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Lent 7:00 & 9:00 a.m.
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Saturday 9:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 7:30, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.,
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& 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)
Weekday Holy Day Eve 7:30 p.m., 7:00 &
9:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon & 7:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism

Second & Fourth Sunday of the month - 2:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday - 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

Rectory Office Hours

Monday & Friday - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
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Organizations

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Cub Scouts	Rob Lavan	433-4773
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Girl Scouts	Colleen Tuzzolo	606-4772
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Knights of Columbus	Tom Gill	433-8067
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Martha's Guild	Anne Murphy	931-6784
Martha's Guild Rosary Makers	Mary Manning	965-6348
Men's Prayer Group	Doug Quinn	647-9252
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Ministry of Consolation	Pam Flanagan	938-9334
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If there are contact names and numbers on this list that need to be updated, please let us know so we can make the necessary changes.

The next issue of Community Connection

will be published in October.

Deadline for submission of articles is

September 9, 2014

I Am Very Grateful!

A Letter of Appreciation from Father Saul

Amazing! I have been here at St. Ignatius for two years. Time passes very fast. And the truth is that I also started to count down my last two years in this beautiful Church of Hicksville.

I came out of Africa to this community because of health problems and now that I feel better I am preparing to go back to the missions in April 2016. This is the reality of a missionary: An itinerant person, always traveling and passing through the world, ready to serve the needy, carrying only his backpack with the bare minimum you need to live and with what is necessary to fulfill its mission in the "Vine of Jesus of Nazareth."

In places of mission, I have almost always worked with non-Christians. What a different reality compared to Long Island. For example, talking about the place of prayer, the house of God, look at this beautiful and

sacred temple of St. Ignatius. It's a work of art. It was one of the first experiences that thrilled me when I got here. In the missions often we have to improvise a place for prayer or we would just meet with believers in the shade of a tree.

I want to take this opportunity through "Community Connection" to thank Father Jim and the Activities Committee for the Solemn Celebration and Reception prepared for my 25 years as a missionary priest. I was admired by many people who attended and many messages and gifts received that expressed the generosity and kindness of this beloved community. God continue to bless and reward you all with love. I really feel a part of a very nice family. I thank God and all of you.



Father Saul is congratulated at his celebratory Mass.



Father Saul is joined by Father Emmanuel and Father Jim as he gets ready to cut his two cakes.



Monsignor Tarrant Hall was filled with guests who gave their undivided attention to a film about the African missions.

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Father Saul

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Estoy Muy Agradecido!

Por Padre Saul

Increíble! Ya llevo dos años en San Ignacio. El tiempo pasa muy rápido. Y lo cierto es que también ya comenzaron a contar mis dos últimos años en esta Iglesia hermosa de Hicksville.

Salí del África para esta Comunidad por problemas de salud y me preparo para regresar a las misiones en Abril 2016. Esta es la realidad de un misionero: Es itinerante, siempre de paso por el mundo, listo para servir a los más necesitados, llevando sólo su mochila con lo mínimo para vivir y lo necesario para cumplir su misión en la "Viña de Jesús de Nazaret".

En los lugares de misión casi siempre he trabajado con gente no cristiana. Qué realidad tan diferente comparada con esta en Long Island. Hasta hablando del lugar de oración, de la casa de Dios; miremos este templo de San Ignacio tan sagrado, es una obra de arte. Fue una de las primeras experiencias que me emocionaron cuando llegué aquí. Pues en las misiones muchas veces tenemos que improvisar un lugar para la oración o simplemente nos reunimos con los creyentes a la sombra de un árbol.

Quiero aprovechar este medio informativo, "Community Connection", para agradecer de nuevo la Celebración Solemne y la Recepción tan linda que el Comité de Festejos preparó para mis 25 años como sacerdote misionero. Quedé admirado con tantas personas que asistieron y tantos detalles y regalos recibidos que expresaron la generosidad y bondad de esta comunidad tan querida. Dios los siga bendiciendo y les recompense todo su amor.



Me siento realmente en medio de una familia muy amable. Doy gracias a Dios y a todos ustedes.



St. Ignatius Loyola 17th Annual Golf Outing

Tuesday, May 27th was the date of another very successful golf outing to benefit St. Ignatius Loyola Parish. Again this year we joined forces with Our Lady of Mercy Parish to share the course and to have

absolutely perfect. The Woodlands provided us with a delicious breakfast before starting and hamburgers and hot dogs were the fare for lunch. A wonderful cocktail party and dinner were held at the Woodlands at the Town of Oyster Bay Golf Course. During the evening a silent auction was held for a variety of items. Also there were raffle prizes donated by many local merchants. A special thank you to Maria Pitonza, Joan Gonzalez and Angela Pelligrino who worked so hard to put together a beautiful array of gift baskets. Our parishioner Mike

Thank you to the golfers and the sponsors for their support of this annual event. A special thank you to the volunteers who contributed countless hours to make the St. Ignatius 17th Annual Golf Outing so successful. All the proceeds of the Golf Classic are for the benefit St. Ignatius Loyola Parish. Thank you also to Our Lady of Mercy Golf committee members, especially Frank Alfieri and Mike Kenney. It was a real pleasure work with you again on this joint venture.

Once again we have had a fun year of working together for the



Photos left to right: Frank Alfieri (OLM) and Don Cleary going over last minute details; volunteers John Flanagan and Rich Burg; Father Jim with committee members Mary Ann Lang and Peggy Gill.

one dinner for the benefit of both parishes. Father Jim, Monsignor Thom Costa and Father Marty Klein from Our Lady of Mercy spent their day in a golf cart driving to each hole to check on the progress of play and to see if the volunteers needed anything. St. Ignatius was fortunate to have a number of priests associated with the parish to play in the event. Monsignor John Alesandro, Father Douglas Arcoleo and Father John Fitzgerald played in a foursome with Don Cleary. The weather was

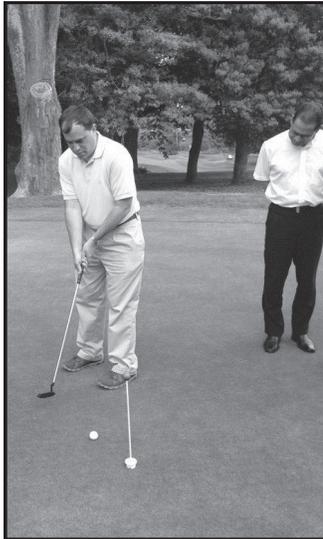
Tuzzolo won the early bird raffle of \$500. One of our parishioners, Janet Ficke had an exceptional day. Her group started on hole #12 and her first shot landed her 20 inches from the hole! That helped her to win the trifecta for that hole. As the day continued, her table managed to win numerous prizes in the raffle and to top off her perfect day, Janet won the 50/50 raffle of over \$1,700! The entire event netted a profit to the parish approximately \$12,000.

benefit of St. Ignatius. The Golf Committee will resume meetings again in November to plan for the 2015 Golf Classic. Anyone interested in joining the committee does not have to possess any knowledge of the game. We are always looking to increase the number of committee members to help with preparations before the outing or on the day of the outing. For more information, call the rectory at 931-0056 and leave a message for Don Cleary.

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Golf Outing:

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(Left) Father Saul looks on as Father Jim takes his shot during the "Pastor Putt-off."

(Above) Father Jim, Mike Kenney (OLM) and Monsignor Thom Costa at the end of the contest, which ended in a tie.

Some of Our Golfers . . .



Ed Sottile (2nd from left), Mike Tuzzolo (far right) and friends



Matt Lohman, Steven Lohman, Janet Ficke and Rick Powers

At the Dinner . . .



At the dinner: Father Saul, Seminarian William Cassese and Father Jim



Parishioners Janet Ficke, Rita Bergin and Lois Smith



The ladies who helped at the check in table: Joanne Mulligan, Joan Geitner, Mary Ann Lang and Helen Cleary



Monsignor John Alessandro, Don Cleary, Father John Fitzgerald and Father Douglas Arcoleo

A Night of Recollection with Father Charles and Laurie Mangano

by Virginia Da Silva



Father Charles Mangano, Pastor of Curé of Ars Church in Merrick, had his life changed as a senior in college when he had an incredible experience of our Lady. He felt her presence in his heart, telling him to “stop all his running around, stop being anxious and let her prove his vocation to him.” In awe, he knew he had to apply for the seminary with the confidence that Mary was going to show him the way.

Once ordained a priest, and following the guidance of the Virgin Mary, he was led to spread God’s word through his gift of music, and started the Music Ministry, Mater Dei- or, Mother of God as he was led by our Lady that this is what Jesus wanted done.

Coming from a musical family and knowing how his sister Laurie, who is married and with children of her own, also loved music, was hence started the “Father Charles and Laurie Mangano Nights of Recollection” as our Pastor, Fr. Jim so graciously had our parish of St. Ignatius enjoy during this Easter Season.

The evening was a true gift, the altar was set up in our Church for their performance of spiritual songs explaining, understanding and praising God, Jesus and our Blessed Mother Mary. Their music was carefully chosen to coordinate with the following scriptures teaching us about *God’s Divine Providence*:

1) Isaiah 43: 1-5....do not be afraid, I am with you...you are mine...I love you. 2) Ezekiel 34: 11-16 I myself shall take care of my flock... 3) Jeremiah 29: 11-14 For I know well the plans I have in mind for you... 4) Matthew 6:25-34 Do not worry about your life ... Additional scripture passages on the handout sheet were also offered for our prayers.

The voices of both Father Charles and Laurie were so powerful, the chemistry between them showed the strong sibling bond that touched my heart making me think of my two children’s special bond and a special song they share together at family events. I was getting goose bumps as they sang different songs and turned and faced the Holy Eucharist and then

raised their arms up to the crucifix in our Church. There was no denying to see that they both sing from their hearts, mean the words they sing and *all is for the greater glory of God*.

During the break, the audience was asked to write special intentions on small pieces of paper, which were placed in two large hollowed-out books that looked like old Bibles. They were then closed and placed on the altar where Father Charles prayed over them. It was just such a solemn moment.

Both Father Charles and Laurie sang individually as well as in a duet. I was touched by one particular song that Laurie sang which hit my heart as I too, have been blessed with elderly

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Catholic Daughters of America News

We are inviting women from age 19 and up to join us at our CDA meeting at 7:00 P.M. on the second Thursday of the month, from September through June, at St. Ignatius Loyola Old School Cafeteria. Refreshments are served by our Hospitality Committee. You will meet our members who give their time, talent, and treasures generously despite their hectic schedules. See you there!

June is the month when funds we raised during the year are appropriated to different charitable institutions that include our own St. Ignatius Loyola Church and Human Services of our Parish. June 12, 2014 highlighted by the celebration of Holy Mass at St. Ignatius Loyola by our Chaplain Father Jim, marked the installation of Officers elected to serve for the

next term from September 2014 to June 2016. They are: Noreen O'Donnell-Crayne as Regent, Maria Petsche as Vice-Regent, Carol Dougherty as Treasurer, Kathleen Doyle as Financial Secretary, and Kathy Balnis as Recording Secretary. Congratulations!

Celebrating the Court's 90th Anniversary on May 4, 2014 was a great success. Our current Chaplain Father James Stachacz celebrated the

Holy Mass at St. Ignatius Church. Our past Chaplain, Monsignor Donald T. Bennett concelebrated. Barbara Cheslock and Karen Werner sharing their time, talent, and treasure as co-chairs, with the help of



The Court's members at the 90th Anniversary Mass and with Father Jim and Monsignor Bennett.

other members, did a wonderful job preparing for the event. A light refreshment was served at Monsignor Tarrant Hall after the Mass. Prayer cards were also given out as souvenirs of the occasion.

Winners of the Annual Education Contest were given certificates and cash prizes on our May 8, 2014 meeting at the Old School Cafeteria. We are happy to say that the place was



Kathleen Doyle, Financial Secretary; Maria Petsche, Vice Regent; Noreen O'Donnell Crayne, Regent; Carol Dougherty, Treasurer; not present - Katherine Balnis, Recording Secretary



Contest winners Barbara Cheslock, June Garger and Ana Marie Esguerra

filled to capacity by parents and guests who had a fun time applauding and congratulating those who won. Among the winners in the Adult Group are members of our Court.

June Garger won First Place in Poetry, Ana Marie Esguerra won First Place in Photography, and Barbara Cheslock won Second Place in Photography. All three winners received Certificates of Achievement and cash prizes

from CDA #869. Ana Marie Esguerra also received a New York State Certificate for winning First Place in the New York State Education

Contest in Adult

Photography. Some of the children also won in the NY State Contest. Congratulations to all the winners! The Annual Baby Shower usually takes place at the May meeting where donations of baby items and cash are received. Debbie Costello, our chairperson, takes care of distributing them equally to Birth Right and to the Life Center. We greatly appreciate the kindness and generosity of everyone who



Education contest winners

participates in this project.

Let us take some time to say, "Thank You" to Ellen Lentini who served six years as Regent, to Gloria Schreiber who served four years as Vice-Regent, to all those who served as chairpersons and co-chairpersons, and to everyone who makes every year a success for Our Court Queen of Angels. We are looking forward to more years of sharing our time, talents, and treasures.

Father Charles

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parents celebrating close to the same years of marriage that their parents are. When Laurie was 9 years old, her mother lost her own mother, and was having a great deal of trouble dealing with her Mom having left her. Not knowing what to say to make her feel better, Laurie said to her Mom that she won't leave her and sang to her the song her grandfather sang to her grandmother, "MAMA." I do not think there was a dry eye in the church as Laurie sang this song in

both English and Italian to her mother who was sitting in the audience with her father. Even Father Charles said: "WOW, WOW, WOW!"

My simple article can not do them justice, this is something you need to see, hear and experience in person! I am truly looking forward to attending their benefit concert "Under the Stars" at Jones Beach Band Shell, Monday July 28, 2014, benefitting "The Life Center of Long Island." The concert begins

at 7:00 p.m. and it also features the June Claire Dancers, and musical talents of Peter Stanganelli and Frank Redo. There will be a free will donation at the door. Imagine, with their performances and musical CDs, they have raised over \$370,000 for charities!

Visit their website for their schedule of events and information on their CDs—
www.fathercharleslaurie.com

Parishioner News

“Girls That Give Back” Continues to Make a Difference

In 2011 Samantha Christiana, a St. Ignatius Loyola parishioner and student in our Religious Education program, founded a group called “Girls That Give Back.” This group of girls, ranging from ages 10 to 14 years old, helps other kids in need by raising money through collecting recyclables, purchasing toys and donating them to the less fortunate. In 2014, 13-year-old Samantha’s group is still going strong.

In December of 2011 the group donated six bags of toys to the Cohen’s Children’s Hospital

at North Shore LIJ. Samantha has continued to collect recyclables to raise money and has even donated a portion of her own money to help the cause. After researching various organizations on-line, she decided this time to donate the toys and money to the K.I.D.S. (Kids in Distressed Situations) Organization. K.I.D.S. has 800 partner agencies nationwide helping children in need around the world. A representative from K.I.D.S. picked up the toy and monetary donations, which will go to Lighthouse Outreach



Ministries, a non-profit organization located in Copiague, New York. This ministry assists children and low-income families in Queens. It is wonderful to see that our youth continues to lead the way to create a brighter future for us all.



Eagle Scouts Award

Michael with Gary Murphy and Ben Lupo

On May 27th, Michael Crayne became St. Ignatius Loyola Troop 382’s 34th Eagle Scout. The road to Eagle is a long journey that involves many accomplishments, challenges, and people. Michael’s project involved many hours of work and effort to help the facilities at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish. He was able to coordinate

and direct crews to paint the walls surrounding Monsignor Tarrant Hall, in the old school building, as well as the lobby and stairwells. Chroma Paint generously donated the paint to assist Michael with his Eagle project. He also put a team together to install seven new parking bumpers by the Monsignor Bitterman garden on the south side of St. Ignatius Loyola Church.

Sam Potente, who owns a cement company here in Hicksville, generously donated the parking bumpers to help Michael with his project.

Additionally, Michael supervised a crew to make two small planters to place in front of the Blessed Mother statue by the convent. Meyer’s Farms donated the soil and flowers

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Eagle Scouts Honored

Matthew Starks, Vincent Lant and Matthew Koprowski, members of our parish Boy Scout Troop 382, have recently become Eagle Scouts, the highest rank in the Boy Scouts of America. Matt Starks and Matt Koprowski will graduate from Hicksville High School in June. Matt S. will be attending Binghamton University, Matt K. Adelphi University. Vinny is currently a sophomore at Saint Dominic High School in Oyster Bay. To earn this coveted rank, a Scout must earn a minimum of 21 merit badges, advance through six earlier ranks, demonstrate leadership ability and complete a major community service project. During their Scouting careers, Matt Starks earned 34 merit badges, Vinny Lant 56 and Matt Koprowski 46. They all have held numerous leadership positions and are currently active members of the troop.

They all led teams of Scouts, friends and adults in performing their Eagle Scout Community

Service Projects. Matt Starks performed his for the Jericho Jewish Center. They build a Genizah, which is a shed-like structure used as a holding area for religious items that are awaiting a proper cemetery burial. They also enhanced the Holocaust Memorial Garden with assorted flowering plants. This work was greatly appreciated by the members of the Center.

Vinny and Matt Koprowski performed their projects for the Gregory Museum right here in Hicksville. Vinny's teams removed two old park benches, excavated the surrounding ground, installed pavers and built two new mahogany benches. They also built a new frame for a museum sign, added plantings and landscaping rocks.

Matt Koprowski's teams removed all of the decking from the front porch, which was deteriorated, and replaced it with new mahogany wood. The entire



Vincent Lant, Matthew Starks and Matthew Koprowski

deck was then painted in the original color. They also sanded and prepped the porch columns before applying fresh coats of paint.

These improvements greatly enhanced the outdoor experiences of the many visitors to the museum. In all hundreds of man-hours were devoted to the completion of each of the projects.

On June 1st, an Eagle Scout Court of Honor was held for them in Monsignor Tarrant Hall. Father Jim, Deacon Mais, and Tony Condrón attended and represented the parish, along with local dignitaries, friends, relatives and their very proud families.

Michael Crayne

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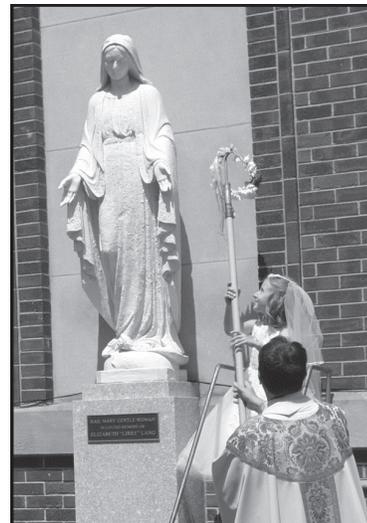
for the planters. He was able to purchase many of the supplies needed thanks to the generosity of the parishioners who donated to this project after Michael spoke at the Masses in the parish. Any left

over funds are donated back to the parish. Many thanks to all those who gave of their time, talent, or treasure to assist with yet another Eagle Project from Troop 382 that helped St. Ignatius Loyola.

Parish Events & News

May Crowning

On May 18th, First Holy Communicants, the Youth Choir, the Knights of Columbus Color Guard and parishioners joined together for the Annual May Crowning of Our Blessed Mother Mary. The children participated in the Mass by bringing up the offertory gifts. After the outdoor procession one child was chosen to crown Mary. Thank you to all who participated!

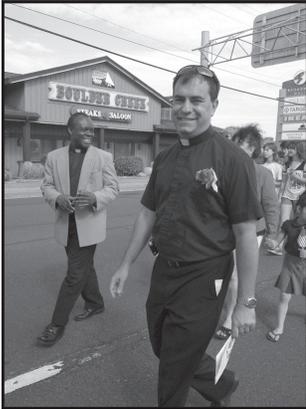


CYO Service Award

At the annual CYO basketball awards ceremony on May 12th, Kevin Carroll presented Maria Pitonza with the Al Stippell Memorial Award for her many years of dedication, commitment, service and support to the St. Ignatius CYO program and its players. Congratulations Maria!



Parish Pride at the Hicksville Memorial Day Parade



Top: The Cub Scouts wait for the parade to start; Father Ben and Father Jim march past the mall; the CYO boys teams stop for a photo; all the Boy Scouts converge for the parade.

Middle: Men of the Joseph Barry Council Catholic War Veterans; all three Hicksville parishes represented: Father Frank Zero and Father Gerard Gentleman of Holy Family, Father Jim and Father Ben from SIL, Monsignor Thom Costa from Our Lady of Mercy; Father Jim gives the Benediction at the service following the parade.

Bottom: The Malerba family representing Boy Scouts and CYO sports.

Remember Me?

Long-time parishioner John Bishop (second from right) is doing well now at Harbor House in Oyster Bay. He recently had a visit from his buddies (l-r) Paul Kraus, John Flanagan and Bill White.



Gustavo Llerena Inspires St. Ignatius Loyola Parishioners

Submitted by Virginia Da Silva

Gustavo Llerena is a singer, song writer, author and Catholic lay preacher from Peru, who has been amongst our St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, twice, providing a better understanding of the word of God, as he has received since he had his encounter with the Lord.

The first event, in Monsignor Tarrant Hall, here

Gustavo has devoted his life to spreading the word of God throughout the world. He credits the Lord for curing him of his stuttering, which was the result of a traumatic accident when he was a child. With his community of the "Living Christ Missionaries," he travels throughout Peru with the "Cristo Movil /Mobile Church of Christ." He has a Catholic TV show on the internet, Catholic, Live Your Faith" with an audience of 50,000 viewers globally. He has also composed 53 spiritual CDs.

in St. Ignatius Loyola was attended by several hundred people, making it seem like a sea of people all the way to the end of the hall. Both Father Jim and Father Saul were in attendance, with Father Saul displaying the Blessed Sacrament. So much to tell, but I will limit this article to his main messages. 1) When we pray to God asking for something, **we need to believe with all our heart that God will do it**, then while we wait for God to do things in **His** time, we pray **trusting in God, and thanking Him that we received it**. He said it is very important to believe with conviction,



if we keep praying for the same thing over and over again than we are doubting that it will happen. You pray once, trust with your whole heart, and continue praying in thanksgiving. 2) Gustavo is only a vehicle, like the donkey carrying Jesus into town on Palm Sunday. **Only God** heals, not man.

I was impressed at the second event, held at the Knights of Columbus, Hicksville, again attended by several hundred people; seeing men saying the decades of the Rosary, up front, leading men in the audience to participate as well. Gustavo's messages were: 1) We need to nourish our faith daily, equal to as many times as we nourish our body. 2) Doubt kills faith. 3) First we need to believe to see results, not the other way around. 4) Importance of praying: a) Holy Eucharist, b) Lauds, c) The Holy Rosary. We are thankful to have him visit our parish.



Gustavo Llerena Inspira la Comunidad de San Ignacio de Loyola

Presentado por Virginia Da Silva

Gustavo Llerena es un cantante, compositor, autor y predicador laico católico de Perú, quien ha venido a nuestra Parroquia de San Ignacio de Loyola, dos veces, proporcionándonos una mejor comprensión de la Palabra de Dios, como él ha recibido desde su encuentro con el Señor.

Al primer evento, en el auditorio, aquí en San Ignacio de Loyola, asistieron varios centenares de personas, que parecía un mar de gente desde el frente hasta el final de la sala. El Padre James y el Padre Saúl estuvieron presentes; el P. Saúl hizo la exposición del Santísimo Sacramento. Tanto que contar, no obstante, me voy a limitar en este artículo a sus principales mensajes. 1) Cuando oramos a Dios para pedir algo, **TENEMOS QUE CREER CON TODO NUESTRO CORAZÓN QUE DIOS LO HARÁ**; luego, mientras esperamos que Dios nos conceda lo que le pedimos a su tiempo, oramos **CONFIANDO EN DIOS, LE AGRADECEREMOS LO QUE HEMOS RECIBIDO**. Gustavo dijo que es muy importante creer con convicción; si seguimos orando por la misma cosa una y otra vez, entonces dudamos de que vaya a suceder. Oramos una vez, confiamos con todo el corazón, y continua-



mos orando en acción de gracias. 2) Gustavo es sólo un vehículo, al igual que el burrito llevando a Jesús a la ciudad el Domingo de Ramos. **"SÓLO DIOS"** cura, no un hombre.

Me impresionó mucho en el segundo evento, celebrado en el auditorio de los Caballeros de Colón, Hicksville, nuevamente con la presencia de varios cientos de personas, viendo los hombres rezando las decenas del Rosario, en el frente, invitando a todos los hombres presentes a participar. Los mensajes de Gustavo fueron: 1) Necesitamos alimentar nuestra fe cada día, tantas veces, como alimentamos nuestro cuerpo. 2) La duda mata nuestra fe. 3) Primero tenemos que creer para poder ver resultados, y no al revés. 4) La importancia de la oración: a) Eucaristía. b) laudes. c) El Santo Rosario. Estamos muy agradecidos por su visita a nuestra parroquia.

Gustavo ha dedicado su vida a la difusión de la Palabra de Dios en todo el mundo. Él le atribuye al Señor la curación de su tartamudez, que fue el resultado de un accidente traumático cuando era un niño. Con su comunidad de los "Misioneros de Cristo Vivo", recorre el Perú con el "Cristo Móvil y la Iglesia Móvil de Cristo". Él tiene también un programa de televisión católica en internet, "Católico, vive tu fe" con una audiencia de 50.000 espectadores globalmente. También ha compuesto 53 Cds espirituales.