As a child preparing for my First Holy Communion back in the 1950’s, I was full of fear that I would not be able to swallow the Host. I practiced putting something on my tongue so I would be able to receive the Host properly. Thankfully, my experience with Holy Communion has matured.

Having said that, when I considered writing a reflection on Corpus Christi, fear struck again, and I hesitated. But I thought of the words we say before receiving the Body and Blood of Christ: “Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed,” and then proceeded to write. God always gives me another chance. I thank God for this opportunity to reflect on Corpus Christi.

Corpus Christi, which is Latin for “the Body of Christ,” is a feast which highlights our belief in the transubstantiation (transformation) of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ during Mass. In some countries, Catholic churches celebrate the feast with a procession that includes carrying the consecrated Host through the streets as a public statement that the sacrifice of Christ was for the salvation of the whole world.

The feast was inspired by the religious experience of St. Juliana (1193-1258), a Belgian nun who dreamed repeatedly of the Church as situated under a full moon with a black spot. According to legend, the dream was interpreted to her in a vision by Christ. The moon, He said, was the church’s calendar and the black spot was the lack of a feast to celebrate the holiest element of the Church – the Eucharist.

I am a firm believer in the “power of invitation.” Jesus invites us to receive His Body and Blood at Mass. It is an invitation I accept with reverence, honor, and awe. When I go forward to receive, I fold my hands together with my fingers straight up as if I were forming the number one. That is a reminder to myself that I am one with the Lord, which is the greatest meaning of the Feast of Corpus Christi for me. Before I receive the Body of Christ, I bow and say a prayer. This can be in the form of a “thank you” or a petition for a particular individual. Often I will tell a sick person that I will offer my Communion for them. I say his or her name as I bow before receiving the Body of Christ.

This incredible gift of Jesus Christ gives us the strength and courage to discern His will in our daily lives. This reflection on Corpus Christi has strengthened the calling I have felt to serve as a Eucharistic Minister. God gives me, as He does all of us, the grace to follow His will.

Our praise and gratitude to Christ is beautifully expressed in the hymn, You Satisfy the Hungry Heart (Gift of Finest Wheat). The last verse reminds us: “You give yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be, to serve each other in Your name in truth and charity.”

I feel most peaceful when receiving the Eucharist and am most joyful when seeing the congregation, the “communion of saints,” processing up the aisle to receive the Body of Christ. We are one body with Christ and with one other. This is indeed a holy communion.

Lord, we are not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and we shall be healed. Thank you, God, for the great gift of the Eucharist!

- Jane Vardy
Parishioner, Church of St. Ignatius Loyola
As explained in last week’s bulletin essay, Father Witt will be away from the Parish until Monday, August 8th. During Father Witt’s absence, Father Bergen will be coordinating the pastoral needs of the Parish.

SUNDAY, JUNE 26th
Young Adult Sunday Social. 8:30 PM. Wallace Hall. Hosted by the Ignatian Young Adults (follows the 7:30 PM Mass). All are welcome. This will be the final social of the season.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29th
(New Day!)
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.

The Annual Spring Appeal:
WE’RE MORE THAN HALFWAY TO OUR GOAL!
Our 2011 Goal is $200,000
Where we are now: $118,495
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
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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

Summer Theology Course
Jesus Christ: Fundamentals of Christology
Offered by Fr. James Dugan, S.J.
Tuesday evenings: July 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th (7:00-8:30 PM)
This colloquium will focus on the person of Jesus Christ and invite participants to articulate their understanding and questions about Christianity’s historical and contemporary knowledge of Jesus. The course will concentrate on the gospels, the letters of the New Testament, as well as the Church councils in order to come to a deeper understanding of the nature and person of Jesus Christ. A christological examination of his life, mission, ministry, and teaching will be directed towards a deeper comprehension of who Jesus was and is and his extraordinary role in religious salvation history.
Please sign up only if you can plan to attend all four sessions.
To register, call Reception at 212-288-3588 or email Fr. Dugan at duganj@stignatiusloyola.org

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:
Hard copies of the July/August EM/Lector Schedule are now available in the Sacristy and the Parish House and online at www.stignatiusloyola.org
Please pick up a copy at your earliest convenience.

FROM THE PASTOR’S OFFICE
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

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Announced Masses and Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday, June 27th
(St. Cyril of Alexandria)
Genesis 18:16-33 Psalm 103 Matthew 8:18-22
8:30 MEM Dr. Emil Wittek
5:30 MEM Jean Schuberth

Tuesday, June 28th
(St. Irenaeus)
Genesis 19:15-29 Psalm 26 Matthew 8:23-27
8:30 MEM Charles Fredericks
5:30 LVG Tim Walsh & Family

Wednesday, June 29th
(SS. Peter & Paul)
Acts 12:1-11 Psalm 34 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18
Matthew 16:13-19
8:30 MEM Dorothy Casey
5:30 MEM Rosemary Betancourt

Thursday, June 30th
(First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church)
Genesis 22:1b-19 Psalm 115 Matthew 9:1-8
8:30 MEM James Buscarino
5:30 MEM William Powers

Friday, July 1st
(The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus)
Deuteronomy 7:6-11 Psalm 103 1 John 4:7-16
Matthew 11:25-30
8:30 MEM John & Mae Rooney
5:30 LVG Elaine Egan-Delgado

Saturday, July 2nd
(SS. Francis Jerome, Bernardino Realino, John Francis Regis)
Genesis 27:1-5, 15-29 Psalm 135 Matthew 9:14-17
8:30 MEM Patrick Waters

Sunday, July 3rd
(14th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Zechariah 9:9-10 Psalm 145
Romans 8:9, 11-13 Matthew 11:25-30
**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 NY Jesuit Office:  
212-774-5544  
For registration and information on sponsorships and journal ads visit:  
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**Pilgrimage to Rome**  
Fr. John Sheehan, S.J., Chairman of the Xavier Society for the Blind, will be leading a pilgrimage to Rome from October 2nd-9th, 2011. Cost: $2,300/per person, double occupancy. Trip includes attendance at an audience with the Holy Father, for both sighted and blind travellers. Detailed information is available by visiting:  
www.xaviersocietyfortheblind.org  
In addition, the Xavier Society for the Blind is sponsoring a raffle. First prize is 2 tickets for the pilgrimage, including airfare, hotel, and everything else in the standard ticket. Second prize: $1000; third prize: $500. There are only 250 tickets and the cost per ticket is $50. Tickets for both the trip and the raffle may be purchased online at the website noted above. Or call 212-473-7800.

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