This week throughout the United States we celebrate Catholic schools. More than at any other time in our nation’s history, today we are reminded of the extraordinary importance of Catholic education. Our church is built upon the bedrock of our knowledge of truth, and our democracy is strengthened and sustained by principled morality. The education provided to our children through Catholic schools forms our daughters and sons into committed disciples of Jesus Christ and responsible citizens. We entrust our children to Catholic schools to prepare them to be leaders in our church and of our country. They need a moral compass and a faith filled life if they are not to flounder on the shoals of ignorance and deceit. Hopefully, as a parish, we also acknowledge our responsibility to model for our children the same virtues and qualities we wish for them. The lessons of what is moral and true are pursuits we carry throughout our lives. A Catholic education points us in the right direction.

As I sit in front of the computer to write this essay, I reminisce about my Catholic school education. I have often remarked that my education reads like a litany of the saints, from St. Bridget Grammar School to Notre Dame Law School. More than the names of these schools, I recall my teachers. I grew up at a time when Catholic schools meant nuns. They were the backbone of these schools, the workhorses, the disciplinarians as well as the gentle souls of compassion and commitment. For many of us, those were halcyon days. The temptation is to romanticize that era and to bemoan the fact that women religious at schools are practically non-existent and their relevance diminished. I now concede that to equate Catholic education with nuns or brothers or priests does a disservice to their legacy.

Catholic schools exist because of commitment. The commitment of the church to develop the minds of children so that the splendor of truth might be known, to teach the difference between right and wrong so that Gospel values might illuminate decision making, and to strengthen the faith commitment of those who believe in Jesus Christ. It is the commitment of teachers to help students learn and appreciate the beauty and wonder of all that God has created no matter what the class subject. It is the commitment of parents who recognize in Catholic education not simply a means to advance to an elite school or eventual lucrative career, but a way to prepare their children with the strength of conviction that “to whom much is given much will be expected.” A Catholic education helps us understand that to be good citizens we are obliged to care for our fragile planet, comfort those who are less fortunate, and respect those who may appear to be different from us.

One hundred years ago a Catholic education, provided to the children of immigrants, was essential to assimilate to a new world, a new culture. The Catholic Church did not shy away from its responsibility to educate children both in matters of faith and in how to be good and productive citizens. The church then and now stands on the solid foundation of moral conviction. The challenge has always been how to communicate that conviction in ways which reveal the majesty and eloquence of truth. These are not matters for equivocation or distortion by voices which preach suspicion and self-interest. Catholic education today stands as a bulwark against the allure of these voices. Faithful to the church’s mission throughout its history in the United States, Catholic schools teach children how to search for and recognize truth. They give them the tools to know how to choose and make decisions which are morally right. The students of Catholic schools from their earliest grades put into practice their faith in Jesus Christ by the ways in which they study and play together, compete with one another, and help those who are less fortunate than are they.

Catholic Schools Week is not the celebration of a hope of what might be or a memorial to what has been, rather it is the appreciation of a present reality. Catholic schools are now actively engaged in preparing our children to embrace and defend the truth, to live good moral lives, and to witness joyfully to their faith as disciples of Jesus Christ and citizens of a global reality.

— Rev. Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J.
Pastor
CALL TO MINISTRY
We need to expand the number of our parishioners serving as

- Eucharistic Ministers
- Hospitality Ministers
- Lectors

Response forms and brief descriptions of each ministry are available in the Narthex (Church lobby) and in the Parish House.

Instruction for new ministers will be offered soon.

For more information, contact Fr. Feely at feelyt@saintignatiusloyola.org

GIRL SCOUT BAKE SALE
Sunday, February 12th in Wallace Hall
Immediately following the 11 AM Mass

Join us for some sweet treats immediately following the 11 AM Mass in Wallace Hall.

The St. Ignatius Loyola School Girl Scouts will be selling cakes, pies, cookies, brownies, and cupcakes. Nut-free and gluten-free desserts will also be available.

All proceeds will benefit the Scarlett Fund, which raises money for pediatric cancer research.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
BLOOD DRIVE TODAY
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM in McKinnon Hall

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

While all donations are welcome, there is particular need for the following blood types: O Negative, O Positive, A Negative, and B Negative.

Walk-ins are welcome.

A photo or signature ID is required.

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

Catholic Schools Week
January 29th – February 4th

Catholic Schools Week is an annual national celebration of Catholic elementary and secondary schools and the important role they play in providing a values-added education for America's young people.

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

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
**RANGER ROSARY MINISTRY**

Saturday, February 11th
7:00 PM in the Meeting Room

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

New members are always welcome!

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

**FRIDAY – SUNDAY**
**FEBRUARY 10th to FEBRUARY 12th**

**SVdP Women’s Shelter**
*Wallace Hall*

**Overnight Volunteers Urgently Needed**
Help us provide a safe, welcoming haven for our most vulnerable neighbors.
Both men and women are invited to volunteer.

If you would like to volunteer in the Shelter, please leave a message for Teresa Abruzzo at the Parish House or email svdp.shelter980@gmail.com

**IGNITE! TEEN MINISTRY**

Saturday, February 11th
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM in the Parish Lounge

All high school students are welcome!

Ignite is a Catholic community of high school students rooted in the Ignatian way of prayer, service, and community. We meet twice a month on Saturdays from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM.

To register,
scan the QR code at left
or visit
https://goo.gl/forms/jUpawgmEXNRGJjc53

**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, February 7th**, in the Parish House, from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM.

The sessions, both educational and supportive, are run by experienced facilitators.

To register, email EmmausBereavementGroup@gmail.com

Registration is required.

**MEETING CHRIST IN PRAYER**

Meeting Christ in Prayer is an interactive 8-week guided prayer experience for small groups. Based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola, it introduces participants to various ways of praying and provides an opportunity to support one another through faith sharing.

**Morning Sessions**
Tuesdays, February 7th – March 29th*
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

**Evening Sessions**
Wednesdays, February 8th – March 29th*
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

*Note: Both sessions will conclude at the evening meeting on Wednesday, March 29th

**What does it offer?**
Weekly meetings are 90 minutes long and include group prayer, guided meditation, small group faith sharing, and an orientation for the following week’s prayer or prayer techniques. The cost of the program is a sliding scale of $30-$50 and covers all materials. Scholarships are available.

To register, email MCIP@saintignatiusloyola.org

**IGNATIAN YOUNG ADULTS**

**Sunday Social 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.

**Sunday Social Dates**
March 5  March 19  April 2

Strengthened by the Eucharist, we respond to God’s generosity in our lives with gratitude by using and sharing our gifts in the service of others.

The Cardinal’s Appeal offers vital support to Catholic programs and ministries throughout the Archdiocese as well as in our own parish. Please share your gifts and support the Appeal by making your pledge today.

Gifts can be made online at www.cardinalsappeal.org
**PRAYER RESOURCES**

**Pray as You Go**
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www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer.htm

Take a short prayer break right at your computer. Spend some quiet time reflecting on a Scripture passage.

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**Announced Masses and Readings for the Week**

**Monday, January 30th**
*(Fourth Monday in Ordinary Time)*

- 8:30 MEM    Joseph Gallo
- 12:10 MEM    Veronica Raible
- 5:30 MEM    William Powers

**Tuesday, January 31st**
*(St. John Bosco)*

- Hebrews 12:1–4    Psalm 22    Mark 5:21–43
- 8:30 MEM    Helen & Charles Regan
- 12:10 MEM    Jean Janockso
- 5:30 MEM    Hilda Handal

**Wednesday, February 1st**
*(Fourth Wednesday in Ordinary Time)*

- Hebrews 12:4–7, 11–15    Psalm 103    Mark 6:1–6
- 8:30 MEM    Allen Moore
- 12:10 MEM    Mildred Bisacca
- 5:30 MEM    Rafael Ibolen, Jr.

**Thursday, February 2nd**
*(The Presentation of the Lord)*

- 8:30 MEM    Linda Chapman
- 12:10 LVG    The O'Brien Family
- 5:30 MEM    Michael Kelly

**Friday, February 3rd**
*(Fourth Friday in Ordinary Time)*

- 8:30 MEM    Gary Garland
- 12:10 MEM    Agnes Daly
- 5:30 MEM    Joseph A. Gallo

**Saturday, February 4th**
*(Fourth Saturday in Ordinary Time)*

- 8:30 MEM    George & Nora Terriberry

**Sunday, February 5th**
*(Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time)*

- Isaiah 58:7–10    Psalm 112
- 1 Corinthians 2:1–5    Matthew 5:13–16

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**WALLACE HALL AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL**

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

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

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**Special Collection Next Weekend: Peter’s Pence**

Next weekend, our Parish will take up the annual Peter’s Pence Collection.

This worldwide collection supports the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, natural disasters, and others in need of emergency assistance.

*Thank you in advance for your generosity.*

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**The Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) makes a difference in the lives of people in need through service and prayerful reflection.**

Relying on their experience, IVC volunteers are older adults who serve in community agencies and schools as tutors, counselors, legal advisors, business consultants, nurses and teachers. They are men and women who seek to develop and enrich their own spiritual lives through individual and communal reflection in the tradition of St. Ignatius Loyola.

*For more information about IVC, visit IVCUSA.org or contact Mary Ellen O’Driscoll, Metro New York Area Director, at 917-609-8163.*

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The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola is participating in the food drive from today through Sunday, February 5th.

Donations will go to the Community Pantry at the Church of St. Gregory the Great on West 90th Street.

Please bring non-perishable foods to the Parish House.

While all donations are greatly appreciated, these items are especially welcome:

- 100% fruit juices
- beans (canned or dry)
- canned fish (salmon, sardines, or tuna)
- canned fruits
- canned meat (chicken, beef, or ham)
- canned stews (chicken or beef)
- canned vegetables
- couscous
- dried fruits
- dry cereal and hot cereal (farina, grits, or oatmeal)
- dry milk packets
- nutritional beverages (Boost, Ensure, Carnation Instant Breakfast)
- pasta/noodles
- rice
- shelf-stable milk
- soy/almond/rice milk
- tomato sauce
- vegetable soups
- whole wheat crackers

**MUSIC**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5th**

**11 AM SOLEMN MASS**

Handel

Organ Concerto in Bb Major, Op. 4, No. 2: I.

A tempo ordinario e staccato, II. Allegro, III. Adagio, IV. Allegro, ma non presto

Mendelssohn

Elijah: Blessed are the men who fear him

Zipoli

Excerpts from Beatus vir

Rowley

Gaudeamus

**Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir: Arvo Pärt**

**Wednesday, February 1st, 7:00 PM**

The leading proponent of Arvo Pärt's music in the world, The Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir has won two Grammy awards for recordings of Pärt's works. Arvo Pärt is the most performed living composer in the world today. People of all religious faiths—and of none—find his music riveting and spiritually stirring.

**Tickets:** $35–$85

Tickets for all concerts are available online at www.smssconcerts.org or by calling 212-288-2520.

**LECTURE**

**What Are We Doing on Earth for Christ’s Sake?**

Presented by Fr. Richard Leonard, S.J.

**Thursday, February 16th 7:00 PM in Wallace Hall**

Bestselling author Fr. Richard Leonard, S.J., will discuss his book *What Are We Doing On Earth for Christ's Sake?*, which invites Christians to revisit their faith in the midst of the contemporary world and its challenges.

Fr. Leonard encourages the need for honest dialogue, stresses the importance of religious experience, but most importantly, urges the practice of genuine actions for Christ’s sake.

Copies of Fr. Leonard’s book will be available for purchase.

**FAMILY MINISTRY**

Please join the Family Ministry for Valentine’s Day activities on **Sunday, February 5th** immediately following the 11 AM Family Mass in Wallace Hall.

Questions? Please email parentcommittee.familyministry@gmail.com

All are welcome.

St. Ignatius is Now on Facebook!

To stay up-to-date on upcoming events here at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, follow us at facebook.com/churchofstignatiusloyolanc
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

Liturgy: Annual Archdiocesan Black History Month Mass and The National Day of Prayer for the African American and African Family. Sunday, February 5, 2:00 PM. St. Patrick's Cathedral, Fifth Avenue between 50th and 51st Streets. Principal Celebrant & Guest Homilist: Bishop Fernand J. Cheri, O.F.M., Archdiocese of New Orleans. All are welcome. For more information, contact The Office of Black Ministry at 646-794-2681 or email obm@archny.org

Travel: U.S. National Rosary Pilgrimage to Lourdes, France. Thursday, June 22–Saturday, July 1. Includes all meals, a guided tour of Lourdes, a guided visit to Gavarnie, and scheduled liturgical services. The group will be accompanied by medical staff, clergy, and volunteers to assist with the needs of the pilgrims. Prices start at $2,745 (for a JFK/New York departure). Reservation deadline is Wednesday, March 15. For additional details and rate information, visit lourdes-pilgrimage.com, call 877-276-7279, or email lourdespilgrimageoffice@comcast.net

Travel: An Ignatian Journey to Spain, Plus Lourdes. Sunday, October 1–Wednesday, October 11. Trip includes visits to Loyola, San Sebastian, Montserrat, and Barcelona. Trip leaders: Fr. George Witt, S.J. (Trip Spiritual Director), Provincial Assistant for Spiritual Ministries, Maryland & USA Northeast Provinces of the Society of Jesus, and Mr. Joe Naylor (Group Coordinator), Provincial Assistant for Advancement and Communications, Maryland & USA Northeast Provinces of the Society of Jesus. Prices (not including airfare) start at $3,899 (if paid by check)/$4,098 (if paid by credit card). Accommodations, sightseeing, and meals are included. To download a brochure, visit GoCatholicTravel.com/NaylorWitt For more information, contact Joe Naylor at jnaylor@jesuits.org or call 212-774-5529.

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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. Feely
Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Hilbert
9:30 AM Fr. Hilbert
Wallace Hall 11:00 AM Fr. Judge
Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Yesalonia
7:30 PM Fr. Yesalonia

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Children’s Liturgy of the Word
Sundays at the 9:30 AM Mass.

Centering Prayer
Mondays at 6:30 PM.

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.