It is illuminating to review the principal documents produced by recent popes in order to create “word clouds” that give prominence to the words that appear more frequently in the source texts. The list of St. John Paul II’s encyclicals is striking for the Christological and ecclesiological themes that recur: Redeemer, Lord, Truth, Sacred, Faith, Law, Sacrament. Pope Benedict XVI, the exquisite theologian and professor, wrote about the theological virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity, and the transmission of faith through Word, Tradition, Doctrine, and Liturgy. What riches of papal teaching we have from these two universal pastors!


(On the topic of words, what is the difference between gaudium and laetitia, both translated as “joy”? One might say that laetitia is happiness, the state of being happy, and gaudium is the joy the happy person possesses. Or, that gaudium is an inner joy, a passion of the soul, while laetitia is closer to mirth, gaudium with bubbles!)

The Apostolic Exhortation on Marriage and the Family merits a more thorough presentation than can be offered here, and I hope in the near future to be able to write more on the document, but today let’s consider joy in itself.

When Pope Francis speaks of joy, which is often—and he radiates joy without saying a word—he connects it with his other preferred terms. The face of God is Mercy. All of creation is shot through with Praise and Glory and Joy. As St. Augustine said, “Our hearts were made for you, O Lord, and they are restless till they find their rest in you.” Creation is not restless, creation is happy, but our hearts can be restless and we can be unhappy. Why?

Perhaps it is because we have some wrong ideas about joy. Perhaps we equate joy with euphoria, having fun, getting high; this leads inevitably to depression, to feeling low, to being let down. Second, we think we can chase after happiness, we can do something to attain happiness. But joy is not sought after for its own sake, it is rather the offshoot or consequence of something else: the joy that comes from living the gospel, or the joy that is the fruit of experiencing love. Another wrong notion is that joy can be found in externals: a change of job, a change of city, what some call “the geographical cure.” Happiness has nothing to do with externals. “They change their sky, but not their soul, who rush across the sea,” says Horace in one of his celebrated odes.

God once promised a man the fulfillment of three wishes. The first wish was to be free of his nagging wife, and God granted his wish. Then the man heard all his friends praise his departed wife, and he repented and wished to have her back, and God granted this wish. Not knowing what to wish for finally—health, wealth, fame, immortality, love—he turned to God and asked what he should ask for, and God said, “Ask to be happy no matter what you get.”

Pope Francis writes about the joy found in marriage, but it can be applied to all joy: “Joy increases our pleasure, and helps us find fulfillment in any number of things, even at those times in life when physical pleasure has ebbed. Saint Thomas Aquinas said that the word ‘joy’ refers to an expansion of the heart. Marital joy can be experienced even amid sorrow; it involves accepting that marriage is an inevitable mixture of enjoyment and struggles, tensions and repose, pain and relief, satisfactions and longings, annoyances and pleasures.”

If you want peace, say “yes”; if you want joy, say “thanks.” It is impossible to be grateful and unhappy at the same time. For the first time in a papal document, a scene from the Danish film Babette’s Feast is referenced. “The most intense joys in life arise when we are able to elicit joy in others, as a foretaste of heaven…. It is a joy and a great consolation to bring delight to others, to see them enjoying themselves.”

— Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.
Associate Pastor
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, APRIL 17th
The N.P. Mander Organ Recital Series presents David Enlow.
3:00 PM. Church.
Details on page 3.

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20th
Job Transition Support Group.
10:00 AM. Parish Lounge.
Bringing together experienced professionals looking to secure employment.

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

FRIDAY – SUNDAY
APRIL 22nd – APRIL 24th
SVDp Women’s Shelter
Wallace Hall

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SUNDAY, APRIL 24TH
11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS
Bach Prelude and Fugue in C Minor, BWV 537
Bainton And I saw a new heaven
arr. Christiansen Beautiful Savior
Solomons Toccata on Gelobt sei Gott

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

TODAY 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

Psalsms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs
Wednesday, May 11th
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

Rejoice in the Lord!
A Music Ministry Celebration
Sunday, May 22nd
3:00 PM
The Choir of St. Ignatius Loyola, Parish Community Choir, Wallace Hall Choir, Canticum Sacrum, and Children’s Choirs join forces in gratitude and joy.

FREE WILL OFFERING. NO TICKETS NECESSARY.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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 – http://tinyurl.com/StIgnatiusLoyolaBloodDrive
Telephone – (800) 933-2566
Please reference Group Code 06239 when registering by phone.

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!

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.

The Staff of the St. Ignatius Loyola Day Nursery cordially invites the members of the Parish Community to

The Annual Spring Benefit
Friday, May 20th
7:00 PM to Midnight
Guastavino’s
Cocktails, Dinner, Dancing, Raffle, Live and Silent Auctions

For ticket information, please call 212-734-6427 x24.
Persons over 21 years of age are welcome.

Tickets for all concerts are available online at www.smssconcerts.org or by calling 212-288-2520.
We pray for the faithful departed
Katherine (Kate) McLaughlin
May she rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

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, Plom Auditorium. Presenter: Rev. Patrick J. Ryan, S.J., Laurence J. McGinley Professor of Religion and Society. Respondents: Professor Sarit Kattan Gribetz, PhD, Fordham University, and Professor Mehrnaz 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 retreathouse@loyola.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.

Interested in Becoming Catholic? If you feel attracted to the Catholic faith, we want you to know about a program at the Parish. A group will meet here during the year to inquire into the Catholic faith, to come to know Jesus through the Gospels, and to pray and to prepare for the Easter Sacraments. For more information, contact Maureen Fullam at 212-288-3588 or email church@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. Hilbert
Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Bergen
9:30 AM Fr. Hilbert
Wallace Hall 11:00 AM Fr. Feely
Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Sawyer
7:30 PM Fr. Sawyer

Religious Education for Children
Ms. Carly-Anne Gannon, 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.

Confessions
4:30 PM Saturday or by appointment.

Baptisms
Please call Teresa Carino 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 Carino 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.