Anger and Forgiveness

Please recite after me: “Lord, change the hearts of my enemies. Make what is evil, good. If this is not possible, Lord, then twist their ankles so I will know them by their limping.”

Sometimes, when you are boiling with anger, a witless joke can be an effective release valve, surely better than denying or burying the anger. Not dealt with, anger becomes resentment. Discovered and acknowledged, anger can be a gift.

God uses negative things to let us know how much trouble we are in.

Last Sunday we awoke to the horror of the largest mass shooting in American history. In conveying Pope Francis’ pain and turmoil, his spokesman called the tragedy a manifestation of homicidal folly and senseless hatred. In the days that followed, we learned the identities of the victims and the shooter. We learned that Pulse is a nightclub where the LGBT community finds a safe and welcoming environment. We learned that the FBI is treating the crime as an act of terror and an act of hate. The Bishop of St. Petersburg, Robert Lynch, wrote, “Those women and men who were mowed down Sunday were all made in the image and likeness of God. We teach that. We should believe that. We must stand for that. Singling out people for victimization because of their religion, their sexual orientation, their nationality must be offensive to God’s ears. It has to stop, too.” Our tears were hot with shocked anger and our guts were a mess.

There are some wounds that we can safely ignore, as they are minor and will heal on their own. There are others that stain the fabric of the memory, wounds that are deeply unjust, absurdly violent. Those of the second category require forgiveness. St. Thomas Aquinas called anger a “primary emotion.” It can go either way: explode in vengeful retaliation or be channeled into positive resistance to sin. Psalm 4 calls out, “Tremble, and in your anger do not sin.”

The path from hurt and hatred to healing and forgiveness is long and tortuous. Forgiveness is the most difficult task of love, and the riskiest. But compassion transforms the hate; it does not take away the anger. In the chaos that follows a terrible massacre, anger is a sign of humanity, of human dignity. As we come to terms with this “homicidal folly”, we can feel justifiable—holy—anger, without the passion of malice, without the poison of rancor. Anger without rancor offers hope. If rancor remains, the poison takes over and the wound will never heal.

How can we strain out the rancor so that the energy of anger can be pure and good and creative? I’m no expert, but this is what I try to do:

First, confess the rancor, don’t excuse it. Confess it to God and sacramentally to a priest. Brutally challenge your assumption that the offense was done willfully and knowingly. Be specific as you confess the hate you experience, be surgical as you lance the infected boil.

Second, leave the rest to God. Leave to God the judgment and the punishment. If the offender has to be freed of ignorance or brought to repentance, leave that decision to God. You concentrate on getting rid of the infection in your wounds.

Third, pray for the offender, pray for your enemy. This will help you realize that it is not necessary to get rid of the holy anger, just the misery of malice. It will also help you see that you can only forgive a person for what the person has done, not for who the person is.

It is a kind of law of nature that if we try to forgive someone for who he or she is— “it’s your fault that you are the way you are”—we will certainly fail in forgiving; we will add to our own pain— “it’s your fault that I cannot forgive you.” If it is going to have a chance at healing, forgiveness must be focused on what the person did, not on who the person is.

The best way to assure that my anger is holy is to ask God to give back to me what I desire for my enemies. If what I ask for them at any time is outside the rule of charity, whether through weakness, ignorance, or malice, then I pray the good Lord not to give it to them and not to give it back to me.

— Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.
Associate Pastor
SUNDAY, JUNE 19th
Final Sunday Social of the Season!
8:30 PM. Wallace Hall.
Hosted by the Ignatian Young Adults.
Follows the 7:30 PM Mass. Details on page 3.

MONDAY, JUNE 20th
Ranger Rosary Ministry.
7:00 PM. Meeting Room.
Join us in making rosaries to send to our military. New members are welcome!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22nd
Job Transition Support Group.
10:00 AM. Parish Lounge.
Bringing together experienced professionals looking to secure employment.

THURSDAY, JUNE 23rd
Ignatian Social Justice.
7:00 PM. Conference Room.
All are welcome.

SUNDAY EVENING SHARED PRAYER
Later this month, we hope to start Sunday evening sessions before the 7:30 PM Mass with a group of people interested in sharing silence and reflections on the Scripture Readings of that Sunday.
If you are interested in participating in such a group, please respond to sharedprayeratsil@gmail.com

NEW YORK ARCHDIOCESE
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The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola has been selected as one of the parishes from which focus group volunteers will be recruited. As a result, parishioners should be aware that they might receive calls from a screening company seeking their participation in this process.

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES
The final Wallace Hall Family Mass of the season is being celebrated today.
The Family Mass will resume on Sunday, September 11th.

Our summer Daily Mass Schedule begins on Monday, June 27th and runs through Friday, September 2nd.

During this time, the 12:10 PM Daily Mass is discontinued. The 8:30 AM Mass will be celebrated in the Church and the 5:30 PM Mass will be celebrated in the Lady Chapel.

PRAYER SUGGESTION — Sacred Space
Spend 10 minutes in prayer, as you sit at your computer, with scripture chosen specially every day.
Visit www.sacredspace.ie

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Religious Education for Children
Online registration is open!
To register for the 2016–2017 IREP program, visit:

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a program of religious formation for children ages 3, 4, and (returning) 5 year olds. The program draws on the scriptural and liturgical traditions of the Church.

Our meeting place is the Atrium behind Wallace Hall, a space where children enjoy an environment that supports their spiritual development.

To register for the 2016–2017 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program, visit:

SUMMER “TEMPS” MINISTRY
The Ministry of Hospitality invites you to Be A Temp.
Choose a weekend in either July or August and volunteer to serve as an usher at the Mass of your choice. During these months many of our regular ministers are away and extra help is needed to fill their slots.
Please contact Rob Manning at robbiefmanning@gmail.com if you can serve during July or August.
Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

**Monday, June 20th** (Twelfth Monday in Ordinary Time)
- 2 Kings 17:5–8, 13–15a, 18 Psalm 60 Matthew 7:1–5
- 8:30 MEM Julia Ann O’Donnell
- 12:10 MEM Constance O’Hagan
- 5:30 MEM Anna Gagen

**Tuesday, June 21st** (St. Aloysius Gonzaga)
- 2 Kings 19:9b–11, 14–21, 31–35a, 36 Psalm 48 Matthew 7:6, 12–14
- 8:30 MEM Deceased Members of the Breninkmeijer Family
- 12:10 MEM Charles Termine
- 5:30 MEM Charles Galager

**Wednesday, June 22nd** (Twelfth Wednesday in Ordinary Time)
- 8:30 MEM John & Margaret Reilly
- 12:10 MEM Mario de Meneses Vilhena
- 5:30 MEM Carmela Zumpetta

**Thursday, June 23rd** (Twelfth Thursday in Ordinary Time)
- 2 Kings 24:8–17 Psalm 79 Matthew 8:5–17
- 8:30 MEM Darlene Leheny
- 12:10 MEM Brian Danis
- 5:30 MEM Elizabeth Esposito

**Friday, June 24th** (The Nativity of St. John the Baptist)
- 8:30 MEM Susan Maggio
- 12:10 MEM Mario de Meneses Vilhena
- 5:30 MEM Helen Regan

**Saturday, June 25th** (Twelfth Saturday in Ordinary Time)
- Lamentations 2:2, 10–14, 18–19 Psalm 74 Matthew 8:5–17
- 8:30 MEM Kathleen & Michael O’Brien

**Sunday, June 26th** (Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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**On behalf of Fr. Dennis Yesalonia, S.J., and the Staff of the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, best wishes for a blessed Father’s Day.**

**INTERFAITH IMMIGRATION COALITION**
This Father’s Day, the Jesuit Conference and the Ignatian Solidarity Network are joining interfaith immigration partners in calling on the President and his administration to stop breaking apart families through our country’s immigration detention and deportation system.

For more information on this initiative, visit http://ignatiansolidarity.net/fathers

**IGNATIAN YOUNG ADULTS**

**Sunday Social 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.

**Final Sunday Social of the Season**
June 19

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

“St. Paul says that ‘the love of Christ compels us,’ but this ‘compels us’ can also be translated as ‘possesses us.’ And so it is: love attracts us and sends us; it draws us in and gives us to others.”
— Pope Francis, The Church of Mercy

**Congratulations and best wishes to the 57 members of the 2016 Graduating Class of Saint Ignatius Loyola School!**
This year’s graduates have been awarded nearly $3 million dollars in merit scholarships.

Graduates were accepted into the following high schools:
- Bronx High School of Science
- Chaminade High School
- Convent of the Sacred Heart
- Dominican Academy
- Fordham Preparatory School
- Grace Church School
- Hotchkiss School
- Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School for the Performing Arts
- LaSalle Academy
- Loyola School
- Marymount School
- Mount Saint Michael Academy
- New Explorations into Science, Technology, and Math
- Notre Dame School
- Professional Children’s School
- Regis High School
- Trinity School
- Xavier High School
Volunteer Opportunity. The Community of St. Egidio is looking for volunteers for their activities in Manhattan, including preparing and distributing food to homeless men and women and visiting a nursing home on the Upper East Side. If you are interested, contact Paola at 646-765-3899 or at santegidiousa@gmail.com

Sunday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Every Sunday (including the month of July), 3:15 PM–5:30 PM (Please note the new start time). Saint Joseph’s Church, 404 East 87th Street. An opportunity for quiet prayer and silent adoration. All are welcome.

ArchCare Care Navigation Center: Resources for Seniors. Need help caring for yourself or someone else but not sure where to turn? ArchCare, the healthcare system of the Archdiocese of New York has a Care Navigation Center staffed by health and social service professionals dedicated to helping people better understand and access the services for which they are eligible. Call 855-951-2273 between 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM seven days a week.

**PARISH STAFF**

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Rev. Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J.

**Associate Pastors**
Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J.
Rev. Thomas H. Feely, S.J.
Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.

**Pastoral Associates**
Teresa Marie Cariño
Carly-Anne Gannon

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Rev. Philip G. Judge, S.J.
Rev. James Martin, S.J.
Rev. Samuel J. Sawyer, S.J.
Rev. Anthony P. SooHoo, S.J.

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Caroline Fernandes

**Treasurer**
Fernando Castro

**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. Feely
Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Yesalonia
9:30 AM Fr. Feely
Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Bergen
7:30 PM Fr. Bergen
The 11:00 AM Family Mass will resume on Sunday, September 11th.

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**Children's Liturgy of the Word**
Will resume in September.

**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.

**FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE**

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious, or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P., at 212-371-1000 x2949, or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via email at victimassistance@archny.org

Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org

In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

**For your convenience**

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

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