This Sunday and next, members of the RCIA group (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) will join adults from parishes across the Archdiocese at the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion at St. Patrick’s Cathedral. The 2016 class at St. Ignatius Loyola consists of 11 catechumens (those preparing for Baptism) and 11 candidates (those already baptized). His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan will welcome them and accept their desires on behalf of the Universal Church. During Lent they will move through their final period of preparation for reception of the Easter Sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Here is the story of Sabrina Ng who participated in the process in 2014.

Love is a word that has such strong meaning behind it. Love can be between family members, friends, and it can be between two people. I have always received love from family and friends but God’s love was missing in my life. God loved me the day I was born and I was not returning that love until 2 years ago — when I became Catholic.

Growing up I had no religion. I celebrated Christmas and Easter but was never baptized. When people asked, “What is your religion?” My answer was “nothing.” To say “nothing” always felt odd because I believed in God and would pray to God. A family friend would often take my older sister and me to church and I loved our Sunday outings. I am quite sure it was more about wearing a pretty dress and going to lunch after Mass! I would wonder why my parents had not just baptized me. Later, I understood that my parents wanted to let the decision of my faith be in my own hands. They had said, “It is your life and you can choose what you want to believe in.”

It was not until college that my curiosity to claim a faith came into play. I decided to attend a Jesuit college but the Jesuit/Catholic identity of the school was never what enticed me to choose it. However, it was at Loyola College that I began thinking about taking the path to convert to Catholicism. Maybe it was the Theology classes or my enjoyment of the homilies at Mass. Whatever it was, God was calling to me.

Yet I denied him! 9/11 occurred and I was mad at God for letting something so horrific happen. I was angry, confused, and had many doubts. It would take a few years to understand why tragedy happens, and how we overcome it. Then I fell into a dark place after the loss of my mother. No matter how many friends had their arms around me, and family members came to console me, it was God who made the biggest impact by showing me light at the end of a very dark tunnel.

I tried many ways to overcome this grief, and felt the need to start over — so why not try God? This led me to join the RCIA at St. Ignatius. It has been one of the best decisions I have ever made. Each week I received new insights and consolation and was able to experience this with others who were on the same journey. I was able to receive a fuller understanding of what it means to be Catholic.

What stayed with me most is that the Lord’s plan is for peace and not for disaster. God weeps with us and gives strength and guidance to the burdened. Out of this darkness Christ brings light. He definitely has given me light and his love. I learned that sorrow shapes our future, and that suffering has potential to give us tremendous wisdom and new direction in our lives. My sorrows led me to confirm the faith that I knew I always had inside but was hidden.

God’s love drew me closer to a path that I have always known about, peeked down, but never walked. I am walking this path now. There are some bumps and swerves but when I am afraid, I put my trust in Christ. As a parish community may we journey together with our catechumens and candidates on our Lenten pilgrimage toward Easter.

— Sabrina Ng
RCIA Team Member and Parishioner
**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

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

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15th**

Presidents’ Day.
The Parish House will be closed.
One Mass will be celebrated in the Lady Chapel at 8:30 AM. There will be no 12:10 PM or 5:30 PM Masses.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16th**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
**Tuesday Evenings**
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM in the Church
The church will be open for exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private adoration.
*Note: The church will remain open after the 5:30 PM Mass until 8:00 PM.*

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17th**

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

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18th**

Ignatian Social Justice.
7:00 PM. Conference Room. All are welcome.
Magis Night: Relationships.
7:00 PM. Wallace Hall. Sponsored by Ignatian Young Adults. *Details on page 3.*

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20th**

Celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. 12:10 PM. Church.
*Details on page 3.*

Ignatian Way Lenten Dinner.
Wallace Hall. Immediately following the 5:30 PM Mass. *Details on page 5.*

IGNITE! Teen Ministry.
6:30 PM. Hoefner Lounge.
Teens 13–19 are welcome! *For more information and/or to register, contact Teresa Cariño at carinot@saintignati usloyola.org*

**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.
Space is limited. Early registration is recommended.
To register, email bergenw@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.
If you would like to volunteer, and can commit to participating for the full day, email Peter Wood at PeterWoodNYC@aol.com

Responding to Homelessness in NYC with Faith
Wednesday, February 24th at 7:00 PM
Wallace Hall
**Moderated by Nick Napolitano**
Provincial Assistant, Social Ministries for the Maryland and USA Northeast Provinces
The forum will focus on gaining insight into the factors that are contributing to the largest number of homeless people in NYC history. Panelists will discuss how their faith calls them to this work and how communities of faith and individuals should respond to this crisis.

**Panelists**
Cassandra Agredo – Executive Director, Xavier Mission
Patricia Dawson – Associate Director, Catholic Charities of Brooklyn & Queens
Edline Jaquet – Senior Police Analyst, Supportive Housing Network of New York
Jack Marth – Director of Legal Services, Part of the Solution

**THE ANNUAL CHANGE FOR CHANGE DRIVE**
Donations this year will be forwarded to Jesuit Refugee Service: Mercy in Motion Campaign, a program that seeks to expand educational programs to refugees and those who have been forcibly displaced.
Loose change, bills, and checks (made out to “Church of St. Ignatius Loyola”) are welcome!
*Bring donations to the Parish House in care of Carly-Anne Gannon.*
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

Magis Night: Relationships
Part Talk, Part Faith Sharing, Part Social

Thursday, February 18th
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM in Wallace Hall

Magis Night is back! Join Fr. Sam Sawyer, S.J., Co-Founder of The Jesuit Post and Director of Digital Strategy at America Media, and Erin Hoffman, Associate Director of Campus Ministry at Fordham University at Lincoln Center, for a conversation about all relationships in today’s world.

If you are interested in participating, contact Teresa Marie Cariño at carinot@saintignatiusloyola.org

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/ljfkvZbIPT
Registration closes today.

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.

WHAT NEXT?
RETREAT
FOR YOUNG ADULTS
April 15th – 17th
Friday Evening – Sunday Afternoon
Mariandale Retreat Center, Ossining, NY
For young adults in their 20s and 30s
Join other young adults in exploring the transitions of life through the lens of the Paschal Mystery. Learn how Ignatian spirituality and the Jesuit way can help you make better decisions and deepen your relationship with God.
Cost: $260/person; financial assistance available.
For more information, visit charis.nyc or email CharisRetreatNYC@gmail.com

“To be faithful, to be creative, we need to be able to change. To change! And why must I change? So that I can adapt to the situations in which I must proclaim the Gospel. To stay close to God, we need to know how to set out; we must not be afraid to set out.”
— Pope Francis, The Church of Mercy
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**Music**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST**

11:00 AM *Solemn Mass*

Lauridsen  *Lux aeterna: O nata lux*

Tallis  *O nata lux*

**The N.P. Mander Organ Recital Series**

**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)
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.**

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**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 is accepting donations of food for the Community Pantry at the Church of St. Gregory the Great.

The items requested each week are listed below:

**Week 1**
(February 14th – 20th):
- rice and beans

**Week 2**
(February 21st – 27th):
- canned vegetables,
  - canned stews and hash

**Week 3**
(February 28th – March 5th):
- pasta and tomato sauce

**Week 4**
(March 6th – 12th):
- tuna fish and soups,
  - Chef Boyardee meals

**Week 5**
(March 13th – 16th):
- cereals (oatmeal),
  - canned fruits

Please bring donations to the Parish House.

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**NEW!**

**SOCK & T-SHIRT DRIVE**

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

Benefitting **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.

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**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.


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**HOSPITALITY MINISTRY**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Passion Sunday, March 20th:**
Saturday Vigil at 5:30 PM, Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM (Solemn & Wallace Hall Family Masses), 7:30 PM

**Holy Thursday, March 24th:**
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM

**Good Friday, March 25th:**
Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 7:00 PM

**Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 26th at 8:00 PM**

**Easter Sunday, March 27th:**
7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM (Church & Wallace Hall Family Masses), Solemn Mass at 12:00 Noon

For more information, contact Rob Manning, head of the Hospitality Ministry, at robbiefmanning@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. Volunteer ministers are asked to commit two hours on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. For more information, contact ccuartas@nshs.edu or by calling 212-515-0193. Both events are free and open to the public.

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 ccuartas@nshs.edu or visit littlesistersfamily.org

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

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Parish Administrator
Rev. Thomas H. Feely, S.J.

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Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.
Rev. Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J.

Pastoral Associates
Teresa Marie Cariño
Carly-Anne Gannon

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Rev. Philip G. Judge, S.J.
Rev. James Martin, S.J.
Rev. Samuel J. Sawyer, S.J.
Rev. Anthony P. SooHoo, S.J.

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Maureen Haley
Philip Anderson
Sara Murphy, Administrator

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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

Six-Minute Reflections for Lent
Based on the writings of the late Bishop Kenneth Untener of Saginaw, Michigan, these booklets have been well received in past years. The goal is to find six minutes of quiet time each day during Lent and work through the booklet one day at a time.

Not By Bread Alone: Daily Reflections for Lent
Journey through Lent with Mary DeTurris Poust’s meaningful reflections on the daily Mass readings.

Both booklets are available in the Narthex.

A complete list of Lenten activities, including Holy Week Mass times, can be found in the Lenten brochure. Copy is available in the Narthex, at the Parish House, and online at www.stignatiusloyola.org

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. Feely
Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Yesalonia
9:30 AM Fr. Feely
Wallace Hall 11:00 AM Fr. Hilbert
Salmon 11:00 AM Fr. Martin
7:30 PM Fr. Martin

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.