T his week we embark on the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. We pray together with Christian churches and communities around the world for visible Christian unity. This year’s theme is “Called to Proclaim the Mighty Acts of the Lord” (I Peter 2:9). As Christians, we believe in one baptism. One baptism where we died to a life of sin and were re-born into a life with Christ. In our lives, we experience the overwhelming awesomeness of God’s love and we are called to share that. So this week, we are called to be reminded of our baptism, to be in unity with our Christian sisters and brothers, and to recall all the wonderful things that God has done for us. What better way to proclaim God’s love for us than through our actions. “I will show you my faith by my actions” (James 2:18).

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity falls within Poverty Awareness Month. During this month, we are called to live in solidarity with the poor, to accept Pope Francis’ challenge to be a church which is poor and for the poor.

What does it mean to truly live in solidarity? It means to respond to God’s love by loving others. Our capacity to love exceeds our imagination because we have let God into our hearts. It begins by allowing yourself to experience God’s love and respond. Let your heart be broken by the suffering in our community and in our world. Let the Holy Spirit move you to say a prayer for someone who struck your heart, to share the resources you have — however large or small — or to say “yes” to an opportunity to study on the other side of the world.

When I was an undergrad at the University of San Francisco, I had the immense privilege of being a student in the Casa Bayanihan Program in the Philippines. Our primary education came from being immersed in the realities of those living on the margins. Our classroom time was spent giving us tools to unpack what we were experiencing. It was all designed so that we could better understand the world and our relation to it. One of my classes was aptly titled “Suffering, Solidarity, and God” and was taught by Fr. Mark Ravizza, SJ. Aside from the academic rigor, the majority of the class, in my opinion, was spent teaching us how to find and recognize God in our lives, in the midst of suffering, and to let our hearts be broken.

The students in the program were paired off and given a praxis site, a community where we would spend our time twice a week. I wasn’t there to volunteer, rather I was there to learn, to make relationships. My praxis site was Tahanan Walang Hagdanan, or The House Without Steps. It was a community of people with disabilities living and working together. Like any relationship, being in community at Tahanan took time, patience, respect, and the willingness to be fully present.

On our first day of praxis, my partner Jill and I spent our afternoon in the pill-packaging lab where a majority of those at Tahanan made their living working together to package pharmaceutical samples. You could get lost in a sea of white in the lab — white walls, white shirts, white hair caps. Talking was kept to a minimum. All other noise were drowned out by the incessant humming of the barely working air conditioner and rotation of the ceiling fan blades. On that first day, I believe the clock started to tick backwards. When our time was up, I returned to my house exhausted and terrified. I couldn’t see beyond how depressing everything seemed. As I began to build relationships, I was no longer fixated on the conditions of the lab but on those around the table with me. Kuya Joseph, Ate Gemma, and Kuya Marc were among the first few to invite me into their homes and into their lives. They invited me to accompany them in their sufferings and in their joys and asked me to share my own. My time at Tahanan was marked with God’s grace. I came to know solidarity not as an abstract idea but as a lived experienced, a shared experience.

During this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity within this Poverty Awareness Month in this Year of Mercy, I challenge you to let love in, let your heart be broken, let yourself be ruined for life. You will come to find that living in solidarity is living a life full of love.

— Teresa Marie Cariño
Pastoral Associate
FAMILY MASS LOCATION CHANGE

Sunday, January 24th
Because of an event being held in Wallace Hall, the 11:00 AM Family Mass for next Sunday, January 24th will take place in the Grammar School’s McKinnon Hall.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Thank you to all those who contributed during our Christmas Angels’ project and Toy Drive!

Your tremendous support brought so much joy to the families at Church of Our Lady of Lourdes in Harlem, Church of St. Mary on Grand Street, and St. Mary of the Assumption + Our Lady of Mount Carmel + St. Benedicta Parish.

A heartwarming letter of thanks from Fr. Mark Hallinan is printed below. An additional letter from Fr. Hallinan and notes from our SVdP Conferences can be found in the Narthex.

With sincere gratitude,
Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Saint Lawrence O’Toole Conference

Dear Fr. Feely,

Happy New Year to you and to the members of the St. Ignatius Parish community!

It will be a very Happy New Year for many of our children due to the extraordinary generosity of the parish and school communities in support of the St. Vincent DePaul Toy Drive. Just when I think St. Ignatius could not exceed its previous generosity, your community of faith exceeds our wildest expectations! I am deeply grateful to Louise Decatrel and the St. Vincent DePaul Society for their great work in organizing this drive and in loading Santa’s Sleigh (under the appearance of a 10-foot U-Haul truck)!

Thank you for your exceedingly generous support of our parishioners!

Warmest Regards,
Rev. Mark Hallinan, S.J.
Pastor

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**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](http://www.Charis.nyc) or email CharisRetreatNYC@gmail.com by **Monday, January 25th**.

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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 Pontificis*.

*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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**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.

To register, email EmmausBereavementGroup@gmail.com

**Registration is required.**

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**Meeting Christ in Prayer**

Meeting Christ in Prayer is an interactive 8-week guided prayer experience for small groups. Based on the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius Loyola, it introduces participants to various ways of praying and provides an opportunity to support one another through faith sharing.

**Morning Sessions**

Tuesdays, February 16th – April 13th*

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

**Evening Sessions**

Wednesdays, February 17th – April 13th*

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

*Note: Both sessions will conclude at the evening meeting on Wednesday, April 13th

**What does it offer?**

Weekly meetings are 90 minutes long and include group prayer, guided meditation, small group faith sharing, and an orientation for the following week’s prayer or prayer techniques. The cost of the program is a sliding scale of $30-$50 and covers all materials. Scholarships are available.

To register, email MCIP@saintignatiusloyola.org

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**Ignite! Teen Ministry**

**Saturday, January 23rd**

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM, Hoeftner Lounge

**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 at carinot@saintignatiusloyola.org
DECEMBER SACRAMENTS

Weddings
Richard Andrew Boehm & Sarah E. Agle
Keith Garcia DeSouza & Molly Elizabeth Condon
Edward Andrew Martin, III & Kelsey Lynne Sparks

Baptisms
Sophia Leigh Arnold
Marc Raymond Imundo
Maxwell Scott Imundo
Vivian Margaret Lewis
Annabel Virginia Nance
Clinton Angelo Vivolo

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.

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

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

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, January 18th (Second Monday in Ordinary Time)
1 Samuel 15:16–23    Psalm 50    Mark 2:18–22
8:30 MEM  Ann Jagar
12:10 MEM  Richard Smith
5:30 MEM  Shirley Mitchell

Tuesday, January 19th (Second Tuesday in Ordinary Time)
1 Samuel 16:1–13    Psalm 89    Mark 2:23–28
8:30 MEM  Giovanni Chiovari
12:10 MEM  Connor Breidenbach
5:30 MEM  James Wood

Wednesday, January 20th (Second Wednesday in Ordinary Time)
1 Samuel 17:32–33, 37, 40–51    Psalm 144    Mark 3:1–6
8:30 MEM  Martha Kotoucek
12:10 MEM  Dominic Francis Caputo
5:30 MEM  Nathan Davidson

Thursday, January 21st (St. Agnes)
1 Samuel 18:6–9; 19:1–7    Psalm 56    Mark 3:7–12
8:30 MEM  Janina Macheta
12:10 MEM  Jay Fraser
5:30 MEM  Willie O'Shaughnessy

Friday, January 22nd (Second Friday in Ordinary Time)
1 Samuel 24:3–21    Psalm 57    Mark 3:13–19
8:30 MEM  Bruna Morson
12:10 MEM  Elvira Matti
5:30 MEM  Special Intentions of the Troilo Family

Saturday, January 23rd (Second Saturday in Ordinary Time)
2 Samuel 1:1–4, 11–12, 19, 23–27    Psalm 80    Mark 3:20–21
8:30 MEM  Joe Valehuesa

Sunday, January 24th (Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Nehemiah 8:2–4a, 5–6, 8–10    Psalm 19

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious, or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P., at 212-371-1000 x2949, or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via email at victimassistance@archny.org

Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org

In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.
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 (salmon, sardines, or tuna)
- canned fruits
- canned meat (chicken, beef, or ham)
- 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.

SAVE THE DATE!

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

Details to follow.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, January 31st
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.

A sign-up table will also be in the Narthex before and after all Masses on Saturday, January 23rd and Sunday, January 24th.

Please drink plenty of fluids and eat a well-balanced meal before giving blood.

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.
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.


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

ArchCare Care Navigation Center: Resources for Seniors. Need help caring for yourself or someone else but not sure where to turn? ArchCare, the healthcare system of the Archdiocese of New York has a Care Navigation Center staffed by health and social service professionals dedicated to helping people better understand and access the services for which they are eligible. Call 855-951-2273 between 8:30 AM and 8:00 PM seven days a week.

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. Bergen
Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Feely
9:30 AM Fr. Bergen
Wallace Hall 11:00 AM Fr. Sawyer
Soledad 11:00 AM Fr. Yesalonia
7:30 PM Fr. Judge

For your convenience
To reach the Giving page on the parish website, scan the QR Code at left.

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