March 13th, 2016
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Now once again, and never after this, come close to your mother, lean against my breast and wind your arms around my arms, and put your lips against my lips.

— Euripides, The Trojan Women, Andromache’s Lament

These tender words are spoken by Andromache to her little son, Astyanax, just before he was thrown from the walls of Troy by the conquering Greeks. If you’ll indulge a “new parent” moment, there was a time when I could read this passage and retain my composure. No more. As I write this, I’m at home, and my daughter is sleeping at my side. The sorrow and dread this ancient story evokes terrifies me.

When we contemplate the agony of the loss of a child, we often to call to mind images of Mary at the foot of the cross. On Wednesday, March 16th at 7:00 PM the Choir of St. Ignatius Loyola will present Frank Ferko’s setting of the Stabat Mater, the twenty-stanza poem from the 13th-century in which, at first, we witness Mary’s suffering at a distance. A few stanzas later we are drawn to her side, weeping with her. By the end of the poem, we implore Christ himself to allow us to share directly in his suffering.

There is a part of me that, in my less empathetic moments, sees the Stabat Mater as a bit of medieval religious histrionic. But if we allow ourselves to connect with the archetypical Mary and Jesus figures alive in each of us, the Stabat Mater becomes autobiographical. We all lose the earthly attachments we treasure the most. This truth is clear in all world religions, and the Bible teaches us a great deal about impermanence, and the fact that our desires—mainly for security—cause great suffering to ourselves and those around us.

Of course, it is natural for us to want security. We want our relationships to last forever, and we grieve when they inevitably don’t. We seek wealth because we subconsciously think it will be a hedge against impermanence and change. We seek status because we irrationally think it confers a sort of immortality.

Jesus tells us to take up our cross and follow him. We don’t need to go around looking for crosses to bear. The crosses will find us. The question is, will we spend our time avoiding our crosses, or will we allow them to work on us, and help us become the hands and feet of Jesus to those around us?

There is nothing more excruciating than the death of a child, and as our Lenten journey draws closer to Passiontide, it seems appropriate to spend a few moments at Mary’s side. This is profoundly difficult subject matter, and our faith calls us to look it square in the face. This is why I hope you’ll join us Wednesday evening for Frank Ferko’s Stabat Mater. In this remarkable work, Mr. Ferko interpolates some English-language texts (including Andromache’s Lament, in translation) that bring matters of loss into our consciousness in an abrupt, startling fashion: an Irish poet writing about the death of his sons in battle, and a mother grieving for her son, lost to AIDS.

Dear friends, this is difficult and painful stuff. But in the long run, sharing cathartic moments such as these remind us that there is no “you” and “I”. There is only “us”. Our spouse, our neighbor, our co-worker, our fellow committee member, the stranger walking down the street — we each experience sorrows unseen to the rest of the world. Several times in the Gospels, these words appear: “Jesus looked at her/him/them and had compassion.”

May it be so with us.

— K. Scott Warren
Director of Music Ministries
TUESDAY, MARCH 15th

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday Evenings
After the 5:30 PM Mass until 8:00 PM.
In the Church.
For exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private adoration.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16th
Job Transition Support Group.
10:00 AM. Parish Lounge.
Bringing together experienced professionals looking to secure employment.
Details on page 3.

SMSS Concert: Passion: Stabat Mater.
7:00 PM. Church.
Details on page 5.

THURSDAY, MARCH 17th
Ignatian Social Justice.
7:00 PM. Conference Room.
All are welcome.

SATURDAY, MARCH 19th
IGNITE! Teen Ministry.
6:30 PM. Hoefner Lounge.
Teens 13–19 are welcome!
Details on page 3.

ARCHDIOCESAN DAY OF RECONCILIATION
Monday, March 21st
All parishes in the Archdiocese of New York will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
Confessions will be heard at St. Ignatius Loyola from 3:00 PM – 6:45 PM.
To be followed by the PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE at 7:00 PM
Many priests will be available for Confession.

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

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PASSION SUNDAY, March 20th
Regular Weekend Mass Schedule:
Saturday: 5:30 PM (Vigil)
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM (Solemn)
11:00 AM (Wallace Hall Family Mass)
7:30 PM

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Good Friday, March 25th
3:00 PM – Immediately following the Three Hours Devotion. Church.

Holy Saturday, March 26th
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM in the Parish House Parlors.

LITURGIES OF THE TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 24th
Mass of the Lord’s Supper
7:00 PM (doors open at 6:30 PM)
Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J., Presider

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25th
Celebration of the Lord’s Passion
Liturgy at 7:00 PM (doors open at 6:30 PM)
Rev. Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J., Presider

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 26th
Easter Vigil
8:00 PM (doors open at 7:30 PM)
Rev. Thomas H. Feely, S.J., Presider
For reasons of safety, once the Vigil begins, latecomers will not be admitted into the Church until the end of the “Exultet.” Please be on time.

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27th
Please note the change in Mass Times:
7:30 AM – Organ/Cantor
9:00 AM – Organ/Cantor
10:30 AM – Organ/Cantor/Choirs/Brass
10:30 AM (Wallace Hall Family Mass) – Piano/Choirs/Instruments/Omega Dance Company
Noon (Solemn) – Organ/Cantor/Choirs/Brass
(There is no 7:30 PM Mass on Easter Sunday.)
**Sunday Social Winter/Spring 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.

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To receive updates on IYA events and other opportunities, you can follow us on Facebook at “Ignatian Young Adults (NYC).”

**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

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**
**FRIDAY – SUNDAY**
**MARCH 25th – MARCH 27th**
**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

**MUSIC**
**SUNDAY, MARCH 20TH**
**11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS**
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**11:00 AM FAMILY MASS**
with Training Choirs I & II and 
Middle School Choir
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It is well with my soul

**Job Transition Support Group**
Wednesday, March 16th
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

**IGNITE! TEEN MINISTRY**
Saturday, March 19th  
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

**The Cardinal’s Annual Appeal**
The Cardinal’s Appeal offers vital support to offices, ministries, and programs throughout the Archdiocese as well as in our own parish.
Please support the Appeal by making your pledge today.
Gifts can be made online at cardinalsappeal.org

Interested in becoming Catholic?  Call 212-288-3588 or email church@stignatiusloyola.org
**The Easter Vigil**
The Easter Vigil liturgy is the most beautiful liturgy in the Roman Catholic Church. Celebrated on Holy Saturday after sunset, the Vigil Mass is regarded as the most important Mass of the liturgical year.

Adults who have never been baptized are baptized at this liturgy. Baptized Christians of other denominations are received into the Church through the sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. Baptized Roman Catholics who have never had religious instruction are confirmed and receive their First Eucharist.

Because it is so rich with detail, the Vigil Mass usually lasts about three hours. We invite you to attend the Vigil service on Saturday, March 26th! Doors will open at 7:30 PM; the service begins at 8:00 PM. Because the Vigil begins in complete darkness, no latecomers will be admitted into the Church until the end of the “Exultet.”

**Announced Masses and Readings for the Week**

**Monday, March 14th**  *(Fifth Monday of Lent)*
8:30 MEM Susan Lombardi
12:10 MEM Deceased Members of the Brenninkmeyer Family
5:30 MEM Noel McElligott

**Tuesday, March 15th**  *(Fifth Tuesday of Lent)*
Numbers 21:4–9    Psalm 102    John 8:21–30
8:30 MEM Wolfgang Brocks
12:10 MEM Sarkey Tarlian
5:30 MEM Denis Kelliher

**Wednesday, March 16th**  *(Fifth Wednesday of Lent)*
8:30 ANN Charles Denihan
12:10 LVG Joe R. Frissora and Joe & Jean Frissora
5:30 MEM David Oing

**Thursday, March 17th**  *(Fifth Thursday of Lent)*
Genesis 17:3–9    Psalm 105    John 8:51–59
8:30 MEM Kelly Gillebaard
12:10 MEM Thomas Kelly
5:30 MEM Michael McCourt

**Friday, March 18th**  *(Fifth Friday of Lent)*
8:30 MEM Dolores Cobianchi
12:10 MEM John Nicholas
5:30 MEM Teddy Bugeja

**Saturday, March 19th**  *(St. Joseph, the Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary)*
2 Samuel 7:4–5a, 12–14a, 16    Psalm 89
Romans 4:13, 16–18, 22    Matthew 1:16, 18–21, 24a
8:30 MEM Francis Coughlin

**Sunday, March 20th**  *(Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord)*
Isaiah 50:4–7    Psalm 22

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“Do you allow yourselves to be gazed upon by the Lord? But how do you do this? You look at the tabernacle and you let yourselves be looked at . . . it is simple! ‘It is a bit boring; I fall asleep.’ Fall asleep then, sleep! He is still looking at you. But know for sure that he is looking at you!”

— Pope Francis, *The Church of Mercy*
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.

Through Wednesday, March 16th, SVdP is accepting donations of food for the Community Pantry at the Church of St. Gregory the Great.

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

Please bring donations to the Parish House.

NEW!

SOCK & T-SHIRT DRIVE

Ends Wednesday, March 16th

Benefiting the homeless community of 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

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Tickets: $25-$80

Tickets for can be purchased at smssconcerts.org or by calling 212-288-2520.

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

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THE ANNUAL CHANGE FOR CHANGE DRIVE

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

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NEW DATE AND TIME!

Stations of the Cross for Families
Sunday, March 20th at 12:30 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.

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WAY OF THE CROSS OVER THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE

On Good Friday, March 25th, Communion and Liberation will sponsor the Way of the Cross over the Brooklyn Bridge.

Participants will congregate for the first station at St. James Cathedral-Basilica, Brooklyn, at 10:00 AM. After a station on the Brooklyn Bridge, the procession will follow the cross to a third station at City Hall Park in Manhattan and a fourth station near Ground Zero. The final station will be at St. Peter’s Church on Barclay Street, concluding at 1:30 PM.

At each station, there will be readings from the Passion, a meditation, a reflection, and hymns. All are invited.

For more information, call Communion and Liberation at (212) 337-3580 or visit www.wocbrooklynbridge.org

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, Brian Chap, or the President, Patricia Gauvey.