Tertianship: A School of the Heart

The Parish was blessed a few weeks back to partake in the joy of Fr. Stephen Katsouros, S.J., as he professed his final vows as a Jesuit. In a bulletin essay the week before, Fr. Katsouros shared a bit of his experience of the long journey that marks a person’s formation as a Jesuit. The last stage of that journey is referred to as tertianship.

I am currently in the midst of this final stage myself, and will be away from the Parish for six weeks this summer, fulfilling an important part of what is required.

What exactly is tertianship and how does it fit into the overall scheme of Jesuit formation? Its very name, taken from the Latin word for “third,” makes reference to the fact that it is the third period of prayerful “testing” or, to use St. Ignatius’ term, “probation” that a Jesuit undergoes on the journey to full incorporation as a member of the Society of Jesus. The term “probation” does not carry a negative connotation within the Society. It is simply a way of describing the task at hand: to discern well whether God is indeed calling this individual to life as a Jesuit.

The first probation happens through the first few weeks after a man arrives at the novitiate, offering him the opportunity one last time before formally entering to look again at his motivations and to confirm that he seriously desires to be a Jesuit. The second probation is the two year period of noviceship that immediately follows. During this time, a Jesuit novice is immersed in prayer, study, and apostolic works. Included in this period is a careful look at the life of St. Ignatius as well as the history and Constitutions of the Society. The highlight of the novitiate experience is completing the full Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius through a thirty-day retreat.

If a man’s vocation as a Jesuit is confirmed through all of these experiences, he professes his first, perpetual vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

However, Ignatius clearly understood that in order to serve the Church well, much more formation is needed beyond the novitiate, so several stages follow before a Jesuit is fully incorporated into the Society. These include a number of years of full time apostolic work prior to ordination, master’s level philosophy and theology studies, ordination to priesthood (except for those Jesuits who are called instead to be lay brothers), further graduate studies (for those Jesuits who will specialize in a particular area), and several years of full time apostolic work after ordination. When all of these stages have been completed, a Jesuit enters a third and final period of probation: tertianship. By the time a Jesuit enters this period, he has already been a Jesuit for many years, in my case, fifteen.

During this privileged time, a Jesuit repeats a number of elements proper to the novitiate, such as reading the life of St. Ignatius and the Constitutions of the Society, and making the full Spiritual Exercises in a thirty-day retreat. After many years of living the vows and contributing to Jesuit life, these may be approached more deeply than was possible at the beginning. Indeed, tertianship is often referred to as “a school of the heart,” because the focus is integration, unity, and more a profound appropriation of what has already been learned. The goal is to help the Jesuit to be a better, more effective minister of the Gospel.

I will be departing later this week for Scranton, PA, where three other tertians and I will engage in a week-long reading of the Constitutions. On the evening of June 30th, we will begin the thirty-day retreat at the Jesuit retreat house in Wernersville, PA. The retreat will officially end on July 31st, the Feast of St. Ignatius Loyola. After a few days back in Scranton to conclude the experience, I will return to my duties in the Parish on Monday, August 8th.

An additional element of tertianship is a period of apostolic or academic work in a field unrelated to the Jesuit’s daily ministry. I am scheduled to undertake this phase in the summer of 2012. If all goes well, the Superior of the Jesuits will invite me to profess my final vows sometime later. I can only hope that they will be as beautiful as Fr. Katsouros’!

Please pray for me this summer. And count on my prayers for you.

- Rev. George M. Witt, S.J.
Pastor
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY, JUNE 20th
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!

TUESDAY, JUNE 21st
Spiritual Community Reading Group 7:15 PM. Conference Room. Details below.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22nd
Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting. 7:00 PM. Conference Room. All are welcome.

THURSDAY, JUNE 23rd
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.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY READING GROUP

Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, June 21st at 7:15 PM in the Conference Room
In preparation for this meeting, please read “King’s Cross” by Timothy Keller

For additional information, contact Chris Carney at ccarney123@gmail.com or 914-316-3068 or Meg Gottemoeller at megecorp@aol.com

Interested in Becoming Catholic?
Beginning in the Fall, 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 or email church@stignatiusloyola.org

The Annual Spring Appeal: WE’RE MORE THAN HALFWAY TO OUR GOAL!
Our 2011 Goal is $200,000
Where we are now: $110,800

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE SENT IN THEIR DONATIONS!
If you would like to call in or email your donation via credit card, please contact our Director of Development, Mary Reed, at reedm@stignatiusloyola.org or 212-288-3588 x632.

Donations can also be made online through Parish Pay. For further information, or to enroll in the Parish Pay program, please visit our website: www.stignatiusloyola.org (click on About Us: Stewardship/Giving)

Summer Mass Schedule Changes
The final Wallace Hall Family Mass of the season will be Sunday, June 26th. The Family Mass will resume on Sunday, September 11th.

Our summer Daily Mass Schedule begins on Monday, June 27th and runs through Friday, September 2nd. During this time the 12:10 PM Daily Mass is discontinued, and both the 8:30 AM and 5:30 PM Masses are celebrated in the Lady Chapel.

E Religious Education for Children
Registrations for the 2011-2012 IREP and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd programs can be made by calling the Parish House at 212-288-3588 and pressing “0” for the receptionist.

Registration forms can also be found on our website: www.stignatiusloyola.org

Choral and organ subscriptions for the 2011-2012 Sacred Music in a Sacred Space season are now available!
Subscribe by July 31st for pre-season rates up to 20% off. Subscribers may also purchase Christmas concert tickets now before individual tickets go on sale August 1st.

Order forms may be found in the Narthex, the Parish House, and online at www.smssconcerts.org
For questions, or to order by phone, call 212-288-2520
We pray for the faithful departed
Richard Adrian
Mary Christine Lytle
May they rest in the peace of the Risen Lord

EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY AT LENOX HILL HOSPITAL
Information Meeting
Wednesday, July 13th
7:00 PM in the Parish Lounge

Share your gifts as a Minister of the Eucharist! Ministers are needed to bring the Eucharist to the significant number of Catholic patients at Lenox Hill Hospital. Both experienced and new ministers are welcome. On Wednesday, July 13th, Mr. Carlos Cuartas, Interim Director of Pastoral Care at Lenox Hill Hospital, will explain hospital protocol and answer questions regarding the ministry. Sr. Kathryn King will speak about Parish training for outreach ministry to the sick. Volunteer information is available online: www.lenoxhillhospital.org

To register for the information evening, contact Sr. Kathryn King at kingk@stignatiusloyola.org

Summer “Temps”
The Ministry of Hospitality invites you to “pick a summer weekend” in either July or August and volunteer to serve as an usher at the Mass of your choice. During these months many of our “regulars” are away and additional help is greatly appreciated.

Please contact Adele Gallo at amdgallo@me.com if you can serve during July or August.

Congratulations and best wishes to the 60 members of the 2011 Graduating Class of Saint Ignatius Loyola School!

This year’s graduates have been awarded over $2,000,000 dollars in merit scholarship.

In September the students will be attending:
- Academy of the Holy Angels, New Jersey
- Bronx High School of Science
- Cardinal Spellman High School
- Columbia Grammar and Preparatory School
- Convent of the Sacred Heart
- Dominican Academy
- Fordham Preparatory School
- Immaculate Conception High School, New Jersey
- Iona Preparatory School
- Loyola School
- Marymount School
- Notre Dame School
- Portsmouth Abbey School
- Professional Performing Arts School
- Regis High School
- St. Vincent Ferrer High School
- Trinity School
- Xavier High School

Announced Masses and Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday, June 20th
(Twelfth Monday in Ordinary Time)
Genesis 12:1-9 Psalm 33 Matthew 7:1-5
8:30 MEM Julia Anne O’Donnell
12:10 MEM Jerry Neal
5:30 MEM Ellie Gill

Tuesday, June 21st
(St. Aloysius Gonzaga)
Genesis 13:2, 5-18 Psalm 15 Matthew 7:6, 12-14
8:30 MEM Noel Hinch
12:10 MEM Countess Sophie Mohl
5:30 MEM Nathan Davidson

Wednesday, June 22nd
(SS. John Fisher, Thomas More, and Paulinus of Nola)
Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Psalm 105 Matthew 7:15-20
8:30 MEM Dr. Alvin Lashinsky
12:10 MEM The Bernabei Family
5:30 MEM Bob Lackner

Thursday, June 23rd
(Twelfth Thursday in Ordinary Time)
Genesis 16:1-12, 15-16 Psalm 106 Matthew 7:21-29
8:30 MEM James McCormack
12:10 MEM James Gallacher
5:30 MEM Living & Deceased Members of the Wallace Family

Friday, June 24th
(Birth of St. John the Baptist)
8:30 MEM John B., John A., & Elizabeth A. Rooney
12:10 MEM Helen Regan
5:30 MEM Peter Trapasso

Saturday, June 25th
(Twelfth Saturday in Ordinary Time)
Genesis 18:1-15 Luke 1 Matthew 8:5-17
8:30 MEM Eric Valentine

Sunday, June 26th
(Solemnity of the Body & Blood of Christ)
Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a Psalm 147
1 Corinthians 10:16-17 John 6:51-58
Friends of the Jesuits
Golf Outing
Monday, September 26th
Meadow Brook Club
Jericho, NY

Golf Outing Co-Founders:
Pete Dagher, Brian Devaney,
Gary Goodenough

Golf Committee Members:
Marissa Blackett, Chip Burke,
Wayne Channer, Tim Croak, Tom Johnson,
Terry Meehan, John O’Brien, William Parry,
James Power, John Tognino, Matt Veith

Individual golfer: $1250
Contact: Debra Ryan at the
New York Jesuit Office:
212-774-5544

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www.nysj.org

Spiritual Direction Training Program
September 2011 – May 2012
The basic training program developed and
used for over 30 years at the Center for
Spirituality and Justice is now offered at
Carmel Retreat. This 8-month, 17-session
program includes basic skills, theology,
supervision, case conferences, and practicum.
Participants who complete course objectives
are awarded a certificate in spiritual direction.

Visit www.carmelretreat.com
or call 201-327-7090 for details.

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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. SooHoo
9:30 AM Fr. Dugan
Solemn: 11:00 AM Fr. Ugo
Wallace Hall: 11:00 AM Fr. SooHoo
7:30 PM Fr. Bergen

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