The Barque of Peter — Navigating in Hope

In a recent address to the editors of the Jesuit periodical La Civiltà Cattolica, Pope Francis used the image of a ship, the Barque of Peter, to describe the Church. Since reading the Pope’s address, I have been pondering that image. Although my reflections are inspired by Pope Francis’ thoughts, he cannot be blamed for my interpretation. My words do not simply reproduce his text. Sometimes they head off in their own direction.

The image of the Barque of Peter has its origins in apostolic times and is rooted in scripture. Like the disciples’ boat on the Sea of Galilee, the Church is frequently tossed about by storms that fill its crew with fear. But the Barque of Peter can ride out any storm because her mast is the cross of Jesus. No storm will be strong enough to topple that mast, and if the sailors hold fast to it, Jesus will be with them. The Barque of Peter, then, becomes like Noah’s ark. It conveys those onboard to assured salvation.

There are no luxury accommodations on the Barque of Peter, and no one is simply a passenger. Everyone aboard is a sailor; everyone is responsible for the ship’s passage. Of course, the sailors don’t all work with equal efficiency. There are experienced mariners and there are apprentice seamen who need to hone their skills. There are malingerers, and there are even those who insist on rowing against the rest of the crew. That may make the voyage more difficult, but it cannot stop the ship from setting forth.

And the ship must set forth. Because the crew is so unequal to the task and the sea is so treacherous, there will be sailors who counsel that the Barque of Peter should stick to safe harbors and not venture far out to sea. That would be a terrible mistake. The Barque of Peter was not designed to be a houseboat. It betrays its purpose unless it courageously sets sail on uncharted waters.

What qualities are required of a crew engaged in this difficult, sometimes perilous voyage? The first is humility. This is not a solo venture. The crew has to work together, and to work well together they must learn to support and assist each other. They must treat each other with respect and love. That is impossible for those who lack humility, for those who do not recognize their own insufficiency in the face of the demands of the voyage.

The second quality is audacity. The sea is constantly changing; the weather never long remains the same. Every league of the voyage is an adventure, and only the spiritually adventurous will be able to face the surprises in store. Methods that are tried and true are a wonderful starting point and a real gift, but the tried and true always needs to be adapted to circumstances no one could ever have predicted at the time the voyage began.

The third quality is discernment. A good sailor must learn to read the sea and the sky, and a good sailor must seek the meanings hidden there. The waters of our present circumstances contain depths that only reveal themselves to the contemplative soul. The stars of our aspirations reveal vistas only perceptible to the imaginative heart. An expert sailor has to be guided by contemplative imagination; an expert sailor has to be discerning.

Finally, every ship has an anchor. The anchor was an ancient symbol of safety, and Christians adopted it as a symbol of hope in true safety, hope in salvation. The shank of ancient anchors was topped with a crossbar that gave the anchor, like the mast, the look of the cross, our source of hope and salvation.

Anchors are meant to be lifted and taken onboard. We can use them for security, but they are not meant to keep us from crossing the sea. The same is true of hope. It makes our sailing more confident, but it does not keep us from setting sail. We bring hope to every port along the way. We offer hope to everyone we meet on the voyage. Sailors on the Barque of Peter are called to be heralds of hope.

— Rev. Thomas H. Feely, S.J.
Associate Pastor
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, APRIL 2nd
Stations of the Cross for Families.
12:15 PM. Church. Details on page 3.

IYA Lenten Reflection Group.
6:00 PM. Faber Lounge. Details on page 3.

Sunday Social. 8:30 PM. Wallace Hall.
Hosted by the Ignatian Young Adults.
Follows the 7:30 PM Mass. Details on page 3.

MONDAY, APRIL 3rd
Ranger Rosary Ministry.
7:00 PM. Conference Room. Details on page 3.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4th
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Church. Details below.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5th
Caritas Concert: Wine & Song.
7:00 PM. Wallace Hall. Details on page 5.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting.
7:00 PM. Conference Room.

FRIDAY – SUNDAY
APRIL 7th – APRIL 9th
Shelter Weekend. Wallace Hall.
For information on volunteering, see page 3.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8th
Hope Rises: The IGNITE Teen Reflection Series.
6:30 PM. Parish Lounge. Details on page 3.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PASSION SUNDAY, April 9th
Regular Weekend Mass Schedule:
Saturday: 5:30 PM (Vigil)
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM
11:00 AM (Solemn)
11:00 AM (Wallace Hall Family Mass)
7:30 PM

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Monday, April 10th
ARCHDIOCESAN DAY OF RECONCILIATION
The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available
from 3:00 PM to 8:30 PM.

Good Friday, April 14th
3:00 PM – Immediately following
the Three Hours Devotion. Church.

Holy Saturday, April 15th
4:00 PM – 5:30 PM in the Parish House Parlors.

LITURGIES OF THE TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY, April 13th
Mass of the Lord’s Supper
7:00 PM (doors open at 6:30 PM)
Rev. Thomas H. Feely, S.J., Presider

GOOD FRIDAY, April 14th
Celebration of the Lord’s Passion
Liturgy at 7:00 PM (doors open at 6:30 PM)
Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J., Presider

HOLY SATURDAY, April 15th
Easter Vigil
8:00 PM (doors open at 7:30 PM)
Rev. Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J., Presider

For reasons of safety, once the Vigil begins,
latecomers will not be admitted into the Church
until the end of the “Exultet.” Please be on time.

EASTER SUNDAY, April 16th
7:30 AM – Organ/Cantor
9:00 AM – Organ/Cantor
10:30 AM – Organ/Cantor/Choirs/Brass
10:30 AM (Wallace Hall Family Mass) –
Piano/Choirs
Noon (Solemn) – Organ/Cantor/Choirs/Brass
(There is no 7:30 PM Mass on Easter Sunday.)

To stay up-to-date on parish events and programs, follow us at facebook.com/churchofstignatiusloyolanyc

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.
Stations of the Cross
for Families
TODAY at 12:15 PM

Stations of the Cross
for the Parish Community
Wednesday, April 12th at 7:30 PM
Please join us and begin making the Stations of the Cross an annual Lenten observance for you and your family.

FAMILY MINISTRY

LENTEN CROSS
The Family Ministry is encouraging everyone to perform an act of kindness, service, prayer, or community each week during the Lenten season.
All Lenten Cross activities will be collected on the cross displayed at the back of Wallace Hall.
For more information, email parentcommittee.familyministry@gmail.com

RANGER ROSARY MINISTRY

Monday, April 3rd
7:00 PM in the Conference 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
APRIL 7th – APRIL 9th
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

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.

Sunday Social Dates
April 2 April 30 May 14 May 28

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/36MTWYeCwROZakRZ

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/t51MR13PbVKbD0p1

Pope Francis’ April Prayer Intention
Young People
That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

Available at the Parish House
The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola: A Walking Tour
Updated in commemoration of our Sesquicentennial Celebration, the redesigned Walking Tour—with all-new photographs—provides a detailed overview of the rich architectural history of the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola. Cost: $8
**The Easter Vigil**

The Easter Vigil liturgy is the most beautiful liturgy in the Roman Catholic Church. Celebrated on Holy Saturday after sunset, the Vigil Mass is regarded as the most important Mass of the liturgical year.

Adults who have never been baptized are baptized at this liturgy. Baptized Christians of other denominations are received into the Church through the sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. Baptized Roman Catholics who have never had religious instruction are confirmed and receive their First Eucharist.

Because it is so rich with detail, the Vigil Mass usually lasts about three hours. We invite you to attend the Vigil service on **Saturday, April 15th**! Doors will open at 7:30 PM; the service begins at 8:00 PM. Because the Vigil begins in complete darkness, no latecomers will be admitted into the Church until the end of the “Exultet.”

**HOSPITALITY MINISTRY**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Passion Sunday, April 9th**
- Saturday Vigil at 5:30 PM
  *(5 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 *(11 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)*
  *(11 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

A sign-up table will also be in the Narthex after all Masses today.

**Announced Masses and Readings for the Week**

**Monday, April 3rd** *(Fifth Monday of Lent)*
- Psalm 23
- John 8:1–11
- 8:30 MEM Benedict Cipriano
- 12:10 MEM Donna Wick
- 5:30 MEM Robert V. Cox

**Tuesday, April 4th** *(Fifth Tuesday of Lent)*
- Numbers 21:4–9
- Psalm 102
- John 8:21–30
- 8:30 MEM Stephen Bepler
- 12:10 MEM Miriam Schallman
- 5:30 MEM Bridget Burke

**Wednesday, April 5th** *(Fifth Wednesday of Lent)*
- Daniel 3:14–20, 91–92, 95
- Daniel 3
- John 8:31–42
- 8:30 MEM The Choix & Gordon Families
- 12:10 LVG Russell Feeley
- 5:30 MEM Robert Ballas

**Thursday, April 6th** *(Fifth Thursday of Lent)*
- Genesis 17:3–9
- Psalm 105
- John 8:51–59
- 8:30 MEM Teresa Cortes
- 12:10 MEM The Meehan Family
- 5:30 MEM Peter T. Uzzo

**Friday, April 7th** *(Fifth Friday of Lent)*
- Jeremiah 20:10–13
- Psalm 18
- John 10:31–42
- 8:30 MEM John Auth
- 12:10 MEM Sose & Mark Prekelezaj
- 5:30 MEM Peter T. Uzzo

**Saturday, April 8th** *(Fifth Saturday of Lent)*
- Ezekiel 37:21–28
- Jeremiah 31
- John 11:45–56
- 8:30 MEM Simona Saracino Fendi

**Sunday, April 9th** *(Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord)*
- Isaiah 50:4–7
- Psalm 22
- Philippians 2:6–11

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](http://www.cardinalsappeal.org)
**MUSIC**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 9th**

**11 AM SOLEMN MASS**

Chant
The Passion of our Lord according to St. Matthew
Lassus
Improperium
Handl
In nomine Jesu

**11:00 AM FAMILY MASS**

with Training Choirs I & II and Middle School Choir
Mayo
Hosanna to the Lord
Mugglin
Holy is the Lord

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**Caritas Concert: Wine & Song**

**Wednesday, April 5th at 7:00 PM**

Wallace Hall

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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**Chanticleer: Washing of the Water**

**Sunday, April 30th at 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.

**Tickets:** $35 – $85

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**Haydn’s The Creation**

**Wednesday, May 24th**

**7:00 PM**

Performed in English, Franz Joseph Haydn's beloved oratorio depicts the creation of the world as told in the Book of Genesis and John Milton's Paradise Lost.

**Tickets:** $25 – $80

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**IMMIGRATION: A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE**

* I was a stranger and you welcomed me.

**Tuesday, April 18th at 7:00 PM**

Wallace Hall

**PANELISTS**

**DR. MEGHAN CLARK**
Assistant Professor,
Theology and Religious Studies
St. John’s University

**REV. JAMES MARTIN, S.J.**
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**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

**LENTEN FOOD DRIVE**

Through Wednesday, April 5th,
SVdP will be accepting donations of food for the Community Pantry at the Church of St. Gregory the Great.

**Week 5**
(April 2–5)
soups and rice

Please bring donations to the Parish House.

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**THE ANNUAL CHANGE FOR CHANGE DRIVE**

Donations this year will be forwarded to Xavier High School, Chuuk, Micronesia.

Please bring donations to the Parish House in care of Carly-Anne Gannon.

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**TICKETS**

For all concerts, tickets are available online at www.smssconcerts.org or by calling 212-288-2520.
WAY OF THE CROSS
OVER THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE
On Good Friday, April 14th, the Movement of Communion and Liberation will sponsor the Way of the Cross over the Brooklyn Bridge.

Participants will congregate for the first station at St. James Cathedral-Basilica, Brooklyn, at 10:00 AM. After a station on the Brooklyn Bridge, the procession will follow the cross to a third station at City Hall Park in Manhattan and a fourth station near Ground Zero. The final station will be at St. Peter’s Church on Barclay Street, concluding at 1:30 PM.

At each station, there will be readings from the Passion, a meditation, a reflection, and hymns. All are invited.

For more information, call the Movement of Communion and Liberation at (212) 337-3580 or visit www.wocbrooklynbridge.org

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

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

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.

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