Servant of God Fr. Luigi Giussani, Italian theologian and founder of the international Catholic movement Communion and Liberation (CL), would often say that “reality has never betrayed me.”

New York Encounter is CL’s annual cultural event in the U.S. During a public dialogue in 2017, John Waters, an Irish author, Michael Waldstein, Professor of Theology at Ave Maria University and Fr. José Medina, US Coordinator of CL, grappled with the question Reality Does Not Betray. Really?

Fr. Medina began the discussion by asking both speakers what the word “reality” meant to them. Waters responded that reality is “what I meet on the path that I’m on...reality is given to me; circumstances, gifts, and signs, which are the cues and the clues that take me on the path towards my destiny.”

Fr. Medina noted that in stark contrast to finding meaning and joy in concrete circumstances, the millennial proclivity is to seek reality somewhere other than the present moment for fear of missing out. Waters pointed out that a worldview which insists that our experiences are only accidental in nature disintegrates our connection to our particular circumstances.

Fr. Medina then asked the speakers “Would it be right to say that the crisis of our time is that we are no longer looking at our reality?” Waldstein replied, “We are looking at a reduced reality. We see ourselves as chemical machines,” and Waters quoted St. Gregory of Nazianzus: “Only wonder knows.”

Fr. Medina, wishing to drive the point home, said, “You two are basically saying that if I were to embrace reality for what is, in the concreteness of its existence, that I will be led into a path of awe, of gratitude. Yet, our tendency is not to let ourselves go onto this path but to somehow grasp at control over this experience.”

Waldstein responded that we can avoid trying to control in two things: first, that “no pain is possible without a prior positive love. All pain is rooted in something positive. At the root of the human heart is the desire for human happiness. Only in that positive context can pain arise, and then pain can lead you [to recognize the need for God].”

Second, that in the Scriptures we encounter figures such as the prophet Jeremiah or Job, who both describe a great darkness: “God you have deceived me, duped me.”

Waldstein observed that as Christians we can make sense of these elements in scripture “only if Christ is experienced as the Redeemer, as the one who overcomes evil at its root. It could be very easy to become hopeless without [Christ].”

Fr. Medina asked a final question: “The correct human position is one of surrender, which is a powerless position. This is a very counter-cultural concept. What sustains a person on a journey to engage on this level?”

Waters answered that the only way a person will begin to surrender is if “you become dissimilar to yourself. When you get to the point [that you are] so dissimilar to yourself, then you act; you have to act.” He then referred to Giussani’s use of the image of the prison.

Giussani wrote about how we falsely imprison ourselves: ‘Reason as the measure of all things and thus man as the measure of all things, makes life a prison.’ This, concluded Waters, is a ‘great wisdom about reality that everyone deserves to know.’

— Carly-Anne Gannon
Director of Religious Education
NEW PARISHIONERS' RECEPTION
TODAY
Following the 11:00 AM Masses
McKinnon Hall
All parishioners are invited to come and
welcome our new members of the parish.
Hosted by the New Parishioners’ Committee

MORE THAN A BOOK CLUB
FEBRUARY SELECTION
BOOK DISCUSSION
Thursday, February 15th
2:00 PM
Meeting Room

FEBRUARY BOOK SELECTION
Mercy in the City by Kerry Weber

For those who feel they are already
overscheduled and too busy, for those
who assume that they are not “religious
enough” to practice the Works of Mercy,
for those who worry that they are alone
in their efforts to live an authentic life,
Mercy in the City proves that by living as people for
others, we learn to connect as people of faith.

Available for purchase from most book retailers,
including Amazon.com and Barnes & Noble.

To register for the February 15th
book discussion,
email MoreThanaBookClubSIL@gmail.com

PARISH INTERFAITH MINISTRY
LEARN ABOUT THE JEWISH FEAST OF
PURIM
with Rabbi Neil Zuckerman
Associate Rabbi of Park Avenue Synagogue
Thursday, February 15th
7:00 PM in Wallace Hall

IGNITE! TEEN MINISTRY
Saturday, February 10th
6:30 PM in the Parish Lounge

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

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

MOMS, POPS & TOTS
Monday, February 5th
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
SCRIpTURA CLASSES

And God Said What?! Difficult Scripture Texts  
Mondays, February 5th – March 26th | 11:00 AM

The Bible confronts us with many stories that are hard to understand, that seem unjust, that condone terrible things. Why did God place a special tree in the middle of the garden and then tell Adam and Eve not to touch it? Why did God destroy the world through a flood? Why would Abraham be ordered to sacrifice his son? Why does Jesus teach his disciples to "hate" their parents? Why does Paul say wives must be obedient to their husbands? Join us as we well explore these texts and more.

To register, email godsaidwhatclass@gmail.com

Apples and Eve: Creation, Evolution and Original Sin  
Mondays, February 5th – March 26th | 7:00 PM

The story of creation as recorded in the book of Genesis has loomed large in the American religious imagination. From the Scopes trial to contemporary debates regarding creationism vs. evolution, people of faith have sought to reconcile sacred scripture and the conclusions of science on the question of how the world came to be. Furthermore, in light of the findings of modern science, how are we to understand the significance of Adam and Eve and the doctrine of Original Sin? Join us we conduct a careful analysis of relevant scripture texts and survey the most recent thought and scholarship on these questions.

To register, email applesandeveclass@gmail.com

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

**Monday, February 5th** (St. Agatha)

- 1 Kings 8:1–7, 9-13  
- Psalm 132  
- Mark 6:53–56  
- 8:30 MEM John & Margaret Reilly  
- 12:10 MEM Richard Merz  
- 5:30 MEM Joseph Phelan

**Tuesday, February 6th** (St. Paul Miki & comp.;  
Bl. Charles Spinola and Sebastian Kimura & comp.)

- 1 Kings 8:22–23, 27–30  
- Psalm 84  
- Mark 7:1–13  
- 8:30 MEM Ken Bond  
- 12:10 MEM The Meehan Family  
- 5:30 MEM Nora Terriberry

**Wednesday, February 7th** (5th Wednesday in Ordinary Time)

- 1 Kings 10:1-10  
- Psalm 37  
- Mark 7:14–23  
- 8:30 MEM The Choix & Gordon Families  
- 12:10 MEM Jose Gutierrez  
- 5:30 MEM David Oing

**Thursday, February 8th** (5th Thursday in Ordinary Time)

- 1 Kings 11:4–13  
- Psalm 106  
- Mark 7:24–30  
- 8:30 MEM Living & Deceased Members of the Breninkmeijer Family  
- 12:10 MEM Tong Foo  
- 5:30 MEM David Oing

**Friday, February 9th** (5th Friday in Ordinary Time)

- 1 Kings 11:29–32; 12:19  
- Psalm 81  
- Mark 7:31–37  
- 8:30 MEM Simone Saracino Fendi  
- 12:10 MEM Valentino Mazzia  
- 5:30 MEM Deceased Members of the Saracino & McLoughlin Families

**Saturday, February 10th** (St. Scholastica)

- 1 Kings 12:26–32; 13:33–34  
- Psalm 106  
- Mark 8:1–10  
- 8:30 MEM Antoinette Sarro

**Sunday, February 11th** (6th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- Leviticus 13:1–2, 44–46  
- Psalm 32  
- 1 Corinthians 10:31–11:1  
- Mark 1:40–45

RANGER ROSARY MINISTRY

**Monday, February 5th**  
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.

WALLACE HALL AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL

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

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 for your generosity.
Ms. Alison J. Radecki
In honor of Fritzy Esterhazy,
Mrs. Alix Cavoulacos
Mr. & Mrs. Frederick W. Zuck III
Mr. & Mrs. John P. Curtin
In honor of Jacques Christofilis,
Winifred Christofilis,
Vargas Family, Christofilis Family/
Ms. Annette Christofilis
Mr. & Mrs. John Lauto
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Ms. Brittany Nauman
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Mr. & Mrs. Mark J. Schulte
In honor of Eleonore J. Klejna,
Sylvestor J. Klejna/Mr. Dennis A. Klejna
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Boylan
Mr. & Mrs. Edward B. Droesch
Dr. Thomas Bustros &
Dr. Elisa Bocchieri-Bustros
In honor of the deceased
members of the
Skarzynski-Scheuerman Families,
Ms. Elizabeth Scheuerman
& Mr. James A. Skarzynski
Mrs. Ellen L. Stilwell
Mr. Enrico Cacanindin
Mr. & Mrs. Eric Iversen
Mr. & Mrs. Erdal Dere
In honor of Wieslawa Lichomska,
Zbignew Lichomska, Philip Glazer,
Mrs. Ewa Glazer
Ms. Geraldine Hayes &
Mr. Clifton Bradley
Mr. Gerard M. Meistrell
Ms. Gertrude Furstenau
In honor of Daniel Ryan,
Mary Ryan, Frank Allen,
Ellen Allen/
Mr. Gordon Allen
Mr. & Mrs. John Neary
Mr. & Mrs. Miguel Astorga
In memory of Patrick Nolan,
Mr. & Mrs. Eric Scheuermann
Ms. Jessica Kelley &
Mr. Robert Murphy
In honor of Josephine Miros,
Charles Miro, Ms. Joanne Thomas
& Mr. Jim Fisher
Mr. John N. Butler
In honor of Michael Corbett,
Elizabeth Corbett, Charles McGrath,
Ann McGrath/Ms. Judith McGrath
& Mr. Michael Corbett
Ms. Julia A. McGee
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Tweedie, Bill Dodial, Mr. &
Mrs. Dennis Dunne
Mr. & Mrs. Samuel C. Guzzardo
In memory of Melvin L. Moss,
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Lindsay G. Eisenkraft &
Russell A.G. Grant
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Ms. Margaret Gallagher
Ms. Maria A. DeRossi
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McComiskey, May Montalto,
Al Montalto, Michael
McComiskey/Mr. & Mrs.
Michael McGlinn
Ms. Marion R. Gardner
Mrs. Marita Schardt &
Mr. Charles Ward
Ms. Maritza Irizarry
Ms. Marlene Brommund
Ms. Mary M. Clarke
Mr. & Mrs. Christopher J. Lagno
Ms. Mary Delia Lynch
Ms. Mary-Helen Muldoon
In Loving Memory of Frank Pardo,
Ms. Maureen C. McCarthy
In honor of Josephine Milano,
Michael Milano/Mr. Michael Milano
Mr. & Mrs. Sean Lynch
Ms. Margret E. Brocks
Ms. Nancy Iannicelli
Ms. Nancy M. Heiser
In honor of Margaret & Edward Kelly,
Mr. & Mrs. George J. Forsyth
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Ms. Sara Moore
Mr. Stephen J. Feeley
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Dr. Ana Giglio & Dr. Graziano Giglio
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George Rodrigue, Stan Rosenthal/
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Friedman
In honor of Dorothy O’Connell,
Mr. Gregory Stewart
Mrs. Theresa Gartner
Feeding Our Neighbors: Archdiocesan-Wide Food Campaign

The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola will be participating in the food drive through the end of today.

Donations will go to the Church of the Ascension on the Upper West Side.

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
  - coffee/tea
  - couscous
  - dried fruits
  - dry cereal and hot cereal (farina, grits, or oatmeal)
  - dry milk packets
- flour/cornmeal/baking mixes
- nutritional beverages (Boost, Ensure, Carnation Instant Breakfast)
- nuts
- pasta/noodles
- peanut butter
- personal care items
  - rice
  - shelf-stable milk
  - soy/almond/rice milk
  - spices
  - tomato sauce
  - vegetable soups
  - whole wheat crackers

Every item counts!
Thank you for your generosity.

MUSIC

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11th

11 AM SOLEMN MASS

- Howells
  - Psalm Prelude (Set II, No. 2)
- Tomkins
  - Blessed is he
- Stanford
  - Purest and highest
- Sweelinck
  - Balletto del Granduca

11:00 AM FAMILY MASS
with Middle School Choir

arr. Page
My Lord, what a morning

The N.P. Mander Organ Recital Series
presents

RENÉE ANNE LOUPRETTE
University Organist, Rutgers University

|| Sunday, February 18th at 3:00 PM ||

Tickets: $25

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

SAVE THE DATE

The Staff of the St. Ignatius Loyola Day Nursery cordially invites the members of the Parish Community to the

2018 Annual Spring Benefit

Friday, May 18th
7:00 PM to Midnight

New York Athletic Club
180 Central Park South

Cocktails, Dinner, Dancing, Raffle, Live and Silent Auctions

Black tie optional.

The gala is the Day Nursery’s most ambitious fundraising initiative of the school year and supports their financial aid Program.

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 13th, at 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.

Moving? Please don’t forget to notify us!
This information helps us to keep our database current.
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Rev. Dennis J. Yesalonia, 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. Hilbert
Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Feely
7:30 PM Fr. Feely

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Film: The Nuclear Requiem.
Wednesday, April 11. 6:15 PM. The Town School, 540 East 76th Street.
A documentary that explores the question, "Why do nuclear weapons still exist?" To purchase tickets, visit https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nuclear-requiem-movie-screening-tickets-42126306918?aff=efbevent

Lenten Weekend Retreat for Alumni & Friends of Fordham University—The Spirituality of Pope Francis: Reflecting on God’s Mercy and Grace. Friday, March 9 to Sunday, March 11. Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington, Long Island. Directed by Fr. Brendan Horan, S.J. For more information, contact Fr. Dan Gatti, S.J., at dgatti@fordham.edu

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.

Walking Retreat-Pilgrimage to Fatima and Santiago de Compostela.
May 15 to May 25. Walk the last 100 kilometers of the Portuguese Way to Santiago de Compostela, where the remains of St. James the Apostle are believed to be buried. Experience the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola with daily reflections. Spiritual Guide: Fr. Daniel Corrou, S.J., Associate Pastor at St. Francis Xavier Parish. Cost: $3,599. Full payment due by Thursday, March 15th. Price includes roundtrip flight, daily breakfast and dinner, and all accommodations (double occupancy; single room is an extra $750). Space is limited. For more information and reservations, call 917-607-0937 or email angiecruzphd@gmail.com

Sunday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Every Sunday from 3:15 PM to 5:30 PM. Saint Joseph’s Church, 404 East 87th Street. An opportunity for quiet prayer and silent adoration. All are welcome.

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