There is a great sweetness in God's mercy. This is not a sickly saccharine sentiment but the disarming reality of God's gentleness.

Once we have understood that our own woundedness led us to despair, to lose hope and to act out in sin, we can admit that our selfish actions were vain attempts to take back control, to alleviate our suffering, or to inflict it on another. We can see that we were turning away from God's love and trusting in ourselves. This turning away gradually and cumulatively hardened our hearts.

Such understanding can only come from a breaking in of God's indwelling grace, which will bear the fruit of mercy in our lives. The form of this breaking in will have a unique slant for each one of us. Though gentle, it can often catch us off guard or even shake us to our core. Yet, once we experience God's mercy, we realize that God relentlessly seeks after us. God pursues those who are lost as a lover pursues his beloved. This is what God does.

Only when we have experienced the unfathomable depths of the mercy of God, can we understand how much we are loved. This experience prompts our repentance, our turning around and the restoration of God's life in us.

We can freely love others without fear when we are secure in God's love (1 John 4:18). Then we are free to be Apostles of Mercy, like St. Maria Faustina Kowalska.

Helena Kowalska was born to a poor, uneducated family in 1905, in war-torn Poland. Helena was a devout child and became Sister Maria Faustina on April 30, 1926, when she joined the Sisters of Mercy.

In a series of revelations to St. Faustina in the 1930s, our Lord revealed the Divine Mercy and called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Jesus also revealed the Divine Mercy image, the Rosary and the Novena to this saint known as The Apostle of Divine Mercy.

Today, we know this feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, instituted by Saint John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

However, Divine Mercy Sunday is not a feast based solely on St. Faustina's revelations. Indeed, it is not primarily about St. Faustina, nor is it altogether a new feast. The Second Sunday of Easter was already a solemnity as the Octave Day of Easter. The title “Divine Mercy Sunday” does, however, highlight the meaning of the day.

Let us recall today's Gospel (John 20:19–31): “Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.’"

One of the first things that Jesus did after his Resurrection was to breathe the Holy Spirit upon his disciples and impart upon them the power to forgive sins in his name.

The Lord expressed his will with regard to this feast in his very first revelation to St. Faustina. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in her Diary entry 699:

“My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy.

Discouragement and worry are great obstacles to holiness, which is truly attainable for each one of us in our given state in life. Our expectations of what God can do in our lives are important. Our confidence in God is important. Our trust in God's merciful love is important. The more we trust in Jesus, the face of God's mercy, the more we will receive.

Finally, St. Faustina once asked the Lord what her last mortal sin was and the Lord replied, “I don't remember.” Once we have confessed and repented of our sins, let us live in the unshakeable confidence of God's everlasting mercy.

— Carly-Anne Gannon
Director of Religious Education
**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 3rd**

**Girl Scout Sunday.** Cookies will be on sale today in Wallace Hall after the 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM Masses. *Details at right.*

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

**MONDAY, APRIL 4th**

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

**TUESDAY, APRIL 5th**

**Easter Memorial Liturgy**

7:00 PM. Church. Our annual liturgy to remember deceased parishioners and deceased family members of parishioners who died during 2015.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6th**

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

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

**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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**IT’S GIRL SCOUT COOKIE DAY!**

The Girl Scouts of Saint Ignatius Loyola School will be hosting a Girl Scout Cookie Booth Sale on **today**, in Wallace Hall, after the 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM Masses.

**Cost:** $4/box

Please consider donating a box of cookies to the troops!

**RANGER ROSARY MINISTRY**

**OVER 15,000 ROSARIES (AND COUNTING)!**

The Rosary Rangers recently reached another milestone when they passed the 15,000 mark and completed their 15,293rd rosary.

The Ranger Rosary ministry, which started at St. Ignatius in August 2009, meets twice a month to make rosaries for Catholics who are serving in the armed services. These combat rosaries are constructed from materials with no metal parts that might reflect light or make a rattling noise.

If you are interested in joining, the next Ranger Rosary meeting is tomorrow, **Monday, April 4th, at 7:00 PM** in the Meeting Room. New members are always welcome!

**JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE**

**The Refugee Voice from Jesuit Refugee Service/USA**

*The Refugee Voice* is a series of occasional papers describing forced migration and the major issues that underlie them.

More than simply presenting abstract problems, it provides first-hand experiences from the refugees, internally displaced people, and other vulnerable populations with whom JRS works around the world.

To register to receive an electronic subscription to *The Refugee Voice*, please visit jrsusa.org/signup

**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.
**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).”

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**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

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**IGNITE! TEEN MINISTRY**

Saturday, April 16th

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Hoefner 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

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**Job Transition Support Group**

**Wednesday, April 6th**

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

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**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

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY NOW**

PLEASE REMEMBER US LATER!

**Remember St. Ignatius in Your Estate Plan.**

Over the years, it has been the gifts left to the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola in wills, bequests, and memorials that have helped us to continue to operate: as a place of worship, as a place to protect and teach our children, and as a caring and generous parish where area residents may come for spiritual guidance.

If you would like information about planned giving, contact Fernando Castro, Treasurer, or visit our website at www.stignatiusloyola.org

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**WALLACE HALL AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL**

The space is available for a variety of events including fundraisers, lectures, receptions, and formal banquet-style dinners.

For more information, contact Caroline Fernandes at 212-288-3588 or fernandesc@saintignatiusloyola.org

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Interested in becoming Catholic? Call 212-288-3588 or email church@stignatiusloyola.org
Pope Francis’
April Prayer Intentions
Apostleship of Prayer receives monthly prayer intentions from Pope Francis and urges Christians throughout the world to unite in prayer for those intentions.

Universal: Small Farmers
That small farmers may receive a just reward for their precious labor.

Evangelization: African Christians
That Christians in Africa may give witness to love and faith in Jesus Christ amid political-religious conflicts.

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, April 4th (The Annunciation of the Lord)
Isaiah 7:10–14; 8:10 Psalm 40
8:30 MEM Bridget Burke
12:10 MEM Richard J. Johnson
5:30 MEM Edward Lynch

Tuesday, April 5th (Second Tuesday of Easter)
8:30 MEM Donald Nyland
12:10 MEM Paul Allegretti
5:30 MEM Mary Hegarty

Wednesday, April 6th (Second Wednesday of Easter)
Acts 5:17–26 Psalm 34 John 3:16–21
8:30 MEM The Choix & Gordon Families
12:10 MEM William & Marie Bettison
5:30 MEM Joseph Hilly

Thursday, April 7th (St. John Baptist de la Salle)
8:30 MEM Thomas Borynack
12:10 LVG Santiago Foncillas
5:30 MEM James Esposito

Friday, April 8th (Second Friday of Easter)
8:30 MEM The Kelly Family
12:10 MEM Marguerite Scaglione
5:30 MEM Joseph Phelan

Saturday, April 9th (Second Saturday of Easter)
Acts 6:1–7 Psalm 33 John 6:16–21
8:30 ANN Patricia O’Brien

Sunday, April 10th (Third Sunday of Easter)
Acts 5:27–32, 40b–41 Psalm 30
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Celebrate the Night in Black and White

2016 Benefit Auction

Saturday, April 16th
6:30 PM to 11:00 PM
Wallace Hall
Tickets: $135/Adult
For ticket information, please call the Development Office at 212-861-3820 x135
Black tie optional.

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@stignatiusloyola.org) by Tuesday, May 24th.

The Cardinal’s Appeal offers vital support to Catholic programs and ministries 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 www.cardinalsappeal.org

We welcome new parishioners and invite you to fill out a Parishioner Registration Card located in the pew racks, at the Parish House, and online at www.stignatiusloyola.org

Next Weekend: Special Collection
The annual collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services will be taken next weekend. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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**MUSIC**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 10th**

**11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS**
- TeVelde  
  Variations on *O Filii et Filiae*
- Bédard  
  Meditation on *O Filii et Filiae*

**VAUGHAN WILLIAMS**
- Five Mystical Songs: Antiphon, Easter

**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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**BLOOD DRIVE**

**Sunday, May 1st**

**9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

**McKinnon Hall**

The New York Blood Center requires 2,000 donations daily to meet the transfusion needs of our community.

Your donation may enable a premature baby to live, a burn victim to recover, a cancer patient to be treated, or an accident victim to survive.

**To register:**
- **Online** – [www.nybloodcenter.org/blood](http://www.nybloodcenter.org/blood)
- **Telephone** – (800) 933-2566

Please reference Group Code 06239 when registering.

Walk-ins are also welcome.

A photo or signature ID is required.

Please drink plenty of fluids and eat a well-balanced meal before giving blood.

Please help us exceed our goal of 38 donations!

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**THANK YOU!**

Parishioners of St. Ignatius Loyola Church  
St. Ignatius Loyola Grammar School  
Frassati Fellowship

We appreciate your overwhelming support of our annual Lenten Food Drive and our inaugural T-Shirt and Sock Drive!

The tremendous amount of items collected has brought so much joy and comfort to so many individuals and families within our neighboring communities.

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**  
Saint Lawrence O’Toole Conference  
Church of St. Ignatius Loyola

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

**presents**

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

**Sunday, April 17th**

**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

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Tickets for all concerts are available online at [www.smssconcerts.org](http://www.smssconcerts.org) or by calling 212-288-2520.
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

Lecture: Making War, Making Peace — Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Attitudes. Tuesday, April 19th, 6:00 PM. Fordham University, Lincoln Center Campus, Corrigan Conference Center, 12th-Floor Lounge. Encore Presentation: Wednesday, April 20th, 6:00 PM. Fordham University, Rose Hill Campus, Walsh Family Library, Flom Auditorium. Presenter: Rev. Patrick J. Ryan, S.J., Laurence J. McInley Professor of Religion and Society. Respondents: Professor Sarit Kattan Gribetz, PhD, Fordham University, and Professor Mehnaz Afridi, PhD, Manhattan College. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 718-817-4745, email mcgchair@fordham.edu or visit fordham.edu/mcginleychair

Caregiver Retreat: God’s Strengthening Love for Caregivers. Wednesday, April 20th, 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM. Loyola Jesuit Center, Morristown, New Jersey. For family caregivers, church leaders, and professional and volunteer caregivers. This retreat demonstrates lessons for reducing stress and uplifting one’s spirit while living the reality of being a caregiver. Suggested Donation: $40. Donation includes breakfast, lunch, and a copy of the book God’s Strengthening Love for Caregivers. To register, call 973-539-0740 or email retrofithouse@loyola.org

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**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. Yesalonia

Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Yesalonia

9:30 AM Fr. Hilbert

Wallace Hall 11:00 AM Fr. Judge

Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Bergen

7:30 PM Fr. Bergen

**Religious Education for Children**

Ms. Carly-Anne Gannon, Director

M.Phil., M.Ed.

(212) 861-4764

**St. Ignatius Loyola Grammar School**

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M.S. Ed. (Admin.), M.S. Ed. (Literacy)

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New York, NY 10028

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**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.

**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.

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