The Mystery of Mercy

Mercy has become such a strong cultural touchstone that President Obama referenced it when greeting the pope:

You remind us that the Lord’s most powerful message is mercy. That means welcoming the stranger with empathy and a truly open heart — from the refugee who flees war-torn lands to the immigrant who leaves home in search of a better life. It means showing compassion and love for the marginalized and the outcast, those who have suffered and those who seek redemption.

Indeed, the word mercy abounds as we approach the Jubilee Year, but what does it look like in practice? How do we live mercy? As the Lay Ministers’ Enrichment (LME) team reflected on the word, we realized that mercy is a verb and a noun, an action and a gift. More than these apparent binaries, it is a way of being that permeates how we encounter the world, transforming us in the acknowledgement of our shared humanity. With this recognition comes many questions that challenge us to move beyond fear or routine into humility and listening — and into action.

In The Church of Mercy, Pope Francis writes about the Church’s beauty as similar to a great orchestra in which each instrument has a role: “everyone brings their own gifts, which God has given, for the sake of enriching others. And between the various components there is diversity; however, it is a diversity that does not enter into conflict and opposition. It is a variety that allows the Holy Spirit to blend it into harmony.”

This resonates with LME’s aim to accompany parishioners in discovering not only what their gifts of ministry are, but also how these gifts complement and enrich those of others. In doing so, we can all grow in understanding the exciting possibilities of what ministry can mean in our lives.

In conversation with the Jubilee, this year LME is focusing our series of daylong programs on the theme of mercy. Each day of reflection and faith sharing can nurture all members of our parish who minister to others. We invite everyone to reflect with three presenters who have unique life trajectories and perspectives — layperson Kerry Weber, Sister Mary Lanning, SFCC, and Brother Mickey McGrath, OSF. In linking our speakers with a theme, our hope is to engage in deep, ongoing examination of mercy as we encounter it daily.

Five years ago, I spent time in a mental hospital not as a volunteer or visitor, but as a patient. I remember how the patient sharing my room gave me her phone number on a scrap of paper, and I remember cherishing it. We were both single, in our twenties, without any peers with whom to discuss our taboo experience. After I returned to a world where I could blend in, I tore up that cherished connection and kindness. I did it to distance myself from someone whose mercy I later wished for, but now I see I also denied mercy to someone who had been the face of God to me.

I was challenged to know myself, in Obama’s words, as “the marginalized and the outcast, those who have suffered and those who seek redemption.” In the rejection of my roommate's mercy, I failed to see God offering a bridge.

Yet in announcing the Jubilee, Francis invites us to put aside geography and demographics as our only terrain for mapping mercy. It is for all. “We need to constantly contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace. Our salvation depends upon it. Mercy: the word reveals the very mystery of the Holy Trinity. Mercy: the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us. Mercy: the fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life. Mercy: the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness.”

In this spirit, I hope to see you October 24th, when Kerry Weber will lead us in “Being Mercy Where You Are.” (For more information, see page 5) We look forward to welcoming you, and are grateful for your ministry to our parish.

— Cynthia-Marie Marmo O’Brien

On behalf of the LME Team:
Jennifer Anderson, Isabelle Carroll, Julie McGee & Bill O’Brien
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

This Weekend: Mission Appeal
The annual Mission Appeal will take place this weekend. We will welcome a representative from the Diocese of Lodwar in Kenya. Thank you for your generosity.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4th
The Hour Children Truck.
9:00 AM. Outside the Church.
Donate your unwanted household items. Details at right.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6th
Shelter Information Session.
7:00 PM. Wallace Hall. Details on page 3.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7th
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.

MEETING CHRIST IN PRAYER
An interactive 8-week guided prayer experience for small groups based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius.
Tuesday Mornings, October 6th – December 2nd*, 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM
Wednesday Evenings, October 7th – December 2nd*, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
*Note: Both sessions will conclude at the evening meeting on Wednesday, December 2nd.
To register, email meetingchristinprayer@gmail.com

EMMAUS BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP
A six-session support group for those who have experienced the death of a loved one will begin on Tuesday evening, October 6th, in the Parish Lounge, from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM.
The sessions, both educational and supportive, are run by experienced facilitators.
To register, email emmausbereavementgroup@gmail.com

The Hour Children truck is here!

TODAY
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

The HOUR CHILDREN truck will be parked outside St. Ignatius Church, ready to receive donations of clothing, toys, kitchenware, knick-knacks, household items, electronics, and small furniture.

HOUR CHILDREN
A community of mothers and children where love makes the difference.
Visit www.HourChildren.org
Sponsored by the Ignatian Young Adults

Interested in Becoming Catholic?
If you feel attracted to the Catholic faith, we want you to know about our 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.
This process, which is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is also open to those Catholic adults who have not received the Sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation.
For more information, contact Maureen Fullam at 212-288-3588 or email church@stignatiusloyola.org

New Parishioners Welcome Reception
Tuesday, October 13th at 7:00 PM
Wallace Hall
An informal gathering to welcome parishioners who have registered during the past year.
Wine, soft drinks, and light hors d’oeuvres will be served.
Call 212-288-3588 by Monday, October 12th to RSVP.
Hosted by Fr. Thomas Feely and the New Parishioners Committee

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 stignatiusloyola.org
Registration is our only means of certifying membership in the Parish.

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**IGNATIAN YOUNG ADULTS**

**Sunday Social Fall/Winter 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.

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

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**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

**THANK YOU!**

Thanks to all the walkers and sponsors who helped make the Annual SVdP Friends of the Poor Walk 2015 a great success!

The Walk took place on Saturday, September 26th, and participants included SVdP members and friends throughout the Manhattan District. Your generous contributions helped us raise $4,516 (and counting)!

These funds will remain in our Conference to help support our special works projects serving those in need.

— Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

St. Lawrence O’Toole Conference

Calling All Volunteers!

**Shelter Information Session**

Tuesday, October 6th

7:00 PM in Wallace Hall

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will once again be sponsoring a women’s shelter every other weekend in Wallace Hall from November through April. The shelter season begins the weekend of November 6th.

New and experienced volunteers are invited to join us for the information session and learn more about this ministry to the homeless. Refreshments will be served.

We look forward to welcoming you.

For more information, email svdp.shelter980@gmail.com

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**Charis MINISTRIES**

Are you a young adult in your 20s or 30s?
CharisNYC invites you to attend the **Still + Silent Retreat**

Friday evening, November 6th – Sunday, November 8th

Mariandale Retreat Center, Ossining, NY

Cost: $275 per person

To register, visit www.charis.nyc

Questions? Email CharisRetreatNYC@gmail.com or call 347-619-2692

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**IGNITE! TEEN MINISTRY**

**Saturday, October 17th**

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM in 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, email Teresa Cariño at carinot@saintignatiusloyola.org

ONLY A FEW SPOTS REMAINING FOR ...

**World Youth Day Krakow 2016 with Pope Francis!**

Ignite! will be sending a delegation of teens on a pilgrimage to Krakow, Poland for World Youth Day with Pope Francis in July 2016.

The trip is open to teens of the parish ages 16–19.

Limited financial aid opportunities are available.

For more information, email Teresa Cariño at carinot@saintignatiusloyola.org

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**Pope Francis’ October 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. The reflections below seek to illuminate the Holy Father’s concerns._

**Universal: Human Trafficking**

That human trafficking, the modern form of slavery, may be eradicated.

**Evangelization: Mission in Asia**

That with a missionary spirit the Christian communities of Asia may announce the Gospel to those who are still awaiting it.

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**PRAYER SUGGESTION — Sacred Space**

Spend 10 minutes in prayer, as you sit at your computer, with the help of on-screen guidance and scripture chosen specially every day.

Visit www.sacredspace.ie
ATTENTION PARENTS OF 8TH GRADERS!

The TACHS (Test for Admission into Catholic High Schools) will be administered in the Archdiocese of New York on Friday, November 6th. Catholic school students will receive applications in their own schools. Public school students may obtain applications from Catholic high schools participating in the program, Catholic elementary schools, or Parish religious education programs.

Online registration is available 7 days a week by going to the website www.tachsinfo.com or by calling 1-866-618-2247.

Paper applications must be received by the TACHS office no later than Wednesday, October 7th. The deadline for internet/telephone registration is Monday, October 19th.

For additional details, visit tachsinfo.com or call the TACHS Admission Office at 1-866-618-2247.

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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

Ready to try a 500-year-old workout regimen with proven results?

The Jesuit Collaborative invites you to share the gift of Ignatian spirituality and the opportunity to meet interesting people who are ready to further develop their spiritual lives.

Just like exercise for the physical body, St. Ignatius believed that we need spiritual exercise as well. We invite you to find God in all things through our rewarding and unique programs.

Please visit us at www.jesuitcollaborative.org or email pmcdonough@jesuitcollaborative.org

Available at the Parish House

New York Catholics: Faith, Attitude & the Works!

Biographies of 76 women and men who have helped make New York and America great. Cost: $20

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Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

**Monday, October 5th**
(Twenty-seventh Monday in Ordinary Time)
8:30  LVG  Mary Waters
12:10  MEM  Billy Terriberry
5:30  MEM  Billy Terriberry

**Tuesday, October 6th**
(Twenty-seventh Tuesday in Ordinary Time)
8:30  MEM  Luis Samaniego
12:10  MEM  The Meehan Family
5:30  MEM  Anne Mundell Creed

**Wednesday, October 7th**
(Our Lady of the Rosary)
8:30  MEM  The Choix & Gordon Families
12:10  MEM  Mary Lou Flaherty
5:30  MEM  John McNance

**Thursday, October 8th**
(Twenty-seventh Thursday in Ordinary Time)
8:30  MEM  Mary Johnson
12:10  MEM  Charles Regan
5:30  MEM  James McInerney

**Friday, October 9th**
(Twenty-seventh Friday in Ordinary Time)
8:30  MEM  Paul Choix
12:10  MEM  Valentino Mazzia
5:30  MEM  Deceased Members of the Scanlon & McLoughlin Families

**Saturday, October 10th**
(Twenty-seventh Saturday in Ordinary Time)
Joel 4:1–11  Psalm 86  Luke 11:1–4
8:30  MEM  Luis Samaniego
12:10  MEM  The Meehan Family
5:30  MEM  Anne Mundell Creed

**Sunday, October 11th**
(Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Wisdom 7:7–11  Psalm 90
Hebrews 4:12–13  Mark 10:17–30

Begun by Terence Cardinal Cooke in 1981, Catholic New York is the official newspaper of the Archdiocese of New York. If you would like to receive a free subscription to this paper, which is published twice a month, please contact Diane Boyle at the Parish House — 212-288-3588 x618 or boyled@saintignatiusloyola.org
REGISTER NOW!

St. Paul: The Story of a Passionate Apostle

Presented by Mr. Brian Pinter
Six Sessions Beginning October 19th
Mondays at 7:00 PM, Parish Lounge

From his apparent beginnings as a slave in Tarsus, to his mystical call on the road to Damascus, to his shipwrecks and imprisonments, to his innovative missionary partnerships with women, Paul stands as an inspiring, fascinatingly controversial, but often misunderstood figure in our church’s history.

Class presentations will seek to paint a vivid portrait of Paul’s life and times while our discussions will explore how his experiences shaped his theology.

Space is limited. Early registration is recommended.
To register, email bergenw@saintignatiusloyola.org

All Lay Ministers at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola are invited to the first Lay Ministers’ Enrichment Program of the Season:

Being Mercy Where You Are
with Kerry Weber
Managing Editor at America Magazine and Author of Mercy in the City: How to Feed the Hungry, Give Drink to the Thirsty, Visit the Imprisoned, and Keep Your Day Job

Saturday, October 24th
9:30 AM – 3:30 PM
in Wallace Hall

Drawing from Christ’s example, Catholic social teaching, and a spirituality of mercy, Kerry Weber will share how she tries to balance breadlines and deadlines. This is an invitation to reflect on our own experiences of balancing the demands of life in a city that values ambition with our call to be mercy to one another.

Continental breakfast will be available beginning at 9:15 AM. Lunch will also be provided.

Space is limited.
Register online at http://tinyurl.com/Oct2015LME
Contact layministersenrichment@gmail.com with questions.

MUSIC

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH
11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS
Howells  Praeludio Sine Nomine
Purcell  O God, Thou art my God
Howells  Magnificat (Collegium Regale)
Howells  Paean

The N.P. Mander Organ Recital Series presents
RENÉE ANNE LOUPRETTE
Sunday, October 18th at 3:00 PM

Renée Anne Louprette, former Associate Director of Music at St. Ignatius, makes an exciting return to the N. P. Mander pipe organ with an eclectic program including Ad Wammes’ Vallée des Danses and her transcription of Four Waltzes for Piano by Robert Livingston Aldridge.

Tickets: $20

Chichester Psalms
Wednesday, October 28th
7:00 PM
Choir and Orchestra of St. Ignatius Loyola

The bright and gritty, yet melodic Chichester Psalms by Leonard Bernstein, as well as his Missa Brevis, anchor this concert of American works for choir and orchestra. We will also hear Stephen Paulus’ ethereal work Voices of Light and Barber’s Adagio for Strings / Agnus Dei.

Tickets: $25–80

COMING IN NOVEMBER

The N.P. Mander Organ Recital Series presents
STEPHEN JON HAMILTON
Minister of Music Emeritus
Church of the Holy Trinity, New York
Sunday, November 15th at 3:00 PM

Tickets: $20
Call 212-288-2520 for 24/7 ticket ordering.
Tickets can also be purchased at www.smssconcerts.org

Wallace Hall Available for Rental
The space is available for a variety of events including fundraisers, lectures, and receptions.
For more information, contact Caroline Fernandes at 212-288-3588 or fernandesc@saintignatiusloyola.org
Lecture Series: The Prophets. Presented by The Wethersfield Institute. Tuesdays: October 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th, and November 3rd & 10th. 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM. The Roosevelt Hotel, 45 East 45th Street. Speaker: Rev. Joseph Koterski, S.J., Associate Professor of Philosophy, Fordham University. The series will explore the prophetic writings found in the Old Testament, examining the meaning, history, and Christian understanding of these books. Learn how the Church understands these books to have been inspired by the Holy Spirit and how to use them effectively for reflection and prayer. Cost: $15 per lecture. Seating is limited. Refreshments will be available for purchase. For more information or to reserve the series, visit wethersfield-institute.html, email info@hfoundation.org or call (845) 373-8037.

Lecture: Discussing Latino Catholicism. Thursday, October 15th. 5:30 PM. Sheen Center for Thought and Culture, 18 Bleecker Street. Professor Timothy Matovina, University of Notre Dame, will offer a lecture on “Latino Catholicism.” Dr. Valerie Torres, Ph.D., adjunct professor at Fordham University’s School of Religion, will offer a response. Hosted by Fr. Matt Malone, S.J., Editor-in-Chief of America magazine. Refreshments will be served. Suggested donation: $10. For tickets, visit sheencenter.org/events or call 212-925-2812 (between 12:00 PM and 6:00 PM).

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@nhs.edu

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