Courage to Go Out

[Author’s note: at the LME seminar that took place on April 24, I spoke on “The Evolving Role of the Laity in the Catholic Church.” The afternoon session was a reflection on Pope Francis’s teaching on the role of the laity, taken mostly from recent interviews and addresses. I was asked to share part of that talk with a wider audience. Below, after a brief introduction, is the section on the courage to go out.]

There is a well-known story of a conversation between Pope John Paul II and a group of American bishops that perfectly illustrates the importance of the laity. The bishops were meeting with the Pope and were telling him about the many concerns that they had about the culture and moral decline in the United States. After patiently listening to the bishops the Pope paused for a moment and then asked them, “Are not the Catholics the largest religious denomination in the United States?” “Yes, Holy Father,” the bishops replied. The Pope then said, “Then why are not the Catholics setting the example and being more of an influence on the culture?” The Pope was reiterating to the bishops the importance of the role of the laity in influencing and making incarnate the Gospel of Christ within the culture.

When asked in an interview what specific mission he has for the laity, Pope Francis responded with a frequent appeal: to go outside of oneself and take risks in evangelizing, rather than staying stuffed up at home while the moths move in.

“Sometimes I think the best business we can do with many Christians, is to sell them mothballs so that they put them in their clothes and in their lives and aren’t eaten by moths,” the Pope said in the interview. The interviewer had questioned the Pope about a comment he had made to him on a previous occasion to “tell the laity to come out of the caves.”

When asked about the comment and what mission he would give to the laity with that image in mind, Francis said that many times Christians “are locked up and they are going to get eaten by moths.”

“They have to go out, they have to go and bring the message of Jesus” to others, he said, explaining that the Good News is meant to be shared, not stored away.

“The message of Jesus is to give it; so just as I receive it from him through a brother or sister, the grace comes to me and I give it,” he said, stressing that Christians shouldn’t ‘can’ the message, trying to conserve it in a jar, because “it’s not to save, it’s to give.”

By taking the Good News and then delivering it to others, “in this way I leave the cave,” he said, and stressed the importance of practicing the works of mercy, which are “the backbone of the Gospel” and what we will eventually be judged on.

The Pope asks us to assume a new observation point. He asks us to have multiple observation points to consider reality. It is not a coincidence that one of the words that is most familiar to him, is the word GAZE, and this also comes from his Ignatian spirituality.

When asked what Christians lack in order for this to become the norm, the Pope said there is a need for greater “courage, since we are comfortable and comfort betrays us.” Pointing to the apostolic zeal of St. Paul, the Pope said he had the “courage to go out,” which is something Christians ought to grow in if they want to bring what we have received to others.

— Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.
Associate Pastor
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY, APRIL 9th
New time! Moms, Pops & Tots.
10:00 AM. Meeting Room. Details on page 3.

Meeting Christ in Prayer: Continuing the Journey Through Holy Listening (First Evening Session).
7:00 PM. Parish Lounge. Details on page 3.

Ranger Rosary Ministry.
7:00 PM. Conference Room. Details on page 3.

TUESDAY, APRIL 10th
Meeting Christ in Prayer: Continuing the Journey Through Holy Listening (First Morning Session).
9:30 AM. Faber Lounge. Details on page 3.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11th
Easter Memorial Liturgy.
7:00 PM. Church.

THE ANNUAL CHANGE FOR CHANGE DRIVE
Donations this year will be forwarded to Community of Sant’Egidio.
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.

BOOMERS & BEYOND
SAVE THE DATE
Mix & Mingle, Wine & Cheese Evening
Thursday, April 26th
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM | Wallace Hall
Additional information to follow in an upcoming bulletin.

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

LGBT CATHOLICS & FRIENDS

Weekend Retreat:
The Good Shepherd
Jogues Retreat House
Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY
Friday, April 20th to Sunday, April 22nd
A retreat to reflect on how we can be people for others, ministering to our parish and our community.
For more information, contact Lou Csabay (lou@csabayconsulting.com | 908-581-4580) or Bruce Rameker (brameker@aol.com)
Spaces are limited.

THE AMAZING RACE
Saturday, May 19th
12:00 PM to 2:00 PM
All parishioners, friends and ministries of St. Ignatius Loyola Church are invited to participate in the Amazing Race: Ignatian Edition.
Hosted by LGBT Catholics and Friends, the Amazing Race is part race and part scavenger hunt. A series of clues, road blocks, and detours will take you around the Upper East Side, Central Park and museums, where you will learn insider secrets, weird facts. and fascinating history about the neighborhood.
Who: Enter individually and be teamed up on the day, team up with friends, or form teams within your ministry. Team size is between 2-4 people.
Cost: $10/person
What you’ll need: Comfortable shoes. Plus, at least one member of each team should have a smartphone to download the ScanQuest app. If you don’t have one, we will pair you with someone who does.
To register, visit http://bit.ly/amazing-race-2018
For more information, email join.lgbt.caf@gmail.com

GIRL SCOUT BAKE SALE
Sunday, April 15th 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.
We have the privilege at St. Ignatius of welcoming those who may be thinking of becoming Catholic. If you feel attracted to the Catholic faith, we want you to know about a program at the Parish.

A group will meet here during the year to inquire into the Catholic faith, to come to know Jesus through the Gospels, and to pray and to prepare for the Easter Sacraments.

This process, which is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is also open to those Catholic adults who have not received the Sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation.

For more information, contact Maureen Fullam at 212-288-3588 or email church@stignatiusloyola.org

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**MOMS, POPS & TOTS**

**Monday, April 9th at 10:00 AM Meeting Room**

This weekly 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.

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**SNOW BALL DANCE COMMITTEE**

**Volunteers Needed for the 2018 Snow Ball Dance Committee**

With the smashing success of our first annual Snow Ball Dance, we are already laying the groundwork for our next Snow Ball Dance in December 2018.

If you would like to participate in the planning of the Dance as a member of the Snow Ball Dance Committee, please contact Ram Akella at ram.akella@centrosolar.com.

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**PARISH MEN'S FAITH GROUP**

**Prayer—Resting in God**

**Tuesday, April 17th**

**7:00 PM | Parish House**

Our gathering will include a brief presentation and the opportunity to experience a few different forms of prayer. Refreshments will be provided.

To RSVP, email Brian Pinter at brianbpinter@gmail.com

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

6:30 PM to Midnight

New York Athletic Club
180 Central Park South

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

Black tie optional.

For ticket information, please call 212-734-6427 x24.

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**MUSIC**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 15th**

11 AM SOLEMN MASS

with Training Choirs I & II

Robinson
Chorale Prelude on Llanfair

Moore
Variations on Now the green blade riseth

Carter
Butterflies and Moths from Bless the Lord

Lassus
Surgens Jesus

Mendelssohn
Verleih uns Frieden

Harris
Fantasy on Easter Hymn

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**Announced Masses and Readings for the Week**

**Monday, April 9th** (The Annunciation of the Lord)

Isaiah 7:10–14; 8:10 Psalm 40


8:30 MEM Simone Saracino Fendi

12:10 MEM Kathryn Cuny

5:30 MEM Deceased Members of the Scanlon & McLoughlin Families

**Tuesday, April 10th** (Second Tuesday of Easter)


8:30 MEM Veronica Raible

12:10 MEM Valentino Mazzia

5:30 MEM John de Csepel

**Wednesday, April 11th** (St. Stanislaus)

Acts 5:17–26 Psalm 93 John 3:16–21

8:30 MEM Giro & Elina Zullo

12:10 MEM Cecil Spadafora

5:30 MEM The Parisi Family

**Thursday, April 12th** (Second Thursday of Easter)


8:30 MEM Ciro Saracino

12:10 MEM Peter Heard Walker

5:30 MEM Marvin Weber

**Friday, April 13th** (Second Friday of Easter)


8:30 MEM Antonio Eugene Chiappa

12:10 MEM Edmond Rochat Jr.

5:30 MEM Joyce Flammer

**Saturday, April 14th** (Second Saturday of Easter)

Acts 6:1–7 Psalm 33 John 6:16–21

8:30 MEM Jack O’Leary

**Sunday, April 15th** (Third Sunday of Easter)

Acts 3:13–15, 17–19 Psalm 4


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**Annual Golden Wedding Mass Celebration**

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary any time during 2018 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass Celebration with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick on Sunday, June 3rd at 2:15 PM.

Pre-registration is required.

To register, contact Diane Boyle at the Parish House (212-288-3588 x618 or boyled@stignatiusloyola.org) by Monday, May 14th.

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**PRAYER RESOURCES**

**Pray as You Go**

www.pray-as-you-go.org

Pray as You Go is a daily prayer session designed for use on your mobile devices.

**3-Minute Retreats**

www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer.htm

Take a short prayer break right at your computer. Spend some quiet time reflecting on a Scripture passage.
GUIDED TOUR AND BOOK DISCUSSION

Backstage Guided Tour of the Metropolitan Opera House
Monday, April 16th at 2:30 PM
&
April Selection Book Discussion—
Bel Canto by Ann Patchett
Thursday, April 19th at 2:00 PM | Meeting Room

Tour Cost: $20/person (Pre-paid reservations only)
Send a check (payable to "Church of St. Ignatius Loyola", with the memo line note "Opera Tour") to:
More Than A Book Club, c/o St. Ignatius Loyola, 980 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10028
Checks must be received by Monday, April 9th.
Registrants will meet in the lobby of the Metropolitan Opera House at 2:30 PM. Please enter the lobby by the
south side entrance (opposite the Box Office).
The tour will start at 2:45 PM.
To RSVP for the guided tour and/or the book discussion, email MoreThanaBookClubSIL@gmail.com

The N.P. Mander Organ Recital Series
presents
DAVID HIGGS
Chair, Organ Department, Eastman School of Music
SUNDAY, APRIL 15TH at 3:00 PM

The magnificent pipe organ at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola—at 30 tons, 45 feet high, with 55,000 parts,
four keyboards, 5,000 pipes and 68 different stops—is the largest tracker-action pipe organ in the New York
metropolitan area. Its creation by the English organ builder N.P. Mander involved a year of planning and construction in
England, and a five-month on-site installation at St. Ignatius Loyola. The organ debuted to an audience of 1,800 with a recital by David Higgs on April 27, 1993.

Tickets: $25
Tickets are available online at www.smssconcerts.org or by calling 212-288-2520.

MORE THAN A BOOK CLUB

LECTURES

The Art of the Gesù: Bernini and His Age
An art-slide lecture presented by
Rev. Leo O’Donovan, S.J.
Monday, April 16th
7:00 PM in Wallace Hall

This art slide lecture by Fr. Leo O’Donovan, S.J., President emeritus of Georgetown University, will feature images from the Fairfield University Art Museum exhibit, The Art of the Gesù: Bernini and His Age, highlighting artistic masterpieces from the Church of the Gesù in Rome—one of the city’s most celebrated architectural monuments.

Rev. Leo J. O’Donovan, S.J., is President emeritus of Georgetown University and Director of Mission for the Jesuit Refugee Service. He has written art criticism for publications such as America, Commonweal, The Washingtonian, and the National Catholic Reporter.

The Jesuits and Dorothy Day
Presenter
Kate Hennessy
Monday, April 30th
7:00 PM in Wallace Hall

Kate Hennessy, the youngest of Dorothy Day’s nine grandchildren, will discuss her book Dorothy Day: The World Will Be Saved By Beauty: An Intimate Portrait of My Grandmother. The book examines the life and work of her grandmother, and the relationship between Day and her only child, Tamar Hennessy.

Our Damaged Democracy: We the People Must Act
Presenter: Joseph A. Califano Jr.
Monday, May 7th
7:00 PM in Wallace Hall

Author Joseph Califano will discuss his recent book Our Damaged Democracy: We The People Must Act. In the book, Califano explores the changes—political, cultural, constitutional, technological, institutional—that damage our government and the urgent need to fix our democracy. The book includes anecdotes and examples featuring every modern president and actions of both parties.
Religious Education for Children
Ms. Carly-Anne Gannon, Director
M.Phil., M.Ed.
(212) 861-4764

St. Ignatius Loyola Grammar School
Ms. Mary Larkin, Principal
M.S. Ed. (Admin.), M.S. Ed. (Literacy)
48 East 84th Street
New York, NY 10028
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St. Ignatius Loyola Day Nursery
Ms. Theodora Crist, M.S.
Executive Director
240 East 84th Street
New York, NY 10028
(212) 734-6427 Fax: (212) 734-6972

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 Maureen Haley at the Parish House (212-288-3588 x636) 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 Maureen Haley at the Parish House (212-288-3588 x636) to begin preparation for Marriage, normally one year in advance.


Discussion: To Be A Blessing. Saturday, April 21, 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Christ Church Methodist, 524 Park Avenue (at E. 60th Street). One of the “commandments” for aging well is to learn to bless more and curse less. This prayer, presentation, and discussion will explore how to offer blessings and support to younger people, and the rewards that come with such blessings. Rev. Stephen Bauman and Brian Pinter will lead the conversation. Offering: $20. To RSVP, email brian@christchurchnyc.org.

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. Feely
Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Feely
9:30 AM Fr. Judge
Wallace Hall Family 11:00 AM Fr. Hilbert
Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Bergen
7:30 PM Fr. Bergen

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