January 10, 2016
Baptism of the Lord

My Friend Mary

With the Christmas season just past, perhaps you, like I, indulged yourself in watching *The Sound of Music* one more time. The singing nuns worried about the suitability of Maria to remain in the convent are a far cry from what Mary Lanning lived as cloistered nun.

Her monastery was in the Hunts Point area of the Bronx. Next to the Corpus Christi monastery was the Spofford Juvenile Center. On warm nights with the windows open, the nuns could hear the rage, despair and fear outside their windows. But theirs was a life of prayer. The door to enter or leave had two locks: one key held by the Mother Superior and the other held by the local bishop. Both keys had to be used to open the door.

Mary loved her life there. Then one day she began to pray a new prayer, one that goes like this: “Give us courage to let go of the good things we are doing so that we see the things we need to do.” As Mary kept praying that prayer, she felt called to leave the monastery and do what God was inviting her to do. She had a sabbatical for a year and asked to extend it when the first year was up. She renewed her vows with the SFCC (Sisters for Christian Community) later on but did not return the cloister.

Out of the convent she became a much sought consultant for the insurance industry. She is an expert in the varied laws in every state concerning insurance. She calls her firm ML&G (Mary Lanning and God) Associates. Her talent and ability to write clearly provide income for her other endeavors: serving the poor, inspiring young people, comforting the dying, and whatever life or God throws in her path.

One of those things happened last Holy Week at our parish. I was sitting in a pew as the Seven Last Words service was drawing near its end. Then this Mary came to the podium to speak about Jesus’ last words: “It is finished.” As soon as she began to speak, all of us there knew that something important was going on. The electricity of her voice, her mien and her intensity demanded our fullest attention.

As she ended, she quietly said “So an old woman has had the last word in the house of my brother Jesuits.” We laughed. Then we began to clap, neither of which had ever occurred at this service before. When I finally met her, she told me how surprised she was by both the laughter and the clapping. I told her that we all instinctively knew that she was real, that she had inspired us. As I watched her walk up the aisle, I knew I wanted to meet her.

With the generous help of Fr. Bergen, I got her email and her phone number. As is her wont, she answered me promptly. We agreed to meet at a Harlem restaurant to share a meal and discuss her leading a day for a Lay Ministers Enrichment event. There in the restaurant, I saw how loved she is — they call her “Mother.” And on the streets in Harlem her name is “That woman Mary.”

Her organization is YES!Solutions. Her Yes! is sometimes for individuals. Mary arranged something for two Muslim boys whose father worked so many hours to support his family that the boys rarely saw him. Mary found two young men to be with them (she tagged along) and play with them so that they could see what good men are like. Her Yes! was for a 90 year old Peruvian woman, who wanted to see the Pope when he was in NYC, and she did.

On a larger scale, her Yes! is for communities. Mary (and many volunteers) feed over 1,000 people at Thanksgiving. At Christmas, she has the Christmas picnic. Everyone who comes gets a giant pastrami sandwich and a blanket, a high priority for the homeless as winter sets in. For these and many other endeavors she receives no money from the government. And she rejects any personal publicity. In a world that often seems to live on celebrity and the accumulation of things, Mary is a beacon of another way. We can be generous with our time, our money, and our love.

Her presentation for our next LME day will be “A Lot of Things: Wisdom from the Book of Expectations” on Saturday, February 6th. It promises to be a special day. Online registration opens today, and we hope that all parishioners who minister to others will join us for this enriching day.

— Julie McGee
Parishioner & Lay Ministers’ Enrichment Committee Member

Please see page 2 for details on Sister Mary Lanning’s upcoming LME presentation.
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10th
Sunday Social. 8:30 PM. Wallace Hall.
Hosted by the Ignatian Young Adults.
Follows the 7:30 PM Mass. Details on page 3.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13th
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, JANUARY 14th
Where is the Church Going?
A Discussion on Pope Francis and the Year of Mercy
with Fr. Matt Malone, S.J. & Fr. James Martin, S.J.
7:00 PM. Wallace Hall. Details at upper right.

FRIDAY – SUNDAY
JANUARY 15th – JANUARY 17th
Shelter Weekend. Wallace Hall.
For information on volunteering in the Shelter, see page 3.

LAY MINISTERS’ ENRICHMENT
Registrations now being accepted!
A Lot of Things:
Wisdom from the Book of Expectations
with
Sister Mary Lanning, SFCC
Founder, YES!Solutions, Inc.
Saturday, February 6th
9:30 AM – 3:30 PM
in Wallace Hall

All parishioners who minister to others are invited to attend.
Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.
Space is limited.
Register online at http://tinyurl.com/Feb2016LME
For those without internet access:
Call the Parish House at (212) 288-3588 to register.

Where is the Church Going?
A Discussion on Pope Francis and the Year of Mercy

A conversation with Fr. Matt Malone, S.J.,
Editor-in-Chief, America Magazine & Fr. James Martin, S.J.,
Editor-at-Large, America Magazine

Thursday, January 14th at 7:00 PM*
Wallace Hall

Moderated by Kerry Weber
Managing Editor, America Magazine
* Please note corrected time

Have you made your donation to the Annual Appeal?

Thank you to those who have already responded to the Annual Appeal, which is underway.

In order to fund the current level of service and programming, we rely heavily on this annual collection.

If you have not yet made a donation, you can do so by visiting the Annual Appeal page on the St. Ignatius website by scanning the QR code at left.

To electronically access the Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2015 and a letter from Father Feely about the Annual Appeal, visit our website at www.saintignatiusloyola.org
Copies are also available at the Parish House.
Thank you for your continued generosity!

Catholic Schools Week
January 31st – February 6th
Catholic Schools Week is an annual national celebration of Catholic elementary and secondary schools and the important role they play in providing a values-added education for America’s young people.

PLEASE OPEN FOR LAYOUT 3 AND 4
**Seekers’ Retreat**

For Young Adults

January 29th – January 31st

Friday Evening – Sunday Afternoon

Mariandale Retreat Center, Ossining, NY

For young adults in their 20s and 30s

Charis NYC presents a peer-led, weekend retreat inspired by Ignatian spirituality and the Jesuit tradition. Take time to reflect on your journey, your desires, and God’s hopes and dreams for you. Also, learn how to integrate your Catholic faith with the other areas of your life.

**Cost:** $260/person

Meals and boarding are included. Financial aid available.

For more information, please visit www.Charis.nyc or email CharisRetreatNYC@gmail.com by Monday, January 25th.

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**Sunday Social 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.

**Sunday Social Dates**

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**Emmaus Bereavement Support Group**

A six-session support group for those who have experienced the death of a loved one will begin on Tuesday evening, February 9th, in the Parish Lounge, from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM. The sessions, both educational and supportive, are run by experienced facilitators.

Registration is required.

For information and/or to register for Emmaus Bereavement Support Group, please email EmmausBereavementGroup@gmail.com or leave your name and phone number at the Parish House.

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**Ignatian Social Justice**

An Evening with Joe Assadourian, Sr. Tesa Fitzgerald, and Friends

Thursday, January 28th at 7:00 PM
Wallace Hall

**Panelists**

Joe Assadourian will present a selection from his widely acclaimed Off-Broadway production of *The Bullpen*. Joe is a two-time PENN Award winner, and has been nominated for an Outer Critics Circle Award and two NYIT Awards for *The Bullpen*.

Sr. Tesa Fitzgerald, CSJ, is the executive director of Hour Children. A dynamic speaker, Tesa has been named a CNN Hero, a White House Champion of Change, and the 2014 winner of the Opus Prize. In 2015, Sr. Tesa was awarded the Cross Pro-Ecclesia et Pontifice.

Zachariah Presutti, SJ, is a Jesuit scholastic of the Northeast Province who works with incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals as a therapist at Hour Children.

A panel discussion will follow Joe Assadourian’s presentation.

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**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

**FRIDAY – SUNDAY**

JANUARY 15th – JANUARY 17th

**SVdP Women’s Shelter**

Wallace Hall

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

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**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

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**Moving? Please don’t forget to notify your church. This information helps us to keep our database current.**
**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

*January 18th – 25th*

This year’s theme is

*Called to Proclaim the Mighty Acts of the Lord (1 Peter 2:9)*

The *Week of Christian Prayer* invites Christians throughout the world to pray in communion with the prayer of Jesus: “that they all may be one... so the world may believe.” (John 17:21).

For more information, visit www.geii.org

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**Announced Masses and Readings for the Week**

**Monday, January 11th**
*(First Monday in Ordinary Time)*

1 Samuel 1:1–8     Psalm 116     Mark 1:14–20

8:30 MEM Valentino Mazza

12:10 MEM Freddie Ball

5:30 MEM Margaret Phelan

**Tuesday, January 12th**
*(First Tuesday in Ordinary Time)*

1 Samuel 1:9–20     1 Samuel 2     Mark 1:21–28

8:30 MEM Juan Gonzalez

12:10 MEM Shinta Kartadinata

5:30 MEM George Terriberry

**Wednesday, January 13th**
*(First Wednesday in Ordinary Time)*

1 Samuel 3:1–10, 19–20     Psalm 40     Mark 1:29–39

8:30 LVG Morristown Rosarians

12:10 MEM John Stack

5:30 MEM Angelina S. Maher

**Thursday, January 14th**
*(First Thursday in Ordinary Time)*

1 Samuel 4:1–11     Psalm 44     Mark 1:40–45

8:30 MEM John Stack, Sr.

12:10 MEM Daniel McGinley

5:30 MEM Christopher Gavin

**Friday, January 15th**
*(First Friday in Ordinary Time)*

1 Samuel 8:4–7, 10–22a     Psalm 89     Mark 2:1–12

8:30 LVG Morristown Rosarians

12:10 MEM George Shannon

5:30 MEM Shirley Mitchell

**Saturday, January 16th**
*(First Saturday in Ordinary Time)*

1 Samuel 9:1–4, 17–19; 10:1     Psalm 21     Mark 2:13–17

8:30 MEM Peg O’Brien

**Sunday, January 17th**
*(Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)*

Isaiah 62:1–5     Psalm 96

1 Corinthians 12:4–11     John 2:1–12

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The Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) makes a difference in the lives of people in need through service and prayerful reflection. Relying on their experience, IVC volunteers are older adults who serve in community agencies and schools as tutors, counselors, legal advisors, business consultants, nurses and teachers. They are men and women for others who seek to develop and enrich their own spiritual lives through individual and communal reflection in the tradition of St. Ignatius Loyola.

For more information about IVC, visit IVCUSA.org or contact Mary Ellen O’Driscoll, Metro New York Area Director, at 917-609-8163.

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**Available at the Parish House**

**New York Catholics: Faith, Attitude & the Works!**

The 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

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**Signed copies of The Abbey, by Rev. James Martin, S.J.**

The debut novel by Fr. Martin focuses on three lives intersecting and their shared journey toward faith, hope, and love — a grieving mother who lost her son, an ambitious young architect who finds himself working as a handyman, and the wise, yet uncertain abbot of a local monastery.

A limited number of signed books are available for purchase at Reception.

Cost: $25

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**FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE**

The Archdiocese of New York takes the stewardship of your donations and its resources seriously. If you have knowledge of financial misconduct or suspect that it might be occurring, please report your concerns via a toll-free hotline, **877-820-0541**, or on the internet at www.reportlineweb.com/ADNY

Both are available 24 hours per day.

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Interested in becoming Catholic? Call 212-288-3588 or email church@stignatiusloyola.org
Feeding Our Neighbors: Archdiocesan-Wide Food Campaign

The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola will be participating in the food drive scheduled from Sunday, January 24th through Sunday, January 31st.

Donations will go to the Community Pantry at the Church of St. Gregory the Great on West 90th Street.

Please bring non-perishable foods to the Parish House.

While all donations are greatly appreciated, these items are especially welcome:

- 100% fruit juices
- beans (canned or dry)
- canned fish
- canned fish (salmon, sardines, or tuna)
- canned fruits
- canned meat
- canned stews (chicken or beef)
- canned vegetables
- coffee/tea
- couscous
- dried fruits
- dry cereal and hot cereal (farina, grits, or oatmeal)
- dry milk packets
- flour/cornmeal/baking mixes
- nutritional beverages (Boost, Ensure, Carnation Instant Breakfast)
- nuts
- pasta/noodles
- peanut butter
- personal care items
- rice
- shelf-stable milk
- soy/almond/rice milk
- spices
- tomato sauce
- vegetable soups
- whole wheat crackers

Every item counts!
Thank you for your generosity.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17TH

11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS
Marchand  Grand Dialogue en Ut Majeur
Britten  Jubilate Deo
Marenzio  Tribus miraculis
Dubois  Toccata

The N.P. Mander Organ Recital Series presents

K. SCOTT WARREN
Director of Music Ministries and Artistic Director of Sacred Music in a Sacred Space

Sunday, February 21st at 3:00 PM
Tickets: $20

PASSION: Stabat Mater

Wednesday, March 16th at 7:00 PM
The Choir of St. Ignatius Loyola
K. Scott Warren, conductor
Victoria Drake, harp

Ohio native Frank Ferko's stunning, emotionally gripping Stabat Mater for unaccompanied choir and soprano soloist graces our PASSION concert, held annually just before Palm Sunday. The New York City premiere of William Culverhouse's poignant Requiem for choir and harp forms the beginning of this Lenten journey.

Tickets: $25-$80

Tickets for all concerts are available online at www.smssconcerts.org or by calling 212-288-2520.

SAVE THE DATE!

Join Fr. Feely, Members of the Parish Staff, and Members of our Parish Ministries for The Ignatian Way Dinner
Saturday, February 20th in Wallace Hall immediately following the 5:30 PM Mass.
Details to follow.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY NOW
PLEASE REMEMBER US LATER!

Remember St. Ignatius in Your Estate Plan.
Over the years, it has been the gifts left to the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola in wills, bequests, and memorials that 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 area residents may come for spiritual guidance.

If you would like information about planned giving, contact Fernando Castro, Treasurer, or visit our website at www.stignatiusloyola.org.
New York Encounter: Longing for the Sea and Yet (Not) Afraid. Friday, January 15th – Sunday, January 17th. Metropolitan Pavilion, 125 West 18th Street. A three-day cultural festival centered around presentations, artistic performances, conferences, exhibits, and information booths introducing a variety of charitable, and cultural initiatives. All events are free and open to the public. For more information, visit newyorkencounter.org or call 212-253-5777.

Introduction to Chant Course. Monday, January 18th – Monday, May 2nd, 7:00 PM. St. Joseph’s Seminary, 201 Seminary Avenue, Yonkers. Led by Dr. Jennifer Donelson, DMA. Parish musicians and other interested students are invited to attend this introductory course on the subject of chant. Opportunities for study and music-making throughout the course. Tuition rate for parish musicians: $750 (3 credits) / $500 (audit). For more information, visit nyliturgy.org/workshops, email liturgy@archny.org or call 914-968-6200 x8177.

Men’s Weekend Retreat. Thursday, January 21st – Sunday, January 24th. Loyola Jesuit Center, Morristown, NJ. Fr. Dan Fitzpatrick, S.J. will offer reflections on the theme Jesus: Presence of God in Our Midst. The retreat begins at dinner on Thursday and ends after lunch on Sunday. To RSVP, call 973-539-0740 and reference the group name “St. Ignatius New York – Men’s.” For more information, contact Peter Riordan at 212-877-5134, Carlos Cuartas at 917-509-5329, or visit information, contact Peter Riordan at 212-877-5134, or visit newyorkencounter.org or call 212-253-5777.

March for Life in Washington, D.C. Friday, January 22nd. A Manhattan bus (sponsored by the Archdiocesan Family Life/Respect Life Office) will leave from Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 457 West 51st Street. The bus departs at 5:00 AM. Total cost for the trip: $50. If you are not able to make the trip, please consider making a donation so that others can attend. For more information and to register, call Sr. Shirley at 212-371-1011 x3195 or email sr.shirleyann@archny.org.