The Joy of Parenting

Last Fall, theologian Timothy O’Malley, Ph.D. presented a lecture entitled The Joy of Parenting, which addressed the theology of parenthood and the spiritual dispositions we can learn from our families about what it means to be holy.

O’Malley presents a theology of parenthood by first outlining three dimensions of a theology of childhood beginning with the humbling act of Christ the Word becoming an infant, which is an image of the self-emptying love.

Jesus preached that we must also become like children (Mark 10:13-16) as they bestow on us an image of who we are to become; adults who rely solely and totally upon divine generosity.

This theology of childhood directs us to give our will over to God. It is not about seizing power, prestige, or fame but loving unto the end. Children form and reform us to give our will over to love. Joy then comes from learning self-giving love. The family is a school of love, of entering into the life of the Church by creating a domestic church.

The world comes to know the fullness of divine love through our families. God acts through that which is most material in family life and sanctifies the mundane. It is Christ that enters into this love and transfigures it.

O’Malley then outlines the spiritual dispositions that the family forms us in: wonder, gratitude, humility, forgiveness, hospitality and solidarity.

Children reawaken us to the wonder that is most basic. We miss the marvel of existence. They reawaken us to the gift of religious faith. “Wonder is a very serious thing that, rather than leading us away from reality, can arise only from an attentive observation of reality.” (Sofia Cavalletti, Religious Potential of the Child, 139). Children reawaken us to that which seems mundane and they make it marvelous. We become grateful for this reawakening.

When we lose a sense of wonder we are no longer thankful for things that come to us as gift. It is the temptation of modern life to expect to receive rather than to receive as gift. Children reawaken us to gratitude.

Being a parent is hard. It takes deep humility to recognize how fragile we are. Children ask more than we can give. When we recognize the fragility of your own existence, it brings us to forgiveness.

Forgiveness is vital for family life to blossom. Mercy is an important virtue for home life. It lightens burdens and allows us to begin again in our life together.

The heart of Catholicism is the narrative that the Word became flesh and dwelled among us. The goal of the Christian family is not an insular family but an openness to the hungry, the thirsty, the lonely, every person on the margins. Children teach us this hospitality. The Christian law of love is an economy of gratuity rather than an economy of exchange.

This brings us to solidarity. The root of social solidarity is in the family. Learning to dwell with other human beings, to share space, to share a life, to share most for the weak. True social solidarity is not learned in abstraction but through concrete daily, bodily practice. The Church is open to life because the Church knows that solidarity is good. It is good to care for the weak. How do we sustain the joy of solidarity?

In the Eucharist we receive infinite love so that we can become it and share it with the world. It is the Eucharist that sustains us.

The joy of parenting is the joy of love unto the end, of self-sacrificial love, of the law of gratuity. That is the joy of family life and we can only learn that through the Eucharist.

— Carly-Anne Gannon
Director of Religious Education
**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 14th**  
Concert | So We Must Make the Journey.  
4:00 PM. Church.  
**Tickets:** $20–$80.  
*Tickets will be available for purchase at the door.*

**MONDAY, APRIL 15th**  
Moms, Pops & Tots.  
10:00 AM. Gonzaga Meeting Room.  
Archdiocesan Day of Reconciliation.  
3:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Church.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 16th**  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.  
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Church.  
Parish Men’s Faith Group.  
7:00 PM. Parish Lounge. *Details below.*

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17th**  
Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting.  
7:00 PM. Conference Room.

**HOLY THURSDAY**  
**THROUGH EASTER**  
For the confession schedule and schedule of liturgies for the Triduum and Easter Sunday, see page 5.

**FRIDAY – SUNDAY**  
**APRIL 19th – APRIL 21st**  
Shelter Weekend. Wallace Hall.  
*If you would like to volunteer in the Shelter, email Teresa Abruzzo at svdp.shelter980@gmail.com.*

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**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

**LENTEN FOOD DRIVE**  
Throughout Lent, SVdP will be accepting donations of food for the Church of the Ascension.

**Week 6 (April 14–16)**  
tuna fish and pasta

*Please bring donations to the Parish House by Tuesday, April 16th.*

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**MEETING CHRIST IN PRAYER**

**Continuing the Journey Through Holy Listening**

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If you treasured the faith sharing experiences of Meeting Christ in Prayer and long to deepen your relationship with Christ by sharing your prayer experience, you are invited to join either of two groups who will meet for four sessions of Holy Listening.

Based on Resurrection readings, this program provides new opportunities for spiritual conversation.

*For registration and information, email MCIP@saintignatiusloyola.org*

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**PARISH MEN’S FAITH GROUP**

**Tuesday, April 16th**  
7:00 PM  
Parish Lounge

**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*

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**LECTURE**

Transgender and Catholic: A Journey of Faith  
**Friday, April 26th**  
7:00 PM in Wallace Hall

**SPEAKERS**

Michael Sennett  
*Saint Ignatius of Loyola Parish*  
*Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts*

Noelle Marie Javier, MD  
*Assistant Professor,*  
*Icahn School of Medicine*

*Sponsored by LGBT Catholics & Friends*
Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence

“Fasting” requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two other smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength, but these two meals together should not equal a full meal in quantity. Fasting obliges all those who have reached the age of 18 and continues to oblige until age 59. Those not specifically obliged to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able.

“Abstinence” prohibits individuals from eating meat on a particular day. Abstinence obliges all those who have reached the age of 14 and continues to oblige throughout their entire life. Those not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are encouraged to join in this discipline to the extent that they are able.

The Easter Vigil

The Easter Vigil liturgy is the most beautiful liturgy in the Roman Catholic Church. Celebrated on Holy Saturday after sunset, the Vigil Mass is regarded as the most important Mass of the liturgical year.

Adults who have never been baptized are baptized at this liturgy. Baptized Christians of other denominations are received into the Church through the sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. Baptized Roman Catholics who have never had religious instruction are confirmed and receive their First Eucharist.

Because it is so rich with detail, the Vigil Mass usually lasts about three hours. We invite you to attend the Vigil service on Saturday, April 20th. Doors will open at 8:00 PM; the service begins at 8:30 PM. Because the Vigil begins in complete darkness, no latecomers will be admitted into the Church until the end of the “Exultet.”

The TRIDUUM

The MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER will be celebrated on Holy Thursday, April 18th at 7:00 PM. This liturgy marks the beginning of the Triduum of Holy Week.

The LITURGY FOR GOOD FRIDAY will be celebrated on April 19th at 7:00 PM. It is the starkest of all liturgies during the year and includes the chanting of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion.

There will be a THREE HOURS DEVOTION SERVICE from Noon to 3:00 PM to commemorate the time Jesus hung and died on the cross. This devotion includes meditations on the Seven Last Words of Jesus from the cross. It does not include Holy Communion.

THE THREE HOURS DEVOTION

Good Friday, April 19th
Noon to 3:00 PM

The Seven Last Words of Christ

A traditional Christian devotion commemorating our Savior’s death, centered around the “seven last words” spoken by Jesus from the cross.

FIRST WORD: “Father, Forgive Them”
Rev. Ioan Cozma
Pastor, St. Dumitru Romanian Orthodox Church

SECOND WORD:
“Today You Will Be With Me In Paradise”
Dr. Concepción Alvar
Headmistress, The Marymount School

THIRD WORD: “Woman, Behold Your Son”
Sr. Kathryn King, F.S.P.

FOURTH WORD:
“My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?”
Br. Benedict McDonough, CFC
Mission Frère Community Engagement, Harlem

FIFTH WORD: “I Thirst”
Rev. Vincent Sullivan, S.J.
Associate Pastor, Church of St. Ignatius Loyola

SIXTH WORD:
“Into Your Hands, Lord, I Commend My Spirit”
Rev. Leslie Houseworth-Fields
Senior Pastor, St. Mark’s United Methodist Church, Montclair, NJ

SEVENTH WORD: “It Is Finished”
Rev. Brian Konzman, S.J.
Assistant Pastor, Church of St. Ignatius Loyola

Confessions will be heard in the Church at 3:00 PM, immediately following the Three Hours Devotion service.

Participating Musicians and Choirs

K. Scott Warren
Robert Reuter, Michael Sheetz, Philip Anderson
Members of the Choir of St. Ignatius Loyola
Canticum Sacrum Parish Community Choir
Wallace Hall Choir
St. Ignatius Loyola Children’s Choirs, Maureen Haley, Director
with Omega Dance Company
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

THE ART OF FORGIVENESS:
Connecting with Story
Monday, April 29th
7:00 PM
Gonzaga Meeting Room
A crucial step in the journey of forgiveness is connecting with stories of those who have forgiven. Our gathering will explore and pray with some classic and contemporary stories of healing and reconciliation. We will also discuss future directions with this group.
Brian Pinter, Pastoral Associate,
will facilitate the discussion.
All are welcome.

Announced Masses and Readings
for the Week

Monday, April 15th
(Monday of Holy Week)
Isaiah 42:1–7    Psalm 27    John 12:1–11
8:30 MEM    Jack O’Leary
12:10 MEM    Celine Chisholm
5:30 MEM    Noel McElligott

Tuesday, April 16th
(Tuesday of Holy Week)
Isaiah 49:1–6    Psalm 71    John 13:21–33, 36–38
8:30 LVG    Katie & Gavin McElroy
12:10 MEM    Josephine Scotto
5:30 MEM    Traci Szydlik

Wednesday, April 17th
(Wednesday of Holy Week)
Isaiah 50:4–9a    Psalm 69    Matthew 26:14–25
8:30 MEM    Carla Fendi
12:10 MEM    Gordon Vaughan
5:30 MEM    Linda Jannetti

Thursday, April 18th
(Thursday of Holy Week)
Mass of the Lord’s Supper:
Exodus 12:1–8, 11–14    Psalm 116
1 Corinthians 11:23–26    John 13:1–15

Friday, April 19th
(Good Friday)
Celebration of the Lord’s Passion:
Isaiah 52:13–53:12    Psalm 31
Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9    John 18:1–19:42

Saturday, April 20th
(Holy Saturday)
Genesis 1:1–2:2    Baruch 3:9–15, 32–4:4
Genesis 22:1–18    Ezekiel 36:16–17a, 18–28
Exodus 14:15–15:1    Romans 6:3–11
Isaiah 54:5–14    Psalm 118

Sunday, April 21st
(Easter Sunday)
Acts 10:34a, 37–43    Colossians 3:1–4
Psalm 118    John 20:1–9

NEW PARISHIONERS
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.
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.

MUSIC

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 18th
MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER – 7:00 PM
Duruflé Ubi caritas
Farrant Lord, for thy tender mercy’s sake
Tallis O sacrum convivium
Berger The eyes of all wait upon thee
12th c. Lament of Rachel

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19th
THREE HOURS DEVOTION
Noon – 3:00 PM
with Parish Community Choir, Training Choir II,
Middle School Choir & Omega Dance Company
Rutter Mass of the Children:
Little lamb, who made thee
Wilby Wondrous cross
arr. Warren Precious Lord, take my hand

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S PASSION
7:00 PM
Chant The Passion According to St. John
Casals O vos omnes
Sheppard In manus tuas

SATURDAY, APRIL 20th
SOLEMN VIGIL OF EASTER – 8:00 PM
Rossi Elohim hashiveinu
Palestrina Sicut cervus
Victoria Vidi aquam
Vaughan Williams Five Mystical Songs:
Antiphon, Easter
Widor 5ème Symphonie pour Orgue, Op. 42:
V. Toccata

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21st
10:30 AM MASS AND
12:00 NOON MASS (SOLEMN)
with Omega Dance Company (12:00 PM only)
Bliss Ceremonial prelude
Rutter Christ the Lord is risen again
Willan Rise up, my love
Widor 5ème Symphonie pour Orgue, Op. 42:
V. Toccata

10:30 AM WALLACE HALL FAMILY MASS
with Wallace Hall Choir & Omega Dance Company
Hampton Praise His Holy Name
Ray He Never Failed Me Yet
PARISH STAFF

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

Associate Pastors
Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.
Rev. Vincent B. Sullivan, S.J.

Assistant Pastor
Rev. Brian G. Konzman, S.J.

Senior Priest
Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J.

Pastoral Associates
Teresa Marie Cariño       Carly-Anne Gannon

Pastoral Assistant
Maureen Haley

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Daniel Beckwith       Maureen Haley
Robert Reuter          Philip Anderson
Michael Sheetz
Scott Warren, Director
Sara Murphy,
Executive Director of SMSS Concerts
Danya Katok, Administrator

Assistant to the Pastor
Diane M. Boyle

Administrative Assistant
Patricia Schneider

Communications Coordinator
Elizabeth O’Sullivan

Director of Facilities
Robert Cisternino

Asst. to the Director of Facilities
Caroline Fernandes

Director of Development
Erin Pick

Treasurer
Fernando Castro

Weekday Masses: Monday – Friday
8:30 AM, 12:10 PM, and 5:30 PM
No Weekday Masses Holy Thursday, Good Friday, or Holy Saturday

For Triduum Schedule, see page 5.

Easter Sunday Masses:
Sunday: 7:30 AM   Fr. Sullivan
         9:00 AM   Fr. Konzman
         10:30 AM  Fr. Bergen
Wallace Hall 10:30 AM  Fr. Hilbert
Solemn     12 Noon  Fr. Yesalonia

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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 santegidiousa@gmail.com.

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.

We pray for the faithful departed
William Gerard Moore
May he rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.