Christus vivit!

“Christ is alive! He is our hope, and in a wonderful way he brings youth to our world. The very first words, then, that I would like to say to every young Christian are these: Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive!”

Thus begins the post-synodal Apostolic Exhortation, “Christus vivit,” by Pope Francis, released to the public this past Tuesday, April 2nd. This important piece of papal teaching brings to completion the synodal journey that Francis himself, as Successor of St. Peter, initiated in October 2016, when he announced the theme of the 15th General Assembly of Bishops: “Young People, Faith, and Vocational Discernment.” That gathering itself was a milestone, an exceptional event, in the history of the Church. For the first time, the world’s bishops met to listen to young people, to enter into frank and honest conversation with young people, and to discern with young people where the Lord is leading the Church. More than a static event of a few weeks’ duration, it began a process—a journey—of the entire People of God under the guidance of the Bishop of Rome.

And now the Church has another milestone: the first papal document to speak directly and principally to young people. We know that the first words of a significant church document often provide a key to understanding the whole, and with the words, “Christ is alive,” Pope Francis wants to tell the youth of the world, and with them, all of us, that Christ does not belong only to the past, but to the present and future. Christ is the Eternal Living One, and every generation of believers finds in Christ a contemporary, a fellow traveler. Christ asks all of us—especially young people—to be alive, to be persons who embrace fully the gift of life and bear fruit through love. “Everything he touches becomes young, new, full of life,” Francis proclaims.

This idea, stated so forcefully at the beginning of the Pope’s letter, is repeated throughout. (Despite the fancy technical name of Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation, it is really a letter, written in an easy, even colloquial, style, without many footnotes, full of the warmth and wisdom for which we have come to admire and love Pope Francis.)

In his letter, the Pope entrusts young people with three fundamental truths. Let’s read the words. “Putting all else aside, I now wish to speak to young people about what is essential, the one thing we should never keep quiet about. It is a message concerning three great truths that all of us need constantly to keep hearing.”

The first truth is, “God loves you. Never doubt this, whatever may happen to you in life. At every moment, you are infinitely loved.”

“The second great truth is that Christ, out of love, sacrificed himself completely in order to save you…. For only what is loved can be saved, only what is embraced can be transformed.”

“Finally, here is the third truth, inseparable from the second: Christ is alive! The one who fills us with his grace, the one who liberates us, transforms us, heals and consoles us is someone fully alive.”

The letter should be read by all as we enter Passion Week and Holy Week. It is a letter addressed first and foremost to young people; in many places Francis turns to speak directly to them with those qualities that always distinguish his encounters with young people—closeness, honesty, simplicity, tenderness. The English language has yet to find a worthy translation of “simpatico”!

Finally, the pastoral hallmarks of Francis’s papacy—mercy, inclusivity, attention to non-believers, creating open spaces, joy—are there for all of us. All of us are in the heart of God, and the heart of the Church.

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

**SUNDAY, APRIL 7th**
Girl Scout Cookie Sale.
Following the 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM Masses. 
Details below.

Stations of the Cross for Children & Families.
12:30 PM. Church.

**MONDAY, APRIL 8th**
Moms, Pops & Tots.
10:00 AM. Gonzaga Meeting Room.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 9th**
The Prophetic Imagination.
11:00 AM. Gonzaga Meeting Room.
Details on page 3.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Church. Details on page 4.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10th**
Ignatian Interfaith Ministry.
6:30 PM. Wallace Hall Stage.
Details on page 3.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 11th**
More Than a Book Club:
April Selection Book Discussion.
2:00 PM. Gonzaga Meeting Room.
Details on page 5.

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**PASSION SUNDAY, April 14th**
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 15th
ARCHDIOCESAN DAY OF RECONCILIATION
The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Good Friday, April 19th
3:00 PM – Immediately following the Three Hours Devotion, Church.

Holy Saturday, April 20th
4:00 PM – 5:30 PM in the Parish House Parlors.

**LITURGIES OF THE TRIDUUM**

**HOLY THURSDAY, April 18th**
Mass of the Lord’s Supper
7:00 PM (doors open at 6:30 PM)
Rev. Vincent B. Sullivan, S.J., Presider

**GOOD FRIDAY, April 19th**
Celebration of the Lord’s Passion
Liturgy at 7:00 PM (doors open at 6:30 PM)
Rev. Brian G. Konzman, S.J., Presider

**HOLY SATURDAY, April 20th**
Easter Vigil
8:30 PM (doors open at 8:00 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 21st**
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
12:00 Noon (Solemn) – Organ/Cantor/Choirs/Brass
There will be no 7:30 PM Mass.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE
**TODAY**
Cookies will be sold in the Narthex following the 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM Masses, and in Wallace Hall after the 11:00 AM Family Mass.
MORE THAN A BOOK CLUB

APRIL BOOK DISCUSSION
Thursday, April 11th
2:00 PM
Gonzaga Meeting Room

APRIL BOOK SELECTION

The Secret Life of Bees
by Sue Monk Kidd

Set in South Carolina during 1964, The Secret Life of Bees tells the story of a fourteen year old white girl, Lily Owens, whose life has been shaped around the blurred memory of the afternoon her mother was killed. When Lily’s fierce-hearted “stand-in mother,” Rosaleen, insults three racists in town, they escape to Tiburon, South Carolina—a town that holds the secret to her mother’s past.

IGNATIAN INTERFAITH MINISTRY

Wednesday, April 10th
6:30 PM
Wallace Hall Stage

Fr. Sergey Trostyanskiy, rector of St. Gregory the Theologian Church, will lead a Lenten reflection and meditation on the traditional Orthodox Jesus Prayer.

To register, email ignatianinterfaithministry@gmail.com.

PARISH MEN’S FAITH GROUP

Tuesday, April 16th
7:00 PM
Parish House

DREAM WORK

Dreams are a tailor-made pilgrimage just for you! Through dreams, the soul speaks in symbolic language. By working with our dreams we can begin to unlock their wisdom and guidance. Our presentation and discussion will explore techniques we can use to do dream work.

Brian Pinter, Pastoral Associate, will facilitate the discussion.

To register, email simensgroup@aol.com

SCRIPTURE CLASS

The Prophetic Imagination
Through Tuesday, April 9th
11:00 AM
Gonzaga Meeting Room

The prophets of ancient Israel were missioned to speak uncomfortable truth to power. Their role was to criticize but also energize, to invite their people to imagine an alternative future, the future as God dreams it can be. Our presentations will explore the creative ways and words the prophets chastised, inspired, and inspirited. Our discussions will seek to translate prophetic teaching for our own troubled, pivotal times.

To register, email Lent2019BibleStudy@gmail.com

All sessions led by Brian Pinter, Pastoral Associate.

Space is limited.

BOOMERS & BEYOND

Sunday Brunch
Sunday, April 28th
1:00 PM
Doc Watson’s Outdoor Garden
(1490 2nd Avenue)

Price: $24 per person
(includes tax, tip and 2 complimentary drinks)

Space is limited.

To RSVP, email boomersandbeyond.st.ignatius@gmail.com

Spirituality of Chronic Pain

Four Sessions Beginning Tuesday, April 30th
11:00 AM
Meeting Room

The experience of chronic pain can open the door to spiritual transformation or spiritual crisis. Our gatherings will explore how we can cooperate with God’s grace to transform suffering into an opportunity for growth and deeper trust in God.

All sessions led by Brian Pinter, Pastoral Associate.
**HOSPITALITY MINISTRY**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Passion Sunday, April 14th**
- Saturday Vigil at 5:30 PM
- Sunday: 8:00 AM
  - 9:30 AM
- 11:00 AM (Solemn & Wallace Hall Family Masses)
  - 7:30 PM

**Holy Thursday, April 18th**
- Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 7:00 PM

**Good Friday, April 19th**
- Celebration of the Lord’s Passion at 7:00 PM

**Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 20th at 8:30 PM**

**Easter Sunday, April 21st**
- 7:30 AM
- 9:00 AM
- 10:30 AM (Church & Wallace Hall Family Masses)
  - Solemn Mass at 12:00 Noon

For more information, contact Rob Manning, head of the Hospitality Ministry, at robbiefmanning@gmail.com

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**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Tuesday Evenings Through April 16th**

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM in the Church

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 6:00 PM. The church will be open for private adoration until shortly before 8:00 PM when the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed and the church will close.

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**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

**Volunteer at Ronald McDonald House**

For 10 years, SVdP has been serving dinner once a month for the families at Ronald McDonald House, which provides a place to stay for families with children undergoing cancer treatment.

To volunteer or learn more, please contact svdpdiners@gmail.com.

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**Announced Masses and Readings for the Week**

**Monday, April 8th (Fifth Monday of Lent)**
John 8:12–20
8:30 MEM Kay Vyskocil
12:10 MEM Mary Campbell
5:30 MEM Owen Murphy

**Tuesday, April 9th (Fifth Tuesday of Lent)**
Numbers 21:4–9    Psalm 102    John 8:21–30
8:30 MEM Simona Saracino Fendi
12:10 MEM Peter J. Burke
5:30 MEM Deceased Members of the Scanlon & McLoughlin Families

**Wednesday, April 10th (Fifth Wednesday of Lent)**
8:30 MEM Beatrice Scott-Hansen
12:10 MEM Valentino Mazzia
5:30 MEM Melisande Castro-Poblador

**Thursday, April 11th (Fifth Thursday of Lent)**
Genesis 17:3–9    Psalm 105    John 8:51–59
8:30 MEM Joy Gowan
12:10 MEM Cecil Spadafora
5:30 MEM Living & Deceased Members of the Wallace Family

**Friday, April 12th (Fifth Friday of Lent)**
8:30 MEM Living & Deceased Members of the Brenninkmeijer Family
12:10 MEM Joseph R. Mazzarella
5:30 MEM Joyce Flammer

**Saturday, April 13th (Fifth Saturday of Lent)**
8:30 MEM Antonio Eugene Chiappa

**Sunday, April 14th (Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion)**
Isaiah 50:4–7    Psalm 22

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**Day Nursery Spring Tour**

**Tuesday, April 16th**
10 AM to Noon

St. Ignatius Loyola Day Nursery
240 East 84th Street

To RSVP, email Valentinmm@ignatiusdn.org.
**SUNDAY, APRIL 14th**

**11 AM SOLEMN MASS**

*Robinson*

*Improperium*

*Chant*

*The Passion according to St. Luke*

*Victoria*

*Vere languores nostros*

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

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**So We Must Make the Journey**

*Sunday, April 14th*

*4:00 PM*

**FEATURING**

*Lorelei Ensemble*

*Beth Willer, founder and artistic director*

Take flight on a transcendent journey from the soaring perspective of birds, and trace humanity’s parallel journey through the cycle of life with the Lorelei Ensemble.

Boston’s Lorelei Ensemble is recognized nationally for its bold and inventive programs that champion the extraordinary flexibility and virtuosic capability of the human voice.

**Tickets: $20–$80**

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**Handel Dixit Dominus & Haydn Harmoniemesse**

*Wednesday, May 22nd*

*8:00 PM*

**FEATURING**

*Choir and Orchestra of St. Ignatius Loyola*

*Parish Community Choir*

*K. Scott Warren, conductor*

**Tickets: $20 – $80**

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**SPRING APPEAL**

**THE SPRING APPEAL IS UNDERWAY!**

The Spring Appeal is an important source of funds for the many ministries and ordinary operations of the parish.

Please support your parish and contribute to the 2019 Spring Appeal.

To give online, visit donate.stignatiusloyola.org/church/spring or scan the QR code at left.

*Thank you in advance for your continued generosity!*
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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. Hilbert
Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Konzman
         9:30 AM Fr. Judge
Wallace Hall Family  11:00 AM Fr. Yesalonia
Solemn  11:00 AM Fr. Sullivan
         7:30 PM Fr. Sullivan

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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.
Confessions will be heard at St. Ignatius Loyola Church during the Archdiocesan Day of Reconciliation on Monday, April 15th, beginning at 3:00 PM.

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.

Visits to the Sick
Please contact the Parish House between the hours of 9:00 AM and 9:00 PM.

Volunteer: The Community of Sant’Egidio is looking for volunteers for their activities in Manhattan, including preparing and distributing food to homeless men and women and visiting a nursing home on the Upper East Side. If you are interested, contact Paola at 646-765-3899 or at santegioudsa@gmail.com.

Travel: Two Pilgrimages in the Footsteps of Ignatius of Loyola:

Ignatius in Rome (June 14th‒20th) & The Loyola Experience (July 4th‒14th). Following Ignatius Loyola’s footsteps in Rome and Spain, you will experience the Spiritual Exercises with a renewed and revitalized appreciation for their place in the history of Christian spirituality through daily talks at critical sites in the life of one of the Catholic Church’s great spiritual guides. For more information about the Ignatius in Rome trip, visit paulist.org/pilgrimages/rome. To learn about The Loyola Experience pilgrimage, visit paulist.org/pilgrimages/loyola.

We pray for the faithful departed
Inese Broglia
May she rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.