As we draw closer to Holy Week, we begin to contemplate Jesus’ final words of surrender. Not surrender in the sense of defeat, but in the security of resting in the will of his Father.

Last year on Good Friday, Fr. Ugo asked a rhetorical question, “Why did Jesus have to die?” His answer stuck with me. If I may paraphrase: Jesus’ death was the ultimate expression of the freedom he experienced as a human being. The freedom to truly be himself, to live without boundaries, to love those society deemed unlovable, and to engage honestly with those who didn’t understand him, without bending to cultural demands and compulsions that diminish humanity.

Swedish diplomat and statesman Dag Hammarskjöld, in his transcendent memoir, *Markings*, wrote of Jesus’ “lack of moral principles”:

*He sat at meat with publicans and sinners, he consorted with harlots. Did he do this to obtain their votes? Or did he think that, perhaps, he could convert them by such appeasement? Or was his humanity rich and deep enough to make contact, even in them, with that in human nature which is common to all men, indestructible, and upon which the future is built?*

Jesus’ intense self-knowledge had dissolved his ego into the Divine Will, making him available to penetrate the deepest soul-recesses of those he encountered. This is why we will, in a few days, recall his final hours with a sense of fulfillment rather than despair.

Our Sacred Music in a Sacred Space PASSION concert Wednesday evening is entitled Sacrifice and Surrender. In it we will trace Jesus’ path to the cross. Rather than a chronological journey, we focus on motifs of sacrifice and surrender, as expressed in the words of scripture, and in ancient texts of the church:

*Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my crying come unto thee. (Psalm 102:1)*

*In monte Oliveti* (If it be possible, let this cup pass from me. Yet not my will, but yours be done.)

*O vos omnes* (Has anyone seen sorrow like unto my sorrow?)

*Crucifixus* (He was crucified unto Pontius Pilate, suffered death, and was buried.)

*Stabat Mater* (A 13th century meditation on the Holy Mother as she keeps vigil at the foot of the cross.)

*In manus tuas* (Into your hands I commend my spirit.)

It should be evident from the above passages that this alignment of human and divine wills is not a prescription for comfort and ease. If we are honest with ourselves, life is full of suffering, and we spend an inordinate amount of time attempting to shield ourselves from it. Dag Hammarskjöld again, in a speech given as Secretary General of the United Nations:

*It is when we all play safe that we create a world of utmost insecurity. It is when we all play safe that fatality will lead us to our doom. It is in the “dark shade of courage” alone that the spell can be broken.*

Although these words were spoken in the context of global annihilation, the translation into our inner lives is easily made.

What is it that I am called to sacrifice? Clearly, we are asked to consider our attachment to personal security, whether through money, power, possessions, or control. The root of this attachment is twofold: 1) entitlement — we believe we deserve a life relatively free of suffering and 2) illusion — we believe this attachment will save us.

At the beginning of Jesus’ ministry, he tells total strangers to leave everything and follow him. Did some of those people walk away from their families and jobs to be with Jesus? Possibly. But I believe the deeper message is that Jesus asks us to drop all those things we use to protect ourselves from reality, and follow him into union with him, with God, and with one other.

Through the music we make next Wednesday, we follow Jesus through the darkness of human suffering, through the valley of the shadow of death, all the way to the cross. If we are willing, these ancient and profound texts can guide us through our own private sorrow, anxiety, and suffering, and become the prayers through which we might offer ourselves as “living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God.” *(Romans 12:1)*

And what of surrender? Daily, we surrender to the reality that we are not our own. In each encounter, opportunity, and setback, may we have the courage to pray with Hammarskjöld: *Lord—thine the day. And I, the day’s.*

And with Jesus: *Into your hands I commit my spirit.*

— K. Scott Warren
Director of Music Ministries
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SVdP Lenten Food Drive continues through Wednesday, March 25th. Details on page 3.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22nd
Stations of the Cross for Families. 12:30 PM. Church. Details on page 5.

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 23rd
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.

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 25th
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.

SMSS Concert: Passion: Sacrifice & Surrender. 7:00 PM. Church. Details on page 5.

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

FRIDAY – SUNDAY
MARCH 27th – MARCH 29th
Shelter Weekend. Wallace Hall. For information on volunteering, see page 3.

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

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.)

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IGNATIAN YOUNG ADULTS
Sunday Social 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

IGNITE! TEEN MINISTRY
Saturday, April 18th
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM
Every 1st & 3rd Saturday
Teens 13–19 years old are welcome!
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.
Registration for each session is encouraged but not required.
For more information and/or to register, contact Carly-Anne Gannon, Director of Religious Education, at gannonc@saintignatiusloyola.org

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.

Interested in becoming Catholic?
Call 212-288-3588 or email church@stignatiusloyola.org

MUSIC
SUNDAY, MARCH 29th
11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS
Chant The Passion of our Lord According to St. Mark
Blow My God, my God, look upon me
Tallis Salvator mundi
11:00 AM FAMILY MASS
with the Children’s Choirs
Mayo Hosanna to the Lord

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
FRIDAY – SUNDAY
MARCH 27th – MARCH 29th
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

COMING IN MAY
The Hope and the Heartbreak: The Challenges of Modern Christians in the Land Where Jesus Preached
Tuesday, May 5th at 7:00 PM, Wallace Hall
Presented by Dr. Bishara Ebeid
How do these church communities support each other and build peace during times of persecution? How do they live their faith in the face of conflict — often at threat to their lives? Dr. Bishara Ebeid will speak from his own experience and the research for his doctoral dissertation presented at the Pontifical Oriental Institute.
Sponsored by the Gregorian University Foundation & the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola

CARDINAL’S ANNUAL APPEAL
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
The Easter Vigil
The Easter Vigil liturgy is the most beautiful liturgy in the Roman Catholic Church. Celebrated on Holy Saturday after sunset, the Vigil Mass is regarded as the most important Mass of the liturgical year.

Adults who have never been baptized are baptized at this liturgy. Baptized Christians of other denominations are received into the Church through the sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. Baptized Roman Catholics who have never had religious instruction are confirmed and receive their First Eucharist.

Because it is so rich with detail, the Vigil Mass usually lasts about three hours. We invite you to attend the Vigil service on Saturday, April 4th! Doors will open at 7:30 PM; the service begins at 8:00 PM. Because the Vigil begins in complete darkness, no latecomers will be admitted into the Church until the end of the “Exultet.”

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

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

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, March 23rd
(Fifth Monday of Lent)
8:30 MEM Claire O’Connor
12:10 MEM McKinley Sillerman
5:30 MEM Theresa B. Dos Passos

Tuesday, March 24th
(Fifth Tuesday of Lent)
Numbers 21:4–9    Psalm 102    John 8:21–30
8:30 MEM John B., John A., & Elizabeth Rooney
12:10 MEM The Gilhooley Family
5:30 MEM Luigi Racanelli

Wednesday, March 25th
(The Annunciation of the Lord)
Isaiah 7:10–14, 8:10       Psalm 40
8:30 MEM Joan Musaro
12:10 LVG Ana Schefer
5:30 MEM Philip Seymour Hoffman

Thursday, March 26th
(Fifth Thursday of Lent)
Genesis 17:3–9    Psalm 105    John 8:51–59
8:30 MEM Emil Wittek
12:10 MEM Charles Denihan
5:30 MEM Living & Deceased Members of the Wallace Family

Friday, March 27th
(Fifth Friday of Lent)
8:30 MEM Olga Corbera
12:10 MEM Anne Sheehan
5:30 MEM Janet McHale

Saturday, March 28th
(Fifth Saturday of Lent)
8:30 MEM Jose Corbera

Sunday, March 29th
(Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion)
Isaiah 50:4–7             Psalm 22
Philippians 2:6–11        Mark 14:1–15:47

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.
Stations of the Cross
for Families

TODAY 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 today 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.

Stations of the Cross
for the Parish Community
Wednesday, April 1st at 7:30 PM

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

THE ANNUAL CHANGE FOR CHANGE DRIVE

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

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.

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.

Tallis  Lamentations of Jeremiah
Gesualdo  O vos omnes and In monte oliveti
Lassus  Stabat Mater
Lotti  Crucifixus

Tickets: $25–$80

Bach’s B Minor Mass

Wednesday, May 6th at 7:00 PM

Choir and Orchestra of St. Ignatius Loyola

Tickets: $25–$80

Tickets for all concerts are available at smssconcerts.org

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

Ends Wednesday March 25th

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.

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

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
We pray for the faithful departed
James Donovan
May he rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

33rd Annual Pax Christi Metro New York Way of the Cross. Friday, April 3rd. 8:30 AM. Join in the largest public Christian peace witness in New York City. This modern-day enactment of the Stations of the Cross will take place on Good Friday. The walk begins at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza (47th Street at First Avenue) and proceeds along 42nd Street to between 8th and 9th Avenues. Please wear or bring a cross. For further information, contact Pax Christi Metro at 212-420-0250 or visit nypaxchristi.org

Course: Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide. Sponsored by the Archdiocesan Family Life/ Respect Life Office. Wednesdays, April 8th–June 24th. 7:00 PM–9:00 PM. St. Barnabas, Considine Center, 413 East 241st Street. Presenter: Carmen Noschese, M.S., M.E.T., Separated & Divorced Ministry Coordinator. A program intended to bring hope and healing to divorced and separated Catholics. Cost: $35. Fee includes light refreshments and handouts. Space is limited. To register, visit events.nyfamilylife.org/cds/ For more information, contact Kathy Wither at dr.kathleen.wither@archny.org

Sunday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Every Sunday (except the month of July) following the 12:00 PM Noon Mass and at 5:30 PM. Saint Joseph's Church, 404 East 87th Street. An opportunity for quiet prayer and silent adoration. All are welcome.

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Children's Liturgy of the Word:
Sundays at 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.