“Jesus Christ is the face of the Father’s mercy.” With these words Pope Francis begins the Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. The Holy Year will begin on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, 2015, and close on the Solemnity of Christ the King, November 20, 2016.

Pope Francis is calling the church to the essentials of the faith. His message can be summed up in three words: mercy, tenderness, “I am a sinner.” The papal document says, “Mercy: the fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life. Mercy: the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to a hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness” (n. 2).

We will have ample occasion to reflect on the many facets of God’s mercy during the Jubilee Year, but I was particularly drawn to what the Pope says about the relationship between justice and mercy: “It would not be out of place at this point to recall the relationship between justice and mercy. These are not two contradictory realities, but two dimensions of a single reality that unfolds progressively until it culminates in the fullness of love…. We need to recall that in Sacred Scripture, justice is conceived essentially as the faithful abandonment of oneself to God’s will” (20).

We are warned against a legalistic approach to divine justice, one that equates fidelity to the covenant with the observance of external norms. “If God limited himself only to justice, he would cease to be God, and would instead be like human beings who ask merely that the law be respected. But mere justice is not enough. Experience shows that an appeal to justice alone will result in its destruction. This is why God goes beyond justice with his mercy and forgiveness” (21). Perhaps we could say that God goes through justice to mercy. The Latin adage summum ius summa iniuria expresses the aberrant view: slavish adherence to the letter of the law can result in gross injustice.

The role of law in the life of the Church is thus seen as a humble, indeed flawed, instrument of God’s salvific plan, but one that has as its goal the order in the community that brings peace and harmony, where the mercy of God can be received and shared. When he promulgated the revised Code of Canon Law in 1983, Pope John Paul II emphasized this dynamic role of law: “It is sufficiently clear that the purpose of the Code is not in any way to replace faith, grace, charisms and above all charity in the life of the Church or of Christ’s faithful. On the contrary, the Code rather looks toward the achievement of order in the ecclesial society, such that while attributing a primacy to love, grace and the charisms, it facilitates at the same time an orderly development in the life both of the ecclesial society and of the individual persons who belong to it.”

The norms found in the Code of Canon Law, therefore, and all other laws of the Church, are instruments of order in the Christian community, an order demanded by the very nature of this community as we understand the Lord meant it. For the Christian community is a community of believers, of worshipers, of brothers and sisters.

It is a community that gathers all those who believe in answer to the Word of God, and thus whatever authority the Lord wanted to rule this community has as its first duty to see to it that this Word of God is transmitted with fidelity. The Word of God, then, introduces the faithful into a new relationship with God, a new form of worship, fundamentally sacramental in nature. The second duty of authority, therefore, is to lay down the rules for the proper celebration of the sacraments and other forms of worship. In the third place, this same authority will have to establish, when needed, how the fraternal relationship among the Christian faithful is to be ordered, as well as the relationships with others outside the community, whether Christians or not, whether believers or not.

Pope Francis is rooted in the Word of God and is, I believe, deeply united to Christ in prayer. His words in the papal bull calling for the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy echo in our hearts in this Easter Season: “For Christ is the end of the law, that everyone who has faith may be justified (Romans 10:3-4). God’s justice is his mercy given to everyone as a grace that flows from the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.”

— Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.
Associate Pastor
SUNDAY, APRIL 19th
Paul VI's Letter on the Development of Peoples.
Presented by Fr. Ugo Nacciarone, S.J.
Part of the Ignatian 40s Speaker Series.
5:30 PM. Parish 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.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22nd
Job Transition Support Group.
10:00 AM. Parish Lounge.
Bringing together experienced professionals looking to secure employment.
Details on page 3.

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 23rd
Sacrament of Confirmation. Church.
2:00 PM – Grammar School Students
5:30 PM – IREP Students

Please note that the 5:30 PM Daily Mass on Thursday, April 23rd will be celebrated in
Loyola Chapel. Enter through the Parish House.

FRIDAY – SUNDAY
APRIL 24th – APRIL 26th
Society of St. Vincent de Paul 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.
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 the Jesuit Refugee Service: Education of Syrian Refugees
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.

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.

Our goal this year is 400 participants.
As of Wednesday, April 13th, the current total is 273.
Gifts can be made online at www.cardinalsappeal.org

For your convenience...
To reach the Giving page on the parish website, scan the QR Code at left with your smartphone’s camera.
Weekend Retreat at Jogues Retreat House
Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY
Hosted by Ignatian 40s
Friday, May 1st – Sunday, May 3rd
What does God want of me? What does God want for me? This retreat will focus on how Ignatian discernment can apply to our personal lives and our lives in society.

For more information, email Ignatian40s@gmail.com

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
April 19 May 3 May 17
June 7 June 21

A Discussion with Fr. Matt Malone, S.J., President and Editor-in-Chief of America Media
Sunday, May 3rd at 8:30 PM Wallace Hall
Following the 7:30 PM Mass, the IYAs are hosting a presentation by Fr. Matt Malone, S.J., President and Editor-in-Chief of America Media, publisher of America Magazine.
Fr. Malone will discuss his work at and vision for America Media, and its role within and outside the Ignatian community.

All are welcome.

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, May 11th
7:00 PM
Conference Room

Job Transition Support Group
Wednesday, April 22nd
10:00 AM
Parish Lounge
Bringing together a group of experienced professionals looking to secure employment, we hope to help one another in the job search process.
Please bring your resume.

For more information, contact
John Holewa at jfholewa@gmail.com or Christian Nolan at ctnolan59@gmail.com

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
Paul VI’s Letter on the Development of Peoples
Presenter: Fr. Ugo Nacciarone, S.J.
Former Associate Pastor, Church of St. Ignatius Loyola
The presentation will focus on the principles of Catholic social teaching, specifically on the background and content of Pope Paul VI’s Letter on the Development of Peoples (Populorum Progressio).

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.

IGNITE! TEEN MINISTRY
Saturday, May 2nd
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM
Hoefner Lounge
Every 1st & 3rd Saturday
 Teens 13–19 years old are welcome!
IGNITE! offers a forum through which high school students and their families may find a deeper relationship with God and each other.
Registration for each session is encouraged but not required.
For more information and/or to register, contact Teresa Cariño, Youth Minister, at carinoi@saintignatiusloyola.org
Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, April 20th (Third Monday of Easter)
8:30 MEM John Buscarino
12:10 MEM Constantine Gertmenian
5:30 MEM Genevieve Farrell

Tuesday, April 21st (Third Tuesday of Easter)
8:30 MEM John Benz
12:10 MEM David Martin
5:30 MEM Nathan Davidson

Wednesday, April 22nd (Third Wednesday of Easter)
8:30 MEM Maureen Hennessey
12:10 MEM Sose & Mark Prekelezaj
5:30 MEM Laura Regalado

Thursday, April 23rd (Third Thursday of Easter)
Acts 8:26–40 Psalm 66 John 6:44–51
8:30 MEM Jonathan Heller
12:10 MEM Philip di Belardino
5:30 MEM Living & Deceased Members of the Wallace Family

Friday, April 24th (Third Friday of Easter)
8:30 ANN George Adams
12:10 MEM John B., John A., & Elizabeth Rooney
5:30 MEM Cheyenne Perez

Saturday, April 25th (St. Mark)
1 Peter 5:5b–14 Psalm 89 Mark 16:15–20
8:30 MEM Emil Wittek

Sunday, April 26th (Fourth Sunday of Easter)
Acts 3:8-12 1 John 3:1–2
Psalm 118 John 10:11–18

MUSIC
SUNDAY, APRIL 26th
11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS
with the Children’s Choirs
Wright, Darke  ‘Two settings of Brother James’ Air’*
Lassus  ‘Surrexit pastor bonus’
Dilworth, arr.  ‘Shine on me’
Thomson  ‘My shepherd will supply my need’
Pachelbel  ‘Toccata in d minor’*
*Wright, Darke, and Pachelbel also played at 7:30 PM Mass

11:00 AM FAMILY MASS
Schwartz  ‘All Good Gifts’

Bach’s B Minor Mass
Wednesday, May 6th at 7:00 PM
Choir and Orchestra of St. Ignatius Loyola
Monumental, intricate, and full of insight into the widest spectrum of human experience, Bach’s B Minor Mass is widely considered the greatest composition in the Western classical canon. Although completed in 1749, the work was never performed in its entirety during the composer’s lifetime, and did not receive its first full performance until over 100 years later in 1859.

Tickets: $25–$80
Tickets are available online at smssconcerts.org

Rejoice in the Lord!
A Music Ministry Celebration
Sunday, May 17th at 3:00 PM
The Choir of St. Ignatius Loyola, Parish Community Choir, Wallace Hall Choir, Canticum Sacrum, and Children’s Choirs join forces in gratitude and joy.
FREE WILL OFFERING. NO TICKETS NECESSARY.

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

The Staff of the St. Ignatius Loyola Day Nursery cordially invites the members of the Parish Community to
The Annual Spring Benefit
Friday, May 15th
7:00 PM to Midnight
Guastavino’s
Cocktails, Dinner, Dancing, Raffle, Live and Silent Auctions
For ticket information, please call 212-734-6427 x24.
Persons over 21 years of age are welcome.
We extend a warm welcome to Bishop Dominick Lagonegro, who will be presiding at the Confirmation of our Grammar School and IREP students on Thursday, April 23rd at 2:00 PM and 5:30 PM.

Please pray for all of the Confirmandi.

Lay Ministers’ Enrichment

See What Love the Father Has Bestowed On Us: A Mini Retreat Experience of the First Exercises

Presented by Sr. Kathryn King, FSP & Rev. Thomas Feely, S.J.

Saturday, April 25th
9:30 AM – 3:30 PM
Wallace Hall

All Lay Ministers at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola are invited to attend.

The First Exercises are a highly adaptable combination of guided prayer based on the themes of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, personal reflection on prayer, and spiritual conversation as we share with each other the gifts and challenges our prayer has revealed to us.

Continental breakfast will be available beginning at 9:15 AM. Lunch will also be provided.

REGISTRATION CLOSES TOMORROW.

To register online, visit tinyurl.com/April2015LME or call 212-288-3588 and leave a message for Fr. Feely.

Contact layministersenrichment@gmail.com with questions.

Wallace Hall Available for Rental

The space is available for a variety of events including fundraisers, lectures, receptions, and formal banquet-style dinners.

For more information, contact Caroline Fernandes at 212-288-3588 or fernandesc@saintignatiusloyola.org

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Blood Drive

Sponsored by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Sunday, May 3rd
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
McKinnon Hall

The New York Blood Center requires 2,000 donations daily to meet the transfusion needs of our community.

Your donation may enable a premature baby to live, a burn victim to recover, a cancer patient to be treated, or an accident victim to survive.

To register:

Online – www.nybloodcenter.org/blood
Telephone – (800) 933-2566

Please reference Group Code 06239 when registering.

Walk-ins are also welcome.

A photo or signature ID is required.

Please eat a well-balanced meal before giving blood.

The Hope and the Heartbreak: The Challenges of Modern Christians in the Land Where Jesus Preached

Tuesday, May 5th
7:00 PM
Wallace Hall

Presented by Dr. Bishara Ebeid

The Holy Land is a rich mosaic of Christian traditions with dozens of Eastern Christian churches alongside Reformed Christians and Roman Catholics.

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.

A wine and cheese reception and brief presentation on the work of the Gregorian University Foundation by Fr. Alan Fogarty, S.J., President, will follow.

Sponsored by the Gregorian University Foundation & the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Confirmation

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Please pray for all of the Confirmandi.
Lecture: The Imperative of Hope: Recovering the Prophetic in Christian Life Today. A Conversation with Gustavo Gutiérrez. Wednesday, May 6th, 6:00 PM. Fordham University, Pope Auditorium, Lincoln Center Campus, 113 West 60th Street. Gustavo Gutiérrez, the founder of liberation theology, and theologian Michael Lee explore the challenges of living a Christian life in the contemporary world, and reflect on the ongoing renewal of the Church in the era of Pope Francis. The lecture is free and open to the public. For more information, contact jackie@snacknyc.com


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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. 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.