



# CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA

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“ Building a Community of Disciples ”

April 27, 2008

Sixth Sunday of Easter

## Faith in Christ . . . Beginning of a Lifelong Adventure

Five weeks ago 18 people were received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Nine adults were baptized, four came into full communion with the Church, and five Roman Catholics completed their full initiation into Catholic faith. In the spirit of this glorious Easter Season, several of the new Catholics here graciously share something of their sacred and delightful stories. . . .

**Sonya Choo** - I can't believe that Easter Sunday has come and gone and now I am an official Catholic! It seemed like such a long process, but in retrospect, time flew by. We, newbie Catholics and veteran Catholics, are all on a lifelong journey of faith.

My attraction to Catholic faith began at the age of 9 during a year at St. Clare's School. I was in awe of the stories of saints and became curious about the rituals of the church. Time passed and I grew skeptical of organized religion and about most things in general. Recently though, I felt that I needed some spiritual grounding. At the suggestion of my sister, who had gone through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), I decided to explore Catholicism.

How did I choose to come to this Parish? It was a combination of St. Ignatius Loyola's well organized website, (found via a Google search) and the church's proximity to where I lived. I'd like to think that God works in both practical and mysterious ways, though, because it was Father Blaszczak's explanation that I loved the most. He said that, "We didn't go searching for God, but God was searching for us."

Each week we were welcomed and often joked that we came for the cookies, but left with a greater understanding of the

Scriptures, Catholicism and ourselves. I truly valued the unique perspectives each of our instructors gave us, how open they were to our questioning and their support throughout the process. I am grateful for my sponsor Ansley, who

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also became a Catholic at St. Ignatius Loyola. She provided me with another perspective and a great source of support and strength.

At the beginning I didn't think I 'knew enough' nor was 'good enough' to become Catholic. Gradually I gained more understanding of Catholicism today and I was put at ease. For the first time

in my life, I actually looked forward to going to church. I took away a lesson from each homily to apply to my life and received a newfound sense of strength and peace. I also looked forward to going to Mass together with my fellow RCIA students. It felt comforting to know that we were all going through the same thing and we were equally confused as to when to sit, stand or kneel. We have formed friendships that will last.

The highlight of my journey of faith was my Baptism and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. I was now officially Catholic and could receive the Eucharist. I was overjoyed at sharing the experience with the whole group, the Parish community and my family. I can't properly put into words the feeling of welcome and warmth I felt when our entire group was applauded by the Parish. It was the end of our formal instruction, but the beginning of a lifelong journey of faith in Christ.



Anonymous American 18th Century American  
*Christ on the Road to Emmaus*, c.1725/1730

Jenny Atwood - I was raised as a non-denominational Christian. Neither of my parents were religious so I went to different churches with my friends (Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopalian, Mormon). At that time I prayed often that I would discover the true religion for me. Soon after I did: it is indeed Catholicism. At that time I left for college and began attending Catholic services at our campus church.

During the next four years I discovered a great love and devotion for the Catholic faith and really cherished the experience of attending Mass. Upon graduation this past spring, I moved to New York. One Saturday evening I realized that I was, without a doubt, ready to become a Catholic. I searched for a church near me, found St. Ignatius Loyola, and attended Mass the following morning. I found this Church to be the perfect fit for what I was looking for. These past months have been an incredible journey and such a spiritual enlightenment. I thank the Parish community, the team leaders, my fellow RCIA class, and -- most importantly -- God for this opportunity of discovery.

Amy Wu - A number of winters ago, a friend brought me to Christmas Eve Mass at St. Ignatius Loyola. I remember being overwhelmed with awe when I walked into the church. The experience was warm and magical—the music, the organ, lights, stained glass windows brought out the festivity of the season.

Then last year I returned to New York City to work and moved into the neighborhood. I returned to St. Ignatius with my friend and started attending a few Masses on Sunday evenings. Inside the church, surrounded by the beauty of its architecture and history, engulfed by music and community, I found a second home of sorts. In these past eight months, I have had a chance to move closer to God, the church and the community. Maybe it was the music, the grand organ, the beauty of the church, and the kindness of its people that brought me here, but it led me to a much deeper journey -- teaching me lessons about faith, opening myself up to others, being a part of a community, learning to trust and for the first time in my life making a commitment. It is not a bad start.



Center: Theresa Sanders (with sponsor Therese Sweeney) is confirmed by Fr. William Bergen, SJ. Foreground, left is Elaine Zinn

Theresa Frances Sanders - My Mother was from a large Italian Catholic family. She married a Methodist. They decided to marry in Mom's Church but the kids were to be raised in Dad's Church. In May 2002 at my Mother's funeral, in a beautiful Catholic church, my relatives could receive the Eucharist, but I could not. I was heartbroken and embarrassed because I wasn't a Catholic like my Mother and her family.

A few years later, I moved across the street from St. Ignatius into an apartment overlooking the school. One day walking home I saw a sign on the front of the church that read: "Interested in Becoming Catholic?" I copied down the phone number and called the next day.

Once the inquiry process began, I loved going to the 11:00 AM Mass and sitting in the front row. I am very proud to be a Catholic after months of studying. The Easter Vigil was an amazing experience. I hope to participate more fully in my new Church. I want to thank my sponsor, Terry Sweeney, the Parish, and the RCIA team who are so dedicated.

As we heard at the beginning of this essay, "We, Newbie Catholics and veteran Catholics, are all on a lifelong journey of faith." Let us continue our adventure together as Church with and in Christ our Light and Hope!

**Maureen Fullam, Director  
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

## TODAY

### SACRED MUSIC IN A SACRED SPACE

**Sunday, April 27th at 4:00PM** Renée Anne Louprette will present an exciting organ recital program of works by Bach, Titelouze, Couperin, Isoir, Franck, Dupré, Messiaen and Tournemire, in celebration of the 15th Anniversary of our N.P. Mander Pipe Organ. Tickets are \$20 or \$15 for students and seniors, and are available at the door.

**8:30PM Sunday Social.** All are welcome; Hosted by the Ignatian Young Adults.

### APRIL'S END

**Tuesday, April 29, at 6:30PM** - Dinner for Volunteers to celebrate the end of our 2007-2008 Shelter Season. Let's celebrate together the closing of another successful shelter season. If you can attend, please RSVP to the Parish House at: 212-288-3588 by Thursday, April 24th. Looking forward to seeing you!

*Pattie Hughes, President, St. Vincent DePaul Society  
Chris Halem and Donna Signorelli, Shelter Coordinators.*



## ASCENSION THURSDAY

**Wednesday, April 30,  
5:30PM (Anticipated Mass)  
Thursday, May 1, 8:30AM,  
12:10PM\*, 5:30PM\*, 7:30PM\*  
\*Organ and Cantor**

**Wednesday, April 30, at 7PM** St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting. All are welcome.

### MAY HIGHLIGHTS

**Thursday, May 1, 3-5PM** God's Club

**Saturday, May 3, 2PM** Saints & Sinners Softball League. St. Ignatius plays in Central Park, Great Lawn. Games also scheduled for May 10, 17 at 4PM. All games are on Field 7.

**3:30PM** Bible Study for Ignatian Young Adults. Continues Saturdays through May 10. Please contact Brian Pinter at [brianpinter28@yahoo.com](mailto:brianpinter28@yahoo.com) for information.

**Sunday, May 4, at 3 PM** - Annual Spring Liturgical Music Concert. Free will offering will be taken. See this bulletin for more details.

**5:30PM** The Ignatian Young Adults will be hosting a talk by Andi Hlabse, a Jesuit novice of Detroit, who has been living here in the Parish for the past two months. Andi will be speaking about his experiences as a Catholic working with the World Youth Alliance in New York City.

**Wednesday, May 7 at 6:30PM** Ministry Night Supper Social for parishioners in Ministry at St. Ignatius. - for further details and reply form see this bulletin or download from our website.

## ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA DAY NURSERY ANNUAL SPRING BENEFIT

Friday, May 9, 2008  
At Tavern on the Green  
"The Crystal Room"



Live Auction     Silent Auction  
Raffle Prizes     Dinner Dance

Tickets: \$175 per person  
Persons over 21 are welcome

For further information call: 212.734.6427 or 212.734.0372

*Invitations are available at the Parish House*

### CHILDREN'S CHOIR AUDITIONS IN MAY!

The St. Ignatius Loyola Children's Choir will hold informal auditions for the 2008-09 season (entering 1st-8th graders) on Monday, May 12, and Tuesday, May 13, 3:15-4:30 PM in the Meeting Room. There is no preparation necessary for the audition. For further information please contact Mary Huff, Director of Children's Choirs, at 646-981-2633.

**Tuesday, May 13, at 2PM** The most Important Work May Begin After You Retire - Ignatian Volunteer Corps Recruitment Session. For information contact Elizabeth McMahan 201.618.6924 or 212.234.2848. You may also visit online at [www.jvcusa.org](http://www.jvcusa.org).

**Wednesday, May 14, at 7PM** St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting. All are welcome.

### SPRING DE-CLUTTERING - MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR "HOUR CHILDREN"

On Sunday, May 18, from 10:30 AM to 1 PM the Hour Children truck will be parked outside St. Ignatius. Please donate your unwanted (lightly used) Clothing (all kinds), Kitchen Things, Knick-Knacks and Small Furniture. Your donation will help transitional families at Sr. Teresa Fitzgerald's Hour Children residences ([www.HourChildren.org](http://www.HourChildren.org)) in Queens. This project is sponsored by Ignatian Social Justice and the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

*The Parish Ministry Council cordially invites St. Ignatius parishioners in Ministry to ~*



# ***Ministry Night*** ***Wednesday, May 7, at 6:30PM***

***Our Annual Supper Social***  
*An opportunity for Parishioners in Ministry to socialize together.*



***Great Food....***  
***Lively Conversation...***  
***Building Community...***

***Church of St. Ignatius Loyola***  
***Wallace Hall***

***Please enter at the Parish House at 980 Park Avenue***

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*Please Print*

***To RSVP please return this portion to the Parish House by mail, by hand, e-mail  
church@stignatiusloyola.org or call (212) 288-3588 by Monday, May 5***

***Thank you!***

\_\_\_\_\_ ***Yes, I will attend the Ministry Night on Wednesday, May 7, 2008***

***Your Name(s):*** \_\_\_\_\_

***Your Ministry(s):*** \_\_\_\_\_

***Your Telephone:*** \_\_\_\_\_ ***Email:*** \_\_\_\_\_

THE CHURCH of ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA *presents*

*A joyful spring concert  
of choral works by  
Bach, Bassi, Britten, Franck, Marcello,  
Mendelssohn, Purcell  
and more...*

**Be Joyful!**

Sunday, May 4, 2008 at 3 p.m.

**Directed by**

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MARY HUFF  
& ROBERT REUTER

**Featuring**

The Parish Community Choir,  
Canticum Sacrum,  
and the Children's Choirs  
of St. Ignatius Loyola

at The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola • 980 Park Avenue at 84th Street • New York City

For information, call the St. Ignatius Loyola Music Office at 212-288-3588. No tickets are required.

*A free will offering will be taken.*

## OF INTEREST TO OUR PARISHIONERS



### PLEASE CONSIDER YOUR GIFT TO **THE CARDINAL'S APPEAL**

more information can be found online at: [www.cardinalsappeal.org](http://www.cardinalsappeal.org)

The 2008 Cardinal's Appeal is in its final stages in our Parish. Next weekend is Commitment Weekend. At all Masses, you will have an opportunity to make your commitment to the Appeal. The Appeal is a vital source of funding for the programs and ministries that sustain the parishes across our Archdiocese. Thank you for considering a sacrificial pledge to the 2008 Appeal.

#### **How to Make a Gift**


- Please make a check payable to The Cardinal's Appeal and note the parish name in the memo section (Church of St. Ignatius Loyola)
- Drop off the check in the collection basket or at the Parish House, or mail it to 2008 Cardinal's Appeal, 1011 First Ave., New York, NY 10022.
- Make your gift online at [www.cardinalsappeal.org](http://www.cardinalsappeal.org)



**HEAR YE! HEAR YE!** In response to requests for better hearing devices, and through the generosity of an anonymous donor, we are introducing a wireless hearing assistance system to the Church and to Wallace Hall. The system consists of a head set with an accompanying device that will allow Masses in the church and lectures in Wallace Hall to be heard at amplified volume. If you are interested in using one of these devices, please see the sacristan 15 minutes before Mass, or a staff person before a lecture in Wallace Hall. We ask that you sign them in and out so that we can keep track of all the devices.

**PARISHIONERS RETURN TO POLAND** Some St. Ignatius Loyola parishioners are once again returning to Poland this summer to volunteer at an orphanage associated with the Jesuits. All wishing to donate to the orphanage program, which cares for nearly 100 children, should address their checks to the New York Province of the Society of Jesus at 39 East 83 Street and specify that the contribution is for the Polish orphanage. The donations will then be forwarded to the Jesuit Province in Poland.

**A THANK YOU!** The students, faculty and staff of the New York Nativity Centers are very grateful to all in the St. Ignatius Loyola Parish who supported their 2008 Annual Awards Celebration on March 12 and made it such a success. The event raised \$450,000 in much needed funds for these three Jesuit middle schools that serve children in New York City's poorest neighborhoods. Please visit the organization's website, [www.nynativity.org](http://www.nynativity.org), for a look at some great photos. Thank you!

 **THE ART OF MOVEMENT CLASSES FOR ALL AGES** Do you have old injuries, arthritis, special movement difficulties or trouble sleeping? This class is especially designed for you. Stimulating activities expand the range of movement and help with balance, coordination and the alleviation of pain. Every Wednesday 9 AM – 10 AM in Wallace Hall. \$10 per session, but enjoy your first session for FREE. Everyone is welcome.

## OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES

**BOOK SIGNING RECEPTION "The Bicentennial History of the Archdiocese of New York"** for Priest-in-Residence, Monsignor Thomas J. Shelley Sunday, April 27, 4-6PM in the Rochester Room, at Church of St. Thomas More, 65 East 89 Street. "*This new work is a treasure about which we will be proud through the years ahead.*" - Edward Cardinal Egan, Archbishop of New York.

**CABARET NIGHT** - An invitation from our neighbors, St. Vincent Ferrer-St. James School Committee! Wednesday, April 30, 6:30PM-8:30PM. A night of music, art and fun with performances by Mark Bani and the St. James School Choir. Mingle with friends, family. Questions? Please contact Sarah at 212.267.9289 or [sarah.usmani@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.usmani@gmail.com).

**HISTORY OF THE ARCHDIOCESE** - To mark the closing of the Archdiocese's 200th jubilee, Father Anthony Andreassi, a specialist in the history of Catholicism in the USA will lecture at Holy Family Church, 315 East 47 Street, at 6:30PM on Monday, May 5. The talk will focus on some "moments" in the history of the Church in New York by looking at men and women whose lives amplified the experience of countless others and whose stories can still inspire us. Fr. Andreassi holds a Ph.D. in history from Georgetown University and presently teaches at Regis High School.

**CATHOLICS IN NEW YORK: 1808-1946 Museum of the City of New York - May 16-December 31, 2008.** This exhibit explores the social and political history of the diverse group of people who established the formidable Catholic presence in New York. The exhibition, the first of its kind, traces Catholics' growth from a tiny religious minority to a powerful force in the city and shows how, by organizing to build their own communities, institutions, and political organizations, Catholics reshaped the fabric of life in all five boroughs. The museum is located at 1220 Fifth Avenue at 103rd Street. 212.534.1672. Visit: [www.mcny.org/catholics](http://www.mcny.org/catholics).



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## BULLETIN BOARD

### BLOOD DRIVE TODAY

Church of St. Monica, 413 East 79 Street  
Sunday, April 27, 9:30AM-2PM  
212.288.6250 *Remember to eat a healthy meal  
and drink plenty of water before donating.*



### Cathedral of Saint Patrick Young Adults

(Ministry for young adults in their 20s  
and 30s) present a movie night: *Padre Pio  
- Miracle Man*, Monday, April 28th, 6:30-  
8:30PM. We will be showing Part One of  
this incredible film on the life of St. Padre  
Pio, the Franciscan friar who bore the stig-  
mata for 50 years. On the occasion of his  
90th anniversary of receiving the stigmata  
and his 40th death anniversary, his body  
is being exhumed in Italy. Please rsvp to  
info@cspya.org.



St. Jean's Players at 167 East 75 Street  
*presents*

### A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC

Music & Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim  
Book by Hugh Wheeler

Directed & Conducted by Razy Jordan  
Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays May 8-10 and  
15-17 at 8PM; Sundays May 11 & 18 at 3PM  
Tickets: \$18 Adults; \$9 Seniors/Children to  
age 18. Advanced sales: SMARTTIX or call:  
212.868.4444.



**Pilgrimage to Italy and the Vatican** with  
Fr. Michael J. Sullivan of St. Patrick's  
Cathedral: October 15-23, 2008. Visit Flor-  
ence, Tuscany, Assisi, Siena, Rome,, Vatican  
Museums, Sistine Chapel, Coliseum and  
more... Includes flights, hotels, most meals  
and guides, \$3026 pp double plus tax and  
tips. Call for brochure: 212.810.7567 or  
e-mail: Vincent2275@hotmail.com.



Dominican Academy - 44 East 68 Street

### Sneak Peek Open House

Tuesday, April 29, at 4:30PM. A Catholic,  
college preparatory school for girls founded  
in 1897 by the Dominican Sisters of St.  
Mary's of the Springs, Columbus, OH.



**POSITIONS AVAILABLE** at St. Barn-  
abas High School, Bronx, NY. **HS Prin-  
cipal:** Applicant must be a practicing  
Catholic, with a Master's Degree minimum,  
certified NYS as School Administrator  
and 5 years teaching experience. **Director  
of Advancement:** for grades K-12. For  
motivated and practicing Catholic. Knowl-  
edge of marketing and imaging of schools,  
recruitment, database management. Send  
resume and cover letter to: Stbarnabas-

## PARISH STAFF

### Pastor

Rev. Gerald Blaszczak, S.J.

### Pastoral Associates

Joanne Cunneen, M.A., M.S.

Kathryn King, F.S.P.

Mary Naughton, M.A.

Rev. George M. Witt, S.J.

### Senior Priest Associates

Rev. William Bergen, S.J.

Rev. John F. Replogle, S.J.

### Assisting Priests (Sunday)

Rev. Stephen Katsourous, S.J.

Rev. James Martin, S.J.

### Music Ministries

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### Weekday Masses (includes Saturday)

8:30AM, 12:10PM and 5:30PM

### Masses for Next Weekend:

Saturday: 5:30PM Fr. Bergen

Sunday: 8:00AM Fr. Replogle

9:30AM Fr. Witt

Wallace Hall Mass 11:00AM Fr. Bergen

Solemn Mass: 11:00AM Fr. Witt

7:30PM Fr. Bergen

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### Children's Liturgy of the Word:

Sundays at the 9:30AM Mass and the  
11AM Mass in Wallace Hall.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Fridays at  
9AM and First Saturdays at 9AM (Lady  
Chapel)

**Centering Prayer:** Mondays and  
Thursdays at 6:30PM.

**Confessions:** 5PM Saturday or by ap-  
pointment. Communal Penance Services  
are celebrated during Advent and Lent.

**Baptisms:** Please call the Parish House  
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 is to call  
the Parish House to begin preparation for  
Marriage, normally one year in advance.

**Visits to the Sick:** Please contact the  
Parish House between 9AM-9PM.

**Music Information:** (212) 288-2520 E-mail: music@stignatiusloyola.org