Saint Patrick and the Immigration Debate

This Tuesday we celebrate Saint Patrick, the apostle of Ireland. By birth, Patrick was neither ethnically nor culturally Irish. According to his autobiographical Confessio, Patrick was Romano-British. His family descended from imperial soldiers and merchants, mostly from modern day Germany and the Low Countries, who had invaded Britain at the time of Christ and made it a province of Rome. They intermarried with the local population and dominated England and Wales for nearly four centuries until they themselves were overwhelmed by new invaders in the late fourth and early fifth centuries.

It was during this period of chaos and confusion that Patrick was kidnapped and taken off to captivity in Ireland at sixteen years of age. The shock cannot be overestimated. A youth nurtured in a country with a four hundred year old Roman cultural tradition, Patrick would have found his new situation barbaric even if he had been treated as the favored son of a wealthy farmer. Instead, he was reduced to herding flocks as a slave.

Although the son of a deacon, Patrick tells us that he was not deeply influenced by Christian faith in his youth. He writes that he did not know the true God, did not follow God’s precepts and did not give any thought to his salvation until after his kidnapping. Paradoxically, the isolation fostered by Patrick’s ignorance of the language and lonely work, and the physical suffering he endured from cold and hunger during six years of slavery, opened Patrick’s heart to God. In the emptiness and pain, Patrick found a God “who watched over me…and consoled me as a father would a son.”

The story of Patrick’s escape and the two years of hardships he endured before being reunited with his family is harrowing. Once they had him back, Patrick’s family begged him not to leave them again, but in his dreams Patrick felt a persistent urge to return to Ireland. Patrick became convinced that the Lord was calling him to Ireland to “preach the gospel to all nations”, and so he prepared himself for ordination.

The time of study made Patrick painfully aware of the personal cost of his captivity in Ireland. Robbed of the years of his young manhood when he would have received a proper education, Patrick was never able to catch up scholastically. He remained a minimally lettered and rude man all his life. And the treatment Patrick received in Ireland after his return as a missionary bishop was hardly better than the treatment he had received as a slave. His life was frequently in danger, and stumbling blocks were constantly put in his way.

In short, Patrick had no reason to love the Irish. He had every reason to despise them, to feel wronged by them, and even to fear them. But for Patrick, “the Irish” was not a category that made any sense. For Patrick, there were only persons; there were only souls at risk and souls who needed to have the word preached to them. Patrick went far beyond the Biblical injunction to deal justly with the alien. Patrick dealt with the people of Ireland, who would always remain partly alien to him, with heartfelt generosity.

Indeed, what would break Patrick’s heart more than anything else as his life drew to a close was the attitude and actions toward the Irish of his Christian Romano-British countrymen. In the chaos of the times, the Romano-Britons had turned to piracy and the slave trade themselves. Their raids brought devastation to Patrick’s converts, whom they refused to treat as persons much less as fellow Christians. Those raids drew from Patrick’s pen haunting expressions of grief and insistent demands addressed to his brother Romano-British bishops that they speak up against the outrages perpetrated by members of their flocks.

If it were in my power, I would make Patrick’s Confessio and his letters to his brother bishops required reading for all the politicians and commentators presently engaged in our national debate about immigration. Patrick has a lot to teach all of us. Patrick dismisses fear and alarm as motives for action. Patrick looks beyond past wrongs and present difficulties to future good. There is only one thing that moves Patrick, human need. We could use a significant dose of Patrick’s attitude in our national debate; otherwise, we have very little chance of ever achieving justice.

— Rev. Thomas H. Feely, S.J.
Associate Pastor
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SVdP Lenten Food Drive continues. Details on page 3.

MONDAY, MARCH 16th
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.

Lecture: What Can I Do If My Marriage Fails?
Presented by Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.
7:00 PM. Wallace Hall. Details on page 5.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18th
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.

Caritas Concert: Sara Murphy & Michael Sheetz. 6:30 PM. Wallace Hall.
Proceeds benefit LifeWay Network. Details on page 5.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21st
NEW! IGNITE! Teen Ministry.
6:30 PM. Lady Chapel. Details on page 5.

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

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE
PASSION SUNDAY, March 29th
Regular Weekend Mass Schedule:
Saturday 5:30 PM (Vigil)
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM
11:00 AM (Solemn)
11:00 AM (Wallace Hall Family Mass)
7:30 PM

CONFESSION SCHEDULE
Monday, March 30th:
ARCHDIOCESAN DAY OF RECONCILIATION
The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 3:00 PM to 6:45 PM.

To be followed by the
PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE at 7:00 PM
Many priests will be available for Confession.

Good Friday, April 3rd:
3:00 PM – Immediately following the Three Hours Devotion. Church.

Holy Saturday, April 4th:
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM in the Parish House Parlors.

LITURGIES OF THE TRIDUUM
HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 2nd
Mass of the Lord’s Supper
7:00 PM (doors open at 6:30 PM)
Rev. Thomas H. Feely, S.J., Presider

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3rd
Celebration of the Lord’s Passion
Liturgy at 7:00 PM (doors open at 6:30 PM)
Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J., Presider

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 4th
Easter Vigil
8:00 PM (doors open at 7:30 PM)
Rev. George M. Witt, S.J., Presider
For reasons of safety, once the Vigil begins, latecomers will not be admitted into the Church until the end of the “Exultet.” Please be on time.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5th
Please note the change in Mass Times:
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/Instruments
Noon (Solemn) – Organ/Cantor/Choirs/Brass
(There is no 7:30 PM Mass on Easter Sunday.)

PLEASE OPEN FOR PAGES 3 AND 4
Stations of the Cross for Families
Sunday, March 22nd at 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.

We invite families to join us in the Church next Sunday, March 22nd at 12:30 PM where we will walk the Stations of the Cross together, led by Carly-Anne Gannon, Director of Religious Education. 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.

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IGNITING OUR VALUES:
The Jesuits’ Prayer Program for Lent 2015

IGNITING OUR VALUES considers Jesuit/Ignatian values in light of the Lenten Gospel readings.

Through Easter Sunday, April 5th, IGNITING OUR VALUES is available and refreshed daily.

For additional information, or to sign up for daily emails or PDFs, visit www.jesuits.org/ignite

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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.

Through Wednesday, March 25th, 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.

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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 were not 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.

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The Annual Change for Change Drive

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

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EASTER MEMORIAL LITURGY

You are most cordially invited to attend an 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@saintignatiusloyola.org
Sponsored by the Emmaus Bereavement Ministry

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The Cardinal’s Appeal offers vital support to Catholic programs and ministries 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 www.cardinalsappeal.org

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We pray for the faithful departed
William Fegan
May he rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 22nd

11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS

Byrd  Mass for five voices: Kyrie, Sanctus
Byrd  Miserere mei, Deus
Lassus  Miserere mei, Deus

7:30 PM MASS

with Parish Community Choir
Farrant  Hide not Thou Thy Face
Gounod  Ave Verum Corpus

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).”

Sunday Social Dates
March 22  April 19
May 3    May 17

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.

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.

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, March 16th (Fourth Monday of Lent)
Isaiah 65:17–21  Psalm 30  John 4:43–54
8:30 MEM  Julie Lane
12:10 MEM  Jack O’Leary
5:30 LVG  Amelia Caban

Tuesday, March 17th (Fourth Tuesday of Lent)
Ezekiel 47:1–9, 12  Psalm 46  John 5:1–16
8:30 MEM  Kelly Gillebaard
12:10 MEM  Charles Denihan
5:30 MEM  Julie Lane

Wednesday, March 18th (Fourth Wednesday of Lent)
Isaiah 49:8–15  Psalm 145  John 5:17–30
8:30 MEM  Giro & Elina Zullo
12:10 MEM  John F. Donohue, Jr.
5:30 MEM  Mary DePaulo

Thursday, March 19th (St. Joseph)
2 Samuel 7:4–5a, 12–14a, 16  Psalm 89
Romans 4:13, 16–18, 22  Matthew 1:16, 18–21, 24a
8:30 MEM  Claire O’Connor
12:10 MEM  Concepcion Urias
5:30 MEM  Mark Paslawsky

Friday, March 20th (Fourth Friday of Lent)
Wisdom 2:1a, 12–22  Psalm 34  John 7:1–2, 10, 25–30
8:30 MEM  Norma Foerderer
12:10 MEM  Bill Weaver
5:30 MEM  Nathan Davidson

Saturday, March 21st (Fourth Saturday of Lent)
Jeremiah 11:18–20  Psalm 7  John 7:40–53
8:30 MEM  Helen Regan

Sunday, March 22nd (Fifth Sunday of Lent)
Jeremiah 31:31–34  Psalm 51
Hebrews 5:7–9  John 12:20–33

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.

Sponsored by the Archdiocesan Family Life/Respect Life Office
**What Can I Do If My Marriage Fails?**

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

*Monday, March 16th*

*7:00 PM*

*Wallace Hall*

This talk will address the procedure for the declaration of nullity of a marriage. Statistical information will be provided, as well as the principle legal grounds for nullity. Using several case studies, the current jurisprudence will be examined and explained. Finally, the various phases of the procedure as it is applied in the Archdiocese of New York will be outlined.

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**IGNITE! Teen Ministry**

*Begins Saturday, March 21st*

*6:30 PM – 8:00 PM*

*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 Cariño, our new Youth Minister, will be speaking after all Masses today 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*

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**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.

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**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*

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**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.

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**PASSION: Sacrifice & Surrender**

*Wednesday, March 25th at 7:00 PM*

*The Choir of St. Ignatius Loyola*

K. Scott Warren, conductor

Our annual Passion concert combines Gregorian Chant and 16th and 17th century a cappella vocal music to trace the steps of Jesus in his final hours. From the Garden of Gethsemane to Jesus’ last utterances on the cross, this evening illuminates our own trials of the spirit.

*Tickets: $25–$80*

Tickets are available online at smssconcerts.org

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**CARITAS CONCERT**

*Tallis Lamentations of Jeremiah*

*Gesualdo O vos omnes and In monte oliveti*

*Lassus Stabat Mater*

*Lotti Crucifixus*

*Tickets: $50*

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

Available at the Parish House:
SIX MINUTE REFLECTIONS FOR LENT
Based on the writings of the late Bishop Kenneth Untener, 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

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