



CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA

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“ Building a Community of Disciples ”

May 23, 2010

Solemnity of Pentecost

Pentecost is a very ancient feast. It goes back long before Christianity. The name simply means “50 days,” because it was celebrated in ancient Israel 50 days after Pass-over. It was originally a festival to thank God for the harvest, but then became associated with the giving of the law to Moses on Mount Sinai. Pentecost celebrated the giving of the covenant of God to His people. By that covenant the Jewish people knew what they would have to do to please God so that He, in turn, would take them as His people. It was summed up in the law that Moses brought down from the mountain. If the people were faithful to the law God gave them they could expect God’s blessings.

Understanding the background of this feast in the Old Testament helps us to understand its significance in the New Testament. God could not have chosen a better day to send the Holy Spirit on the early Church. The new covenant would not be written on stone, and would not be listed as a set of commandments. The new covenant would be a living presence of God’s spirit, His love, in our hearts. Jesus gave us only one commandment: to love one another as He loved us. The source of that love was His Spirit, and on Pentecost His spirit was given to us.

The gift of the Spirit is described in today’s first reading as “a mighty wind.” This is a very good image since Jesus Himself spoke of the Spirit as a wind. You cannot see the wind, but you can feel its power and experience its effects. And the power of the Spirit was certainly experienced at that first Christian Pentecost.



There are three principal signs given in today’s readings that are very important for us in our Church and in our country at the present moment.

The first sign is the unity created among a very diverse



people by their ability to understand the same message preached by Peter and the others. Though the people came from many countries and spoke different languages, they all heard the same message in their own tongue. In the story of the tower of Babel,

the people are punished by God for their pride. Their punishment is the confusion of their tongues so that they can no longer communicate with one other. The moral of the story is that sin divides people. The sign of God’s love is uniting people of different tongues so that they can be united as one people. Love unites, and so the Spirit of love, sent at Pentecost, reveals Himself in uniting people who previously would have had little in common.

The second sign of the presence of the Spirit is that He unites while leaving individuals with their own identities. He creates unity out of diversity. The spirit does not destroy our own individual character or talent. The Spirit helps us to develop our own unique talents, and takes us together with many other unique individuals and makes of us one body. That is the lesson of the second reading from St. Paul’s Letter to the Corinthians. Look at the Church which was born on Pentecost. It has become a huge family of many nations, cultures, and gifts.

The third sign of the presence of the Spirit is the power of forgiveness. Forgiveness reunites people who were divided over an offense. Where there is a Spirit of love, there is the desire to do away with anything that separates us. Forgiveness is an essential element in this process. That is why Jesus, in today’s Gospel, breathes on His disciples and says: “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven.”

And so God’s word is instructing us on this gift of the Spirit which we celebrate today. We will know whether the Spirit is active in our lives if we see this great desire for unity, which will forgive all offenses to reunite people, and which will respect the individual differences which reflect the diverse gifts of God.

Rev. Ugo Nacciarone, S.J.
Associate Pastor

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, MAY 23rd

SVdP Blood Drive.

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

McKinnon Hall. Details at right.



MONDAY, MAY 24th

Centering Prayer. 6:30 PM.

Parish House.

Details below.

TUESDAY, MAY 25th



Ignatian Social Justice Meeting.

7:00 PM. Meeting Room.

All are welcome. Details at right.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26th



Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting.

7:00 PM. Conference Room.

All are welcome.

THURSDAY, MAY 27th

God's Club.

3:00 - 5:00 PM. Parish House.

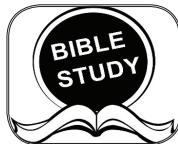
A place for children 3-5 years of age and their parents or caregivers to enrich their faith through art, stories, and songs.



Scripture Reflections Group.

7:00 PM. Conference Room. Led by

Fr. Robert O'Brien, S.J., of the St. Ignatius Jesuit Community. All are welcome.



Centering Prayer

Monday, May 24th at 6:30 PM in the Parish House



For the next few weeks, the discussion part of the Monday evening Centering Prayer meditation group will focus on beginner's topics. Whether or not you attended last week's introductory workshop, you are welcome to learn more about Centering Prayer and sit with us on Monday evening.

On Thursdays we practice Centering Prayer without a discussion group. Both groups meet from 6:30 to 7:30 PM in the Parish House.

The dates for the follow-up sessions are
May 24th, June 7th, 14th, and 21st.
We will not meet on May 31st.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

SVdP Blood Drive: Sunday, May 23rd

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM in McKinnon Hall

Every two seconds someone in the United States needs blood. The New York Blood Center requires 2,000 donations daily to meet the transfusion needs of our community.



Please be a part of our Blood Drive on May 23rd.

IGNATIAN SOCIAL JUSTICE



ISJ Meeting - Tuesday, May 25th at 7:00 PM in the Meeting Room

Topic: The Death Penalty.

A documentary will be shown; news and updates regarding the death penalty will be discussed. All are welcome.

IGNATIAN YOUNG ADULTS

“Zen and Interfaith Spirituality”
a talk by Fr. Robert Kennedy, S.J.

Tuesday, June 1st at 7:00 PM in the Meeting Room.

Fr. Kennedy is a professor of theology and Japanese at St. Peter's College and is the author of several books, including *Zen Gifts to Christians*.

Ignatian Volunteer Corps Information Session

Thursday, June 3 at 10:30 AM in the Parish Lounge

IVC provides men and women, age 50 and over, the opportunity to serve the needs of those who are economically poor, to work for a more just society, and to grow spiritually by reflecting and praying in the Ignatian tradition.

For more information, or to confirm your attendance, please contact IVC Regional Director Liz McMahon at 201-618-6924 or emcmahon@ivcusa.org



A Special Liturgy
to Celebrate Boomers & Beyond's
Second Birthday!

Thursday, June 10th at 7:00 PM
Church of St. Vincent Ferrer

869 Lexington Avenue (at East 66th Street)

Boomers & Beyond cordially invites you to an interparish liturgy, concelebrated by the pastors of the Upper Eastside Catholic parishes. A reception will follow in the Church Hall.

RSVP by Thursday, June 3rd:

Online at www.Boomersandbeyondnyc.com or call 646-241-1332.
For more information: email boomersandbeyond.eastside@gmail.com (preferred) or call 646-241-1332.

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 which 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

JustFaith Informational Meeting Monday, June 7th at 6:00 PM in the Parish Lounge

Our Catholic faith and Biblical tradition extend an extraordinary invitation to each of us and our faith communities to become agents of God's compassion and healing in a wounded world. The Good News of Christ is both a comfort and a promise for the poor and, at the same time, a call to those of us who are not poor to be linked with God's vision of justice and reconciliation.

JustFaith, a thirty-week adult formation program, offers an opportunity for parishioners to experience a spiritual journey into compassion. The 2010-2011 St. Ignatius JustFaith program will begin on Monday, September 27th and will end on May 16th.

Please join us on June 7th to learn more about JustFaith. RSVP by calling the Parish House (212-288-3588) and leaving your name and phone number.



The Parish Ministry Council cordially invites St. Ignatius Parishioners active in Ministry to the

**Ministry Night
Annual Supper Social**
Wednesday, June 9th at 7:00 PM

RSVP by Monday, June 7th

Please call 212-288-3588 or email:
church@stignatiusloyola.org

We look forward to sharing a meal together!

Share the Blessings of Your Marriage

The Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Program is seeking married couples to help engaged couples as they prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage. The commitment is flexible, training is provided, and the experience is rewarding.

For more information,
contact Lisa Dunleavy-Jennings
at 212-371-1011, x3189
or runx1857@aol.com



Announced Masses and Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday, May 24th

(Our Lady of the Way)

1 Peter 1:3-9 Psalm 111 Mark 10:17-27

8:30 MEM Rose & James Buscarino

12:10 MEM Patricia O'Connell

5:30 ANN Richard E. Nolan

Tuesday, May 25th

(St. Bede the Venerable, St. Gregory VII,

St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi)

1 Peter 1:10-16 Psalm 98 Mark 10:28-31

8:30 MEM Mr. Malitoris

12:10 MEM Richard Volpe

5:30 MEM John Avery

Wednesday, May 26th

(St. Philip Neri)

1 Peter 1:18-25 Psalm 147 Mark 10:32-45

8:30 MEM Dr. Emil Wittek

12:10 MEM Alfred Ziccardi

5:30 MEM Harold Ansell

Thursday, May 27th

(St. Augustine of Canterbury)

1 Peter 2:2-5, 9-12 Psalm 100 Mark 10:46-52

8:30 LVG Kathleen Mustello

12:10 MEM Florence Boguslaski

5:30 MEM Living & Deceased Members
of the Wallace Family

Friday, May 28th

(8th Friday in Ordinary Time)

1 Peter 4:7-13 Psalm 96 Mark 11:11-26

8:30 MEM Robert Rubin

12:10 MEM Nell Thomas

5:30 MEM William Powers

Saturday, May 29th

(8th Saturday in Ordinary Time)

Jude 17, 20b-25 Psalm 63 Mark 11:27-33

8:30 MEM Deceased Members of the Dunn Family

Sunday, May 30th

(Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity)

Proverbs 8:22-31 Psalm 8

Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15



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Bus Trip to

Calverton National Cemetery

Wednesday, June 2nd

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Frank E. Campbell, the "Funeral Chapel," is sponsoring a trip to Calverton National Cemetery for those individuals who do not get an opportunity to visit their loved ones who served our country. This trip will take place on Wednesday, June 2nd. The bus will leave from 81st Street and Madison Avenue at 8:30 AM and will return at approximately 4:30 PM. A continental breakfast will be served at Frank E. Campbell between 7:30 and 8:30 AM. A box lunch will be provided on the bus. If you are interested in participating, please call 212-288-3500 before Wednesday, May 26th, to reserve your space. Please have your Grave Information available when you call.

Spiritual Direction Training Program:

Developed and used for over 30 years at the Center for Spirituality and Justice in New York. Now offered at Carmel Retreat in Mahwah, NJ. Applications are being accepted for Fall 2010. If you sense the call to the contemplative ministry of spiritual direction, visit www.carmelretreat.com or call 201-327-7090 for information.



GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:

**Sunday, June 20th at 2:00 PM
Cathedral of St. Patrick**

Couples celebrating their **50th Wedding Anniversary** anytime during 2010 are invited to attend the Annual *Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass* with Archbishop Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick.

Pre-registration is required.

To register, contact Diane Boyle at the St. Ignatius Parish House, boyled@stignatiusloyola.org or 212-288-3588 x618, by Tuesday, May 25th.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor

Rev. George M. Witt, S.J.

Pastoral Associates

Joanne Cunneen
Kathryn King, F.S.P.

Associate Pastors

Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J.
Rev. James L. Dugan, 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
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Staff information: on the website at music/music staff

Assistant to the Pastor

Diane M. Boyle

Administrative Assistant

Patricia Schneider

Director of Facilities

Sona M. Olson

Events Coordinator

Emily Holtz

Treasurer

Fernando Castro

Weekday Masses Monday-Friday

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

Saturday: 8:30 AM

Masses for Next Weekend:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM Fr. Dugan
Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Dugan
9:30 AM Fr. Hallinan
Wallace Hall 11:00 AM Fr. Hallinan
Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Bergen
7:30 PM Fr. Bergen

Religious Education for Children

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

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Children's Liturgy of the Word:

Sundays at the 9:30 AM Mass and the 11:00 AM Mass in Wallace Hall.

Eucharistic Adoration: Fridays and First

Saturdays at 9:00 AM (Lady Chapel)

Centering Prayer:

Mondays and Thursdays at 6:30 PM

Confessions: 5:00 PM 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 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM.

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