A Church to Call Home

Twenty-two adults were received into the Church at the Easter Vigil!
Several share their stories below.

– Maureen Fullam, Director

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Becoming Catholic was a quiet calling, a desire for a closer relationship with Christ. The first time I walked into St. Ignatius, it felt like coming home. Studying the faith and attending Mass together, my connection with God deepened. Watching parishioners bring up the gifts at Mass, I felt connected to a loving, joyful community. Reciting the Profession of Faith with my fellow candidates at the Vigil, going up to the high altar to be confirmed, I felt closer to God than ever. I was home. I believe that God was working on me through all of you; thank you for welcoming me into your community.

– Maureen Fullam

I cultivated my career, exercised, and owned the latest gadgets to nourish body and mind yet still felt a painful emptiness. I yearned for spiritual nourishment and needed to find a church I could call home to have a closer relationship with God. I was led here where I received instruction and became filled with God's love and grace. Before the Easter Vigil, I felt like a bride preparing for her wedding. To some extent, I was getting married...to my new church. I am honored (and feel blessed!) to be part of this lovely community of parishioners. I feel more ‘rich’ now in spirit than I could ever imagine!

– Rebecca Alimena

After 9/11, faith seemed to be of utmost importance. I sought refuge at St. Ignatius Loyola, where chaos never seems to exist and God's presence seems eternal. Recently I picked up Mitch Albom's book, Have a Little Faith, and found myself contacting the parish. Perhaps God speaks to us in many ways. I will never be sure – but what I do know from going through the RCIA is that faith isn't about having all the answers or logically explaining every detail. This journey, after all, is about believing, trusting, and having a little faith.

– Anonymous

My baptism has given me what I've been looking for…a chance to understand God more and give Him praise and thanks every day of my life. The blessings I have received have changed me forever and I now have a relationship with God that I could never imagine giving up. I feel so lucky to have pursued my spirituality as an adult; I appreciate what Christianity has to offer and the spiritually healthy lifestyle that I now lead. No, I don't skip down the street singing to Jesus, but I do feel that he is with me in everything I do. And that's all I ever wanted.

– Jennifer McAllister
SUNDAY, MAY 22nd
First Communion Sunday.
11:00 AM
Wallace Hall
Family Mass.

Training Session
for New Eucharistic Ministers.
1:30 PM. Church.
Details on page 5.

MONDAY, MAY 23rd
Ranger Rosary Ministry. 7:00 PM.
Meeting Room.
Since August 2009, over 2500 rosaries
have been completed.
Supplies and instructions are provided
and new members are always welcome!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25th
Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Meeting. 7:00 PM. Conference Room.
All are welcome.

SMSS Concert.
8:00 PM. Church.
Pre-Concert Organ Recital at 7:00 PM.
Details on page 5.

THURSDAY, MAY 26th
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.

FROM THE PASTOR
The 2011 Archdiocesan
Stewardship Appeal

Dear Parishioners,
My deepest thanks to all those who
have generously supported the 2011
Archdiocesan Stewardship Appeal, which
is now in its final stages in our Parish.

We are almost there! To date, we have raised $324,152,
or 98% of our goal of $330,000.

If you have not yet made your commitment to the
Appeal, please prayerfully consider making a pledge or
a one-time gift. Envelopes are still available in the pews
and in the Narthex. Thank you for your generosity.

Fr. George Witt, S.J.

Gifts can also be made online at
www.stewardshipappeal.org

The Parish Ministry Council
cordially invites
St. Ignatius Parishioners
active in Ministry
to the
Ministers’ Night
Annual Supper Social
Wednesday, June 8th at 7:00 PM
Wallace Hall
We look forward to sharing a meal together!
additional details to follow....

Proclaim the Word!
Lectors proclaim the
Word of God during Mass
and embody the
Good News in their lives.

If you feel called to serve in this ministry
at St. Ignatius Loyola,
please contact Fr. Bergen at the
Bread for the World:
You can help create long-term solutions to the global hunger crisis!

After Mass on Saturday and Sunday, May 21st and 22nd, stop by one of the tables in the Narthex, where you will be able to sign letters addressed to our representatives in Washington promoting economic growth in low-income countries and supporting the efforts of poor people to lift themselves out of hunger and poverty.

A Special Liturgy to Celebrate Boomers & Beyond!
Wednesday, June 15th at 7:00 PM
St. Joseph Church, Yorkville
404 East 87th 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 Monday, June 13th:
BoomersandBeyond.eastside@gmail.com (preferred)
or call 646-241-1332.

ParishPay
Making it Easier to Give

Many of our parishioners are making automatic online gifts to St. Ignatius. By giving online to St. Ignatius you will no longer need to receive envelopes in the mail. In addition, you may also make gifts to our annual Parish collections, as well as to Archdiocesan special collections. For further information, or to enroll in the program, please visit our website: www.stignatiusloyola.org (click on About Us: Stewardship/Giving)
**Announced Masses and Scripture Readings for the Week**

**Monday, May 23rd**  
*(Fifth Monday of Easter)*
- Acts 14:5-18, Psalm 115, John 14:21-26
- 8:30 LVG Patrick G. Burns
- 12:10 MEM James Gallacher
- 5:30 MEM Richard Nolan

**Tuesday, May 24th**  
*(Our Lady of the Way)*
- 8:30 MEM John B., John A., & Elizabeth A. Rooney
- 12:10 MEM Eileen Murphy
- 5:30 MEM James Waters

**Wednesday, May 25th**  
*(St. Bede the Venerable, St. Gregory VII, St. Mary Magdalen of Pazzi)*
- Acts 15:1-6, Psalm 122, John 15:1-8
- 8:30 MEM The Bernabei Family
- 12:10 MEM Elii Gill
- 5:30 MEM Kathleen Ann Bartone

**Thursday, May 26th**  
*(St. Philip Neri)*
- 8:30 MEM Dr. Emil Wittek
- 12:10 MEM Owen Smyth
- 5:30 MEM Living & Deceased Members of the Wallace Family

**Friday, May 27th**  
*(St. Augustine of Canterbury)*
- Acts 15:22-31, Psalm 57, John 15:12-17
- 8:30 MEM Kathleen Ann Bartone
- 12:10 LVG Cec Sheoships
- 5:30 MEM Kathleen Ann Bartone

**Saturday, May 28th**  
*(Fifth Saturday of Easter)*
- Acts 16:1-10, Psalm 100, John 15:18-21
- 8:30 LVG The Lord Family

**Sunday, May 29th**  
*(Sixth Sunday of Easter)*
- Acts 8:5-8, 14-17, Psalm 66
- 1 Peter 3:15-18, John 14:15-21

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**Have You Registered?**

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Having your name in our records is the only way we can certify that you are a practicing Catholic.

If you move or if your email address changes, please be sure to notify us so that we can update our records.

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**Interested in Becoming Catholic?**

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**Pastoral Visits Available for Homebound and Ill Parishioners**

Parishioners have been trained for the ministry of pastoral visiting to the homebound and chronically ill in our Parish.

If you are interested in having a visit arranged for yourself or for another person, please contact Sr. Kathryn King at: 212-288-3588 or kingk@stignatiusloyola.org

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**We pray for the faithful departed**

Robert Benedict

May he rest in the peace of the Risen Lord

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**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!
Meeting Christ in Prayer:
Reunion Meeting
Tuesday, June 14th
7:00 – 9:00 PM
Wallace Hall

This Reunion Meeting is open to all those who participated in either the Fall 2010 or the Spring 2011 session of Meeting Christ in Prayer.
To register, please contact Sr. Kathryn King at kingk@stignatiusloyola.org

EVALUATION
The Spring semester of Meeting Christ in Prayer has quickly come and gone! It was a wonderful, rich experience that was over too soon. As we begin to plan for 2011-12, it would be very helpful to have feedback from those who participated in Meeting Christ in Prayer this semester. Evaluation forms are available at the Parish House Reception Desk. Or download an Evaluation Form by visiting our website, www.stignatiusloyola.org
Please complete the form and return it to Sr. Kathryn King at the Parish House no later than Monday, May 23rd.
Thank you for your participation!

Saint Ignatius Loyola Grammar School extends an invitation to visit the annual
Scholastic
Book Fair

• Sunday, May 22nd
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

• Monday, May 23rd, 8:30 AM – 6:00 PM

• Tuesday, May 24th, 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM
McKinnon Hall

Books for readers of all ages will be available for purchase. If you are a Grammar School family, please know that the books assigned for summer reading will not be available on Sunday, but may be purchased at the Book Fair on Monday or Tuesday.

Training Session for New Eucharistic Ministers

Those who are interested in serving as EMs at St. Ignatius Loyola and have registered with Fr. SooHoo are invited to attend this training session on
Sunday, May 22nd
from 1:30 – 3:30 PM
in the Church

SVDP Blood Drive
Sunday, June 5th
McKinnon Hall
9:00 AM – 2:30 PM

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 SVDP Blood Drive on June 5th.

Appointments can be made online at https://drm.nybloodcenter.org/PublicScheduler/GroupWelcome.aspx?Group06239
Walk-ins are also welcome!
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.
Rev. Anthony P. SooHoo, S.J.

Assisting Priests (Sunday)
Rev. Philip G. Judge, S.J.
Rev. Stephen Katsouros, S.J.
Rev. James Martin, S.J.

Music Ministries
Kent Tittle, Director
Renée Anne Louprette
Nancianne Parrella
Robert Reuter
Mary Huff
Michael Sheetz
Philip Anderson
Erlin Acheson, Administrator

Staff information: on the website at music/music staff

Director of Development
Mary Reed

Assistant to the Pastor
Diane M. Boyle

Administrative Assistant
Patricia Schneider

Director of Facilities
Czeslaw “Chester” Ciupinski

Events Coordinator
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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: 5:30 PM Fr. Dugan
Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Dugan
9:30 AM Fr. SooHoo
Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Ugo
Wallace Hall 11:00 AM Fr. Dugan
7:30 PM Fr. Ugo

Cabrini Center: Are you caring for an elderly loved one? You are not alone. Cabrini Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation’s Adult Day Care Program offers medical, nursing, and rehabilitative services in a warm and nurturing environment. The program runs five days a week, from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, with extended hours available. For more information and to book a free trial day, call 212-233-8402.

Music Stars for Japan Relief
Monday, May 23rd at 7:30 PM
Church of the Blessed Sacrament
152 West 71st Street
For additional information, visit www.blessedsacramentnyc.com

Children’s Liturgy of the Word:
Sundays at the 9:30 AM Mass and the 11:00 AM Mass in Wallace Hall.

Eucharistic Adoration: First Saturdays at 9:00 AM in the 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.

Tutors Needed: Little Sisters of the Assumption Family Health Service in East Harlem urgently needs women volunteers who are willing to commit four hours each month to mentor a 7th or 8th grade girl. A commitment for one year is requested. Mentors should be interested and familiar with New York City and be willing to explore its cultural and educational landscapes with their mentees. For more information, please contact the Volunteer Director at tgough@lsafhs.org or (646) 672-0434. Visit www.littlesistersfamily.org

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