



# CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA

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May 24, 2009

Seventh Sunday of Easter

## “Let Us Give Thanks!”

In the Ignatian tradition, the Examen prayer is used to reflect upon how God has been present in our lives throughout the day. Father Dennis Hamm, S.J., Professor of Theology at Creighton University, likens the Examen to “rummaging for God.” He suggests that it is akin to “going through a drawer full of stuff, feeling around, looking for something you are sure must be there somewhere.”<sup>1</sup> In rummaging through the past year here at St. Ignatius, I am struck by the number of events and activities that have taken place, and how blessed we have been by the presence of the Spirit.

God’s presence was immediately clear when our Church reopened in September, after a two-month closure for restoration. I remain awe-struck by the magnificence of our worship space, and I continue to offer thanks to God for the generosity and community spirit that made the completion of this project possible. We are blessed to gather for Eucharist, the “source and summit” of our faith, in such a glorious setting.

Almost immediately upon reopening, we celebrated our first wedding, which has been followed by a steady stream of baptisms, funerals, more weddings, reconciliations, First Holy Communions and Confirmations. The Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter seasons each brought their own special gifts and opportunities to our Parish Community. For example, led by Father Robert O’Brien, S.J., we reflected upon the Gospels of Advent and Lent. The Ignatian Young Adults also explored Advent and Lenten themes, and many others were enriched at our Family Nights of Prayer. The Lenten Cross Project caught the imagination of our entire Parish, with over 320 individuals and families making 781 commitments to acts of prayer, service and advocacy.

The Spirit also flourished in the area of faith formation and spirituality. Participants in the 19th Annotation Retreat, the *JustFaith* program, and the Ministry Formation program were nourished through study and ongoing reflection. Having completed the RCIA program, 25 people were fully initiated into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. And hundreds of students participated in this year’s IREP program.

Throughout the City, the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola is known for its great music. We are, indeed, blessed with an unparalleled music program, which enhances our liturgies each week and helps to lift us up to the Lord. This year marked

the 20th season of *Sacred Music in a Sacred Space*, with concerts ranging from such favorites as Beethoven’s “*Ninth Symphony*” and Bach’s “*St. Matthew Passion*,” to Rossini’s exquisite “*Petite Messe Solennelle*,” Ligeti’s “*Lux Aeterna*” and Couperin’s “*Tenebrae Lessons*.” Throughout the year we were treated to the best in sacred choral music, as well as to world-class organ recitals.

Faith and culture go hand-in-hand at St. Ignatius. This year we were pleased to once again offer lectures in collaboration with the Metropolitan Museum of Art, as well as our *Faith and Film Symposium* under the tutelage of author, professor, and parishioner, Antonio Monda. We were also blessed to welcome speakers such as Rwandan genocide survivor Immaculée Ilibagiza, Father Gregory Boyle, S.J., founder of *Homeboy Industries* and Father John O’Malley, S.J., author of “*What Happened at Vatican II?*”

When our “season” is in full-swing, we can sometimes have more than a dozen activities taking place in the Parish in a single day. I am deeply grateful to our Staff members who give of their time and talents so generously. We also could not operate successfully without the dedicated parishioners who take responsibility for the various ministries we offer, such as the St. Vincent de Paul Society, which is responsible for

our women’s shelter, blood drives, soup kitchen and senior luncheons. A partial list of other groups includes Ignatian Teens, Ignatian Young Adults, Boomers and Beyond, Ignatian Social Justice, Lector and Eucharistic Ministry, Ministry of Hospitality, and Ministry to the Sick and Bereaved. Each of these activities enriches our Parish and strengthens us as a Community of Disciples.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the Finance Committee, which meets throughout the year to be sure that we remain on track fiscally – no mean feat in today’s economic climate!

All in all it’s been an incredibly busy and fruitful year. As we begin to wind down and look forward to summer, let us give thanks for the many graces that the Lord has bestowed upon us this past season, and ask for His continued providence as we look forward to the year ahead.

- Rev. George M. Witt, S.J.

<sup>1</sup> “Rummaging for God: Praying Backward Through Your Day,” Rev. Dennis Hamm, S.J., *America*, May 14, 1994



## Scripture Readings for the Week

### Monday, May 25th

*(Seventh Monday of Easter)*

Acts 19:1-8

Psalm 68

John 16: 29-33

### Tuesday, May 26th

*(Feast of St. Philip Neri)*

Acts 20: 17-27

Psalm 68

John 17: 1-11a

### Wednesday, May 27th

*(Seventh Wednesday of Easter)*

Acts 20: 28-38

Psalm 68

John 17: 11b-19

### Thursday, May 28th

*(Seventh Thursday of Easter)*

Acts 22: 30; 23: 6-11

Psalm 16

John 17: 20-26

### Friday, May 29th

*(Seventh Friday of Easter)*

Acts 25: 13b-21

Psalm 103

John 21: 15-19

### Saturday, May 30th

*(Seventh Saturday of Easter)*

Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31

Psalm 11

John 21: 20-25

### Sunday, May 31st

*(Solemnity of Pentecost)*

Acts 2: 1-11

Psalm 104

I Corinthians 12: 3b-7, 12-13

John 20: 19-23

## Announced Masses for the Week

### Monday, May 25th (Memorial Day)

8:30 MEM James Waters

### Tuesday, May 26th

8:30 MEM Dr. Emil Wittek

12:10 MEM William Burgess

5:30 MEM Owen Smyth

### Wednesday, May 27th

8:30 MEM Maryanne McCarthy

12:10 LVG Eugene and  
Kathleen McElroy

5:30 MEM Helen Balog

### Thursday, May 28th

8:30 MEM Luke La Valle

12:10 MEM Christopher Burke

5:30 MEM Rosa Velez

### Friday, May 29th

8:30 MEM Gerard Reilly

12:10 MEM Luke La Valle

5:30 MEM William Powers

### Saturday, May 30th

8:30 MEM J.P. Kilcullen



We pray for the faithful  
departed

*Robert C. David  
Margaret Duperreault  
Catherine Eicher*

May they rest in the peace  
of the Risen Lord

Pastoral Visits Available  
for Homebound and Ill Parishioners

Parishioners have been trained for the ministry of pastoral visiting to the homebound and chronically ill in our Parish. If you are interested in having a visit arranged for yourself or another person, please contact Sr. Kathryn King.

She can be reached at 212.288.3588 or  
[kingk@stignatiusloyola.org](mailto:kingk@stignatiusloyola.org)

## Special Collection May 30 - 31 at all Masses

The Little Sisters of the Poor will be taking up a collection for their Home for the Aged Poor in the Bronx

*Please be generous*

### Interested in Becoming Catholic?

We have the privilege at St. Ignatius of welcoming many visitors and new parishioners. We especially welcome those who may be thinking of becoming Catholic.

If you feel attracted to the Catholic faith, we want you to know about a program at the Parish that will begin in September. A group will meet here 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 Sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation.

**For more information about this process, which is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), contact Maureen Fullam at 212-288-3588 or email [church@stignatiusloyola.org](mailto:church@stignatiusloyola.org)**

### Instrument Drive for Cristo Rey High School

Do you have a trumpet or guitar  
you are no longer using?

From June 1-14, the Music Department will be collecting donated instruments for use by the music students of the Jesuit-run Cristo Rey High School on East 106th Street.

Instruments or music recording equipment in good working condition may be dropped off at the Parish House (ATTN: Music Office).

Any type of instrument  
-- except pianos -- will be accepted.

Please contact the Music Office  
with questions: 212-288-3588 ext. 612



## THIS WEEK

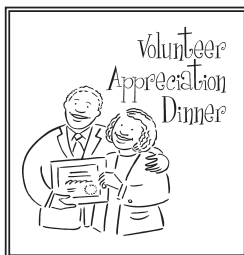


**Monday, May 25  
Memorial Day**  
The Parish House will be closed.

One Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 AM in the Lady Chapel.

**Wednesday, May 27, 6:30 PM, Wallace Hall - Shelter Volunteers "Thank You" Dinner.** If you worked in our women's homeless shelter this season as part of your regular ministry, or as a Lenten Cross volunteer, please join us for a celebratory dinner. This is a great opportunity to meet your fellow volunteers and enjoy good food and fellowship.

RSVP to the Parish House: 212-288-3588  
or church@stignatiusloyola.org



**Wednesday, May 27, 7:00 PM - St. Vincent de Paul Meeting.** All are welcome.

**Thursday, May 28, 7:00 PM, Parish Lounge Ignatian Social Justice Meeting.** Father Peter Gyves, S.J., will discuss his upcoming assignment working with the Jesuit Refugee Service in Sri Lanka. All parishioners are most cordially invited to attend.

## FOR IGNATIAN YOUNG ADULTS

**Ignatian Young Adult Bible Study**

Sundays: May 31 and June 7  
6:00 PM  
Parish Lounge



What would the sages of ancient Israel have to say about the modern world's worship of workaholism and wealth? The Book of Ecclesiastes offers an antidote to these postures through its truthful and timeless observations on life.

Please join us as we explore how the author of Ecclesiastes arrives at these conclusions and discuss the book's implications for modern spirituality. This series will offer a brief introduction to Israel's wisdom literature, an overview of the structure of the Book of Ecclesiastes and a study of selected passages. We will conclude with a discussion of the relevance and applicability of the book to our contemporary circumstances.

*The sessions will be led by Brian B. Pinter, parishioner and Director of Campus Ministry at Regis High School.*

## COMING IN JUNE

**JustFAITH**

**Information Session**  
Thursday, June 4, 6:30PM  
Parish House

What does the compassion of Christ look like in the modern world? How do I become a more compassionate person? If you are looking to encounter your faith in a way that challenges you and how you are to live as a Christian in today's world, then *JustFaith* may be the program for you. For thirty weeks you will journey with other seekers using books, videos, conversation, and encounters with those who live at the margins of society. The program runs from mid-September to mid-May. For more information about this life-changing program, please attend the upcoming information session.

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Saint Ignatius Loyola Grammar School warmly welcomes our Parish Community to join them at the

### **International Street Fair**

Friday, June 5 from 5:00 - 8:00 PM



84th Street will come alive with children's rides, games and activities, tasty treats, the popular "Granny's Attic" area, a used book table and other boutique offerings. There is no charge for admission. This event (which will be held rain or shine) is open to the public.

Advance tickets to enjoy the food and rides can be reserved by calling the Grammar School at 212-861-3820, ext. 135. Tickets will also be available at the event.

### **New Parishioners' Reception**

Tuesday, June 9th 6:30 - 8:30 PM Wallace Hall

Please come and enjoy refreshments while meeting the Parish Staff and other parishioners, both old and new.  
RSVP to church@stignatiusloyola.org or 212-288-3588.

### **A Day at the Races!**

Boomers & Beyond are off to the races with a bus trip to Belmont Park on Saturday, June 13, leaving at 11:00 AM, returning at 7:30 PM. Advance payment required (\$45 by June 3) which includes bus and admission. Please make checks payable to *Church of St. Ignatius Loyola*. Write "Boomers & Beyond" in the memo section, 980 Park Ave, NY, NY 10028. For further information, please email

BoomersandBeyond.eastside@gmail.com  
(preferred)  
or call 646-241-1332

**BOOMERS  
& Beyond**

**St. Ignatius Spiritual Community Reading Group**  
Tuesday, June 16 at 7:30 PM.

We will continue our discussion of *With Head and Heart: The Autobiography of Howard Thurman*. We welcome new members. For additional information, please contact Jane Campbell at 212-536-7746 or jtcjane@aol.com





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## BULLETIN BOARD

### “A Road Not Taken? Ecumenism, The Anglican Centre and Making a Difference.”

Speaker: the Very Rev. David Richardson, Director of the Anglican Centre in Rome. Friday, May 29, 2:00 PM at Corpus Christi Church, 529 West 121st Street. The event is free. For more information, please call 212-666-9350.

**Spirituality Convocation 2009:** Saturday, May 30, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Sponsored by the Office for Spiritual Development, Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. The day includes Mass and 22 workshops/sessions on spirituality. Archbishop Stepinac High School, 950 Mamaroneck Ave, White Plains, NY. Fee: \$25. For information and registration, please call the Center at 914-946-5729.

St. Vincent’s Hospital Manhattan presents “**Responding to the Signs of the Times: A Day for Mind, Body and Spirit.**” Saturday, May 30, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. 170 West 12th Street, NY. Visit the website to obtain a detailed schedule of events: [www.svcmc.org/mindbodyspirit](http://www.svcmc.org/mindbodyspirit)

**Summer Courses at Fordham University.** The Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education is offering courses for credit or audit in theology, scripture, and spirituality. Summer Session I: June 22 – July 9. Summer Session II: July 13 – July 30. Please call the office at 718-817-4800 or visit [www.fordham.edu/gre](http://www.fordham.edu/gre) for details.

Bethany Spirituality Center, Highland Mills, NY, will offer a **Weekend Retreat for Women** entitled “*Where in the World is My God?*” July 24-26, 2009. Sr. Janice Farnham, RJM, and Sr. Rosemary Mangan, RJM, retreat directors, will explore for women the meaning of “finding God in all things.” Arrive for 5:30 PM dinner on Friday and depart after 12:00 PM lunch on Sunday. Suggested offering: \$120. Please visit the website: [www.bethanyspiritualitycenter.org](http://www.bethanyspiritualitycenter.org) for information or call 845-460-3061 to register.

**Franciscan Spirit Tours.** Upcoming pilgrimages to holy sites around the world include: *Heart of the Holy Land* (July 11-21), *Holy Land: Jesus Our Savior* (September 29 – October 5) and *Franciscan Italy* (in Assisi for St. Francis Feast Day) (October 2-9). For information, please contact Franciscan Spirit Tours at 646-736-7964 or 646-861-3634 or visit the website: [www.FranciscanSpiritTours.com](http://www.FranciscanSpiritTours.com)

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

## PARISH STAFF

### Parish Administrator

Rev. George M. Witt, S.J.

### Pastoral Associates

Joanne Cunneen  
Rev. Peter W. Gyves, S.J.  
Kathryn King, F.S.P.

### Senior Priest Associates

Rev. William Bergen, S.J.  
Rev. John F. Replogle, S.J.  
Rev. Ugo R. Nacciarone, S.J.

### Assisting Priests (Sunday)

Rev. Philip G. Judge, S.J.  
Rev. Stephen Katsouros, S.J.  
Rev. James Martin, S.J.

### Music Ministries

Kent Tritle, *Director*  
Nancianne Parrella  
Renée Anne Louprette  
Robert Reuter  
Mary Huff  
Philip Anderson  
Erin Acheson, *Administrator*  
Staff information: on the website at music/music staff

### Assistant to the Parish Administrator

Diane M. Boyle

### Administrative Assistant

Patricia Schneider

### Director of Facilities

Sona M. Olson

### Events Coordinator

Emily Holtz

### Treasurer

Fernando Castro

### Weekday Masses Monday-Friday

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

**Saturday: 8:30 AM**

### Masses for Next Weekend:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30PM Fr. Witt  
Sunday: 8:00AM Fr. Replogle  
9:30AM Fr. Ugo  
Wallace Hall 11:00AM Fr. Replogle  
Solemn 11:00AM Fr. Witt  
7:30PM Fr. Ugo

### Religious Education for Children

Joanne Cunneen, M.A., M.S.  
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### St. Ignatius Loyola Grammar School

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### St. Ignatius Loyola Day Nursery

Ms. Theodora Crist, M.S.  
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240 East 84 Street  
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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 and First Saturdays at 9AM (Lady Chapel)

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

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

**Baptisms:** Please call Joanne Cunneen at 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 should call Joanne Cunneen at 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.