The Dynamic Movement for Human Life

The most well-known stances of the Church on public policy are sometimes sadly considered the most static. Most Americans know that Catholics are anti-abortion, anti-euthanasia, anti-death penalty, and support prudent welfare programs. What is often missed is how dynamic and mutable these social policies can be in state legislatures and the courts every year. Since I worked as chair of Students for Life at the College of the Holy Cross from 2002 to 2004, many crucial shifts have occurred due to national and local advocacy.

In my former state of California, this past November election saw not only the election of a new U.S. senator and the legalization of recreational marijuana, but also the authorization of doctor-assisted suicide and the streamlining of the death penalty process. It has been clear these last decades that neither a conservative nor liberal electorate—such as California’s—ensures support for Pro-Life policies.

Just this month, the New York State Court of Appeals has unanimously ruled that the prohibition of euthanasia applies to all citizens. Kathleen M. Gallagher, the director of the New York State Catholic Conference, makes the consequential observation that euthanasia exerts inordinate pressure on the “isolated elderly, persons with disabilities, and those who are depressed and overcome with hopelessness.” We are likely to see more decisions at the state level. Colorado and the District of Columbia have both approved euthanasia bills. The Nevada Legislature is currently considering a bill on suicide medication.

The USCCB Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities also in September endorsed the Need for Conscience Protection Act of 2017. This legislation safeguards the determination of nurses and doctors to abstain from abortion procedures. While the House passed an identical bill last year, the Senate has yet to ratify it. In discussing abortion in Evangelii gaudium, Pope Francis notes, “the Church cannot be expected to change her position on this question. I want to be completely honest in this regard. This is not something subject to alleged reforms or ‘modernizations’. It is not ‘progressive’ to try to resolve problems by eliminating a human life.” In his most recent encyclical, Francis proposes that it is impossible to teach care for the earth and other creatures, if human beings do not safeguard the human embryo when its situation becomes problematic.

This brings us to the looming decision to restrict the number of asylum-seeking refugees allowed to enter the United States annually. In 2017, the number of 110,000 had been set to accommodate the many fleeing the violence of the Middle East. The administration may reduce the quota to below 50,000 individuals. As recently as 2016, the chair of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom said that the program was secure and should seek to resettle as many as 100,000 Syrian refugees. The group Human Rights First estimates 2.1 million refugees are expected to require resettlement. This past week Pope Francis paid tribute to New York’s own St. Frances Xavier Cabrini when he said, “the great migrations underway today need guidance filled with love and intelligence similar to what characterizes the Cabrinian charism. In this way the meeting of peoples will enrich all and generate union and dialogue, not separation and hostility.”

Clearly, it is impossible for every Catholic citizen to research and become an advocate for the entire spectrum of Pro-Life causes. But this can be our primary perspective when analyzing the repercussions of changes to foreign policy and social issues. In our Responsorial Psalm today, we ask God to Remember your mercies, and as Christians we do well to demonstrate this to others.

— Rev. Brett B. McLaughlin, S.J.
Assistant Pastor
Sunday, October 1st
Ignatian Young Adults Sunday Social.
8:30 PM. Wallace Hall. Details at lower right.

Wednesday, October 4th
Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting,
7:00 PM. Conference Room.

Friday, October 6th
Sacred Music in a Sacred Space presents
the Philippine Madrigal Singers.
8:00 PM. Church. Details on page 5.

Saturday, October 7th
LME Fall Program — St. Joseph: Companion in Change. 9:30 AM. Wallace Hall. Details on page 5.

IGNITE! Teen Ministry. 6:30 PM. Parish Lounge.
Details on page 4.

Jesuit Friends & Alumni Mass
Sunday, October 22nd at the 7:30 PM Mass
Presider: Rev. Dennis Yesalonia, S.J.
Preacher: Rev. Daniel Lahart, S.J.
Join us for Jesuit Friends & Alumni Sunday, an opportunity for alumni and friends of Jesuit schools to share their common bonds through the celebration of liturgy.

The Mass will be followed by a reception in Wallace Hall that will highlight opportunities for continuing spiritual growth and service to the local and global community.

To RSVP, visit www.JesuitsEast.org/AlumniSunday2017

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS
• This weekend our Parish will take up the annual collection for St. Joseph’s Seminary.
• Next weekend a special Archdiocesan collection will be taken to assist the victims of Hurricane Maria.
Thank you for your generosity.

SAVE THE DATE
Snow Ball
Saturday, December 9th | 7 PM to 10 PM
Wallace Hall
Join us for this adults-only event, featuring an evening of dancing and hors d’oeuvres.
More details to follow in an upcoming bulletin.

LECTURE
THE JESUITS & EDUCATION
Monday, October 23rd at 7:00 PM
Wallace Hall

Fr. Stephen Katsouros, S.J.
discusses his new book
Come to Believe: How the Jesuits Are Reinventing Education (Again)

Fr. Stephen Katsouros, S.J., former president of Loyola School, is trying something new as the dean of Arrupe College in Chicago.
This ambitious new venture offers free community college education to underprivileged Chicago students. Come to Believe is a memoir and a reflection on the eventful first year of the college’s existence.

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
Oct. 1  Oct. 15  Nov. 12

RESTLESS HEARTS RETREAT
Saturday, October 14th, 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Wallace Hall
Young adulthood is marked by an exhilarating yet tormenting sense of restlessness. The search to find a career that will bring us fulfillment, a place to call home, or a partner who will be a soulmate can feel overwhelming.

Join us as we explore together the wisdom our Catholic spiritual tradition has to offer us as we seek to navigate these sacred, stormy energies. We hope to find that, in our speaking from the heart and listening from the heart, we will experience a sense of community and sharing of the journey.

Our day will include lunch, prayer, small group sharing, a presentation by Brian Pinter (Education Associate, Christ Church Methodist), and quiet time.

To register, visit https://ignatianyoungadults.typeform.com/to/SaKWu8
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

God has blessed our parish for more than 150 years with Jesuit priests who have dedicated their lives in faithful service to the Church through their ministry among us. As eloquent preachers, gifted liturgists, compassionate confessors, learned scholars, and critically acclaimed authors, these men gently guided us to places of courage and the conviction that who we are at our very core matters if we are to call ourselves Catholics. There is no surer sign of that than the ways in which we reach out to those on the peripheries of society and welcome into our parish those who seek refuge, understanding, solace, reconciliation, mercy, and acceptance. Together we witness to the world what it means to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, heralds of hope, and people of moral integrity.

There is one Jesuit priest in our midst who has eloquently and compassionately ministered to us for close to two decades, and he proudly claims the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola as his home parish. I speak of Father Jim Martin who began his ministry here as a deacon, celebrated his first Mass as a priest at our altar, and has engaged in every form of priestly ministry among us since that time. The attendance at the Masses at which he presides and the lectures which he delivers in Wallace Hall indicate the respect, affection and admiration we have for Father Martin. We are more certain of our faith because of the wisdom and spiritual insights he imparts in the diverse forms of his ministry as a visiting Assisting Priest here at St. Ignatius, as noted author and distinguished editor at America Media, and as an esteemed lecturer and public speaker.

I now call upon all of us to stand in solidarity with Father Martin who has recently been subjected to a wave of harsh and unjustified criticism because of his attempts to bridge the chasm of misunderstanding and distrust through dialogue and reconciliation. The torrent of invective leveled against him because of his most recent book, Building A Bridge, has unveiled the depth of prejudice and intolerance against affirming our LGBTQ brothers and sisters as valued and beloved members of the Church.

It is with a real sense of sadness that I write this letter, but I am compelled to do so in the name of every principle of decency and Gospel value. Let us keep Father Martin in our prayers and let us pray that the hearts and minds of those who fail to abide by the message of Jesus Christ to love one another will be open to the guidance of God’s Spirit and be led to a place of respectful dialogue and genuine reconciliation.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Fr. Yesalonia
Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

**Monday, October 2nd** *(The Holy Guardian Angels)*
Zechariah 8:1–8 Psalm 102 Matthew 18:1–5, 10
8:30 LVG Maryann Stack
12:10 MEM Alfred Ziccardi
5:30 MEM Samuel Chierchio

**Tuesday, October 3rd** *(St. Francis Borgia)*
8:30 MEM John & Margaret Reilly
12:10 MEM Bruno Biancammamo
5:30 MEM Vera de Rham

**Wednesday, October 4th** *(St. Francis of Assisi)*
8:30 MEM The Choix & Gordon Families
12:10 MEM Diane Burdick
5:30 MEM Deceased Members of the Brenninkmeijer Family

**Thursday, October 5th** *(Twenty-sixth Thursday in Ordinary Time)*
Nehemiah 8:1–4a, 5–6, 7b–12 Psalm 19 Luke 10:1–12
8:30 MEM Mae Rooney
12:10 MEM Mathilde Gottsho
5:30 MEM William Terriberry

**Friday, October 6th** *(Twenty-sixth Friday in Ordinary Time)*
8:30 MEM Mary Lou Flatery
12:10 MEM Alfonso Lobasso
5:30 MEM John McNamee

**Saturday, October 7th** *(Our Lady of the Rosary)*
8:30 MEM Luis Samaniego

**Sunday, October 8th** *(Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time)*
Isaiah 5:1–7 Psalm 80
Philippians 4:6–9 Matthew 21:33–43

**Guided Tour and Book Discussion**

**Guided Tour of the American Wing of the Metropolitan Museum of Art**
*Featuring the work of John Singer Sargent*
Tuesday, October 17th at 2:00 PM
&
October Selection Book Discussion
Thursday, October 19th at 2:00 PM | Meeting Room

**October Book Selection**
*Strapless by Deborah Davis*
The subject of John Singer Sargent’s most famous painting was Virginie Gautreau, who moved to Paris and quickly became the “it girl” of her day.

Drawing on documents from private collections, *Strapless* is a tale of art, celebrity, obsession and betrayal.

**Cost of the Tour:** $24/person (Pre-paid reservations only)
Send a check (payable to “Church of St. Ignatius Loyola”, with the memo line note “Met Tour”) to:
More Than A Book Club, c/o St. Ignatius Loyola, 980 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10028
Checks must be received by noon, Friday, October 6th.

The tour is limited to 25 registrants.
Registrants will meet at the museum at 2:00 PM. Please enter the museum by the East 81st Street entrance (street level). The tour will start at 2:15 PM.

To RSVP for the guided tour and/or the book discussion, email MoreThanABookClubSIL@gmail.com

**Interested in Becoming Catholic?**

If you feel drawn to the Catholic faith, we want you to know about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults program that will begin at the Parish in the fall.

A group will meet 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 is also open to those Catholic adults who have not received the First Communion or Confirmation.

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

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8TH**

**11 AM SOLEMN MASS**

Handel

Organ Concerto in F Major, Op. 4, No. 5:
I. Larghetto, II. Allegro, III. Siciliano, IV. Presto

Anonymous 16th c.

Rejoice in the Lord alway

Isaac

In salutari tuo

Thiman

Tuba Tune in E Major

**7:30 PM MASS**

with Parish Community Choir

Clemens non Papa

Sanctus

Bullard

The Peace of God

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**COMING IN NOVEMBER**

Caritas Concert: Pascal & Ami Rogé

*Monday, November 13th at 7:00 PM*

*Wallace Hall*

*Tickets: $40*

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**Philippine Madrigal Singers**

*Friday, October 6th*

*8:00 PM*

Under the direction of Mark Anthony Carpio, the Philippine Madrigal Singers are UNESCO Artists for Peace, “putting fame and influence at the service of UNESCO’s ideals and efforts to promote cultural diversity, intercultural dialogue and a culture of peace.”

The group has a virtuosic repertoire range while continuing to promote Filipino choral works. The group sings in a distinctive seated semicircle without a conductor.

*Tickets: $35–$80*

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

presents

**KENT TRITLE**

Director of Cathedral Music and Organist, Cathedral of St. John the Divine

*Sunday, October 22nd 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*

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Tickets for all concerts are available online at smssconcerts.org or by calling 212-288-2520.

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**LME FALL PROGRAM**

*LME invites all parishioners to a day of reflection, prayer, and sharing on St. Joseph: Companion in Change*

*Saturday, October 7th*

*9:30 AM to 3:30 PM*

*Presenter: Fr. Thomas Feely, S.J.*

We are constantly faced with changes in our life circumstances and in our interior lives. When St. Joseph accepted responsibility for Jesus, he embarked on life of change that can make him a model for us. This day will include two presentations, group discussion, and small group faith sharing. The day’s two presentations will use imagination to go behind scripture.

The first will reflect on the Flight into Egypt, seeing St. Joseph as a model for facing changes in our life circumstances. The second will reflect on the Finding in the Temple and family life in Nazareth, seeing St. Joseph as a model for meeting changes in our interior life.

The day includes breakfast, lunch, and will conclude with Mass.

*Registration deadline: Wednesday, October 4th.*

*Registration is required.*

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To register, scan the QR code at left, visit

http://tinyurl.com/ycm422hk

or call the Parish House.
PARISH STAFF

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Rev. Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J.

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Rev. Thomas H. Feely, S.J.
Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.

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Rev. Brett B. McLaughlin, S.J.

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Rev. William J. Bergen, 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. McLaughlin
Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Bergen
9:30 AM Fr. Martin
Wallace Hall Family: 11:00 AM Fr. Yesalonia
Solemn: 11:00 AM Fr. Feely
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.

Auction: Dorothy Day Guild Fundraising Event. Saturday, October 7th, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Benincasa Community, 133 West 70th Street. The event will feature a silent auction with rare photos of Dorothy Day and a simple soup supper. Admission is free; donations welcome. For more information, email DaniellMauk@gmail.com

Play: All Shall Be Well: A Drama About the Life and Times of Christian Mystic Julian of Norwich. Sunday, October 8th, 2:00 PM. Xavier High School Chapel, 30 West 16th Street. Based on Julian's writings, the play offers a historical and personal look at a woman whose works of theology are still read today. All proceeds benefit the non-profit organization Partners 4 Hope Tanzania/Woman-2-Woman Project, which provides micro-loans for women in the Bwambo Village of Tanzania. Cost: Free will offering.

Open House: Cathedral High School, Sunday October 22nd, 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM. 350 East 56th Street. Meet with Cathedral High School students & teachers and learn about their specialized programs, college preparatory curriculum, sports, and clubs. The first tour begins at 12:00 PM, with ongoing tours. The last tour is at 2:30 PM. To RSVP, visit cathedralhs.org

Nightfever NYC. Saturday, November 18th, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Saint Patrick's Cathedral, East 50th Street and 5th Avenue. Nightfever NYC is hosting a night of praise, worship, and reconciliation. Confessions will be heard throughout the evening. For more information, email nightfevernyc@gmail.com