March 8, 2015
Third Sunday in Lent

As many of you know, we received the very sad news that our dear Susan Meyer, a catechist with the Interparish Religious Education Program (IREP) for nine years, unexpectedly passed away on the eve of Ash Wednesday.

Susan's passing and last Sunday's gospel passage on the Transfiguration of Jesus intertwined in my mind as I contemplated both in prayer.

Susan, I venture to say, went through somewhat of a transfiguration before her passing. Just five days earlier she shone beautifully before us at the First Reconciliation service for our IREP second graders. Susan proclaimed a reading from Isaiah with great heart: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine.”

She also shared with me that evening that she had a desire to go to Confession herself. “I will,” she said with quiet resolve. I replied, “you will...you’ve got forty days,” alluding to Lent’s duration, yet this was the last time I would see her.

When sharing with a friend my regret at not having encouraged Susan to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation that evening, he said “Our Lord is happy with very little.” His wise words echo that of my favorite saint Thérèse of Lisieux’s Little Way and the words of Thomas Merton: “My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going.... But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.” (Thoughts in Solitude)

While the importance of the sacrament remains unquestioned, if I am not mindful, I can become caught up in the letter of the law rather than the spirit of the law. Similarly, the spiritual perfection that we seek during Lent is not meant to be a distraction or a burden; rather, our efforts should culminate in the renewal of our minds, a sharpening of our focus, a refining of what it is that we are actually designed for: Love. The perfection we seek is perfection in Love as our heavenly Father is Love perfected.

I often feel the weight of my own weaknesses on the road to perfection, but I take solace and a great deal of comfort in the Lord’s transformative redeeming Love when I read St. Paul’s words, “my grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” (2 Corinthians 12:9) I do not have to feign strength in God’s eyes; I do not have to put on a facade; rather, I can rest easy, like a child in her Father’s arms trusting that He will bring to completion the good work He has started in me.

Susan was deeply in touch with her need of a Savior as were many of the saints. We can read the spiritual autobiographies of saints and find close companions when we experience that the closer we get to Christ the more our weaknesses come into focus and the more acutely aware we are of our need for God’s salvific and transformative love.

If I could urge you, as a fellow pilgrim, to do anything this Lent, it would be to get in touch with your need for the Savior by reading and praying with God’s word.

In a recent bulletin, Fr. Feely mentioned an Irish Jesuit online resource called Sacred Space. I used to pray with this resource every day in my senior year in university, but it had slipped from my attention when I moved back to the U.S. for graduate school.

Over the last few weeks, I started praying with it again and it has been revelatory in my prayer life. It slows me down long enough to hear the “still, small voice of God” as our Lenten theme exhorts us to do.

On praying with Mark’s Gospel last Sunday, Sacred Space offered this “Need Inspiration” moment: “In our journey to God we have peak moments, when the ground is holy. Like Peter, we want them to last forever. But Jesus, only Jesus, brings us down the mountain and prepares us for the hard times ahead, living on the memory of brief transfigurations.”

Jesus most certainly prepared us for hard times when He offered us the beautiful but brief transfiguration of Susan that day at the reconciliation service. Finally, we saw the extent of her talent in viewing her gifted artwork at her wake.

Susan had recently shared this quote from Alfred Lord Tennyson with me and with her friend Janel: “More things are wrought through prayer than this world dreams of.” Please give yourself the gift of time this Lent, in the presence of God, in prayer, and as we respond to the psalm, “If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts,” let us listen together for the “still, small voice of God” calling us ever closer.

— Carly-Anne Gannon
Director of Religious Education

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SVdP Lenten Food Drive continues. Details on page 5.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8th
Girl Scout Sunday. Cookies will be on sale today in Wallace Hall after the 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM Masses.

Ignatian 40s Speaker Series: Good Grief! Dealing With Bereavement. 5:30 PM. Parish Lounge. All are welcome. 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.

MONDAY, MARCH 9th
Bridge with Boomers. 1:00 PM. Meeting Room. All expertise levels are welcome.

Private Prayer & Confession
Monday Evenings
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM in the Church
The church is open on Monday evenings to provide a time for private reflection and for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. 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 for an opportunity to spend time in private contemplation.

Ignatian Young Adults Knitting Group. 7:00 PM. Conference Room. Crafting for charity. All IYAs are welcome.

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


WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11th
Daily Masses at 8:30 AM, 12:10 PM, and 5:30 PM: Quiet Wednesdays. A few moments to reflect quietly upon the readings of the day (in lieu of a homily).

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
MARCH 13th – MARCH 15th
Shelter Weekend. Wallace Hall. For information on volunteering, see page 4.

Special Collection Next Weekend: Catholic Relief Services

Next week, our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. This Collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch over 100 million lives around the world. Donations help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and advocacy for the voiceless.

Visit stignatiusloyola.org to read a letter from Cardinal Dolan regarding this special collection.

Stations of the Cross for Families
Sunday, March 22nd
12:30 PM

Dear Children:

Stations are places where people wait while they are traveling from one place to another. A school-bus stop is like a station. People wait at subway stations or bus stations. Church stations are also places where people take time to think about Jesus as he went to die on a cross. They are Stations of the Cross and show us how much Jesus loved us. Praying the Stations of the Cross is a Lenten tradition.

This year we invite families to join us in the Church on Sunday, March 22nd at 12:30 PM where we will walk the Stations of the Cross together. At each Station we will stop and listen to a short reading and say a prayer.

Please join us and begin making the Stations of the Cross an annual Lenten observance for you and your family.

ARCHDIOCESAN DAY OF RECONCILIATION
Monday, March 30th

All parishes in the Archdiocese of New York will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confessions will be heard at St. Ignatius Loyola from 3:00 PM – 6:45 PM.

To be followed by the PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE at 7:00 PM

Many priests will be available for Confession.

Wednesday, April 1st at 7:30 PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS for the Parish Community

PLEASE OPEN FOR PAGES 3 AND 4
Today is Girl Scout Cookie Day! Cookies will be on sale TODAY in Wallace Hall after the 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM Masses. Please support our Grammar School Girl Scout troops!

Proceeds from the sale will be donated to Sunrise Day Camp, a camp dedicated to children with cancer and their siblings.

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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IGNATIAN 40s Speaker Series:
Ignatian Spirituality
Ignatian 40s invites all parishioners to its Third Annual Speaker Series led by the pastoral staff of St. Ignatius and external speakers.

TODAY
Good Grief! Dealing With Bereavement
Presenter: Fr. Daniel O’Hare, S.J.
Professor of Ethics, New York Medical College
Sunday, April 19th – Paul VI’s Letter on the Development of Peoples
Presenter: Fr. Ugo Nacciarone, S.J.
Former Associate Pastor, Church of St. Ignatius Loyola
Presenter: George Horton
NY Director of the Department of Social and Community Development, Catholic Charities
All sessions will be in held in the Parish Lounge from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM.
Email ignatian40s@gmail.com to register.

CARITAS CONCERT
Sara Murphy & Michael Sheetz
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.

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.

WHAT NEXT?
RETREAT
FOR YOUNG ADULTS
March 20th – 22nd
Friday Evening – Sunday Afternoon
Mariandale – Sunday Afternoon
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.

IGNITE! Teen Ministry
Begins Saturday, March 21st
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM in the Lady Chapel
We are excited to announce a new Teen Ministry!
As a parish-based youth ministry rooted in Ignatian spirituality and Catholic tradition, Ignite will offer a forum through which high school students and their families may find a deeper relationship with God and each other. Guided by God, we hope to facilitate a ministry through which the young church will engage socially, spiritually, and in service to others.
Ignite meetings will be held every 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month. All teens (13–19 years old) are welcome!
Teresa Carino, our new Youth Minister, will be speaking after Sunday Masses next week to explain more about this exciting new ministry. She will also be available after Mass to take sign-ups and answer questions.
For more information, contact Carly-Anne Gannon, Director of Religious Education, at gannonc@saintignatiusloyola.org
Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

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5:30   MEM
Charles Denihan
Mary Hanley
Deceased Members of the Scanlon & McLoughlin Families

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Michel Cullen
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Christine Pagnotta Danko
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Raul Vasquez
Peter & Margaret Voorhies
Anne Callahan Healey

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2 Chronicles 36:14–16, 19–23    Psalm 137
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EASTER MEMORIAL LITURGY

to remember deceased parishioners and/or their family members who died during 2014.

Tuesday, April 14th at 7:00 PM
Refreshments following in Wallace Hall
RSVP by Friday, April 10th to Sr. Kathryn King at 212-288-3588 or kingk@stignatiusloyola.org
Sponsored by the Emmaus Bereavement Ministry

Annual Golden Wedding Mass Celebration

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2015 are invited to attend one of the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass Celebrations with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick on Saturday, June 20th and Sunday, June 21st 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) by Tuesday, May 19th.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

FRIDAY – SUNDAY
MARCH 13th – MARCH 15th
SVdp Women’s Shelter
Wallace Hall

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is in great need of volunteers for the Women’s Shelter, which is located in Wallace Hall every other weekend, through April.

There is a particular need for stay-over volunteers, especially on Sunday nights. Both men and women are invited to volunteer.

If you would like to volunteer in the Shelter, please leave a message for Louise Decatrel at the Parish House or email svdp.shelter980@gmail.com

The Annual Change for Change Drive

Donations this year will be forwarded to Jesuit Refugee Service: Education of Syrian Refugees, a program that creates schools for Syrian children in areas where educational opportunities weren’t previously available.

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 Gammon.

FEBRUARY SACRAMENTS

Weddings
Francesco Paolo Aquila & Cynthia Marie Caruso
Nicholas Anthony Denefrio & Samantha Noel Berthod

Baptisms
Holden Louis Atkinson    Maria Maloney Moreira
Frank James Bruttomesso    Lima-Corcoran
Joseph Robert Bunker    Benjamin Lorioe
Ryan Steven Chan Miller    John Hover McCooey
Ella Juliet Gherardi    Remington Andrew
Graham Davis Kelly    Rainone
Harper Mae Letendre    Ryan Alonzo
Lucas Maloney Moreira    Scalise
Lima-Corcoran

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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 considers six Jesuit/Ignatian values, in light of the Lenten Gospel readings. Short daily reflections and specially composed prayers 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, enhances 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 is available and refreshed daily. Or, if you prefer an offline experience, IGNITING OUR VALUES is 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

### 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

### Law in the Roman Catholic Church: From Principles to Practice

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

**Monday, March 9th:**
*Marriage: What’s Law Got To Do With It?*
This talk looks at marriage in its canonical context: the persons qualified to marry, its constitutive elements, and the form required by law.

**Monday, March 16th:**
*What Can I Do If My Marriage Fails?*
This talk addresses the procedure for the declaration of nullity of a marriage.

**Lectures will be held in Wallace Hall, beginning at 7:00 PM.**

### EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5th

**Mass times on Easter Sunday:**

- 7:30 AM - Organ/Cantor  
- 9:00 AM - Organ/Cantor  
- 10:30 AM - Organ/Cantor/Choirs/Brass  
- 10:30 AM (Wallace Hall Family Mass) - Piano/Choirs  
- 12 Noon (Solemn) - Organ/Cantor/Choirs/Brass  

*(There is no 7:30 PM Mass on Easter Sunday.)*

### SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

**LENTEN FOOD DRIVE**

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

Donations can be brought to the Parish House.

- **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

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
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

Lecture: Jesus’ Parables: Jewish Stories, Christian Interpretations, Universal Lessons. Presented by the American Bible Society and America: The National Catholic Review. Wednesday, March 11th at 6:30 PM. Presented by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, New Testament, Early Christianity, and Jewish Studies Scholar. American Bible Society, 1865 Broadway. This event is free and open to the public. Reception to follow. For more information, contact Margaret Sarci at MSarci@americanbible.org

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

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, 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.

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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.