How do you contemplate a mystery? How do you reflect on something you don’t quite understand? How do you talk about it?

The Ignatian Young Adults Lenten reflection group meets weekly and meditates on the Sunday Gospel through Lectio Divina, a method of praying with Scripture. Meditating on a reading like today’s Transfiguration seems like a tall order. Even the disciples, who are there with Jesus, don’t know what they are seeing. In the face of Moses, Elijah, and a transfigured Jesus, Peter wants to build a tent!

When faced with something so awesome, so inexplicable, so miraculous, it appears that we tend to fall back on things we know to make sense out of the situation. (It appears that Peter is an excellent tent builder as well as a lifelong fisherman.) However, this miracle, this mystery is no puzzle to solve nor case to close. Rather, it is an invitation to be silent. As Peter is going on about his brilliant idea to pitch tents, God cuts him off, calls attention back to Jesus, and commands him to listen. “Listening is the beginning of prayer,” in the words of St. Teresa of Calcutta.

The season of Lent invites us to go on a journey of hope. “Hope,” as the philosopher Gabriel Marcel says, “is a mystery and not a problem.” It is inherently communal because it is relational; it is not a conditioned means to an end. During Lent we give up candy in the hope of losing some weight or coffee in the hope of getting more sleep. When we look at Lent this way, our acts simply become a solution to a problem. This Lent, rather, I challenge us to approach the season in an intentional way. We are invited to dive into the mystery of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection. We are summoned to enter into a relationship with God and put our trust in God’s love for us.

We can accept this invitation by listening and creating time for silence. This requires sacrifice and surrender. Like Peter, we can fixate on action, on what we can do. Time and time again, God calls us simply to listen. During Lent, I tend to focus on fasting and almsgiving that I seem to forget prayer. More often, I can get so caught up in the busyness of my days that I forget that I’d given up chocolate until I’m halfway through a Milky Way. Through it all, I miss the call just to be present.

St. Ignatius Loyola wrote a radical prayer called the Suscipe that encapsulates this surrender and entering into hope. It ends with such beauty, asking only for God’s love and grace. It is a total trust in God to strive for.

Take Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all that I have and possess. You have given all to me. To You, O Lord, I return it. Everything is Yours. Do with it what You will. Give me only Your love and Your grace, for that is enough for me.

In today’s Second Reading we are reminded: He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design (2 Timothy 1:9). God calls us on this journey to undergo our own transfigurations. At the end of Lent, we don’t simply return to who we once were. We go beyond who we once were, activating within us the call to a holy life. We become heralds of hope, messengers of God’s love.

Marcel goes on to summarize in his book Homo Viator that “hope is essentially the availability of a soul which has entered intimately enough into the experience of communion to accomplish in the teeth of will and knowledge the transcendent act.”

This Lent, we are invited to be available to God. By being available to God, we are available to respond to others in need, to be heralds of hope.

— Teresa Marie Cariño
Pastoral Associate
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, MARCH 12th
IYA Lenten Reflection Group.
6:00 PM. Faber Lounge. Details on page 3.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14th
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Church. Details at right.

   Ignatian Social Justice.
   7:00 PM. Conference Room.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15th
Lenten Vespers: Together in Faith.
7:00 PM. Immanuel Lutheran Church (122 East 88th Street).
Details on page 5.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18th
Hope Rises: The IGNITE Teen Reflection Series.
6:30 PM. Parish Lounge. Details on page 3.

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The number of volunteers needed for each Mass is noted in parentheses

Passion Sunday, April 9th
• Saturday Vigil at 5:30 PM (6 Hospitality Ministers (HMs))
• Sunday: 8:00 AM (6 HMs)
  • 9:30 AM (6 HMs)
• 11:00 AM (Solemn & Wallace Hall Family Masses)
  (12 HMs for the Solemn Mass)
  • 7:30 PM (6 HMs)

Holy Thursday, April 13th
• Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 7:00 PM (12 HMs)

Good Friday, April 14th
• Celebration of the Lord’s Passion at 7:00 PM (12 HMs)

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 15th at 8:00 PM (12 HMs)

Easter Sunday, April 16th
• 7:30 AM (6 HMs)
• 9:00 AM (6 HMs)
• 10:30 AM (Church & Wallace Hall Family Masses)
  (12 HMs for the Church Mass)
• Solemn Mass at 12:00 Noon (12 HMs)

For more information, contact Rob Manning,
head of the Hospitality Ministry,
at robbiefmanning@gmail.com

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Every Tuesday through April 11th
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM in the Church
The church will be open for exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private adoration.

Scheduling Note
The church will remain open after the 5:30 PM Mass until 8:00 PM.
At 6:00 PM, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed.
Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place shortly before 8:00 PM when the church closes.

Heralds of Hope
Saturday, March 25th, 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM
Wallace Hall
A morning and afternoon of prayer and reflection on our parish’s Lenten theme.
Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Register online at http://tinyurl.com/March2017Heralds
Sponsored by LME and open to all members of the parish.

THE ANNUAL
CHANGE FOR CHANGE DRIVE
Donations this year will be forwarded to Xavier High School, Chuuk, Micronesia.
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.

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

The Solemnity of St. Patrick & the Friday Meat Abstinence Requirement
Fasting and abstinence from meat on Fridays are important Lenten obligations for every Catholic bound by age and health.

However, as the Solemnity of St. Patrick falls on a Friday this year, Cardinal Dolan is granting a dispensation to Catholics within the Archdiocese, allowing for the eating of meat on Friday, March 17th.
**IGNITE! TEEN MINISTRY**

**HOPE RISES: THE IGNITE TEEN REFLECTION SERIES**

*Every Saturday through April 8th*

*6:30 PM in the Parish Lounge*

*All high school students are welcome!*

To register, visit
https://goo.gl/forms/t51MR13PIBVkD0p1

Lent is a journey of hope in the midst of our lives. You're invited to an opportunity to reflect on your personal journey, pray as a community, and put your hope into action.

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**RANGER ROSARY MINISTRY**

**Monday, March 20th**

*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!

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**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

**FRIDAY – SUNDAY**

**MARCH 24th – MARCH 26th**

**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

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**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 19  April 2  April 30

To receive updates on IYA events and other opportunities, you can follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/IgnatianYoungAdults

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**IYA LENTEN REFLECTION GROUP**

*Every Sunday through April 9th*

*6:00 PM in the Faber Lounge*

For young adults in their 20s & 30s

A reflection group for young adults to share experiences about their relationship with God and gratefully and openly listen to one another.

To register, visit
https://goo.gl/forms/36MTWyecwROZax9A3

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**WHAT NEXT? RETREAT**

**FOR YOUNG ADULTS**

**March 31st – April 2nd**

*Friday Evening – Sunday Afternoon*

Mariandale Retreat Center, Ossining, NY

For young adults in their 20s and 30s

Join other young adults in exploring the transitions of life through the lens of the Paschal Mystery. Learn how Ignatian spirituality can help you make better decisions and deepen your relationship with God.

*Cost:* $260/person; financial assistance is available.

*For more information, visit charis.nyc or email CharisRetreatNYC@gmail.com*

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**Stations of the Cross for Families**

**Sunday, April 2nd at 12:15 PM**

Stations are places where people wait while they are traveling from one place to another. Church stations are also places where people take time to think about Jesus as he went to die on a cross.

They are *Stations of the Cross* and show us how much Jesus loved us. Praying the *Stations of the Cross* is a Lenten tradition.

This year we invite families to join us in the Church on *Sunday, April 2nd at 12:15 PM* where we will walk the Stations of the Cross together. At each Station we will stop and listen to a short reading and say a prayer.

*Please join us and begin making the Stations of the Cross an annual Lenten observance for you and your family.*

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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

To stay up-to-date on parish events and programs, follow us at facebook.com/churchofstignatiusloyolanyc
**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

**LENTEN FOOD DRIVE**

Throughout the season of Lent, SVdP will be accepting donations of food for the Community Pantry at the Church of St. Gregory the Great.

The items requested each week are listed below:

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Please bring donations to the Parish House.

Thank you for remembering those in need this Lenten Season.

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**MUSIC**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 19**

**11 AM SOLEMN MASS**

**Gabrieli**

_Missa brevis: Kyrie, Sanctus, Agnus Dei_

**Gesualdo**

_Adoramus te, Christe_

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**The N.P. Mander Organ Recital Series**

_presents_

**K. SCOTT WARREN**

Director of Music Ministries and Artistic Director of Sacred Music in a Sacred Space

_Sunday, March 26th at 3:00 PM_

The N.P. Mander organ is the largest tracker-action pipe organ in the New York metropolitan area. All N.P. Mander Organ Recitals feature large-screen projection, offering the audience a rare view of the organist at work.

**Tickets:** $20

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**LENTEN VESPERS:**

**TOGETHER IN FAITH**

**Wednesday, March 15th**

7:00 PM

Immanuel Lutheran Church

**Wednesday, March 22nd**

7:00 PM

Church of St. Ignatius Loyola

In commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, in cooperation with Immanuel Lutheran Church (122 East 88th Street), will be presenting joint Lenten services and reflect upon the Catholic-Lutheran Joint Declaration on Justification by Faith.

Immanuel Lutheran will celebrate a Vespers service on

**Wednesday, March 15th at 7:00 PM.**

On Wednesday, March 22nd at 7:00 PM, we will host our Lenten service, with a reception to follow in the Meeting Room.

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**It’s Girl Scout Cookie Time!**

The Girl Scouts of Saint Ignatius Loyola School will be hosting a Girl Scout Cookie Booth Sale on **Sunday, March 26th**, in Wallace Hall, after the 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM Masses.

Please consider donating a box of cookies to the troops!

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**Chanticleer: Washing of the Water**

_Sunday, April 30th, 4:00 PM_

“River, River carry me on,” the repeated plea in Peter Gabriel’s song “The Washing of the Water,” evokes the symbolic power of flowing water to cleanse, redeem and restore, extolled by composers since music began. **Washing of the Water** will feature music of spiritual intensity by Palestrina, Gibbons, Tomkins, Cardoso, Victoria, Bryars, Gabriel, Simon & Cohen.

Chanticleer is known around the world as an orchestra of voices” for the seamless blend of its twelve male voices.

**Tickets:** $35 – $85

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**Caritas Concert: Wine & Song**

_Wednesday, April 5th at 7:00 PM_  
_Wallace Hall_  

Caritas Concerts are warm, enjoyable evenings of food, wine, friendship, and great music.

Wendy Baker, Tami Petty, Sara Murphy & Michael Sheetz will present an evening of opera, song, Broadway, operetta, and folk music woven together for your delight.

All proceeds will benefit the Jesuit Refugee Service.

**Tickets:** $50

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**It’s Girl Scout Cookie Time!**

The Girl Scouts of Saint Ignatius Loyola School will be hosting a Girl Scout Cookie Booth Sale on **Sunday, March 26th**, in Wallace Hall, after the 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM Masses.

Please consider donating a box of cookies to the troops!
Fundraiser for Brooklyn Jesuit Prep. Thursday, March 16th, 6:30 PM. Fordham University at Lincoln Center, 113 West 60th Street. This event is in support of Brooklyn Jesuit Prep, a Jesuit middle school for low-income children in Crown Heights. The evening will include hors d’oeuvres and an open bar. Enjoy raffles, a silent auction, and music provided by the Xavier High School Jazz Ensemble. Tickets: $100–$300. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit brooklynjesuit.org/celebrate-bjp.html

Lecture: Judging Justly: Judgment in Jewish, Christian and Muslim Traditions. Tuesday, March 28th, 6:00 PM. Fordham University at Lincoln Center, 113 West 60th Street. Presenter: Rev. Patrick J. Ryan, S.J., Laurence J. McGinley Professor of Religion and Society. Respondents: Sarit Kattan Gribetz, Ph.D., Fordham University and Ebru Turan, Ph.D., Fordham University. Free and open to the public. For more details, call 718-817-4745, visit fordham.edu/mcgchair or email mcgchair@fordham.edu

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. Reservation deadline is Wednesday, March 15. For additional details and rate information, visit lourdes-pilgrimageoffice@comcast.net or call 877-276-7279, or email jnaylor@jesuits.org

Travel: A 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., Provincial Assistant for Spiritual Ministries, Maryland & USA Northeast Provinces of the Society of Jesus, and Mr. Joe Naylor, Provincial Assistant for Advancement and Communications, Maryland & USA Northeast Provinces of the Society of Jesus. Prices start at $3,899 (if paid by check)/$4,098 (if paid by credit card). Accomodations, 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. Bergen Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Feely 9:30 AM Fr. Bergen
Wallace Hall 11:00 AM Fr. Feely Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Cecero 7:30 PM Fr. Yesalonia

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