The Litany of Loreto is a beautiful, centuries-old prayer. It enumerates titles of the Virgin Mary, following each with the petition pray for us. Since today is Mother’s Day, it seems appropriate to suggest a brief Litany of the Motherhood of Mary.

Mary, unprepared mother, pray for us. Like every young woman of her time and place, Mary saw motherhood as an integral part of her future. But when motherhood came upon her, she was unprepared — unmarried and afraid. Nonetheless, she accepted motherhood as a gift, trusting that if she cooperated with God’s grace, God would strengthen her to meet the responsibilities of motherhood generously and joyfully.

Mary, refugee mother, pray for us. Jesus was still a very young child when Mary and Joseph found themselves refugees, exiled to Egypt because of Herod’s political fears. Not yet fully settled into motherhood, Mary found herself making her way in a foreign land with an alien culture and an unfamiliar language. She must often have felt utterly lost, and yet, with God’s grace, she endured for the sake of her husband and child.

Mary, working mother, pray for us. The gospels tell us Joseph was a carpenter. They say nothing about Mary’s work. But given her social context, it is hard to believe that Mary did not work to help support her family. Maybe she wove fabrics on commission. Maybe she kept bees and sold the honey in the market. Maybe she tended a garden and sold produce to the kitchen of the Roman garrison. Like any woman of her class, Mary was probably a working mother whose work was essential to her family’s well-being.

Mary, widowed mother, pray for us. Tradition holds that Mary was widowed before Jesus began his public ministry. She would suddenly have found herself navigating the world without the loving companionship and emotional support Joseph had always provided. And then, as inevitably happens, her only child left home. Mary would have found herself even more alone, living on what her own work could provide her with, maybe at times dependent on others’ charity. Mary must have turned to God frequently in that lonely time.

Mary, distraught mother, pray for us. Mark’s gospel tells us that at one point in Jesus’ preaching career Mary and her extended family tried to stop him and bring him home. With a mother’s intuition, Mary may have foreseen the danger Jesus’ words and works were courting before he did. But Jesus was not to be deterred. Every single day of Jesus’ public life, Mary must have felt the anxiety of a mother whose child is in danger of any kind, and she must have prayed that God would keep him safe.

Mary, mother of a prisoner, pray for us. In the gospels, Jesus is in prison for a single night. Many scripture scholars believe his imprisonment lasted much longer, a shrewd tactic of the Sanhedrin and the Roman authorities to remove him from the scene and let the triumph of his entry into Jerusalem be forgotten before they put him to death. What was that time like for Mary? She must have feared for the son who was kept from her. How hard it must have been for her to hand those fears over to God.

Mary, bereaved mother, pray for us. The worst comes to pass. Not only does Mary lose her child to death, she witnesses the torture of his execution. She must have been torn between her desire not to let him go and her desire that his agony would end. We know Jesus prayed psalms on the cross; Mary may well have joined her voice to his and prayed those psalms with him.

Mary, adoptive mother, pray for us. Then a new phase of Mary’s motherhood begins. She has to become mother to the despondent disciples until the resurrection, and after the resurrection, she may well have been called on time and time again to soothe, as only a mother can, the misunderstandings and hurts that must have arisen in the early community of believers. She must often have prayed to her Son for guidance and strength.

All love demands sacrifice, and no love demands more sacrifice than a mother’s love. As we pray this Litany of the Motherhood of Mary, let’s be grateful for the sacrifices she made and for the sacrifices all mothers make.

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

MONDAY, MAY 11th
Ignatian Young Adults Knitting Group.
7:00 PM. Conference Room.
Crafting for charity. All IYAs are welcome.
Details on page 3.

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, MAY 13th
Job Transition Support Group.
10:00 AM. Parish Lounge.
Bringing together experienced professionals looking to secure employment.
Details on page 3.

ASCENSION THURSDAY
MAY 14th
Anticipated Mass at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, May 13th.
Masses at 8:30 AM, 12:10 PM, 5:30 PM, and 7:30 PM on Thursday, May 14th.
All Masses will be celebrated in the Church.

SATURDAY, MAY 16th
IGNITE! Teen Ministry.
6:30 PM. Hoefner Lounge. Details on page 3.

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.

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.

Congratulations to the St. Ignatius Loyola Children’s Choir on earning their first-ever rating of “Superior”—the highest designation—at their choir competition last weekend. They enjoyed a well-deserved day at Six Flags Great Adventure afterward.

Join choristers from local schools and sing with our St. Ignatius Children’s Choirs next season!
Rising 1st through 12th graders may ‘audition’ on Thursday, May 21st, 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM, and Wednesday, June 10th, 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM, in the Parish House Meeting Room.
Please contact Maureen Haley, Director of Children’s Choirs, at haleym@saintignatiusloyola.org for an audition time.
All parish children are welcome and no prior experience is necessary. A parent or guardian must be present to fill out the registration materials.
Please see the brochure in the Narthex or on our website, stignatiusloyola.org, for additional information.

MUSIC
SUNDAY, MAY 17th
11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS
Messiaen  L’Ascension: Prière du Christ montant vers son Père*
Caraccio  Ubi caritas
Schütz  Lobe den Herren, meine Seele
Messiaen  L’Ascension: Transports de joie d’une âme devant la gloire du Christ qui est la sienne*
*Also played at the 7:30 PM Mass

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

PLEASE OPEN FOR PAGES 3 AND 4
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
May 17 June 7 June 21

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, May 13th
10:00 AM
Parish Lounge

The St. Ignatius Job Transition Support Group started in September 2014 and is a vibrant ministry. Meeting every Wednesday morning we have served over 100 parishioners. Meetings start with a prayer and we are mindful of the dignity of work that is deeply part of the Catholic tradition. The group has been successful, with several members having found jobs.

New members are welcome. Members are typically mid-career professionals who help each other in the job search and career transition process. There is no particular industry focus. The meetings are about the search process.

Several parishioners have met with the group offering their perspective on job searching, resume writing, and industry background. Parishioners who would like to work with members are invited to reach out to the group moderators.

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

IGNITE! TEEN MINISTRY

Saturday, May 16th
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM
Hoefner Lounge

 Every 1st & 3rd Saturday
 Teens 13–19 years old are welcome!

As a parish-based youth ministry rooted in Ignatian spirituality and Catholic tradition, 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 carinot@saintignatiusloyola.org

Meeting Christ in Prayer: Reunion Gathering

Wednesday, May 27th
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM in Wallace Hall

This gathering is open to all those who have participated at any time in the Meeting Christ in Prayer program. It is an opportunity to renew and deepen your desire to continue to “meet Christ in your prayer” and life as well as to reconnect with your companions on the spiritual journey. Refreshments following.

RSVP to Sr. Kathryn King at kingk@saintignatiusloyola.org by Friday, May 22nd.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY NOW

Remember St. Ignatius in Your Estate Plan.

If you would like information about planned giving, contact Fernando Castro, Treasurer, or visit our website at www.stignatiusloyola.org
Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

**Monday, May 11th (Sixth Monday of Easter)**
Acts 16:11–15    Psalm 149    John 15:26–16:4a
8:30 MEM    James Johnson
12:10 MEM    Valentino Mazzia
5:30 MEM    Joseph A. Santangelo

**Tuesday, May 12th (Sixth Tuesday of Easter)**
8:30 MEM    John & Nora Reilly
12:10 LVG    Irmgard Kowalski
5:30 LVG    Thomas Middelhoff

**Wednesday, May 13th (Sixth Wednesday of Easter)**
Acts 17:15, 22–18:1    Psalm 148    John 16:12–15
8:30 MEM    Giro & Elina Zullo
12:10 MEM    Irene Scully
5:30 Anticipated Mass    Ascension of the Lord

**Thursday, May 14th (The Ascension of the Lord)**
Acts 1:1–11    Psalm 47    Ephesians 1:17–23

**Friday, May 15th (Sixth Friday of Easter)**
8:30 MEM    Helen McNamara
12:10 MEM    Jack O’Leary
5:30 MEM    Bessie & William Callahan

**Saturday, May 16th (Sixth Saturday of Easter)**
8:30 MEM    Joan Comey

**Sunday, May 17th (Seventh Sunday of Easter)**
Acts 1:15–17, 20a, 20c–26    1 John 4:11–16
Psalm 103    John 17:11b–19

---

**APRIL SACRAMENTS**

**Weddings**
Andrew Owen Ahlborn & Jacqueline Mary Traynor
Rory Daniel Barrett & Erika Lynn Waddell
John Patrick Cormican & Courtney K. Fischer
Federic Michel Lebrun & Shanthini Christina Kasiraja
Brenton Gregory McDonald & Olympia Lettry-Vauban
Vladimir Sentome & Jennie Benza

**Baptisms**
Isabella Arboleda    William Everett
Andrew Joseph Baker    Kuhnel Maguire
Zoya Setayesh Bidarian    Kathryn McDonald
William Irwin Carlisle Brett    Maxwell Evie Amelia
James Walker Burns    Murphy
Matthew Jaewon Byun    Nicholas Isnard Prada
Ivy Elizabeth Carleton    Derrick Benjamin Rauen
Daniel Callao Clancy    Porter James Rauen
Nora Elizabeth Creedon    Nicolas Luis Rosero
Remy Michelle Cusick    Clare Crosby Rubin
Meghan Frances Devaney    Sienna Schofield
Georgia Muzinich    Audrey Mei Schwartz
Dickinson    Clarete Mairesd Spruille
Caroline Grace Foley    Madeleine Rose Waibel
Sophia Rose Forbell    Sebastian Comyn Watson
Daphne Mae Giordano    Charles Patrick Woods
Alexander Joseph Golden
Lillian Mildred Green
Sybil Elizabeth Kramer

**Confirmation**
58 students from St. Ignatius Loyola School,
39 students from the St. Ignatius Loyola
Interparish Religious Education Program, and
13 adult parishioners received the Sacrament.

**Interested in Becoming Catholic?**
We have the privilege at St. Ignatius of welcoming many visitors and new parishioners. We especially welcome those who may be thinking of becoming Catholic. If you feel attracted to the Catholic faith, we want you to know about a program at the Parish that will begin in the Fall.

A group will meet here during the year to inquire into the Catholic faith, to come to know Jesus through the Gospels, and to pray and to prepare for the Easter Sacraments.

For more information about this process, which is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, contact Maureen Fullam at 212-288-3588 or email church@saintignatiusloyola.org

**Available at the Parish House**

**New York Catholics: Faith, Attitude & the Works!**
The historical and spiritual legacy of New York City’s largest religious community comes alive in these biographies of 76 women and men who have helped make New York and America great, and whose character and qualities are uniquely New York and Catholic. **Cost:** $20

**Prayer Booklets for the Easter Season**
Authored by the late Bishop Kenneth Untener of Saginaw, Michigan, the booklet offers brief prayers and reflections for each of the fifty days of the Easter Season. **Cost:** $1
Dear Parishioners,

I received a call from the Archdiocese this week informing us that Cardinal Dolan has made a decision about the potential merger between St. Ignatius Loyola and St. Thomas More. We will not be merging with St. Thomas More.

As we go to press, this is the only information we have received. An Archdiocesan press conference is expected this weekend.

I would like to extend my personal thanks to our Making All Things New Core Team: Kathy Murnion (chair), Marissa Blackett, Gerard Ryan, Jane and Frank Vardy for their faithful service throughout the MATN process. I am deeply grateful to them, and particularly to Kathy, for the countless hours that they devoted to the MATN process.

Thank you for your prayers and support. We look forward to continued collaboration with our neighboring parishes.

Rev. George M. Witt, S.J.
Pastor

Parishioners and Friends of St. Ignatius Loyola Parish are cordially invited to attend LifeWay Network’s Spring Fundraiser

Event Towards New Life: Working Together to End Human Trafficking

Tuesday, May 19th
6:00 PM – 8:30 PM in Wallace Hall
Wine and hors d’oeuvres will be served.
This event supports LifeWay Network, which collaborates to combat human trafficking through safe housing and education.

Tickets: $150
Visit www.lifewaynetwork.org to register and pay online, or mail payment to LifeWay Network, Inc., PO Box 754215, Forest Hills, NY 11375

The Parish Ministry Council cordially invites those St. Ignatius Parishioners who are active in Ministry to

The Ministers’ Night Annual Supper Social
An Evening of Celebration, Thanks & Praise

Thursday, June 4th
7:00 PM
Wallace Hall

RSVP by Monday, June 1st: 212-288-3588 or ministrydinner@gmail.com
Please leave both your name and your ministry.

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

Farewell Reception for Fr. Witt

Sunday, June 14th
McKinnon Hall
Following the 11:00 AM Masses

After eight years at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, six of them as pastor, Father Witt has been asked by the Jesuit Provincial to take on a new assignment: Provincial Assistant for Spirituality Ministries. Starting September 1st, Father will be working closely with the two East Coast provincials in coordinating Jesuit retreat house ministries and other spirituality programs. As part of his duties, Fr. Witt will also be Executive Director of the Jesuit Collaborative.

Father Witt’s last Mass as pastor will be the 11:00 AM Solemn on Sunday, June 14th.

Please join us in McKinnon Hall following the Mass for a reception thanking Father Witt for his service to our parish and congratulating Father Feely on his appointment as Parish Administrator for the coming year.
We pray for the faithful departed
Anne Anderson
May she rest in the peace of the Risen Lord

The St. Jean's Players present Sean O'Casey's Juno & the Paycock. Friday, May 15th & Saturday, May 16th at 8:00 PM and Sunday, May 17th at 3:00 PM. Church of St. Jean Baptiste Auditorium, 167 East 75 Street. Tickets: $20/adults, $10/seniors age 65 and older, and $10/children through age 18. To purchase tickets, call (212) 868-4444 or visit SmartTix.com For more information, visit stjeansplayers.org or email stjeansplayers@gmail.com

Special Needs Mass: For families with loved ones on the Autism spectrum and with other challenging behaviors. Sunday, May 17th at 4:00 PM. Church of the Blessed Sacrament, 152 West 71st Street. All family members are invited to attend. For more information, contact jackie@snacknyc.com

The 2015 New York Catholic Bible Summit: Hear the Word of God With Reverence. Proclaim It With Faith. Saturday, June 20th. New York Catholic Center, 350 East 56th Street. For those interested in learning more about the Holy Scriptures and ways of promoting its use with the Catholic community. Co-sponsored by the Archdiocesan Catechetical Office and American Bible Society. For more information, visit nyfaithformation.org or call (646) 794-2692.

After School Tutors Needed: The Little Sisters of the Assumption Family Health Service is in great need of after-school tutors to assist low-academic performing East Harlem children (ages 7 – 12). The one-on-one tutoring sessions are held at the Center, 333 East 115th Street (between First Avenue and Second Avenue), once a week for 70 minutes. A variety of days and times are available. For more information, contact tgnough@lsafhs.org or visit littlesistersfamily.org

Sunday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Every Sunday (except the month of July) following the 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.

PARISH STAFF
Pastor
Rev. George M. Witt, S.J.
Associate Pastors
Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J.
Rev. Thomas H. Feely, S.J.
Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.
Pastoral Associates
Joanne Cunneen
Carly-Anne Gannon
Kathryn King, F.S.P.
Assisting Priests (Sunday)
Rev. Philip G. Judge, S.J.
Rev. James Martin, S.J.
Rev. Anthony P. SooHoo, S.J.
Music Ministries
Scott Warren, Director
Nancianne Parrella
Robert Reuter
Michael Sleetz
Maureen Haley
Philip Anderson
Sara Murphy, Administrator
Staff information: on the website at music/music staff
Assistant to the Pastor
Diane M. Boyle
Administrative Assistant
Patricia Schneider
Communications Coordinator
Elizabeth O’Sullivan
Asst. to the Director of Facilities
Caroline Fernandes
Treasurer
Fernando Castro

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. Feely
Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Judge
7:30 PM Fr. Judge

Religious Education for Children
Ms. Carly-Anne Gannon, M.Phil., M.Ed.
Director
(212) 861-4764

St. Ignatius Loyola Grammar School
Ms. Mary Larkin, Principal
M.S. Ed. (Admin.), M.S. Ed. (Literacy)
48 East 84th Street
New York, NY 10028
(212) 861-3820 Fax: (212) 879-8248

St. Ignatius Loyola Day Nursery
Ms. Theodora Crist, M.S.
Executive Director
240 East 84th Street
New York, NY 10028
(212) 734-6427 Fax: (212) 734-6972

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.

Marriages: The Bride or Groom should call Joanne Cunneen at the Parish House (212-288-3588 x632) to arrange for a Baptism and the preparation given prior to Baptism.

Baptisms: Please 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.