Yesterday the Church commemorated all the dead who are with God and live forever in the bliss of heaven — all the canonized saints and the untold number of non-canonized saints who “have fought the good fight and have finished the race,” as St. Paul writes in his Second Letter to Timothy. Today we pray for the dead who are not yet among their number, not yet living in the face-to-face vision of God.

It is our Christian faith that God wants everyone to come to full blessedness with him. Some people at their death are not prepared for that. It is fitting that they undergo further purification, further stripping of their sins and sinful tendencies — the deep seated self-centeredness and self-concern that prevented them in this life from moving beyond themselves to the sincere love of God and other people.

Catholic teaching from the earliest centuries is that such persons exist in what we call “purgatory” — a state of waiting — where they are made ready to come “into the light of God’s face,” as we pray in the Second Eucharistic Prayer of the Mass. We don’t have to think of purgatory as a place of punishment, as a kind of hell, but rather as a time of completion and healing. Ultimately, it is the condition that results from encountering God and the fire of His purifying love through which we become prepared for full communion with God.

And we believe that in some mysterious and wonderful way, we remain connected with our loved ones who have died. This is what we understand by the ancient and immensely consoling teaching of the Church on the communion of saints. There is a strong bond between us and our deceased loved ones that can never be severed. I think of the line from Gabriel Marcel, the French philosopher and playwright, who wrote: “To love someone is to say you will never die.”

This is why, from earliest times, Christians have been encouraged to pray for their dead, particularly when we gather for Mass. In each of the Eucharistic Prayers, there is a special moment when we pray, as in the Second Eucharistic Prayer, “Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection and all who have died in your mercy; welcome them into the light of your face.”

At some point in our life, we have to come to terms with the mystery of death. What happens to us after we die? Do we maintain any kind of relationship with family and friends who die before we do? Do they live simply in our memories? Questions such as these do not preoccupy us every day of the week. But there are times when they become very real and very troubling. The death of anyone we have loved is surely an instance of that.

Our Christian faith assures us that life is not ended at death. It is changed to a completely new way of life that is beyond our wildest imagining. What this feast does today is to invite us to look at that faith again and ask: “Do I really believe that? Do I really believe death is not a final ending but a passage, a transition to a life that will never end. And do I believe that I remain connected to the faithful who have gone before me?”

If you were to sit down today and write out your own Creed — the religious truths you deeply believe in — like the Nicene Creed from the fourth century which we profess every Sunday, would eternal life after death, the resurrection of the body, and our communion with those who have died, be part of your personal creed?

I see this Feast today as an opportunity to pray for a deeper faith in the mercy of God toward all who die. And I see it as a day to celebrate those who have gone before us, and who continue to be a part of our lives through the many ways they influence how we see the world and how we respond to the challenges we face. We believe that they are still with us, and will always be with us, in ways that transcend our powers to understand.

– Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J.
Associate Pastor
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd
The N.P. Mander Organ Recital Series
presents David Enlow. 3:00 PM. Church.
Details on page 3.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd
SVdP Shelter Information Session.
7:00 PM. Wallace Hall. Details at lower right.

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5th
Job Transition Support Group.
10:00 AM. Parish Lounge.
Details at bottom.

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

THE BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD
During the month of November, we remember our loved ones who have died.

On November 1st, we will place a Book of the Names of the Dead on the altar of the Jesuit Boy Saints (at the back of the church, on the 84th Street side). Individuals are invited to write the names of deceased loved ones in this book, which will be kept on the altar during Masses until the Feast of Christ the King, Sunday, November 23rd.

Departed loved ones will be remembered in prayer at all Masses during the month.

Job Transition Support Group
Wednesday, November 5th
10:00 AM in the 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

TAKENOTE!
Beginning November 30th, the start time of Saturday afternoon Confessions will be 4:30 PM.
Penitents are encouraged to come early so that Confessions can end before the 5:30 PM Mass begins.

On Saturday, November 8th, Rev. Jeffrey von Arx, S.J., President of Fairfield University, will be the presider at the 5:30 PM Mass.
We welcome Father von Arx and all of the members of the Fairfield University Community who will be joining us at this Mass.

November is Jesuit Vocation Month
Please also join us in praying for all of the saints and blessed of the Society of Jesus.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Calling All Volunteers
TOMORROW
Shelter Information Session
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM in Wallace Hall
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will once again be sponsoring a women’s shelter every other weekend in Wallace Hall from November through April. The shelter season begins the weekend of November 21st–23rd.
New and experienced volunteers are invited to join us for the information session and learn more about this ministry to the homeless.
Refreshments will be served.
We look forward to welcoming you.
For more information, email svdp.shelter980@gmail.com

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Sunday Socials Fall/Winter 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:

Nov. 9 & 30
Jan. 11
Dec. 14
Feb. 8 & 22

IGNATIAN YOUNG ADULTS

Are you a young adult in your 20s or 30s?

CharisNYC invites you to attend one of our upcoming retreats.

Seekers Retreat – January 30 – February 1, 2015
Transitions Retreat – March 20 – March 22, 2015
Still + Silent Retreat – November 6 – November 8, 2015

For more information, email CharisRetreatNYC@gmail.com or call 347-619-2692.

Thank you for your generosity now

Remember St. Ignatius in Your Estate Plan.

Over the years, gifts left to the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola in wills, bequests, and memorials have helped us to continue to operate: as a place of worship, as a place to protect and teach our children, and as a caring and generous parish where parishioners may come for spiritual guidance.

If you would like information about planned giving, contact Fernando Castro, Treasurer, at 212-288-3588 x651 or castrof@saintignatiusloyola.org

MUSIC

December at Sacred Music in a Sacred Space

Advent Lessons and Carols
Sunday, November 30th at 3:00 PM
Free will offering

This prayer service invites us into the stillness and anticipation of Advent, a foil to the bustling holiday pace throughout the city. The Choir of St. Ignatius Loyola will offer motets centered on the Annunciation.

A Chanticleer Christmas
Friday, December 5th at 7:00 PM & Sunday, December 7th at 4:00 PM

A Chanticleer Christmas celebrates the mystery and wonder of Christmas with an elegant blend of traditional carols, medieval and Renaissance sacred works, and new holiday gems.

Called “the world’s reigning male chorus” by The New Yorker magazine, Chanticleer is known around the world for the seamless blend of its twelve male voices and its original interpretations of vocal literature.

Heavenly Light: Annual Christmas Concerts
Sunday, December 14th at 3:00 PM & Wednesday, December 17th at 7:00 PM

Centering on excerpts from J.S. Bach’s Christmas Oratorio, our ever-popular Christmas concerts will offer you and your family the inspiring warmth and joy of the season. Includes well-known carols for all to sing. Featuring the Combined Choirs & Orchestra of St. Ignatius Loyola.

Tickets are available online at www.smssconcerts.org

The N.P. Mander Organ Recital Series presents

DAVID ENLOW
Organist and Choir Master, Church of the Resurrection, NY Organ Faculty, The Juilliard School

TODAY at 3:00 PM

Tickets: $20
Call 212-288-2520 for 24/7 ticket ordering.

Tickets can also be purchased at www.smssconcerts.org

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Panel Discussion: 
Synod of Bishops on 
the Family

Saturday, November 8th
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
The Church of St. Francis Xavier
46 West 16th Street

Through the facilitation of Clare Ferraro (President of Viking, Plume, Hudson Street Press/Penguin Random House), a panel of distinguished speakers will address the topic of this month’s Extraordinary Synod in Rome — The Pastoral Challenges of the Family in the Context of Evangelization — from different perspectives before opening the conversation to the parish at large.

Featured panelists:
- Dr. Natalia Imperatori-Lee (Associate Professor, Manhattan College)
- Dr. Linda Lemura (President, Le Moyne College)
- Rev. James Keenan, S.J. (Professor, Boston College)

The panel will also include representatives from traditional and non-traditional families of the parish.

To RSVP, call 212-627-2100 x207 or email lmdiaz@sfxavier.org

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.

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Ready to try a 500-year-old workout regimen with proven results?

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Annotated Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, November 3rd*
(Thirty-first Monday in Ordinary Time)
8:30 MEM    Frances Ennis McCollum
5:30 MEM    Daniel F. Kelly

Tuesday, November 4th
(St. Charles Borromeo)
8:30 MEM    Mae Rooney
12:10 MEM    Josephine Engelbrith
5:30 MEM    Ruth Moore Clarkin

Wednesday, November 5th
(All Saints and Blessed of the Society of Jesus)
Philippians 3:8–14    Psalm 16    John 12:23–26
8:30 MEM    The Choix & Gordon Families
12:10 MEM    Frank T. Flynn & Kevin Andrew Flynn
5:30 MEM    Mauricio Canales

Thursday, November 6th
(Thirty-first Thursday in Ordinary Time)
8:30 MEM    Sean Dawkins
12:10 MEM    The Meehan Family
5:30 MEM    Sheila Joyce

Friday, November 7th
(Thirty-first Friday in Ordinary Time)
8:30 MEM    John & Nora Reilly
12:10 MEM    Josephine Engelbrith
5:30 MEM    Deceased Members of the Scanlon & McLoughlin Families

Saturday, November 8th
(Thirty-first Saturday in Ordinary Time)
8:30 MEM    Sheila Joyce

Sunday, November 9th
(The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica)
Ezekiel 47:1–2, 8–9, 12    Psalm 46

* The 12:10 PM Mass resumes on Tuesday, November 4th.
LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEEDED

If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, Hospitality Minister, or Lector, please stop by the Parish House and ask for an invitation and response form.

Forms may be returned to Father Feely at the Parish House.

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SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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New York Common Pantry

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Please bring your non-perishable food items to the Parish House between Sunday, November 2nd and Monday, November 17th

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(Please note Turkey Drive in the memo section)

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Wrapped gifts must be returned to the Parish House no later than Sunday, December 7th.

Thank you for remembering those in need during the holiday season.

IGNATIAN SOCIAL JUSTICE

Fair Trade Handcraft Sale

November 15th & 16th
Wallace Hall
After all Masses
(except the Sunday 7:30 PM Mass)

Featuring handmade products from Africa, Asia, & Latin America:
- Toys
- Home Decor
- Pottery
- Cards & Gifts
- Religious Items
- Bags & Purses
- Indigenous Art

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Tutors Needed: Academic Support Program. Sponsored by ComUnidad Juan Diego, the Marist Brothers, and the Archdiocese of New York. Every Wednesday and Thursday, 4:30 PM–6:00 PM. Our Lady Queen of Angels School, 229 East 112th Street. The program, primarily serving the Latino community in East Harlem, focuses on providing children with life and study skills as well as academic tutoring. For more information, contact Br. John Klein, F.M.S. by email at jklein47@gmail.com or by phone/text at 201-320-4782.

Panel Discussion: Putin, Religion, and Ukraine. Tuesday, November 4, 6:30 PM–8:00 PM. Fordham University, Lincoln Center Campus, E. Gerald Corrigan Conference Center, 113 West 66th Street. Moderated by Aristotle Papanikolaou Archbishop Demetrios Chair in Orthodox Theology and Culture, Fordham University. An international panel of experts will speak to the complicated role that religion is playing in the tension between Ukraine and Russia, and the way in which religion is being used both to construct and resist a new East-West divide. The lecture is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Valerie Longwood at 212-636-7439 or longwood@fordham.edu

Liturgy in honor of the 25th Anniversary of the Martyrs of El Salvador and their Companions. Wednesday, November 12, 6:30 PM. The Church of St. Francis Xavier, 46 West 16th Street. Hosted by the Church of St. Francis Xavier and Xavier High School. Reception to follow in Larkin-Hurtado Hall. All are welcome. For more information, contact Norma Piecyk at 212-924-7900 x1444.

We pray for the faithful departed
Oscar de la Renta
Terry Keenan Kass
May they rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

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Weekday Masses
Monday – Friday
8:30 AM and 5:30 PM
Saturday: 8:30 AM

Masses for Next Weekend:
Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM Fr. von Arx
Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Witt
9:30 AM Fr. Witt
Wallace Hall 11:00 AM Fr. Bergen
Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Feely
7:30 PM Fr. Feely

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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:
5:00 PM Saturday or by appointment. Communal Penance Services are celebrated during Advent and Lent.

See note on page 2.

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.

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

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