Twice in my life I have had the fortune—or insanity—to enter into intentional community living. The first time was as an undergrad in the Casa Bayanihan program in the Philippines, and the second was as a Jesuit Volunteer here in New York City. In JVC, seven women were selected to live in the same house and share a budget dependent upon each other’s work with poor and marginalized communities throughout the city. Aside from being financially dependent upon each other, we agreed to work actively toward building community.

Intentional living invites us to approach life on purpose. It invites us to reflect on our actions, to discern. Why do we do the things we do? Why do we live a certain way? St. Ignatius Loyola believed that we should live our lives “for the greater glory of God.” For Ignatius, this intentionality is meant to be in the context of community. In talking about how to make a change in the world, Fr. Greg Boyle, S.J., founder of Homeboy Industries, said, “Love is the Answer. Community is the Context. Tenderness is the Methodology.” Intentional community is a way of letting God’s life animate us and letting us respond to God’s love through others.

Thus, living in intentional community ruins your life because you fall in love. I discovered, both in Casa and in JVC, a deep desire to know all about each and every one of my community-mates. They were strong enough to be vulnerable in a way that allowed me to see who they truly were and gave me the strength to be seen in return. I found that when we interacted with the world where God can be found in all things, we fall in love and we live in love.

This funny thing happens when you fall in love: you find God and it colors the way you relate to the world. The structure of the Casa program is unlike a traditional school set-up. Our main “classroom” was our praxis communities. These communities were people living on the margins of life. They were the people who are cast aside, thought of as less than human in society. So, I spent two days a week in a community of people with disabilities and my sole task was to learn from them.

When you fall in love, you open yourself up to the possibility of heartbreak, and my heart broke. While learning from and living alongside my praxis community in Casa and in my work as a Jesuit Volunteer, I was faced with the ugliness of sin, my own and the world’s. It broke my heart because I was in love with those most deeply affected by injustice in the world. What hurt the most was that there was little to nothing I could do to change their situation. However, the surprising thing was that I found freedom in that.

I found the freedom to let myself be loved. In the midst of heartache and suffering, I was, and I am loved so wholly! My communities in the Philippines and in New York knew I could not change their situation but they loved me anyway. They loved me with all my faults, with all my failures. They loved without question and without reservation. Through them, I got a glimpse of God’s unending mercy and unconditional love.

It is God’s love that “ruins you for life” because you’ve been given a taste of what could be. We hear in today’s first reading that when you feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and welcome the homeless into your home, “…then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your wound shall quickly be healed; Your vindication shall go before you, and the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard” (Isaiah 58:7–8).

The challenge for me now is to stay ruined for life, for I know that being ruined is actually being free. It is seeing and knowing that the world is both heartbreaking and loving. It is being free to ask for and accept forgiveness. It is freedom to work for change in myself and in the world. It is difficult and it is challenging. Isaiah asks of himself, “Is this not, rather, the fast I choose?” (58:6). Is this not the fast I choose, to be ruined for life?

— Teresa Marie Cariño
Pastoral Associate
**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5th**
Valentine's Day Activities.
Sponsored by the Family Ministry.
Following the 11 AM Mass. Wallace Hall. Details below.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6th**
Ranger Rosary Ministry.
7:00 PM. Meeting Room. Details on page 3.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8th**
Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting.
7:00 PM. Conference Room.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9th**
Magis Night: Called and Gifted: Discovering Your Charisma. 7:30 PM. Wallace Hall.
Details on page 3.

**FRIDAY – SUNDAY**
**FEBRUARY 10th – FEBRUARY 12th**
Shelter Weekend. Wallace Hall.
For information on volunteering, see page 3.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11th**
IGNITE! Teen Ministry.
6:30 PM. Parish Lounge. Details on page 3.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Sesquicentennial Dinner**
Saturday, March 18th at 7:00 PM
Wallace Hall

Join us for an evening of celebration as we conclude our year-long commemoration of a parish community 150 years in the making.

Invitations will be mailed to registered parishioners starting this week.

**FAMILY MINISTRY**

Please join the Family Ministry for Valentine's Day activities **TODAY** immediately following the 11 AM Family Mass in Wallace Hall.

Questions? Please email parentcommittee.familyministry@gmail.com

All are welcome.

**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

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

**THANK YOU!**

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul wishes to express our gratitude to all the donors who gave blood on Sunday, January 29th.

If you were unable to make it to the Drive, you can still donate by visiting your nearest New York Blood Center location and using Group Code 06239.
To find a Donor Center, visit nybloodcenter.org

Thanks to your generosity, we successfully received 31 blood donations.

**COMING IN MARCH**

**Scripture Classes**

**Gospel of Matthew**
Five Sessions Beginning March 13th
Mondays at 7:00 PM in the New Classroom

**Women in the Bible**
Five Sessions Beginning March 13th
Mondays at 11:00 AM in the Meeting Room

All sessions led by Brian Pinter,
Education Associate and Bible scholar-in-residence at Christ Church United Methodist.

Registration details to follow in an upcoming bulletin.

**Pope Francis’ February Prayer Intention**

**Comfort for the Afflicted**

That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.
RANGER ROSARY MINISTRY

Monday, February 6th
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/fUpawgmEXNRGJjc53

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

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

Magis Night

Called and Gifted: Discovering Your Charisma

Speaker: Dave de la Fuente

Thursday, February 9th at 7:30 PM in Wallace Hall

What is a charism? How do I know I have one? What do I do with it? Dave de la Fuente will delve into the theological underpinnings and his personal reflection to answer these questions and invite us to discover our own charisma.

Visit Facebook.com/IgnatianYoungAdults to RSVP.
Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

**Monday, February 6th**
(St. Paul Miki & comps.; Bl. Charles Spinola and Sebastian Kimura & comps.)
Genesis 1:1–19 Psalm 104 Mark 6:53–56
8:30 MEM Robert James McCormack
12:10 MEM The Meehan Family
5:30 MEM Nora Terriberry

**Tuesday, February 7th**
(Fifth Tuesday in Ordinary Time)
Genesis 1:20–2:4a Psalm 8 Mark 7:1–13
8:30 MEM David Oing
12:10 MEM Nancy Fogarty
5:30 MEM Daniel Mulholland

**Wednesday, February 8th**
(Fifth Wednesday in Ordinary Time)
Genesis 2:4b–9, 15–17 Psalm 104 Mark 7:14–23
8:30 MEM The Choix & Gordon Families
12:10 MEM Angus Brown
5:30 ANN David Oing

**Thursday, February 9th**
(Fifth Thursday in Ordinary Time)
Genesis 2:18–25 Psalm 128 Mark 7:24–30
8:30 MEM Simona Saracino Fendi
12:10 MEM Myrna Donodeo
5:30 MEM Deceased Members of the Scanlon & McLoughlin Families

**Friday, February 10th** (St. Scholastica)
Genesis 3:1–8 Psalm 32 Mark 7:31–37
8:30 MEM Elizabeth Brevett
12:10 MEM Valentino Mazzia
5:30 MEM Willie O’Shaughnessy

**Saturday, February 11th**
(Fifth Saturday in Ordinary Time)
Genesis 3:9–24 Psalm 90 Mark 8:1–10
8:30 MEM John G. Nicholas

**Sunday, February 12th**
(Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Sirach 15:15–20 Psalm 119
1 Corinthians 2:6–10 Matthew 5:17–37

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**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.

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

This 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 for your generosity.*

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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](http://www.sacredspace.ie)

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**FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE**

Please remember that all contributions made to the parish by check should be made payable to the parish in the parish’s name.

Contributions to be made to a parish by check should not be made payable to the pastor, administrator, or any parish employee.

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**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/churchofstignatiusloyolanyc](http://facebook.com/churchofstignatiusloyolanyc)
Feeding Our Neighbors: Archdiocesan-Wide Food Campaign

ENDS TODAY!

Please bring donations of 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

Thank you for remembering those in need!

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.

MUSIC

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12th

11 AM SOLEMN MASS

Mozart
Andante for Organ, K. 616

Stanford
Beati quorum via

Byrd
Teach me, O Lord

Mendelssohn
Sonata No. 4: I. Allegro con brio

11:00 AM FAMILY MASS

with Middle School Choir

Applebaum
Kol Hanishmah

WORLD PREMIERE OPERA

Upon this handful of Earth

Friday, February 24th, 7:00 PM

In honor of the publication of “Laudato Si,” Pope Francis’ encyclical about the environment, SMSS and The New York Opera Society have commissioned a new chamber opera from renowned Norwegian composer Gisle Kverndokk and librettist Aksel-Otto Bull based on the writings of Father Pierre Teilhard de Chardin.

Tickets: $25–$80

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

MONEY MADE SIMPLE
Free personal finance course

Are you ready to take charge of your personal finances? Join Money Made Simple for free financial literacy seminars. Topics include: financial goal setting and budgeting; credit and debt management; financial planning for education, careers, and housing; investing basics; and financial planning for later years. Taught by Kim Bourne, CFP®, on behalf of the Pro Bono Committee of the Financial Planning Association of New York.

The course will be held on
Thursdays from February 23rd to March 23rd, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM in the Parish Lounge.

Space is limited.

To register, please visit www.moneymadesimple.info

For questions, please contact moneymadesimplecourse@gmail.com

Sponsored by Boomers & Beyond and Ignatian Young Adults

BOOMERS & Beyond
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.

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. Bergen 9:30 AM Fr. Feely
- Wallace Hall 11:00 AM Fr. Hilbert
- Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Yesalonia 7:30 PM Fr. Yesalonia

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