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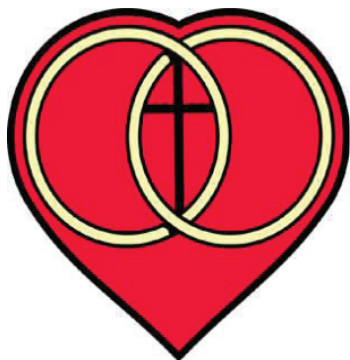
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“ Building a Community of Disciples ”

May 30, 2010

Most Holy Trinity

An Everyday Sacrament



Many of us think of June as the most popular month for weddings. With June approaching, I've asked Nate and Kate to share their thoughts with us about their upcoming wedding here later in the summer.

– Fr. William Bergen, S.J.

Every time we log onto our wedding website we are greeted

with the number of days until the Big Day: August 14, 2010. Today it announces “76 days to go!” – to go until the ceremony; to go until the celebration; to go until we are “no longer two, but one flesh.”

But really: 76 days to go until what, exactly?

Frankly, we have no idea. This is not something we've done before. Although popular culture tries to convince us of all the things that are apparently necessary for a wedding to be a *Wedding*, and tries to turn marriage into a commodity that can be advertised and televised and bought when the craving strikes us, we are pretty sure that's not what a marriage is about. But besides this certainty, if we are being honest with ourselves, we don't have any real notion of how marriage “really” is, or how it “should” be.

Our parents have certainly given us two wonderful examples of successful, happy, and holy marriages, but we know ours will not be like theirs. This is simply because we are different people living in a different time and in different circumstances. If we tried to copy their marriages, we would never become the unique people we were intended to be by God.

And who does God intend us to be? We don't know that, either, but we are looking forward to whatever is beginning in 76 days with extreme anticipation, ready to bind our dreams together. We are looking forward to the complete and utter unknown.

“Nothing is more practical than finding God, that is, than falling in love in a quite absolute, final way. What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything,” wrote Fr. Pedro Arrupe, S.J. He goes on to give some advice: “Fall in love, stay in love, and it will decide everything.” He does not say to try and do these things. He says to do them. This involves a decision, an act of will. It involves action and

effort. We are not looking forward to something passive. Rather, we can't wait for action.

Maybe that's what it is: 76 days to go until action, until the real work begins, work that will no doubt make the wedding planning process pale in comparison. For after months of lists, websites, deposits, decisions, and new family members, we will stand here at St. Ignatius and begin a lifelong Sacrament. We'll have a ceremony, speak our vows to each other, receive the Eucharist with our family and friends, and then head to a party where we've made sure there will be plenty of wine (no need to repeat Cana).

We're definitely looking forward to all of the excitement! But August 14th is still only one day, and we will be married for every moment of every day until death parts us. It is in each of these moments – each promise, each smile, each touch, each thoughtful, selfless, and loving act – that the Sacrament continues to live on years and decades after the ceremony. It is in each of these moments that God's grace can enter into our lives. This is what we are truly looking forward to.

But it's easy to become distracted. We worry that so much of the wedding process is about buying, asking, getting, and having. This can easily become the object of the heart's anticipation. The danger lies in starting to look forward to the things we'll have.

Thankfully, Christ reminds us that Love is about giving, not having. “If you want to be complete, go and sell what you own and give the money to the poor. Then you will have treasure in heaven.” What is marriage if not a continuous gift of self, of giving everything one owns to another? And as anyone who has ever given a gift surely knows, giving is work.

So . . . 76 days to go until what, exactly? If you thought that by the end of this essay we'd have an answer for you, we're sorry to say that we don't. But we do know this: Falling in love and staying in love does decide everything.

The first thing it decides is to get to work – and we've never been so excited.



– Kate Wysocki & Nate Gunsch
Parishioners of St. Ignatius Loyola Church

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE



MONDAY, MAY 31st

Memorial Day.

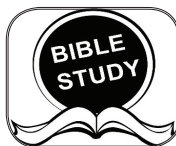
The Parish House will be closed.
One Mass will be celebrated at
8:30 AM in the Lady Chapel.

TUESDAY, JUNE 1st

“Zen and Interfaith Spirituality.” A talk by
Fr. Robert Kennedy, S.J. 7:00 PM. Meeting Room.
Details below.

THURSDAY, JUNE 3rd

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.



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*.



Information Session

Thursday, June 10th at 1:00 PM 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

Thank You! Throughout Lent we accepted donations of “coins and cash” for the Jesuit-sponsored *Fe y Alegria* Schools in Haiti.

Because of the generosity of our Parish Community, \$1000.00 has been raised.

Thanks to all who so generously contributed!



Centering Prayer

Monday, June 7th 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 the recent 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
June 7th, 14th, and 21st.
We will not meet on May 31st.



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!



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.

ST. IGNATIUS SPIRITUAL **COMMUNITY READING GROUP**

Tuesday, June 15th at 7:15 PM in the Parish House
Please finish reading *“Meetings With Remarkable Men”*
by G.I. Gurdjieff in preparation for our discussion.

For additional information, contact
Jane Campbell at jtcjane@aol.com
or 212-536-7746

New members are always welcome!



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

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



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 run from Monday, September 27, 2010 through Monday, May 16, 2011.

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.

Religious Education for Children

Registrations for 2010-2011 can be made by calling the Parish House at 212-288-3588. Registration forms can also be found on our website: www.stignatiusloyola.org



Religious Education

Announced Masses and Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday, May 31st

(Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

Zephaniah 3:14-18a Isaiah 12 Luke 1:39-56

8:30 MEM J.P. Kilcullen

Tuesday, June 1st

(St. Justin)

2 Peter 3:12-15a, 17-18 Psalm 90 Mark 12:13-17

8:30 MEM The McCormack & Roeder Families

12:10 MEM Marjorie Horstmann

5:30 MEM Traug Keller

Wednesday, June 2nd

(SS. Marcellinus and Peter)

2 Timothy 1:1-3, 6-12 Psalm 123 Mark 12:18-27

8:30 MEM Robert Clare

12:10 MEM Lane Gossage

5:30 MEM B.J. Harrington

Thursday, June 3rd

(St. Charles Lwanga and comps.)

2 Timothy 2:8-15 Psalm 25 Mark 12:28-34

8:30 MEM Alfred Ziccarvi

12:10 MEM Jorge Piano

5:30 MEM Kathryn Davis

Friday, June 4th

(9th Friday in Ordinary Time)

2 Timothy 3:10-17 Psalm 119 Mark 12:35-37

8:30 ANN Laurence Grech

12:10 MEM Peter J. Weinschreider

5:30 MEM George Caruso

Saturday, June 5th

(St. Boniface)

2 Timothy 4:1-8 Psalm 71 Mark 12:38-44

8:30 MEM William F. Meehan

Sunday, June 6th

(Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ)

Genesis 14:18-20 Psalm 110

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 Luke 9:11b-17



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The Trinity Choir and Trinity Baroque Orchestra in Concert in a program of Vivaldi, Mozart, and American Spirituals: *A Benefit for Trinity Choir Member John Young, tenor and cancer patient.* Wednesday, June 2nd at 7:30 PM. Trinity Church, Broadway at Wall Street. General seating, \$25. Reserved seating, \$50. Premium seating, \$100. VIP seating, \$250-\$1000. Wine reception for Reserved, Premium and VIP ticket holders. All proceeds from this concert will help to pay for medical bills and related expenses. Tickets may be purchased at gemsny.org or by calling 212-866-0468. Please also visit the website

youngfightingcancer.com

An evening with Kerry Kennedy, author of *Being Catholic Now: Prominent Americans Talk About Change in the Church and the Quest for Meaning.* Wednesday, June 2nd at 7:00 PM. Church of St. Francis Xavier, 55 West 15th Street. Suggested donation: \$15.00. For more information, call 212-627-2100, x216.

A first-ever **Healing Mass and devotion to St. Dymphna**, patron saint of mental health, will be held on Tuesday, June 8th at 6:30 PM at the Main Altar, Cathedral of St. Patrick.

New York Catholic Bible Summit: *Live the Word of God in Challenging Times.* Saturday, June 26th at Fordham University Lincoln Center Campus. For more information on speakers, topics, and registration, visit

www.nyfaithformation.org

Bethany Spirituality Center, Highland Mills, NY, is offering a number of summer retreats, including "Praying with Creation: An Exploration of Ecological Spirituality," June 3rd-6th, with Alexandra Kovats, CSJP; "Sacred Spaces," July 2nd-9th, with Margaret Silf; and Ignatian directed retreats, June 7th-15th, June 22nd-30th, July 12th-20th. For further information, call 845-460-3061 or visit

www.bethanspiritualitycenter.org

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
Erin Acheson, *Administrator*
Staff information: on the website at [music/music staff](http://music/musicstaff)

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. Witt
Sunday:	8:00 AM	Fr. Dugan
	9:30 AM	Fr. Ugo
Wallace Hall	11:00 AM	Fr. Dugan
Solemn	11:00 AM	Fr. Witt
	7:30 PM	Fr. Martin

Religious Education for Children

Joanne Cunneen, M.A., M.S.
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(212) 861-4764

St. Ignatius Loyola Grammar School

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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