**MUSIC**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 1st**

**11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS**

with Training Choirs I and II

- **Lassus** Missa super Osculetur me: Kyrie, Sanctus
- **Wertsch** O nata lux
- **Lauridsen** Lux aeterna: O nata lux
- **arr. Feierabend** Oh sinner man

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**IYA Lenten Reflection Group**

**Sundays, 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 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.

**Meeting Dates**

February 22 March 8 March 22

March 1 March 15 March 29

**For more information,**

Email ignatianyoungadults@gmail.com

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**WHAT NEXT? RETREAT**

**FOR YOUNG ADULTS**

March 20th – 22nd

Friday Evening – Sunday Afternoon

Mariandale Retreat Center

Ossining, NY

**For young adults in their 20s and 30s**

Join other young adults as they learn how their Catholic faith impacts their lives, through Ignatian spirituality.

Take time to reflect on your journey and God’s hopes and dreams for you.

Cost: $250/person; financial assistance available.

**For more information,**

Visit charis.nyc, email CharisRetreatNYC@gmail.com, or call 347-619-2692.

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**CARITAS CONCERT**

**Sara Murphy & Michael Sheetz**

**NEW DATE**

**Wednesday, March 18th at 6:30 PM**

**Wallace Hall**

Caritas Concerts 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 **LifeWay Network**, which works to combat human trafficking through safe housing and education.

**Tickets:** $50 / Call 212-288-2520 for 24/7 ticket ordering.
Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

**Monday, February 23rd** (First Monday of Lent)
- Leviticus 19:1–2, 11–18
- Psalm 19
- Matthew 25:31–46
- 8:30 MEM Wendi Harris Kaufman
- 12:10 MEM Sose & Mark Prekelezaj
- 5:30 MEM William J. Conroy

**Tuesday, February 24th** (First Tuesday of Lent)
- Isaiah 55:10–11
- Psalm 34
- Matthew 6:7–15
- 8:30 MEM John B., John A., & Elizabeth Rooney
- 12:10 MEM Fernando Felicissimo
- 5:30 LVG Marie Myrlande Fleurima

**Wednesday, February 25th** (First Wednesday of Lent)
- Jonah 3:1–10
- Psalm 51
- 8:30 MEM Emil Wittek
- 12:10 MEM Whit Adams
- 5:30 MEM Michael & Helena Gyuricsek and Jessica Dament

**Thursday, February 26th** (First Thursday of Lent)
- Esther 12, 14–16, 23–25
- Psalm 138
- Matthew 7:7–12
- 8:30 MEM Donald Gordon
- 12:10 MEM Mary Cahill Clarke
- 5:30 MEM Living & Deceased Members of the Wallace Family

**Friday, February 27th** (First Friday of Lent)
- Ezekiel 18:21–28
- Psalm 130
- Matthew 5:20–26
- 8:30 MEM Doris Walker
- 12:10 MEM William Fissinger
- 5:30 MEM William Powers

**Saturday, February 28th** (First Saturday of Lent)
- Deuteronomy 26:16–19
- Psalm 119
- Matthew 5:43–48
- 8:30 MEM David Dee

**Sunday, March 1st** (Second Sunday of Lent)
- Genesis 22:1–2, 9a, 10–13, 15–18
- Psalm 116
- Romans 8:31b–34
- Mark 9:2–10
- 4 PM

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**Adult Confirmation Class**

**Tuesday evenings, March 10th – April 21st**

Adult parishioners of St. Ignatius who have received First Eucharist but who have not yet received the sacrament of Confirmation may register for a course in preparation for the sacrament to be conferred here on Thursday, April 23rd, at 5:30 PM.

The course will begin on Tuesday, March 10th at 7:15 PM and will continue for seven consecutive Tuesday evenings, concluding on Tuesday, April 21st.

Attendance at all the sessions is required.

**Enrollment is limited.**

Interested adults should contact Fr. Bergen at 212-288-3588.

**Recommended Reading:**

**SIX MINUTE REFLECTIONS FOR LENT**

Based on the writings of the late Bishop Kenneth Untener of Saginaw, Michigan, 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**

**Also Available:**

**The Living Gospel: Daily Devotions for Lent**

For Lenten prayer this year, we are recommending a small booklet by Nicholas Ayo, C.S.C.

Each daily devotion offers a prayer, a pertinent reflection on the Gospel reading for the day, and a specific challenge for ongoing spiritual growth. Available at the Parish House. **Cost: $2.00**

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**THE ANNUAL CHANGE FOR CHANGE DRIVE**

Donations this year will be forwarded to the Jesuit Refugee Service: Education of Syrian Refugees

Syria is the largest humanitarian crisis of our time. More than one million refugees from Syria are now living in Lebanon, swelling the population of the small country.

In communities around the country, from the Bekaa Valley to the Mediterranean coast, Jesuit Refugee Service is creating schools for Syrian children in areas where educational opportunities weren’t previously available.

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 Carly-Anne Gannon, Director of Religious Education.**
LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

It is estimated that 1.5 million New Yorkers rely on soup kitchens and food pantries. Food insecurity is an ongoing 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.

The items requested each week are listed below:

- **Week 1** (February 22nd – 28th):
  - rice and beans

- **Week 2** (March 1st – 7th):
  - canned vegetables,
  - canned stews and hash

- **Week 3** (March 8th – 14th):
  - pasta and tomato sauce

- **Week 4** (March 15th – 21st):
  - tuna fish and soups,
  - Chef Boyardee meals

- **Week 5** (March 22nd – 25th):
  - cereals (oatmeal),
  - canned fruits

Donations can be brought to the Parish House.

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Passion Sunday, March 29th:**
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 2nd:**
Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 7:00 PM

**Good Friday, April 3rd:**
Celebration of the Lord’s Passion at 7:00 PM

**Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 4th at 8:00 PM**

**Easter Sunday, April 5th:**
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

MAKING ALL THINGS NEW

The Cluster Teams of St. Ignatius Loyola, St. Thomas More, and St. Francis de Sales are meeting this afternoon to prepare the cluster response to Cardinal Dolan’s proposal that the parishes of St. Ignatius Loyola and St. Thomas More merge.

Look for an insert in next weekend’s bulletin containing details of the response. There will also be an opportunity in McKinnon Hall next Sunday after the 11:00 AM Masses to ask questions of the St. Ignatius Loyola team.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

**LENTEN FOOD DRIVE**

Law in the Roman Catholic Church: From Principles to Practice

A Three-Part Lenten Series

Presented by Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.


Mon., March 9th: Marriage: What’s Law Got To Do With It?

Mon., March 16th: What Can I Do If My Marriage Fails?

All lectures will be held in Wallace Hall, beginning at 7:00 PM.

Art & Faith Celebrate the Paschal Mystery

An art-slide lecture presented by Rev. Leo J. O’Donovan, S.J.

Wednesday, February 25th
7:00 PM in Wallace Hall

How do works of art imagine the death and resurrection of Jesus and how does theology help us to interpret the images?

Rev. Leo J. O’Donovan, S.J., is President emeritus of Georgetown University and a past president of the Catholic Theological Society of America. He has written art criticism for publications such as America, Commonweal, The Washingtonian, and the National Catholic Reporter.

A complete list of Lenten activities, including Holy Week Mass times, can be found in the Lenten brochure. Copies are available in the Narthex, at the Parish House, and online at www.stignatiusloyola.org

Registrations conclude this weekend.

This Lenten season, we invite you to participate in the Lenten Cross project and commit to an act of prayer, service, or community. Participants can review a list of suggested activities and commit to an action at sign-up tables in the Narthex after Mass. Participants will write their commitment on tags that will be attached to ribbons. These ribbons will be displayed on a large cross that will remain in the Narthex throughout Lent.

A list of family-friendly commitment options will be available in Wallace Hall after the 11:00 AM Family Mass.
Lecture: Our Inheritance: Vatican II at 50/The Post-Conciliar Generation Looks at the Next Half Century. Monday, March 9th–Tuesday, March 10th. Fordham University, Lincoln Center Campus, E. Gerald Corrigan Conference Center. A gathering of leading Catholic thinkers from the generation that came of age in a post-Conciliar world will explore how Vatican II continues to shape the Church and its engagement with the wider world. This event is free and open to the public. For a complete agenda, visit fordham.edu/CRC. To register, email crcprogram@fordham.edu

Pax Christi Metro New York Annual Retreat: Silent Prayer and Nonviolence. Friday, March 13th–Sunday, March 15th. Led by Fr. Joachim Lally, CSP. St. Joseph’s Renewal Center, Brentwood, Long Island. Fr. Lally is a certified presenter of Centering Prayer and a former assistant pastor and youth minister. For more information, contact Pax Christi Metro New York at 212-420-0250 or email info@nypaxchristi.org

We pray for the faithful departed
David Carr
Louis Cominotto
Susan Meyer
Sean Mooney
May they rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

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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.
Mondays during Lent
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM in the Church
Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service
Monday, March 30th at 7:00 PM

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.

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

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

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

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