Nikos Kazantzakis, in his memoir Report to Greco, tells a wonderful story of his experience on Mount Athos, the peninsula of Greek Orthodox monasteries in the Aegean Sea. In a conversation with the aged and wise Father Makarios, young Nikos asked, “Father, do you still do battle with the devil?” The old monk replied, “I used to, when I was younger, but now I have grown old and tired and the devil has grown old and tired with me. I leave him alone and he leaves me alone.” “So your life is easy then?” observed Kazantzakis. “Oh no,” said the monk, “it’s much worse, now I wrestle with God!”

This little vignette illustrates a profound bit of wisdom that each of us needs to feel in our hearts and know in our minds. When we’re young, we wrestle with the devil, i.e. the energies of youth—the need to accomplish something, to make a name for ourselves, to channel our sexuality in a way that doesn't burn us up, to prove ourselves to ourselves! These are chaotic tides that pull us in a million directions at once. It is fitting that the word devil comes from the Greek diabolos, which means “to divide, to cut through.”

We don't feel compelled to wrestle with the devil in the second half of life. By then, we've settled a lot of those issues of youth and we're “home,” so to speak. But then God becomes our wrestling partner. We wrestle with God when we struggle to let go of all the stuff we need to shed so that we can accept the invitation to a deeper, more mature relationship with God. This “stuff” includes everyone and everything we haven't been able to forgive, the bitterness we've been storing deep inside, our need to be right (and for someone else to be wrong), our need to achieve, our possessiveness, our ego. This wrestling match will be much more trying. We don't aim to win, we aim to lose! In this stage of life, it's time to let go and be dominated by a power much greater than us.

The Gospel of Luke, through the parable of the Prodigal Son, (I like to call it the parable of the father and two sons) captures very well the struggles of the first half of life and the second. Recall in that parable that both sons find themselves outside the father's house. The younger one struggles with all the divisive energies of youth—he wants to leave home, go to the city, find adventure, he's pushed around by the power of sexuality. And the older son is also outside the father's house. He's wrestling with forgiveness and resentment. The story ends without our knowing if he is able to join the celebration.

The great spiritual teachers of our tradition tell us that there is no direct flight from the first half of life to the second. It's a journey—sometimes uphill and grueling—for all of us. We're going to wrestle with the devil, and then we're going to wrestle with God. At our Lay Ministers Enrichment conference on Saturday, January 27, we'll explore together the questions, spiritual tasks, and gifts that God gives us as we pilgrimage together into a deeper spiritual maturity. This will be an opportunity for heartfelt sharing and listening, for solidarity, for prayer as we seek to say “yes” to Jesus' invitation to leave everything (whatever “everything” might be) behind and follow him.

— Brian Pinter
Bible Scholar-in-Residence at Christ Church UMC

For more information on the Saturday, January 27th LME Program, A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life, please see page 3.
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14th
The N.P. Mander Organ Recital Series presents Simon Johnson.
3:00 PM. Church. Details on page 5.

MONDAY, JANUARY 15th
Martin Luther King Day.
One Daily Mass will be celebrated in the Church at 8:30 AM. The Parish House will be closed.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18th
More Than a Book Club January Selection Book Discussion. 2:00 PM. Conference Room. Details at right.

Ignatian Social Justice.
7:00 PM. Conference Room.
LGBT Catholics & Friends.
7:00 PM. Faber Lounge.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20th
IGNITE! Teen Ministry.
6:30 PM. Parish Lounge. Details on page 3.

MORE THAN A BOOK CLUB

JANUARY SELECTION BOOK DISCUSSION
Thursday, January 18th at 2:00 PM
Conference Room

JANUARY BOOK SELECTION
The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows

January 1946: Writer Juliet Ashton receives a letter from a stranger, a founding member of the Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society. And so begins a remarkable tale of the island of Guernsey during the German occupation, and of a society as extraordinary as its name.

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society is available for purchase from most book retailers, including Amazon.com and Barnes & Noble.

To register for the January 18th book discussion, email MoreThanaBookClubSIL@gmail.com

Catholic Schools Week
January 28th – February 3rd
An annual celebration of the important role Catholic schools play in providing a values-added education for America’s young people.

Available at the Parish House
The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola:
A Walking Tour | Cost: $8

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

BLOOD DRIVE
Sunday, January 28th
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
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. Your donation may enable a premature baby to live or an accident victim to survive.

To register:
Online – https://tinyurl.com/SocietySVdPGives
Telephone – (800) 933-2566
Please reference Group Code 06239 when registering.

PARISH MEN'S FAITH GROUP

FIVE LESSONS EVERY MAN NEEDS TO LEARN!
Facilitated by Brian Pinter

Tuesday, January 23rd
7:00 PM
Parish Lounge

The wisdom of our Christian tradition teaches us that there are five essential lessons every man must learn if he is to thrive; wisdom he must internalize so that he may bring his gifts to his community. Our presentation and discussion will briefly introduce and explore these lessons. There will also be opportunity for prayer and small group sharing and listening.

For more information, contact Brian Pinter at brianbpinter@gmail.com

P R A Y E R  F O R  W E E K

January 22nd

A Prayer for the Early Church

A Voice for the Voiceless

A Presence in the Poor

A Hope for the World

A Hope for Us
IGNITE! TEEN MINISTRY

Saturday, January 20th
6:30 PM in the Parish Lounge

Ignite is a community of high school students guided by Ignatian spirituality through Saturday sessions, small groups, retreats, and more.

Parents can register their teens by visiting https://form.jotform.com/71575444498166

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, January 30th – March 13th*
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Evening Sessions
Wednesdays, January 31st – March 14th*
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

*Note: Both sessions will conclude with an evening Mass on Wednesday, March 21st.

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.

For more details, email MCIP@saintignatiusloyola.org

IGNATIAN YOUNG ADULTS

Sunday Social 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
February 4    March 4

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

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

FRIDAY – SUNDAY
JANUARY 26th – JANUARY 28th

SVdP Women’s Shelter
Wallace Hall

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is in need of volunteers for the Women's Shelter, which is located in Wallace Hall every other weekend, from November through April.

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

LAY MINISTERS' ENRICHMENT

LME invites all parishioners to a day of reflection, prayer and sharing on...

A SPIRITUALITY FOR TWO HALVES OF LIFE

Saturday, January 27th | 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM
Wallace Hall

PRESENTER: BRIAN PINTER
Bible scholar-in-residence at Christ Church UMC & frequent lecturer and instructor at St. Ignatius

The Gospel of St. Luke, through the parable of the Prodigal Son, captures very well the struggles of the first half of life and the second. We will explore the questions, spiritual tasks, and gifts that God gives us as we pilgrimage together into a deeper spiritual maturity. There will be two presentations and the opportunity for heartfelt sharing and listening and for prayer as we seek to say yes to Jesus’ invitation to leave everything behind and follow him.

Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided and the program will conclude with Mass.

To register, visit https://tinyurl.com/y7cjc2vk or call the Parish House.

Registration deadline is Wednesday, January 24th. Registration is required.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is an outreach program to the sick. The care and love of knitting and crocheting are combined into a prayerful ministry that reaches those in need of blessing and comfort. Completed shawls are donated to Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

For more information or to join this ministry, please contact Diane Boyle at boyled@saintignatiusloyola.org
**Announced Masses and Readings for the Week**

**Monday, January 15th**  
(2nd Monday in Ordinary Time)  
1 Samuel 15:16–23   Psalm 50   Mark 2:18–22  
8:30 MEM George H. Murtagh, Sr.

**Tuesday, January 16th**  
(2nd Tuesday in Ordinary Time)  
1 Samuel 16:1–13   Psalm 89   Mark 2:23–28  
8:30 MEM  
12:10 MEM Jack O’Leary  
5:30 MEM William Malloy

**Wednesday, January 17th**  
(St. Anthony)  
1 Samuel 17:32–33, 37, 40–51   Psalm 144   Mark 3:1–6  
8:30 MEM Giro & Elina Zullo  
12:10 MEM John P. “Jack” Kehoe  
5:30 MEM John Sasso

**Thursday, January 18th**  
(2nd Thursday in Ordinary Time)  
1 Samuel 18:6–9; 19:1–7   Psalm 56   Mark 3:7–12  
8:30 MEM Living & Deceased Members of the Brenninkmeijer Family  
12:10 MEM Charles Percoco  
5:30 MEM Living & Deceased Members of the Wallace Family

**Friday, January 19th**  
(2nd Friday in Ordinary Time)  
1 Samuel 24:3–21   Psalm 57   Mark 3:13–19  
8:30 MEM Nora & Robert Blackstock  
12:10 MEM Gail Crosby  
5:30 MEM Nathan Davidson

**Saturday, January 20th**  
(2nd Saturday in Ordinary Time)  
2 Samuel 1:1–4, 11–12, 19,23–27   Psalm 80   Mark 3:20–21  
8:30 MEM Mae Rooney

**Sunday, January 21st**  
(3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)  
Jonah 3:1–5, 10   Psalm 25  
1 Corinthians 7:29–31   Mark 1:14–20

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**  
January 18th – 25th  
This year’s theme is  
Your Right Hand, O Lord, Glorious in Power  
The Week of Christian Prayer invites Christians throughout the world to pray in communion with the prayer of Jesus: “that they all may be one...so the world may believe.” (John 17:21).

**New Parishioners’ Reception**  
Sunday, February 4th  
Following the 11:00 AM Masses  
McKinnon Hall  
Come & meet one another and learn about our parish ministries.  
Hosted by the New Parishioners’ Committee

**MOMS, POPS & TOTS**  
Monday, January 22nd  
10:30 AM  
Meeting Room  
Meets every Monday!  
This gathering provides parents with young children the opportunity to make friends and develop community while strengthening their own spiritual lives.  
Coffee and treats are available for the parents.  
No RSVP is required.  
For more information, email Nicole O’Reilly at n_fusaro@yahoo.com

**IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS**  
Experience Making a Difference  
Join the Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) and become a contemplative in action in the spirit of St. Ignatius Loyola and the Jesuits!  
IVC volunteers are adults over 50 years of age who offer their life skills and experience one to two days a week to directly serve those in need. Volunteers gather monthly to prayerfully reflect on their service and to deepen their spirituality in the Ignatian tradition. There is also the opportunity for spiritual guidance.  
Interested? Contact Maureen Fullam, Regional Director, at 917-859-0928 or email mfullam@ivcusa.org and visit our website at www.ivcusa.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
**MUSIC**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 21st**

**11 AM SOLEMN MASS**

- Buxtehude
  - Praeludium in C Major, BuxWV 137
- Bruckner
  - Os justi
- Byrd
  - Teach me, O Lord
- Buxtehude
  - Praeludium in D minor, BuxWV 140

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

**presents**

**SIMON JOHNSON**

Organist and Assistant Music Director of St. Paul's Cathedral, London

**Sunday, January 14th 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:** $25

Tickets are available online at [www.smssconcerts.org](http://www.smssconcerts.org) or by calling 212-288-2520.

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**THE ANNUAL APPEAL**

As we embark on a new year, please remember to include your contribution to the Annual Appeal on your to-do list.

In order to fund the current level of service and programming, we rely on the Annual Appeal, which is now underway.

If you have not yet made a donation, you can do so by visiting the Annual Appeal page on the St. Ignatius website by scanning the QR code at left.

To electronically access the Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2017, visit our website at stignatiusloyola.org

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*
PARISH STAFF

Pastor
Rev. Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J.

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Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.

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Weekday Masses (Monday to 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
Sunday:  8:00 AM  Fr. McLaughlin
         9:30 AM  Fr. Bergen
Wallace Hall Family  11:00 AM  Fr. Judge
Solemn  11:00 AM  Fr. Martin
        7:30 PM  Fr. Feely

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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.


ArchCare Care Navigation Center: Resources for Seniors. Need help caring for yourself or someone else but not sure where to turn? ArchCare, the healthcare system of the Archdiocese of New York has a Center staffed by health and social service professionals dedicated to helping people better understand and access the services for which they are eligible. Call 855-951-2273 between 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM seven days a week.

Volunteer Eucharistic Ministers Needed. Lenox Hill is in need of Eucharistic Ministers to bring communion to their Catholic patients. Prospective volunteers will need to complete an application, come in for an interview, be medically cleared and attend an orientation session. A weekly commitment is required. If you are interested in this or any other volunteer opportunities at Lenox Hill Hospital, please contact Carlos Cuartas at ccuartas@northwell.edu for more information.

We pray for the faithful departed
Mary S. King
May she rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.