Ignite: A Community Within a Community

I have the immense privilege of learning what mercy in action looks like from the teens in our Ignite ministry. Several weeks ago, I heard Fr. James Keenan, S.J.'s definition of mercy as "the willingness to enter into the chaos of another." This interpretation aligns perfectly with what these teenagers so bravely do. They willingly enter into the chaos of each other's lives, share their highs and their lows, and create a community built on respect, love, and mercy. Here are two of the members talking about their experiences.

— Teresa Marie Cariño, Pastoral Associate

I have literally grown up at St. Ignatius. As a baby, I would sleep through the Wallace Hall Mass and would always wake up just before it ended so I could enjoy cookies at the coffee hour. Then, when I was a little older, I started IREP in kindergarten and joined the Children's Choir in first grade and made lots of friends there. In fourth grade, I became an altar server and, in sixth grade, I began attending the Grammar School. During each of these periods, I had some type of community with friends my age. Up until I graduated middle school, I noticed there was no community for teens — choir ended and the next group in the parish was for 20- and 30-year-olds... Other teens seemed to find their communities elsewhere. Still, many parishioners say that our parish is a community. However, I am not sure I really felt this way until I joined Ignite last year.

Thankfully, Ignite was formed under Teresa Cariño and I have found my place in the community once again. Ignite has given me an opportunity to relate to different teenagers my age. We talk, reflect upon, or discuss different topics that relate to our everyday lives during each meeting. I not only find that I have developed a deeper connection with my peers, but I also have grown a deeper sense of community of my own age group at the parish that I love. In Ignite, many of us have been through different challenges in our lives. The Ignite group really allows us to speak freely, and all of us are open minded and respectful of everyone's thoughts and comments. For me, learning about other people's lives and backgrounds is very interesting. All of us are very different and sometimes you can feel alone — at times perhaps struggling with school work or family issues. Many teenagers can relate to this, but never have the option to talk about it.

— Arielle McKeever

I am a sixteen year-old who is part of the Wallace Hall Family Mass on Sundays. I have been attending this Mass since I was born. My parents brought me every Sunday until it just became routine. To be honest, when I was younger, I was one of those little kids running around and screaming during Mass... My parents kept bringing me anyway (which I urge all the parents of rowdy kids to do. It gets better. Trust me).

I would constantly go back and forth questioning my faith and many days I would not want to go to church. But then, last year, something great happened. A new youth group called Ignite was created and looking for kids in their teens. I went to the first meeting along with a small yet diverse group of kids. We were in varying stages of belief. Some kids were 'diehard Catholics', some were in stages in their lives where they didn't want to look for God, and most were like me — interested but doubtful.

From the moment we started I think I can say we were all captured by Ignite. From the moment the lights went out, the candle was lit, and the circle was formed, we became a group even though we barely knew each other. That first meeting was truly a milestone in my life as a Catholic. Afterwards we all went out to Chipotle and ate together... Ignite became a place where I can laugh, speak my mind, question, love, smile, frown, grieve, and even cry comfortably...

After a year of Ignite, I can now say I am a religious teen. I may still have questions about my faith but they only help me to grow in my faith. I no longer have to go to church, I come to church because I want to. Ignite changed me and I would like to believe for the better. I am still learning who I am and going every other Saturday to Ignite helps me in the process.

— Marcos Uberti

Ignite meets every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month at 6:30 PM (For more information, see page 3).

This summer, a delegation of teens will be traveling to Krakow, Poland for World Youth Day.

To read Arielle and Marcos' full essays, visit stignatiusloyola.org/index.php/faith_formation/ignite_teen_ministry
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21st
The N.P. Mander Organ Recital Series presents K. Scott Warren.
3:00 PM. Church. Details on page 5.

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd
7:00 PM. Wallace Hall. Details on page 5.

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd
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 24th
Job Transition Support Group. 10:00 AM. Parish Lounge. Bringing together experienced professionals looking to secure employment. Details on page 3.

Responding to Homelessness in NYC with Faith. 7:00 PM. Wallace Hall. Details at right.

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

FRIDAY – SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 26th – FEBRUARY 28th
Shelter Weekend. Wallace Hall. Details on page 3.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27th
Seniors Winter Luncheon. 1:00 PM. Wallace Hall. Details on page 3.

Daniel Beckwith Appointed Principal Organist
The Music Ministry is pleased to announce that Daniel Beckwith, who has served for the last several months as our Interim Organist, has been officially appointed Principal Organist of the parish.

Danny brings a wealth of experience as an organist and a conductor, having made his Metropolitan Opera podium debut in 1995. Danny is a graduate of Westminster Choir College.

For more information, please see his bio on the Music page at stignatiusloyola.org, or at smsconcernts.org

Welcome, Danny!

IGNATIAN SOCIAL JUSTICE
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
Edline Jaquet – Senior Policy Analyst, Supportive Housing Network of New York
Jack Marth – Director of Legal Services, Part of the Solution

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

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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**
- February 21
- March 6
- March 20
- April 3
- April 17

**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

**Adult Confirmation Class**
Tuesday evenings, March 1st – April 12th
Adult parishioners of St. Ignatius who have received First Eucharist but who have not yet received the sacrament of Confirmation may register for a course in preparation for the sacrament to be conferred here on Thursday, April 14th, at 5:30 PM.

The course will begin on Tuesday, March 1st at 7:15 PM and will continue for seven consecutive Tuesday evenings, concluding on Tuesday, April 12th.
Attendance at all the sessions is required.
Enrollment is limited.
Interested adults should contact Fr. Bergen at 212-288-3588.

**Job Transition Support Group**
Wednesday, February 24th
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

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**
FRIDAY – SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 26th – FEBRUARY 28th
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

**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 tomorrow.
Space is limited.

**THE ANNUAL CHANGE FOR CHANGE DRIVE**
Donations this year will be forwarded to the Jesuit Refugee Service: Mercy in Motion Campaign.
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.

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**IGNITE! TEEN MINISTRY**
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**THE ANNUAL CHANGE FOR CHANGE DRIVE**
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

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.
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.

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

Stations of the Cross
for Families
Sunday, March 13th at 12:00 PM
Dear Children and Parents:

Stations are places where people wait while they are traveling from one place to another. A school-bus stop is like a station. People wait at subway stations or bus stations. Church stations are also places where people take time to think about Jesus as he went to die on a cross. They are Stations of the Cross and show us how much Jesus loved us. Praying the Stations of the Cross is a Lenten tradition.

This year we invite families to join us in the Church on Sunday, March 13th at 12:00 PM where we will walk the Stations of the Cross together. At each Station we will stop and listen to a short reading and say a prayer.

Please join us and begin making the Stations of the Cross an annual Lenten observance for you and your family.

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week
Monday, February 22nd (The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle)
1 Peter 5:1–4    Psalm 23    Matthew 16:13–19
8:30 MEM Christine Power
12:10 MEM Mary O’Hara
5:30 MEM Charles Regan

Tuesday, February 23rd (Second Tuesday of Lent)
Isaiah 1:10, 16–20    Psalm 50    Matthew 23:1–12
8:30 MEM John Gazarak
12:10 MEM Mr. Kelly
5:30 MEM Susan Meyer

Wednesday, February 24th (Second Wednesday of Lent)
8:30 MEM Teresa Fusco
12:10 MEM Dominga Ramos
5:30 MEM Kathleen & Michael O’Brien

Thursday, February 25th (Second Thursday of Lent)
8:30 MEM Kathy Lehane
12:10 MEM Lavelle Frawley
5:30 MEM James Martin Mitchel

Friday, February 26th (Second Friday of Lent)
Genesis 37:3–4, 12–13a, 17b–28a    Psalm 105
Matthew 21:33–43, 45–46
8:30 MEM Donald Choix
12:10 MEM Kathy Briggs
5:30 MEM Bruna Morson

Saturday, February 27th (Second Saturday of Lent)
8:30 LVG The Bryon Lyons Family

Sunday, February 28th (Third Sunday of Lent)
Exodus 3:1–8a, 13–15    Psalm 103

A Special Celebration of the Year of Mercy
with Timothy Cardinal Dolan
Saturday, February 27th at 2:30 PM
Church of Our Saviour
59 Park Avenue (at East 38th Street)
• Hear from a Missionary of Mercy commissioned by Pope Francis
• Experience God’s mercy in the Sacrament of Confession
• Learn how to get involved in works of mercy.
All are welcome.
For more information, visit www.archny.org/mercy

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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:

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Please bring donations to the Parish House.

NEW!

SOCK & T-SHIRT DRIVE

Through Wednesday, March 16th

Benefiting

The Church of the Holy Apostles

Please bring donations to the Parish House.

Requested

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

The Way of the Cross Today
An art-slide lecture presented by

Rev. Leo J. O’Donovan, S.J.

Wednesday, March 2nd
7:00 PM in Wallace Hall

The lecture will feature images of a contemporary sculptural Way of the Cross by sculptor Bert Gerresheim juxtaposed with images from refugees making the Way of the Cross.

Rev. Leo J. O’Donovan, S.J., is President emeritus of Georgetown University and a past president of the Catholic Theological Society of America. He has written art criticism for publications such as America, Commonweal, The Washingtonian, and the National Catholic Reporter.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS

Byrd Mass for Five Voices:
Kyrie, Sanctus, Agnus Dei
Byrd Miserere mei

11:00 AM FAMILY MASS

with Training Choirs I & II
arr. Berg Somebody’s Knockin’
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PASSION: Stabat Mater

Wednesday, March 16th at 7:00 PM
CHOIR OF ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA

Tickets: $25-$80

Tickets for all concerts are available online at www.smssconcerts.org
Volunteer Eucharistic Ministers Needed. Volunteers are needed as “spiritual visitors” to the residents of the DeWitt Rehab and Nursing Center, 221 East 79th Street (between 2nd and 3rd Avenues). If you are interested in bringing the Eucharist to residents of DeWitt and are able to make a monthly two-hour commitment, please contact Janet Traub at 646-645-0217 or by email at PastoralCareDeWitt@gmail.com or by calling 212-515-0193. Both events are free and open to the public.

**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.

Confessions will be heard at St. Ignatius Loyola Church during the Archdiocesan Day of Reconciliation on Monday, March 21st, beginning at 3:00 PM.

This will be followed by our Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service at 7:00 PM.

**Baptisms:**

The Bride or Groom should 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.