



CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA

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“ Building a Community of Disciples ”

May 24, 2015

Solemnity of Pentecost

The Birth of the Church

Someone once said that the early Christian community waited in eager anticipation for the return of the Lord in glory but the Church showed up instead. Today, the Feast of Pentecost, has often been described as the birthday of the Church — the oldest living body in today’s world, yet one that is still going through its growing pains. This shouldn’t be too surprising. Anything truly alive goes through change and development all its life. This is the way with living things. People shouldn’t be unduly alarmed, therefore, at the changes happening in the Church in our time. This is a sign of its vitality.

Living things that don’t move are dead. If we want to check on whether a person is dead or alive, we first look for some sign of movement — a heartbeat, breathing, any kind of motion. For too long a time many Catholics have associated the Church with a lack of movement. We have focused on one of its many attributes, its stability — the fact that through the years it remains basically the same in its form and teachings. We may have forgotten that because it is a living reality the Church must change and renew itself.



Pentecost. Jean II Restout. 1732.

The great guiding force behind change in the Church is the person of the Holy Spirit, the parting gift of Jesus to his then small circle of friends. “I will not leave you orphans,” he had told them during his last supper with them. “I will ask the Father and he will give you the Holy Spirit to be with you forever.”

In his *Acts of the Apostles*, Saint Luke describes how that promise was fulfilled as the Holy Spirit came to the group of twelve apostles. The Resurrection and Ascension had come and gone. They were left feeling abandoned, with no sense of mission or purpose. As they huddled together for prayer on the Jewish Feast of Weeks, something quite extraordinary happened to them. Luke writes of a noise like a strong rushing wind, tongues of fire, and the ability to speak in several languages. The apostles suddenly felt energized and

empowered. Soon Peter is out into the streets preaching to the crowds of pilgrims who had come to Jerusalem for the festival. We are told that 3,000 people were baptized that first Pentecost—that is about three times the capacity of St. Ignatius Church! It was the birthing of the Christian Church.

What began on Pentecost spread like a forest fire. In thirty years it spread so dramatically that Christianity became a powerful force in faraway Rome and the Emperor Nero made it the target of an all-out persecution. With Pentecost, there was a new coming of God to the world — a sort of second Christmas—because God came in the Person of the Holy

Spirit to be always with, and in, the Church. And twenty centuries later, the Church is still here — in every corner of the world — alive, changing and always growing, despite the schisms, the conflicts and scandals that have plagued the Church from its earliest days.

Wherever the Spirit is at work we can be sure there is a call to live in the community of the Church and to be involved in that community. This is what happened to the apostles on that first Pentecost. Instead

of remaining isolated and fearful of the Jewish religious authorities who had plotted the murder of Jesus, they immediately began to proclaim to the whole world the Good News about the Resurrection of Jesus. Small Christian communities began to spring up near and far.

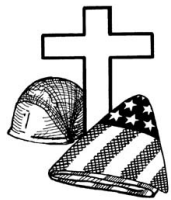
Christians of every generation are called to be part of that same movement — the movement away from isolation and individualism to community and involvement. The Holy Spirit will always be a challenge to the one who thinks, “I don’t need the Church, I can go to God on my own.” It may be a hard lesson for some to learn but we are saved together. Nobody is saved on their own.

— Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J.
Associate Pastor

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE



SUNDAY, MAY 24th
 Habitat for Humanity NYC
 Paper House Campaign. Narthex.
 After all Masses. *Details below.*



MONDAY, MAY 25th
Memorial Day
 The Parish House will be closed.
 One Mass will be celebrated at
 8:30 AM in the Lady Chapel.
 There will be no 12:10 PM
 or 5:30 PM Masses.



WEDNESDAY, MAY 27th
 Job Transition Support Group.
 10:00 AM. Parish Lounge.
 Bringing together experienced professionals
 looking to secure employment.

IGNATIAN SOCIAL JUSTICE



Paper House Campaign for
 Habitat for Humanity NYC
TODAY

In the Narthex after all Masses
 Sign a Paper House in support of Habitat for Humanity
 NYC's efforts to advocate for the creation and
 preservation of affordable homeownership and housing
 opportunities for New York's working families.

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.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Senior Luncheon
Saturday, June 20th at 1:00 PM
 Wallace Hall

To RSVP, call the Parish House at (212) 288-3588 or
 email svdpmembership980@gmail.com with
 your full name by Monday, June 15th.



Welcome, Michael Gardiner!

Please join us in extending a warm
 welcome to Michael Gardiner,
 the new Director of Facilities at
 the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola,
 St. Ignatius Loyola Grammar School,
 and St. Ignatius Loyola Day Nursery.

Michael is from Downpatrick, Ireland. He emigrated
 to the United States in 1999, working in construction
 before transitioning into residential management in
 Queens and, for the last eight years, in Manhattan.

We are blessed to have him with us!



*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*

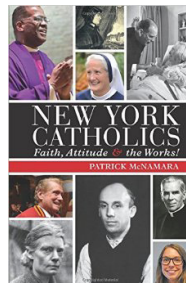
Thursday, June 4th
7:00 PM
Wallace Hall

RSVP by Monday, June 1st:
212-288-3588 or
ministrydinner@gmail.com

**Please leave both your name and
 your ministry.**

We look forward to sharing a meal together!

Available at the Parish House



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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.

IGNATIAN YOUNG ADULTS

Sunday Social Spring Schedule

 The Sunday Socials are held in Wallace Hall at 8:30 PM, following the 7:30 PM Mass. They are hosted by the Ignatian Young Adults. All young adults (ages 21-39) are welcome.

To receive updates on IYA events and other opportunities, you can follow us on Facebook at "Ignatian Young Adults (NYC)."

Sunday Social Dates

June 7 June 21

MUSIC

SUNDAY, MAY 31st

11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS

J.S. Bach *Prélude in Eb Major (BWV 552)**
Mendelssohn *Kyrie, Heilig Palestrina Benedicta sit sancta Trinitas*

Sheppard *Libera nos, salva nos*

J.S. Bach *Fugue in Eb Major (BWV 552)**

*Also played at the 7:30 PM Mass



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

Rising 1st through 12th graders may 'audition' on
Wednesday, May 27th, 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM,
in the Parish House Meeting Room.

Please contact Maureen Haley, Director of Children's Choirs, at haleym@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.



In Search of Francis: A Video Documentary

Sunday, June 7th at 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.

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, May 25th (Eighth Monday in Ordinary Time)

Sirach 17:20-24 Psalm 32 Mark 10:17-27

8:30 MEM Catherine Heaney

Tuesday, May 26th (St. Philip Neri)

Sirach 35:1-12 Psalm 50 Mark 10:28-31

8:30 MEM Emil Wittek

12:10 MEM Phyllis Browne

5:30 MEM Sose & Mark Prekelezaj

Wednesday, May 27th (Eighth Wednesday in Ordinary Time)

Sirach 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17 Psalm 79 Mark 10:32-45

8:30 LVG Thomas Middelhoff

12:10 LVG Gerta Reineck & Family

5:30 MEM James Waters

Thursday, May 28th (Eighth Thursday in Ordinary Time)

Sirach 42:15-25 Psalm 33 Mark 10:46-52

8:30 MEM Eileen Patricia Davis

12:10 MEM Francis Schultz

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

Friday, May 29th (Eighth Friday in Ordinary Time)

Sirach 44:1, 9-13 Psalm 149 Mark 11:11-26

8:30 LVG Thomas Middelhoff

12:10 MEM Donald Shea

5:30 MEM William Powers

Saturday, May 30th (Eighth Saturday in Ordinary Time)

Sirach 51:12cd-20 Psalm 19 Mark 11:27-33

8:30 MEM Peter D'Agostino

Sunday, May 31st (The Most Holy Trinity)

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

Romans 8:14-17

Psalm 33

Matthew 28:16-20



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We pray for the faithful departed
Glenn Pallen
May he rest in the peace of the Risen Lord

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.



Archdiocesan Family Day. Saturday, June 27th, 11:30 AM-5:30 PM. San Silverio Shrine, Dover Plains, New York. Event will feature food, games, and a Mass celebrated by Bishop Peter Byrne with Cardinal Timothy Dolan as homilist. Space is limited. Cost: \$10/person (children under 3 years old are free). For more information or to purchase tickets, visit <https://archnyfamilyday.eventbrite.com>

For your convenience...



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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. Salomone

9:30 AM Fr. Salomone

Wallace Hall 11:00 AM Fr. Bergen

Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Hilbert

7:30 PM Fr. Hilbert

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

M.S. Ed. (Admin.), M.S. Ed. (Literacy)

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St. Ignatius Loyola Day Nursery

Ms. Theodora Crist, M.S.

Executive Director

240 East 84th Street

New York, NY 10028

(212) 734-6427 Fax: (212) 734-6972



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