August 15th of this year, namely, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, I began my new assignment of pastoral ministry here in the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola. That date also marked my 45th anniversary as a member of the Society of Jesus and the New York Province of the Jesuit order and 36 years a Roman Catholic priest. My spiritual journey here has been a happy and grace-filled one for which I give thanks to the Lord every day.

I was blessed to have grown up in an open-minded family that was marked by a strong Judeo-Christian faith since my maternal grandfather was a German Jew. Given that my maternal grandmother was Catholic there was also a deep mutual respect for both religions. This Catholic faith was reinforced when my mother was baptized and confirmed at the age of 16 and later married my father who came from a long line of Irish Catholics.

Much of my life was rather ordinary: public grammar and high school in Buffalo with some remarkable teachers, weekly and sometimes daily Mass at my parish church, the Cathedral. At Canisius College I majored in English and Philosophy, both of which I have taught during my career at McQuaid Jesuit High School in Rochester, Regis High School, and Xavier High School.

I entered the Jesuits in 1964. From that moment on my ordinary life became extraordinary. I had learned in college to pray as a member of the Sodality of our Lady, today, the Christian Life Community, but the two year school of prayer in our novitiate with the 30 day and 8 day experiences of the Spiritual Exercises was a gentle but truly life-transforming passage. This journey continued as I did my philosophical studies at Boston College. From there I went on to teach this subject at Canisius College, Notre Dame University’s Innsbruck program, and Loyola University of Chicago and Saint Mary’s College programs in Rome. I also worked for ten years in the counseling center at Canisius College doing brief psychotherapy and teaching one course in philosophy each semester.

My theology studies were done at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, the University of Innsbruck, and Woodstock College here in New York. Along the way, in my life of study and formation as a Jesuit, I had what the Greek-Armenian mystic G.I. Gurdjieff referred to as Meetings with Remarkable Men, fellow Jesuit scholars, teachers, priests and spiritual guides.

I was called back to Rome where I served as librarian for 12 years at the Pontifical Oriental Institute and, then, most recently another 7 years at the Pontifical Biblical Institute. In addition to these 19 years in the area of administration, I can add 2 years as the executive assistant to the Provincial of the New York Province.

First and foremost, a Jesuit’s journey is a spiritual journey of love. It would be difficult to find more eloquent words than those attributed to our former General Superior Fr. Pedro Arrupe: “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. It will decide what will get you out of bed in the mornings, what you will do with your evenings, how you spend your weekends, what you read, who you know, what breaks your heart, and what amazes you with joy and gratitude. Fall in love, stay in love, and it will decide everything.”

This is a part of my journey as a Jesuit which I love and has filled my life with passion, power, and love. Teilhard de Chardin said, “Nothing is profane to those who know how to see.” St. Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus and his heroic band of followers have helped me to hear God’s call and shown me how to see, to see the stars, especially where there is great darkness and we are seeking the way. In this same spirit, St. Paul exhorts us to pray always. This is my life as a Jesuit. I invite you to join me and all true believers to be in uninterrupted communion with the Lord our God.

- Rev. James L. Dugan, S.J.
The Parish House will be closed on Monday, September 7th, in observance of Labor Day. Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 AM in the Lady Chapel (no 12:10 or 5:30 PM Masses).

Wednesday, September 9th at 2:30 PM in the Parish House - Ignatian Volunteer Corps Information Session. 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.

Begun by Terence Cardinal Cooke in 1981, Catholic New York is the official newspaper of the Archdiocese of New York. If you would like to receive a free subscription to this publication, which is published twice a month, please contact Diane Boyle at the Parish House: 212-288-3588 or boyled@stignatiusloyola.org.

Many of our parishioners are now using Parish Pay to make automatic online gifts to St. Ignatius. By choosing this option you will no longer need to receive monthly envelopes in the mail. In addition, you can contribute to our annual Parish collections, as well as Archdiocesan special appeals. For further information, or to enroll in the program, please visit our website at: www.stignatiusloyola.org (click on About Us: Stewardship/Giving).

You've notified your friends, you've notified your credit cards, you've notified your magazines. Please don't forget to notify your church. This information helps us to keep our database current, and cuts down on the cost of additional postage. Thanks!

St. Ignatius Spiritual Community Reading Group will meet on Tuesday, September 15th at 7:30 PM in the Parish House. The September book selection is The Weight of Glory by C.S. Lewis. New members are always welcome! For additional information, please contact Jane Campbell at 212-536-7746 or jtcjane@aol.com.

Kent Tittle: ORGAN RECITAL Wednesday, September 16th at 7:30 PM Kent opens the 2009-2010 Sacred Music in a Sacred Space concert season with his annual solo recital, featuring works of Buxtehude, Mendelssohn, Guilmant and Bach. Tickets are $20 or $15 for students and seniors, and are available online at www.smssconcerts.org (with no fee!), at the Parish House, or by calling 212-288-2520.

In a spirit of fellowship, the New Parishioners Committee and the Staff of St. Ignatius Loyola Church cordially invite you to join us for a New Parishioners' Reception Monday, September 28th, 6:30 - 8:00 PM (Presentation begins at 7:00 PM) Wallace Hall Please come and enjoy refreshments while meeting the Parish Staff and other parishioners, both old and new. RSVP to 212-288-3588 or church@stignatiusloyola.org.

Announcing the 2009-2010 SACRED MUSIC IN A SACRED SPACE Concert Season! From premieres by John Tavener and Valentin Silvestrov to classics by Mozart and Handel, the 21st season of Sacred Music in a Sacred Space features something for everyone. Order forms may be found in the narthex of the Church, at the Parish House, and online at www.smssconcerts.org.

For questions, or to order by phone, call 212-288-2520. The 2009-2010 Sacred Music in a Sacred Space brochures are here! Copies are available in the narthex, in the literature racks in Wallace Hall, and at Parish House Reception.

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LIFE, LOVE, DEATH:
A seminar of personal exploration and healing
Thursday evenings
October 1 - November 19
7:30 - 9:00 PM
Fr. Jim Dugan, S.J, will lead a group willing to share their understanding and experiences of the themes and mysteries – life, love, and death - in ordinary human and Judeo-Christian faith development. After a brief introduction, participants will be invited to share through their favorite readings, music, art, personal stories and writings, etc., their reflections and individual approaches to comprehending and integrating the reality of life, love, and death into their daily existence. The direction and goal of this group is twofold: to open up the horizons of these realities and, in this way, to overcome limited or distorted concepts which inhibit a deeper appropriation of the value and healing power contained within these universal cultural and religious human experiences.

The seminar, which will be limited to 12 participants, will run for seven weeks and is scheduled for Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:00 PM: October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, November 12, 19. Anyone interested in joining the seminar is requested to call the Parish House at 212-288-3588 or send an email to church@stignatiusloyola.org Please indicate your phone number(s) and email when registering.

Xavier Society for the Blind:
Pilgrimage and Raffle
Father John Sheehan, S.J., is leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from December 1st to the 10th. The cost is $2,800. But if you are a daring sort, the Xavier Society for the Blind is conducting a raffle, and the first prize is 2 tickets on this pilgrimage.

A ticket includes everything - airfare, meals, hotel (double occupancy) and transportation. The cost of a ticket is $50 and there are only 250 tickets available. If you win and don’t choose to go, the tickets are transferable. Or, you may donate your tickets for a tax deduction, or take a $4,000 cash prize (and, hopefully, give some of the winnings back to the Xavier Society). Second prize is $1,000; third prize is $500. All proceeds go to help the work of the Xavier Society for the Blind. The drawing will be held on September 15th.

Please call 212-473-7800 for further information. Checks, made payable to Xavier Society for the Blind, can be mailed to 154 East 23rd St, NYC 10010. Or reserve your ticket(s) via email to: xaviersocietyfortheblind@yahoo.com

Heartfulness: Transformation in Christ
An Evening with Fr. Thomas Keating
Friday, October 16, 2009 at 7:30 PM
Wallace Hall
Talk by Fr. Keating – Centering Prayer – Reception – Book Signing
Cost: $25.00
Retreat Day
Saturday, October 17, 2009 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Wallace Hall
Talk by Fr. Keating – Centering Prayer – Q&A – Lunch – Book Signing
Cost: $75.00 (this includes admission to both Friday evening and Saturday)

For additional information, or to register, go to www.contemplativeoutreach.org/newyork or contact Mary Anne Best at maryanne@coutreach.org Father Thomas Keating is a renowned spiritual teacher, and the author of 22 books, including Open Mind, Open Heart, which reintroduced Christians to the contemplative dimension of the Gospel. Fr. Thomas returns to St. Ignatius to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Contemplative Outreach where the first Introduction to Centering Prayer in-city retreat was held 25 years ago.

Come to listen, reflect, be still

The first Choral Concert of the Season:
featuring
John Tavener Requiem
Valentin Silvestrov Diptychon
Wednesday, October 7, 2009 at 7:30PM
Hear the Choir and Orchestra of St. Ignatius in two exciting U.S. premieres: Tavener’s Requiem and Silvestrov’s Diptychon, followed by a Venetian Masquerade Gala Reception!

Concert tickets are $50 for preferred seating and $40 or $30 (student/senior) for general seating. Gala Reception tickets are $100. Please visit www.smssconcerts.org or call 212-288-2520 to order.
IGNATIAN TEENS

Calling all Teens (grades 9-12)

Listed below are September’s service opportunities. Depending on the number of volunteers, it would be wonderful if we could take part in them all!

To register, please send an e-mail to: it@stignatiusloyola.org

HELPING THE ENVIRONMENT

Central Park Pitch-In Pick Up! – Saturday, September 19
Meet at 9:30 AM in the Rectory at St. Ignatius Loyola and walk as a group to Central Park Visitor Center. Choose a trash grabber or sweeper and “Pitch-In!”

International Coastal Cleanup – Saturday, September 26
Meet at 9:00 AM in the Rectory at St. Ignatius Loyola and go as a group to Cherry Walk, Riverside Park.

HELPING CHILDREN

Project Happy – Training Day – Saturday, September 19
Meet at 9:00 AM in the Rectory at St. Ignatius Loyola. This is a 2 - 5 hour training session to be a Project Happy bowling volunteer.

HELPING TO BRIGHTEN SOMEONE’S DAY

Are you artsy/craftsy? Here are two service projects that you can do in your own home!

- Make cards to be delivered to homebound senior citizens with a City Meals-on-Wheels delivery.
- Make cards for isolated senior citizens.

(Instructions/samples will be provided for both of these projects).

IGNATIAN YOUNG ADULTS

Upcoming Events

Sunday Evening Socials
Socials after the 7:30 Mass will begin again on September 13th. Come join us for a quick bite or drink. Catch up with old friends and meet some new.

Apples and Eve:
Creation and Original Sin
Sundays, September 13, 20, 27 and October 4, 11
6:00 PM - Parish Lounge

This five session series will include a careful reading of Genesis 1, 2 and 3 as well as a consideration of the doctrine of original sin. We will use the latest findings of scripture scholars, theologians and scientists as we seek to integrate the theological implications of the Genesis stories into our experience as post-modern Catholics. Discussion will be led by parishioner Brian Pinter, Member of Ignatian Young Adults and Director of Campus Ministry at Regis High School. For additional information, or to register, please contact Katie Munley at katie.munley@gmail.com

St. Ignatius Young Adults Third Annual
“Evening at the Met Museum”
featuring Roxy Paine on the Roof: Maelstrom
Friday, September 18, 6:00 - 8:15 PM

Please join us for cocktails on the Metropolitan Museum’s Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Roof Garden, which offers spectacular views of Central Park and the Manhattan skyline. This year’s event features the sculpture of American artist Roxy Paine. Cocktails, wine, beer, soft drinks and snacks will be available for purchase. Access to the roof garden is free with Museum admission. We will gather at the southernmost end of the roof garden. In case of rain, we will gather instead in the Museum’s Petrie Court Café.

RSVP to Cathlavelleaol.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

Registrations for 2009-2010 can be made by calling the Parish House at 212-288-3588.
Registration forms can also be found on our website, www.stignatiusloyola.org

New Parishioners

We welcome new parishioners and invite you to fill out a Parishioner Registration Card located in the pew racks, at the Parish House, and online at: www.stignatiusloyola.org

Registration is our only means of certifying membership in the Parish. If your address changes, please be sure to notify us so that we can update our records.
Announced Masses and Scripture Readings for the Week

**Monday, September 7th** - **LABOR DAY**
(S.S. Stephen Pongracz, Melchior Grodziecki, and Mark Krizevcanin)
8:30     MEM  William M. Meehan
(one Mass will be celebrated today)

**Tuesday, September 8th**
(Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary)
Micah 5:1-4a  Psalm 13  Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23
8:30  LVG  John Olenick, Jr.
12:10 MEM  Mary Rita O’Connell Nugent
5:30 MEM  Luis Samaniego

**Wednesday, September 9th**
(St. Peter Claver)
8:30 MEM  Marion Tierney
12:10 MEM  Robert Fairchild
5:30 MEM  Catherine Scanlon

**Thursday, September 10th**
(Bl. Francis Gárate)
8:30 MEM  Auerillo Palacardo
12:10 MEM  Valentino Mazzia
5:30 MEM  Joseph J. Sullivan, Sr.

**Friday, September 11th**
(23rd in Ordinary Time)
1 Timothy 1-2, 12-14  Psalm 16  Luke 6:39-42
8:30 MEM  Giro Zullo
12:10 MEM  Mimi F. Meehan
5:30 ANN  Richard Fraser

**Saturday, September 12th**
(23rd in Ordinary Time)
1 Timothy 1:15-17  Psalm 113  Luke 6:43-49
8:30 MEM  Mr. & Mrs. Joseph R. Frissora

**Sunday, September 13th**
(24th in Ordinary Time)
Isaiah 50:5-9a  Psalm 116  James 2:14-18  Mark 8:27-35
Attention Graduates of Jesuit Institutions: Jesuit Alumni Gathering – Discovering Our Jesuit Identity Rooted in Ignatian Spirituality. Saturday, September 12th, 1:00 – 5:00 PM. Presenter: Rev. Damian Halligan, S.J. St. Ignatius Jesuit Retreat House, 251 Searingtown Road, Manhasset, NY. Free will offering. For further information and registration, please call 516-621-8300, ext. 15

Consuming America: What Have We Done to Ourselves? A Headline Forum. Tuesday, September 15th, 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Fordham Center on Religion and Culture. Pope Auditorium, 113 West 60th Street (Lincoln Center Campus). Free and open to the public. RSVP to 212-636-7347 or CRCevent@Fordham.edu For additional information, visit www.fordham.edu/relinature

Mary Manning Walsh Home’s Volunteer Association 22nd Annual Walk-A-Thon. Saturday, September 26th. Walk begins from Mary Manning at 9:00 AM. Fees: $15 for adults, $12 for children (waived if $60 or more is collected from sponsors). For further information, please call Sr. Michael Mary at 212-628-2800

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Weekday Masses Monday-Friday
8:30AM, 12:10PM and 5:30PM
Saturday: 8:30 AM

Masses for Next Weekend:
Saturday Vigil: 5:30PM Fr. Dugan
Sunday: 8:00AM Fr. Dugan
9:30AM Fr. SooHoo
Wallace Hall 11:00AM Fr. Witt
Solemn 11:00AM Fr. Ugo
7:30PM Fr. Ugo

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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. (Will resume on September 13th)

Eucharistic Adoration: Fridays and First Saturdays at 9:00 AM (Lady Chapel)

Centering Prayer: Mondays at 6:30 PM Thursdays: resumes Nov. 12th 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.