Mercy | Passion | Joy

Last Sunday’s Bulletin Essay celebrated Catholic Schools Week and was entitled “A Community of Faith, Knowledge & Service.” As we begin the holy season of Lent this week, our parish has chosen the theme “Mercy, Passion & Joy.” Let me try to weave these two triplets, using as my inspiration Pope Francis’ Message for Lent 2016 and an essay, “Ash Wednesday,” written by Thomas Merton in 1958.

• **Faith and Mercy.** The story of our Faith is a story of Mercy. “The mystery of divine mercy is revealed in the history of the covenant between God and his people Israel,” says Pope Francis. The faithfulness of God and the infidelity of God’s children is the perennial dynamic of this covenant. “God shows himself ever rich in mercy, ever ready to treat his people with deep tenderness and compassion, especially at those tragic moments when infidelity ruptures the bond of the covenant, which then needs to be ratified more firmly in justice and truth.” When a journalist was asked to describe Pope Francis in three words, she answered, “Mercy, tenderness, I am a sinner.” Merton reminds us, “The liturgy of Ash Wednesday is not focused on the sinfulness of the penitent but on the mercy of God. The question of sinfulness is raised precisely because this is a day of mercy, and the just do not need a savior.”

• **Knowledge and Passion.** Coming to know Jesus Christ is to fall in love. This is a love story which culminates in the incarnation of God’s Son. “In Christ, the Father pours forth his boundless mercy even to making him mercy incarnate. As the Son of God, He is the Bridegroom who does everything to win over the love of his bride, to whom he is bound by an unconditional love which becomes visible in the eternal wedding feast.” Pope Francis invites us to have a passion for knowledge (an Ignatian trait, don’t you agree?), in this case, knowledge of the tremendous love which brings Jesus to his passion and death. Lent is a time for learning this, for realizing this, for knowing this! Thomas Merton brings some vivid imagery to the topic. “Ash Wednesday is for people who know what it means for their soul to be logged with these icy waters: all of us are such people, if only we can realize it. There is confidence everywhere in Ash Wednesday, yet that does not mean unmixed and untroubled security. The confidence of the Christian is always a confidence in spite of darkness and risk, in the presence of peril, with every evidence of possible disaster. Lent is not just a time for squaring conscious accounts: but for realizing what we had perhaps not seen before. The light of Lent is given us to help us with this realization.” During this graced season, this favorable time, we use our faculties of memory, imagination, and intellect, but we listen to our hearts to truly understand God’s mercy.

• **Service and Joy.** During Lent, the corporal and spiritual works of mercy are the outer concrete expression of what we realize in our souls. They transform us as we reach out to serve. Portia, in Act IV of *The Merchant of Venice,* memorably says of mercy, “It is twice blest; it blesseth him that gives and him that takes...It is an attribute to God himself.” Pope Francis explains: “In the corporal works of mercy we touch the flesh of Christ in our brothers and sisters who need to be fed, clothed, sheltered, visited; in the spiritual works of mercy — counsel, instruction, forgiveness, admonishment and prayer — we touch more directly our own sinfulness. The corporal and spiritual works of mercy must never be separated.” Here we find joy, not misery. Here we experience connectedness with others and with nature, with overwhelming episodes of appreciation and frequent attacks of smiling! As we begin these forty days by marking our foreheads with ashes, we begin to understand the relationship between penance and joy. “Even the darkest moments of the liturgy are filled with joy,” Merton concludes, “and Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten fast, is a day of happiness, a Christian feast.” Our community of faith is rooted in mercy, our knowledge grows through passion, and our service bears fruit in joy.

— Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.
Associate Pastor
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

THIS WEEKEND: SPECIAL COLLECTION

At all Masses this weekend, our Parish will take up the annual Peter’s Pence Collection.
This worldwide collection supports the most disadvantaged: victims of war, natural disasters, and others in need of emergency assistance.
Thank you for your generosity!

SVdP Lenten Food Drive and the Sock & T-Shirt Drive begin.
Both drives run through Wednesday, March 16th.
Details on page 5.

Ash Wednesday, February 10th
Lent begins

Masses:
- 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM (organ/cantor)
- 12:10 PM - 7:30 PM (organ/cantor/choirs)
Ashes will be distributed at all Masses
4:00 PM in Wallace Hall:
Ash Wednesday Service for children and families, led by Carly-Anne Gannon, Director of Religious Education.
(Adults must remain with their children at this service. Ashes will be distributed.)

Job Transition Support Group.
10:00 AM. Parish Lounge.
Bringing together experienced professionals looking to secure employment.

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

FRIDAY – SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 12th – FEBRUARY 14th
Shelter Weekend. Wallace Hall.
If you would like to volunteer in the Shelter, email svdp.shelter980@gmail.com

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT
OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Saturday, February 20th at 12:10 PM
For those who are seriously ill, elderly, disabled, facing surgery, or who are afflicted with any other condition of physical, mental, or spiritual suffering.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

During the Season of Lent, the Church urges the faithful to reflect a spirit of penance in their daily lives through Fast and Abstinence.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fast and Abstinence.
Fridays in Lent are days of Abstinence.

Fasting requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two other smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength, but these two meals together should not equal a full meal in quantity. Fasting obliges all those who have reached the age of 18 and continues to oblige through age 59. Those not specifically obliged to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able.

Abstinence prohibits individuals from eating meat on a particular day. Abstinence obliges all those who have reached the age of 14 and continues to oblige throughout their lives. Those not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are encouraged to join in this discipline of abstaining to the extent that they are able.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Seniors of the parish and neighboring community are invited to the

Seniors Winter Luncheon
Saturday, February 27th at 1:00 PM
Wallace Hall

To RSVP, call the Parish House at (212) 288-3588 or email svdpmembership980@gmail.com with your full name by Monday, February 22nd.
Space is limited.

THANK YOU!

Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul thank all of the donors who participated in last Sunday’s blood drive and made this life-saving event a success, surpassing our goal of 30 donors!
Out of 48 attempted donations, 38 lifesaving donations were collected — 17 more than our previous drive.
Stay tuned for the date of the next blood drive!

PLEASE OPEN FOR PAGES 3 AND 4
**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**
February 21       March 6      March 20
April 3       April 17

**IGNATIAN YOUNG ADULTS**

**Jesus: His Life and Message**
*Presented by Brian Pinter*
**Six Sessions Beginning February 17th**
**Wednesdays at 7:00 PM**
**New Classroom – Wallace Hall (Rear)**

Our presentation and discussions will explore the ministry and message of Jesus in light of current biblical scholarship. Topics to be considered will include Jesus’ early years, the influence of John the Baptist on Jesus, Jesus as both prophet and wisdom teacher, his teaching on the Kingdom of God, his parables and miracles, and the challenges which Jesus presents to the churches today.

Brian Pinter is currently the Education Associate and Bible scholar-in-residence at Christ Church United Methodist. Mr. Pinter holds degrees in theology and religion from St. Joseph’s and Fordham Universities.

Space is limited. Early registration is recommended.

To register, email bergenw@saintignatiusloyola.org

**Meeting Dates**
February 21 March 6 March 20
February 28 March 13

**IYA Lenten Reflection Group**
**Sundays from February 21st – March 20th**
**6:00 PM in Hoefner Lounge**

For young adults in their 20s & 30s

A reflection group for young adults to share experiences about their relationship with God and gratefully and openly listen to one another.

This year we will gather to reflect on *Lent with the Saints: Daily Reflections* by Fr. Greg Friedman, O.F.M.

Copies of the book can be purchased on Amazon.com Please bring the book to the first meeting.

**Meeting Dates**
February 21 March 6 March 20
February 28 March 13

**To register, visit** [http://goo.gl/forms/IjfkvZbIPT](http://goo.gl/forms/IjfkvZbIPT) by Sunday, February 14th.

**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 16th**, 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.**

**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

**IGNATIAN SOCIAL JUSTICE**

**Volunteers Needed**
Habitat for Humanity Painting Project

**Saturday, February 20th**
9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Habitat for Humanity is seeking volunteers for an upcoming painting project. The project will likely be a part of the *Brush With Kindness* program, Habitat NYC’s neighborhood revitalization program.

**Details to follow.**
### Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Day</th>
<th>Readings</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| **Monday, February 8th**<br>(Fifth Monday in Ordinary Time) | 1 Kings 8:1–7, 9–13  Psalm 132  Mark 6:53–56  
8:30 MEM  Margaret Heintz  
12:10 MEM  Vincent Cimino  
5:30 ANN  David Oing |
| **Tuesday, February 9th**<br>(Fifth Tuesday in Ordinary Time) | 1 Kings 8:22–23, 27–30  Psalm 84  Mark 7:1–13  
8:30 MEM  Deceased Members of the Scanlon & McLoughlin Families  
12:10 MEM  Carl A. Petrucelli  
5:30 MEM  Raymond Hick |
| **Wednesday, February 10th**<br>(Ash Wednesday) | Joel 2:12–18  Psalm 51  
2 Corinthians 5:20–6:2  2 Matthew 6:1–6, 16–18 |
8:30 MEM  James Burke  
12:10 LVG  Jo Ann Ruggiero  
5:30 MEM  Pablito Tanhueco Tumapon |
| **Friday, February 12th**<br>(Friday After Ash Wednesday) | Isaiah 58:1–9a  Psalm 51  Matthew 9:14–15  
8:30 MEM  Elizabeth T. Brevett  
12:10 MEM  Olga Daley  
5:30 MEM  Maureen Meehan |
| **Saturday, February 13th**<br>(Saturday After Ash Wednesday) | Isaiah 58:1–9a  Psalm 51  Matthew 9:14–15  
8:30 MEM  James Murray |
| **Sunday, February 14th**<br>(First Sunday of Lent) | Deuteronomy 26:4–10  Psalm 91  

### Pope Francis’ February Prayer Intentions

**Universal: Care for Creation**
That we may take good care of creation — a gift freely given — cultivating and protecting it for future generations.

**Evangelization: Asia**
That opportunities may increase for dialogue and encounter between the Christian faith and the peoples of Asia.

---

### THE ANNUAL CHANGE FOR CHANGE DRIVE

Donations this year will be forwarded to the Jesuit Refugee Service: Mercy in Motion Campaign.

**Mercy in Motion** supports the JRS Global Education Initiative, a worldwide effort by the Jesuit Refugee Service to expand educational programs to refugees and those who have been forcibly displaced.

The collection period runs to the end of April. Loose change, bills, and checks (made out to “Church of St. Ignatius Loyola”) are welcome!

Please bring donations to the Parish House in care of Carly-Anne Gannon.

---

### BOOMERS & BEYOND

**Celebrating the Spiritual Gifts and Tasks of Those 55+**

**Monday mornings, February 29th, March 7th, 14th & 21st 10:00 AM–12:00 PM in the Meeting Room**

Led by Brian Pinter  
Education Associate and Bible scholar-in-residence  
Christ Church United Methodist

Those who are 55+, our Elder Sages, bring distinctive gifts to the world — wisdom, perspective, compassion, and an embracive way of being.

Our series will provide an opportunity for those 55+ to explore the spiritual tasks of this stage of life and how we can share our wisdom with upcoming generations.

Our gatherings will focus on a renewed vision of this stage for the 21st century Church, contemplative practices for Elder Sages, forgiveness, and a spirituality for the later years of life. Meetings will also offer opportunity for prayer and small group sharing.

Register at boomersandbeyond.st.ignatius@gmail.com or call 212-288-3588.

Registration is required.

---

### FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Please remember that all contributions made to the parish by check should be made payable to the parish in the parish's name.

Contributions to be made to a parish by check should not be made payable to the pastor, administrator, or any parish employee.
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.

Won't you join us as we begin the Lenten Season by sharing a meal and reflecting on the road we will travel together this Lent?

Dinner will consist of meatless lasagna, salad, and beverages.

*Can you contribute a dessert? A limited number will be accepted. Please let us know when you RSVP.*

To RSVP, email IWSILSUPPER@gmail.com or call the Parish House at (212) 288-3588 by Wednesday, February 17th.

*Space is limited.*

---

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

**LENTEN FOOD DRIVE**

It is estimated that 1.5 million New Yorkers rely on soup kitchens and food pantries. Food insecurity is an on-going struggle for many families and individuals.

Throughout Lent, SVdP will be accepting donations of food for the Community Pantry at the Church of St. Gregory the Great.

The items requested each week are listed below:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Week 1 (February 14th – 20th):</th>
<th>Week 4 (March 6th – 12th):</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>rice and beans</td>
<td>tuna fish and soups,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Chef Boyardee meals</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Week 2 (February 21st – 27th):</th>
<th>Week 5 (March 13th – 16th):</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>canned vegetables,</td>
<td>cereals (oatmeal),</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>canned stews and hash</td>
<td>canned fruits</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Donations can be brought to the Parish House.

---

**NEW!**

**SOCK & T-SHIRT DRIVE**

**Sunday, February 14th – Wednesday, March 16th**

Benefiting **The Church of the Holy Apostles**

**Requested**

- New tube socks (Standard adult size)
- New t-shirts (white or black) – Adult sizes M, L, XL

Please bring donations to the Parish House.

---

**LECTURE**

**The Jesuits and the Popes: A Historical Sketch of Their Relationship — Good Times and Bad Times**

presented by

Rev. John O’Malley, S.J.

**Monday, February 22nd at 7:00 PM in Wallace Hall**

The Jesuits have had close relationships with the papacy from the earliest days until now with the pontificate of Pope Francis. Those relationships have taken many forms, not all of them happy. Fr. John O’Malley, S.J., will speak about his new book on the subject, *The Jesuits and the Popes*, to be published in the fall.

---

**MUSIC**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH**

**11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS**

**Gabrieli**  
Esauidi Domine  
**Nanino**  
Adoramus te, Christe

---

**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

Tickets for are available online at [www.smssconcerts.org](http://www.smssconcerts.org)
CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA
980 Park Avenue at 84th Street • New York, New York 10028 • (212) 288-3588
Fax: (212) 734-3671    WWW.STIGNATIUSLOYOLA.ORG

Academic Tutors: ComUnidad Juan Diego
Tutors are needed for the Academic Support Program of ComUnidad Juan Diego, a project sponsored by the Marist Brothers and the Archdiocese of New York to serve the Latino immigrant community in East Harlem. The Academic Support Program is designed to assist the children (elementary through high school) of the members of the ComUnidad Juan Diego achieve academic success and growth in self-confidence. Pope Francis visited this program during his visit to New York City. Where: Our Lady Queen of Angels School, 229 East 112th Street. When: Every Wednesday from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM. For more information, contact Brother John Klein, F.M.S., Executive Director, ComUnidad Juan Diego, at jklein47@gmail.com

Volunteer Eucharistic Ministers Needed.
Lenox Hill Hospital’s Department of Pastoral Care is seeking additional Eucharistic Ministers. Volunteer ministers are asked to commit two hours on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. For more information and application, contact Carlos Cuartas, Chaplain at ccuartas@nshs.edu

Volunteers Needed:
Brooklyn Jesuit Prep, a Jesuit middle school for low-income children in Crown Heights, is in need of volunteers to support its programs. There is a particular need for volunteers who are willing to tutor students during daily study halls and on Saturdays, help with grant writing, organize extracurricular programs in cooking, the arts, music, sports, double-dutch, and more. If you are interested in volunteering, email info@brooklynjesuit.org or call 718-638-5884 and speak with the Principal, Patricia Gauvey.

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 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM seven days a week.

Interested in becoming Catholic?
Call 212-288-3588 or email church@stignatiusloyola.org

PARISH STAFF
Parish Administrator
Rev. Thomas H. Feely, S.J.
Associate Pastors
Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J.
Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.
Rev. Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J.
Pastoral Associates
Teresa Marie Cariño
Carly-Anne Gannon
Assisting Priests (Sunday)
Rev. Philip G. Judge, S.J.
Rev. James Martin, S.J.
Rev. Samuel J. Sawyer, S.J.
Rev. Anthony P. SooHoo, S.J.
Music Ministries
Scott Warren, Director
Robert Reuter
Michael Sheetz
Maureen Haley
Philip Anderson
Sara Murphy, Administrator
Assistant to the Pastor
Diane M. Boyle
Administrative Assistant
Patricia Schneider
Communications Coordinator
Elizabeth O’Sullivan
Director of Facilities
Michael Gardiner
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. Hilbert
Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Hilbert
9:30 AM Fr. Yesalonia
Wallace Hall 11:00 AM Fr. Bergen
Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Sawyer
7:30 PM Fr. Sawyer

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 9:30 AM Mass.

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 Teresa Cariño 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 Teresa Cariño 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