All around the world today, church bells are ringing!

For Christians, Easter Sunday is the high point of the year, the day of greatest celebration by far. In fact, for the first three centuries of Christianity, Easter was the only feast celebrated throughout the whole Church. It is our firm faith that God the Father brought Jesus back from the dead on that first Easter morning. This really happened! It is not a story the disciples of Jesus made up. It was not simply the power of his memory overcoming them. Not something that happened in their minds, a kind of resurrection of their belief in him. Everything in our Christian faith rests on this real happening. St. Paul writes in his first letter to the Corinthians that if Christ has not been raised from the dead, “then we have nothing to preach, and you have nothing to believe.”

But Easter presents us with a problem. It is the biggest celebration in the Church year, but it doesn’t have the place in our hearts that Christmas has. We have a much easier time relating to Christmas. We can appreciate the joy that people feel at the birth of a child. We understand babies. But Easter is another matter!

Easter is difficult to understand and even to imagine. How do you imagine the Resurrection? None of the Gospels attempts to describe how it happened, because nobody was there who saw it! Instead, the Gospels tell us about an empty tomb and about appearances of the risen Jesus to his disciples. It was not easy for them to believe that God could bring someone back from the dead. Dead bodies stay dead. In Luke’s Gospel, it says that, even after seeing Jesus, his disciples “disbelieved for joy.” It simply seemed too good to be true.

Nothing short of the immense love of God for his Son can begin to make sense of the Resurrection. When love is very powerful, when love is God himself, there is no way death could have the final word. If God were powerless in the face of death, then death would be the real god. And all the beauty and goodness of life would be a sham. Because, in the end, it would all come to nothing.

I believe we have a clue from our own experience that life continues beyond death. In a conversation I had with a parishioner last Easter, she told me that her husband had died two years before. She found herself struggling in those years to believe in the resurrection of Jesus but was filled with doubts. And yet, as time passed, she began believing more and more in the eternity of love, and that good, loving people are part of that eternity. I think that for her, and for many of us, a human love that is deep and strong is the very best clue we have that death is not the end. Because deep love is an experience that transcends time. It is a taste of eternity, a presence of the divine here and now.

In the Gospel of John, just before he raises Lazarus from the dead, Jesus tells Martha, “Yes, Lord, we believe that your great love is more powerful than death. Do you believe this, Martha?”

Today, with Martha, we answer, “Yes, Lord, we believe that your great love is more powerful than death.” For a great and powerful love, death can only be a transition, never the end. This makes Easter the greatest celebration in the Church’s liturgical year. Resurrection means the worst thing is never, ever the last thing. God will have the last word. And that word is all about love and life. This is the reason for all our Alleluias today!

— Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J.
Associate Pastor
**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**EASTER MONDAY, MARCH 28th**
The Parish House will be closed.
One Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 AM in the Church.
There will be no 12:10 PM or 5:30 PM Masses.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30th**
Job Transition Support Group.
10:00 AM. Parish Lounge.
Bringing together experienced professionals looking to secure employment.
*Details on page 3.*

**SATURDAY, APRIL 2nd**
IGNITE! Teen Ministry.
6:30 PM. Hoefner Lounge.
Teens 13–19 are welcome! *Details on page 3.*

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**HOST FAMILY SOUGHT FOR EXCHANGE STUDENT**

A bright, young man of fifteen, currently in 9th grade at the Jesuit Aloisiuskolleg in Bonn, Germany, has been accepted to a local Catholic high school for September 2016 through January 2017, contingent on finding a host family acceptable to his parents and the school.

The young man is an excellent student and fluent in English. He has no health issues, food allergies, or special dietary requirements. Reimbursement of room and board expenses is assured.

If you would like to be considered as a host family or to recommend a family for this opportunity, please contact parishioner Joe Sullivan at joesunfish@aol.com

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**You are most cordially invited to attend an**

**EASTER MEMORIAL LITURGY**

to remember deceased parishioners and/or their family members who died during 2015.

**Tuesday, April 5th at 7:00 PM**
*Refreshments following in Wallace Hall*

RSVP by Friday, April 1st to Diane Boyle at 212-288-3588 x618 or boyled@saintignatiusloyola.org

You are invited to submit the names of deceased loved ones to Diane Boyle no later than Thursday, March 31st.

*Sponsored by the Emmaus Bereavement Ministry*

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**Announced Masses and Readings for the Week**

**Monday, March 28th** *(Easter Monday)*
Acts 2:14, 22–33  Psalm 16  Matthew 28:8–15
8:30  MEM  Yun Feng Wang

**Tuesday, March 29th** *(Easter Tuesday)*
Acts 2:36–41  Psalm 33  John 20:11–18
8:30  MEM  Marie Cahill Crawford
12:10  MEM  Lorenzo Carusone
5:30  MEM  William Fulton Johnston

**Wednesday, March 30th** *(Easter Wednesday)*
8:30  MEM  William & Ann Reilly
12:10  MEM  Daniel J. Sullivan
5:30  MEM  Thomas Casale

**Thursday, March 31st** *(Easter Thursday)*
8:30  MEM  William & Ann Reilly
12:10  MEM  Daniel J. Sullivan
5:30  MEM  Thomas Casale

**Friday, April 1st** *(Easter Friday)*
8:30  MEM  Edmund Virgil Conway
12:10  MEM  Marie Cardone
5:30  MEM  Cono Pasqua

**Saturday, April 2nd** *(Easter Saturday)*
Acts 4:13–21  Psalm 118  Mark 16:9–15
8:30  MEM  Luigi Paoluzzi

**Sunday, April 3rd** *(Second Sunday of Easter)*
Acts 5:12–16  Revelation 1:9–11a, 12–13, 17–19
Psalm 118  John 20:19–31

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On behalf of Rev. Thomas Feely, S.J., and the Staff of Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, best wishes for a holy and blessed Easter Season.

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IGNATIAN YOUNG ADULTS

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.

Sunday Social Dates
April 3  April 17
May 1  May 15  June 5
June 19

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

WHAT NEXT?
RETERM
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

IGNITE! TEEN MINISTRY
Saturday, April 2nd
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM
Hofner 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

It’s Girl Scout Cookie Time!
The Girl Scouts of Saint Ignatius Loyola School will be hosting a Girl Scout Cookie Booth Sale on Sunday, April 3rd, in Wallace Hall, after the 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM Masses.
All boxes of cookies are $4.
Please consider donating a box of cookies to the troops!

Job Transition Support Group
Wednesday, March 30th
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.

For more information, contact
John Holewa at jholewa@gmail.com or Christian Nolan at ctnolan59@gmail.com

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
FRIDAY – SUNDAY
APRIL 22nd – APRIL 24th
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

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.

Interested in becoming Catholic? Call 212-288-3588 or email church@stignatiusloyola.org
2016 HOLY WEEK AND EASTER MUSIC FUND DONORS

Thank you to all who contributed to the 2016 Holy Week and Easter Music Fund! We also thank those whose donations arrived after Monday, March 14, 2016. A complete listing of Holy Week and Easter Music Fund Donors will appear toward the end of Easter season.

$500 and above
In honor of Philip Anderson
Anonymous
Hon. Maryanne Trump Barry
Susan Braddock
Mr. and Mrs. James E. Buckman
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Califano, Jr.
In memory of Chan Kok Hung
Charlie & Louise Cho
In Memory of Peter M. Collins
In memory of Brunilde Santor de Alvarez
Linda Filardi and Gary Talarico
In memory of the deceased members of the Franklin/Manning Families
In memory of Peter A. Gloo
Sarah W. Johnson
With loving memory of my son Matthew
Gerard M. Meistrell
In loving memory of Melvin L. Moss
Dennis & Roseline Michael Neveling
In Loving Memory of Jack Oleary
Martha Pascual
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The Schulte Family
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Thanks Philip Anderson, Kathleen & Patrick Carrajat
In loving memory of John & Catherine Caruso and Jennie Latella
Lisa Cha
Barbara Charles
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Mary M. Clarke
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In honor of my mother, Carlos Cuartas
In loving memory of John P. and Ann D. Curtin
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In loving memory of Maria Dello, The Anzai Family
Mary Ashcroft Donoso
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The Farina Family – in memory of our loved ones
In loving memory of Kathy Finley & Stephen Meno Rung
In memory of Anthony & Assunta Fiorella, deceased
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In memory of Dorothy and Harold Fitzgibbon
Edward Fitzpatrick
Mary A. Flannery
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In memory of Georgia Ann Gearty and George T. Gearty, Jr.
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In loving memory of William P. Gregg
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In loving memory of Wolfgang A. Herz (2)
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Sally Hinton
Sophia Hudson
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Kimberly Jovanovic
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Kathleen and Richard Kearns
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In memory of Joachim E. Parrella
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In Memory of the deceased members of the Skarzynski and Scheuerman families
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Andrew and Mae Wilson
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Sally & Michael

It’s not too late to contribute.
Complete a donation form (available in the Parish House) or donate online at https://donate.signatiusloyola.org/eastermusic

$100 and above
Robert Adams
Colleen and Bill Ambrose
In Honor of Philip Anderson Anonymous
In loving memory of Francesco & Rosalia Aquila and Salvatore & Siuseppina Terranova
“Let the risen Jesus enter your life—welcome him as a friend, with trust: he is life! If up till now you have kept him at a distance, step forward. He will receive you with open arms. If you have been indifferent, take a risk; you won’t be disappointed. If following him seems difficult, don’t be afraid. Trust him, be confident that he is close to you, he is with you, and he will give you the peace you are looking for and the strength to live as he would have you do.”

— Pope Francis, *The Church of Mercy*

We extend warm congratulations to our RCIA Catechumens and Candidates who celebrated their entrance into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

**Catechumens**
- Mitra Amestoy
- Pearl Chua
- Philip Clemente
- Elyse Del Giudice
- Odile Gordon
- Eric Kelhoffer
- Rita Keller
- Jessica Marenco
- Mary McDonald
- Bridget Wells

**Candidates for Full Communion**
- Nolan Cella
- Trysha Daskam
- Sarah Evans
- Timothy Fischer
- Jennifer Leopold
- Peggy Peschell
- Daniel Ullmer

**Candidates for Full Initiation**
- Nicole Benfante
- Corinne Janik
- Jacques Torchon
- Elizabeth Verrelli

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**MUSIC**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 3rd**

**11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS**

- Vierne: *Trois Improvisations: Méditation*
- Gabrieli: *Jubilate Deo*
- Duruflé: *Tantum ergo sacramentum*
- Vierne: *Trois Improvisations: Marche épiscopale*

**CARITAS CONCERT**

**Ike Sturm + Evergreen**

**Wednesday, April 13th at 6:30 PM**

**Wallace Hall**

Caritas Concerts have the appeal of the less formal 19th-century salon concerts. The evenings begin and end with light refreshments, and a chance to mingle with the performers. Intimate seating places the audience in close proximity to the music.

Ike Sturm + Evergreen is a family of nine friends and artists creating ambient jazz and soaring melodies. Their new *Shelter of Trees* project is a collection of original songs and psalm settings focused on renewal and restoration.

All proceeds will benefit Habitat for Humanity New York City.

Tickets: $50

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

**Presented by**

**DAVID ENLOW**

Organist and Choir Master,
Church of the Resurrection, New York City
Organ Faculty, The Juilliard School

**Sunday, April 17th at 3:00 PM**

David Enlow presents a program of all J.S. Bach to celebrate the release of his new CD, *Bach on Park Avenue*. The CD was recorded on St. Ignatius Loyola’s N.P. Mander Organ, the largest tracker-action pipe organ in the New York metropolitan area.

Tickets: $20

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**Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs**

**Wednesday, May 11th at 7:00 PM**

The season concludes with a rousing celebration of music for unaccompanied choir: Aaron Copland's 1947 choral concerto *In the Beginning*, Philadelphia composer Jennifer Higdon's *Sanctus*, and *Carmina mei, cordis* by award-winning Minnesota native Abbie Betinis.

Tickets: $25–$80

Tickets for all concerts are available online at www.smssconcerts.org or by calling 212-288-2520.
For your convenience
To reach the Giving page on the parish website, scan the QR Code at left.

We pray for the faithful departed
Joanne (Joie) Daniel
Florenzo Squillace
May they rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

Annual Golden Wedding Mass Celebration
Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2016 are invited to attend one of the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass Celebrations with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick on Saturday, June 25th at 1:30 PM and Sunday, June 26th at 2:00 PM. Pre-registration is required.
To register, contact Diane Boyle at the Parish House (212-288-3588 x618 or boyled@saintignatiusloyola.org) by Tuesday, May 24th.

Meeting Christ in Prayer: An Introduction to Ignatian Prayer. Wednesday Evenings, April 13th to June 1st at 7:30 PM. Church of St. Mary, 1300 Northern Boulevard, Manhasset. This eight-week guided prayer experience for small groups is modeled on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. Each meeting teaches specific prayer practices, including lectio divina, imaginative prayer, and the Daily Examen. Thirty minutes of daily prayer is required by each participant. Led by Fr. Damian Halligan, S.J. Cost: $75. Registration deadline is Monday, April 4th. For more information, contact Pat McDonough at pmcdonough@jesuitcollaborative.org

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

Religious Education for Children
Ms. Carly-Anne Gannon, Director
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St. Ignatius Loyola Grammar School
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Ms. Theodora Crist, M.S.
Executive Director
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Children’s Liturgy of the Word
Sundays at the 9:30 AM Mass.

Confessions
4:30 PM Saturday or by appointment.

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.