



CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA

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“Building a Community of Disciples”

May 17, 2015

Seventh Sunday of Easter

God's Loving Embrace: Notes From Our New Catholics

Thirty adults were received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Here are some of their stories.

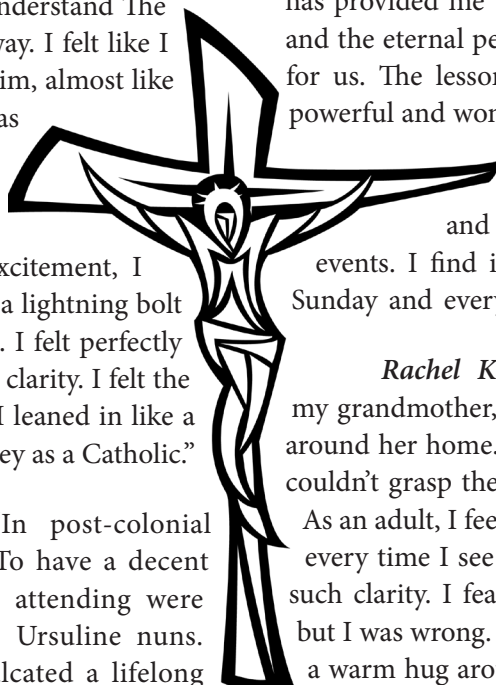
– Maureen Fullam, Director
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Alex Tang: “I came to know St. Ignatius Parish when I attended a friend’s wedding. The union of two people in love brought me into the loving embrace of Catholicism. I began RCIA and traveled this journey with a wonderful group of companions and leaders. However, I had my doubts. My questions and desire to understand The Mystery shrouded every step of the way. I felt like I could see Christ, but could not feel Him, almost like seeing through a pair of glasses that was off just slightly in its lenses. Baptism came and I was ready to embrace the mutual bond between myself and Christ. With trepidation and excitement, I stepped up to the font and it was like a lightning bolt hitting me. My nervousness vanished. I felt perfectly calm and reached a state of incredible clarity. I felt the bond. I felt Christ reaching out, and I leaned in like a child to truly begin my spiritual journey as a Catholic.”

Yetty Sudarman-Brooks: “In post-colonial Indonesia there were no libraries. To have a decent education, the only schools worth attending were Catholic schools, taught by Dutch Ursuline nuns. These nuns were so kind and inculcated a lifelong love of learning in me. Without books, they awakened my curiosity about Catholicism, science, history, and language. Fast forward to 2013. My Jewish husband was gravely ill and started asking why I did not practice any religion. He said if I chose a faith, it should be Catholicism because it is rich in rituals that I would love. On his last visit to the doctor, on the back of the chair where he sat, I found a card with an invocation to St. Thérèse de Lisieux. After 50 years, I felt that it was time for me to embrace Catholicism because Jesus had sent me three messages: the nuns, the invocation of St. Thérèse, and the day on which my husband died, All Saints Day 2013. I was baptized at the 2015 Easter Vigil.”

Anonymous: “Having the benefit of important, close relationships with Catholics and admiring their deep moral and spiritual strengths, I felt called to learn more about Catholicism and become closer to Jesus Christ. My wife is a wonderful and deeply religious Roman Catholic. We were married at St. Ignatius almost forty years ago. Our children were raised in the faith; our grandchildren are being raised Catholic. The RCIA process was life-changing, instilling a sincere appreciation and profound understanding of Christian life and beliefs. The Church has provided me with a better comprehension of our lives and the eternal peace and love of having Jesus Christ there for us. The lessons of Jesus Christ and the Apostles are powerful and wonderful: humility, love, helping others, the Sacraments, sharing, always thinking of your fellow man. Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion were treasured events. I find it so moving to receive Communion on Sunday and every week for the rest of my life on earth.”

Rachel Kupasrimonkol: “As a little girl visiting my grandmother, I asked my dad about the crucifix I saw around her home. He told me about Jesus and as a child, I couldn’t grasp the suffering that Jesus experienced for me. As an adult, I feel the story to my core and am moved now every time I see the cross. I didn’t always see things with such clarity. I feared religion and doubted its acceptance, but I was wrong. The St. Ignatius community has been like a warm hug around my heart. RCIA gave me freedom to explore faith. In Lent, I hit a roadblock and struggled to understand how I could be worthy of God’s boundless love. I shared my feelings about receiving a love I had not earned and it unlocked tears. I felt vulnerable, but was protected by the wonderful support of my loved ones and the Parish community. Hearing the story of Jesus again during the Triduum, I began to understand what was behind the story of suffering. I started to feel that Jesus’ sacrifice was for me. I was humbled and more thankful than I could express. At my Baptism and Confirmation, I felt the weight of guilt lift and I felt forgiveness. I am excited and honored to start my life as a new Catholic. I never want to lose the richness I have found. I am glad God called me to the Church! I am forever grateful.”



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE



SUNDAY, MAY 17th

Rejoice in the Lord! A Music Ministry Celebration. 3:00 PM. Church.
Details at right.



Sunday Social. 8:30 PM. Wallace Hall.
Hosted by the Ignatian Young Adults.
Follows the 7:30 PM Mass.

TUESDAY, MAY 19th

**LifeWay Network Fundraiser:
Event Towards New Life: Working
Together to End Human Trafficking.**
6:00 PM. Wallace Hall.
Details below.



WEDNESDAY, MAY 20th

Job Transition Support Group.
10:00 AM. Parish Lounge.
Bringing together experienced professionals
looking to secure employment.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting.
7:00 PM. Conference Room.
All are welcome.

MUSIC

SUNDAY, MAY 24th

Pentecost

11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS

Durufle *Suite pour Orgue, Op. 5: Prelude*
Tallis *O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit*
Pärt *Berliner Messe: Alleluia vers, Veni Sancte Spiritus*
Durufle *Suite pour Orgue, Op. 5: Toccata*

7:30 PM MASS

Durufle *Suite pour Orgue, Op. 5: Prelude*
Alain *Litanies*



**REJOICE IN THE LORD!
A MUSIC MINISTRY
CELEBRATION**

TODAY at 3:00 PM

The Combined Choirs of St. Ignatius Loyola
join forces in gratitude and joy.

FREE WILL OFFERING. NO TICKETS NECESSARY.

**Meeting Christ in Prayer:
Reunion Gathering**

Wednesday, May 27th

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM in Wallace Hall

This gathering is open to all those who have participated
at any time in the *Meeting Christ in Prayer* program.

RSVP to Sr. Kathryn King at

kingk@saintignatiusloyola.org by Friday, May 22nd.



*The Parish Ministry Council
cordially invites those
St. Ignatius Parishioners
who are active in Ministry to*

**The Ministers' Night
Annual Supper Social**

*An Evening of
Celebration, Thanks & Praise*

Thursday, June 4th at 7:00 PM in Wallace Hall

RSVP by Monday, June 1st:

212-288-3588 or ministrydinner@gmail.com

Please leave both your name and your ministry.

*Parishioners and Friends of St. Ignatius Loyola Parish are
cordially invited to attend LifeWay Network's Spring Fundraiser*



**Event Towards New Life:
Working Together to
End Human Trafficking**

Tuesday, May 19th

6:00 PM – 8:30 PM in Wallace Hall

Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

This event supports LifeWay Network,
which collaborates to combat human trafficking through
safe housing and education. LifeWay is supported by
thirty Religious Congregations, including the
Society of Jesus, the Franciscan Sisters of Peace,
and the Presentation Sisters.

Tickets: \$150

Visit www.lifewaynetwork.org

to register and pay online, or mail payment to

LifeWay Network, Inc.,

PO Box 754215, Forest Hills, NY 11375

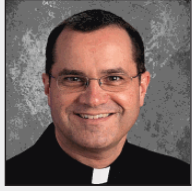


For your convenience...

To reach the *Giving* page on the parish
website, scan the *QR Code* at left with
your smartphone's camera.

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Farewell Reception for Fr. Witt

*Sunday, June 14th in McKinnon Hall
Following the 11:00 AM Masses*

After eight years at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, six of them as pastor, Father Witt has been asked by

the Jesuit Provincial to take on a new assignment: Provincial Assistant for Spirituality Ministries.

Please join us in McKinnon Hall following the Mass for a reception thanking Father Witt for his service to our parish and congratulating Father Feely on his appointment as Parish Administrator for the coming year.

FAMILY MINISTRY



Family Ministry Potluck Dinner

*Saturday, June 6th at 5:00 PM
Wallace Hall*

Join our families as we come together for an evening of fun, food, and friendship.

To RSVP, email stignatiusfamilyministry@gmail.com by Wednesday, May 27th.

All are welcome.



In Search of Francis: A Video Documentary

*Sunday, June 7th
6:00 PM
Parish House*

Join parishioner/filmmaker John Ebrahimian for the premiere showing of *In Search of Francis*, a 40-minute video documentary which includes a 10-minute segment on Pope Francis. A question and answer period with John will follow.

Come and learn more about St. Francis, a visionary peacemaker who not only revolutionized life in the medieval world, but who also continues to inspire us in our search for faith, social justice, and global reconciliation.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

THANK YOU!



Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul thank all the donors who participated in the recent blood drive and made this life-saving event a success.

Out of 33 registered donors, 21 donations were collected which will have the potential to positively affect 63 lives in NYC.

The next blood drive will be held in January 2016.



Join choristers from local schools and sing with our St. Ignatius Children's Choirs next season!

Rising 1st through 12th graders may 'audition' on **Thursday, May 21st, 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM, and Wednesday, June 10th, 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM, in the Parish House Meeting Room.**

Please contact Maureen Haley, Director of Children's Choirs, at haleyms@saintignatiusloyola.org for an audition time.

All parish children are welcome and no prior experience is necessary. A parent or guardian must be present to fill out the registration materials.

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, May 18th (Seventh Monday of Easter)

Acts 19:1-8 Psalm 68 John 16:29-33

8:30 MEM Enrico Rosales

12:10 MEM Bill McGee

5:30 MEM Cono Pasqua

Tuesday, May 19th (Seventh Tuesday of Easter)

Acts 20:17-27 Psalm 68 John 17:1-11a

8:30 LVG Thomas Middelhoff

12:10 MEM Phyllis Browne

5:30 MEM Valentina Lovito

Wednesday, May 20th (Seventh Wednesday of Easter)

Acts 20:28-38 Psalm 68 John 17:11b-19

8:30 MEM Alice & Winthrop Rutherford

12:10 MEM Betty Balutowski

5:30 LVG Ana Velez

Thursday, May 21st (Seventh Thursday of Easter)

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Psalm 16 John 17:20-26

8:30 LVG Thomas Middelhoff

12:10 MEM Gloria Lemme

5:30 ANN Nathan Davidson

Friday, May 22nd (Seventh Friday of Easter)

Acts 25:13b-21 Psalm 103 John 21:15-19

8:30 MEM Eileen Brennan

12:10 MEM James Gallacher

5:30 ANN Richard Nolan

Saturday, May 23rd (Seventh Saturday of Easter)

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Psalm 11 John 21:20-25

8:30 MEM John B., John A., & Elizabeth Rooney

Sunday, May 24th (Pentecost)

Acts 2:1-11 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7

Psalm 104 John 20:19-23



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Special Needs Mass: For families with loved ones on the Autism spectrum and with other challenging behaviors. Sunday, May 17th at 4:00 PM. Church of the Blessed Sacrament, 152 West 71st Street. All family members are invited to attend. For more information, contact jackie@snacknyc.com

Gregorian University for a Day. Saturday, June 20th. Fordham University, Lincoln Center. Now you can get a feel for what happens in our classrooms in Rome here in Manhattan. Instructors: Rev. Thomas Rosica, C.S.B., CEO of Salt and Light Catholic Media; Dr. Donna Orsuto, Gregorian University; Rev. Philipp G. Renczes, S.J., Professor at the Pontifical Gregorian University and the Pontifical Oriental Institute; Mr. Danny Casey, head of the Office of the Prefect for Cardinal George Pell, Prefect of the Secretariat for the Economy. Cost: \$200/person. Reservations are limited. For more information or to register, visit the-gregorian.com/events.htm

The 2015 New York Catholic Bible Summit: Hear the Word of God with Reverence. Proclaim it with Faith. Saturday, June 20th. New York Catholic Center, 350 East 56th Street. For those interested in learning more about the Holy Scriptures and ways of promoting its use with the Catholic community. Co-sponsored by the Archdiocesan Catechetical Office and American Bible Society. For more information, visit nyfaithformation.org or call (646) 794-2692.

After School Tutors Needed: The Little Sisters of the Assumption Family Health Service is in great need of after-school tutors to assist low-academic performing East Harlem children (ages 7 – 12). The one-on-one tutoring sessions are held at the Center, 333 East 115th Street (between First Avenue and Second Avenue), once a week for 70 minutes. A variety of days and times are available. For more information, contact tgough@lsafhs.org or visit littlesistersfamily.org

Available at the Parish House

New York Catholics:

Faith, Attitude & the Works!

The historical and spiritual legacy of New York City's largest religious community comes alive in these biographies of 76 women and men who have helped make New York and America great, and whose character and qualities are uniquely New York and Catholic. **Cost: \$20**

PARISH STAFF

Pastor

Rev. George M. Witt, S.J.

Associate Pastors

Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J.
Rev. Thomas H. Feely, S.J.
Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.

Pastoral Associates

Joanne Cunneen
Carly-Anne Gannon
Kathryn King, F.S.P.

Assisting Priests (Sunday)

Rev. Philip G. Judge, S.J.
Rev. James Martin, S.J.
Rev. Anthony P. SooHoo, S.J.

Music Ministries

Scott Warren, *Director*
Nancianne Parrella
Robert Reuter
Michael Sheetz
Maureen Haley
Philip Anderson
Sara Murphy, *Administrator*
Staff information: on the website at music/music-staff

Assistant to the Pastor

Diane M. Boyle

Administrative Assistant

Patricia Schneider

Communications Coordinator

Elizabeth O'Sullivan

Director of Facilities

Michael Gardiner

Asst. to the Director of Facilities

Caroline Fernandes

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. Hilbert

Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Hilbert

9:30 AM Fr. Hilbert

Wallace Hall 11:00 AM Fr. Witt

Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Bergen

7:30 PM Fr. Bergen

Religious Education for Children

Ms. Carly-Anne Gannon, M.Phil., M.Ed.

Director

(212) 861-4764



St. Ignatius Loyola Grammar School

Ms. Mary Larkin, Principal

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Children's Liturgy of the Word:

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

Centering Prayer:

Mondays at 6:30 PM

Confessions:

4:30 PM Saturday or by appointment.

Communal Penance Services are
celebrated during Advent and Lent.

Baptisms: Please call Joanne Cunneen at the Parish House (212-288-3588 x632) 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 (212-288-3588 x632) to begin preparation for Marriage, normally one year in advance.

Visits to the Sick: Please contact the Parish House between the hours of 9:00 AM and 9:00 PM.

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