Beginning today, Catholics across the nation are celebrating Catholic Schools Week.

As the principal of Saint Ignatius Loyola School, I have found many reasons over the course of the 2011–2012 school year to celebrate, such as when one of the youngest members of our school community stopped shedding tears upon arriving for school, when an emergent reader mastered a challenging story, and when we were gathered in the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola to celebrate Mass as a school community and the sounds of the children's voices were raised high in prayer, already adept at the responses of the new Roman Missal.

Our celebration started early in the school year, when I was informed by the United States Department of Education that Saint Ignatius Loyola School had been designated a National Blue Ribbon School 2011.

The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle, and high schools whose students achieve success at very high levels or whose significant progress has helped close gaps in achievement, especially among disadvantaged and minority students. Since 1982, the U.S. Department of Education has sought out schools whose students attain and maintain high academic goals.

Our application process began in October 2010 when I was informed that Saint Ignatius Loyola School's Iowa Test of Basic Skills scores were in the top 10% nationally. To advance in the process, we had to complete a detailed self-study of all aspects of the school. One year ago, in January 2011, The Council for American Private Education (CAPE) informed me that based on their review of our application, they were nominating us for Blue Ribbon status. This was no guarantee that we would be recognized as a Blue Ribbon School. After months of review by the Department of Education, I was informed on September 14, 2011 that we had been awarded this highly coveted status.

The e-mail I received stated that U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan had named 304 schools in the nation as National Blue Ribbon Schools, 49 of which were private schools. Saint Ignatius Loyola School is one of only two Catholic schools in New York State to be so recognized.

In November, Father George Witt, our pastor, Ms. Rosalie Savarese, the assistant principal, Mrs. Sharon Abruzzo, the development director, and I traveled to Washington, D.C. to attend the Blue Ribbon Ceremony. In my four year tenure as the principal of Saint Ignatius Loyola, I have had countless reasons to be proud of our accomplishments. Accepting this in our nation's capital was my proudest moment yet. I wished the entire school community could have been there with us.

At a time when there is much change taking place in the Archdiocese of New York, and Catholic schools have been forced to close due to low enrollment or lack of funding, Saint Ignatius Loyola School remains a vibrant, faith-filled learning environment. The School currently enrolls 540 students, 95% of whom are Catholic.

Saint Ignatius Loyola School's continued success does not occur in a vacuum. It is achieved through the hard work of the administration, teachers, and students, as well as through the numerous sacrifices made by the parents.

As I look ahead to the future for Saint Ignatius Loyola School, I am committed to uphold the high standards that are in place and have distinguished us as worthy of Blue Ribbon status. In this ever-changing world of education, it is important to seek out innovations that will enhance the school's curriculum while allowing us to remain true to the tenets of our academic programs and at the same time, reaffirm the spirituality that is at the essence of the school's mission.

As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week, we are blessed that Saint Ignatius Loyola School continues its 157th year of fostering the Catholic faith and imparting a love of learning to our students.

Mary E. Larkin
Principal
Saint Ignatius Loyola School
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 29th**
Catholic Schools Week begins. Grammar School Tours following the 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, and 11:00 AM Masses. Details on page 5.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1st**
Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting. 7:00 PM. Conference Room. All are welcome!

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd**
God’s Club. 3:00 – 5:00 PM. Parish House. A place for children 3–5 years of age and their parents or caregivers to enrich their faith through art, stories, and songs.

Scripture Reflections Group. 7:00 PM. Conference Room. Led by Fr. Robert O’Brien, S.J., of the Murray-Weigel Jesuit Community in the Bronx. All are welcome.

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**THE 2011 ANNUAL COLLECTION**
Thank you to those who have contributed to this appeal. At present, the total stands at $416,536. The Annual Collection is very important to the financial well-being of our Parish.

If you have not yet made a donation, there are several ways to do so:
- by check
- through ParishPay (accessible via www.stignatiusloyola.org)
- by credit card (please contact Mary Reed, Director of Development, at 646-981-2632)

Thank you!

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**IGNATIAN SOCIAL JUSTICE**
Postcard Campaign for Habitat for Humanity after all Masses February 4th and 5th

“Coming Home” These words conjure up very personal sentiments for each of us.

Home is a place to gather and celebrate with family and friends. It is a place to be contemplative and to rest from the demands of our daily lives. It is something that should be accessible to everyone.

In 2012, Habitat For Humanity-NYC remains committed to promoting affordable housing and financial stability for all New Yorkers.

Each year we gather as a community of faith here in God’s house to lend our support to the efforts being made by our friends at Habitat For Humanity-NYC who work tirelessly to make the idea of “coming home” possible for many working families in our city.

On the weekend of February 4th and 5th, please join members of Ignatian Social Justice in the Narthex after all Masses to sign a postcard to our legislators to advocate for affordable home-ownership.
**New for 2012:**

**Caregivers Support Group**

If you are a caregiver for a friend or relative with a chronic or acute illness, we need your thoughts in shaping a new program for caregivers.

If you are interested and willing to have a brief phone conversation about this ministry, please call Sr. Kathryn King at 212-288-3588.

*Your input is critical and will be much appreciated.*

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**EMMAUS BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

Tuesdays, January 31st to March 27th
7:00 – 8:30 PM in the Parish Lounge

A six session bereavement support group for men and women who have suffered the loss of a loved one three months or more prior to the beginning of the group. Led by trained facilitators, the group will explore the experience of loss, as well as some of the issues related to grief.

To register, contact Sr. Kathryn King at the Parish House (212-288-3588) or kingk@stignatiusloyola.org

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**LENTEN RETREAT**

**Meeting Christ in Prayer**

Wednesdays, February 29th to April 25th
Morning Session: 9:30 – 11:00 AM
Evening Session: 7:00 – 8:30 PM
Parish Lounge

“Meeting Christ in Prayer” is an eight week program of spiritual renewal based on the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius. It is a fresh opportunity to encounter Jesus Christ, to grow in knowledge and understanding of Him, to imitate His love, and to renew one’s participation in His risen life. Each weekly gathering includes a guided meditation, faith-sharing, and orientation for the prayer of the following week. Open to both beginners in the spiritual journey and those committed to a prayer life for years, the commitment of participants is daily personal prayer of 30 minutes and an “examen,” or review of the day, in the evening.

Suggested scale for offering: $30 – $50 to cover materials.

To register, contact Sr. Kathryn King at the Parish House (212-288-3588) or kingk@stignatiusloyola.org

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**IGNATIAN YOUNG ADULTS**

**SUNDAY SOCIALS SCHEDULE**

The IYA hosts socials for young adults (ages 21-39) in Wallace Hall from September through June following the Sunday evening 7:30 PM Mass.

**Next Sunday Social:**

**February 19**

To receive updates on IYA events and other opportunities, please sign up for our email list at http://tinyurl.com/IgnatianYoungAdults and follow us on Facebook at “Ignatian Young Adults (NYC)”

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**Retreat for Ignatian Young Adults:**

**Living from the Inside Out**

led by Sr. Vivienne Joyce, S.C. and Fr. Anthony P. SooHoo, S.J.

February 24th – 26th, 2012
Jogues Retreat House, Cornwall, NY
Cost: $150

The theme for this year’s IYA Retreat is “Living from the Inside Out.” It is an opportunity for young adults in their 20’s and 30’s to reconnect with God as we explore what it means to be Catholic in today’s world. If you are new to Ignatian spirituality or you wish to deepen your own spiritual life, come and join us for this weekend of prayer, reflection, and sharing.

The retreat will begin on Friday evening and conclude with Mass on Sunday morning.

For more information or to RSVP, please email Fr. SooHoo at soohooa@stignatiusloyola.org by Monday, February 13th.

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**New! IYA Knitting & Crocheting Group**

**Next Meeting:**

**Wednesday, February 8th**
7:00 – 9:00 PM
in the Conference Room

All IYAs are welcome to join us as we craft for charity. Meetings are held on Wednesdays once or twice each month. All skill levels are welcome. If you have questions or would like to be placed on the mailing list, contact Molly at molly.nora@gmail.com
We pray for the faithful departed
Stephen McKenzie Dubrul
May he rest in the peace of the Risen Lord

February 2nd–5th: Men’s Retreat at St. Ignatius Retreat House, Manhasset, NY directed by Rev. Ugo Nacciarone, S.J.
A 3-day retreat for men focusing on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius.
Cost: $390 (incl. private room and all meals)
St. Ignatius Retreat House is accessible by the Long Island Railroad.
For information and reservations call Terri at 516-621-8300 x15 or visit www.inisfada.net

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, January 30th
(4th Monday in Ordinary Time)
2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13     Psalm 3    Mark 5:1-20
8:30 MEM María De Bermudez
12:10 MEM Ralph Biggerstaff
5:30 MEM William Powers

Tuesday, January 31st
(St. John Bosco)
2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 – 19:3
Psalm 86     Mark 5:21-43
8:30 MEM Hilda Handal
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Wednesday, February 1st
(4th Wednesday in Ordinary Time)
2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17     Psalm 32     Mark 6:1-6
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12:10 MEM Christine Baillifard & Jane, Louis, Hasia, & Leibel Levin
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(St. Blaise & St. Ansgar)
Sirach 47:2-11     Psalm 18    Mark 6:14-29
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1 Kings 3:4-13     Psalm 119    Mark 6:30-34
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Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass
Couples residing in the Archdiocese of New York who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2012 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick on Sunday, April 29th at 2:00 PM. Family and friends are also invited to attend; however, only the jubilee couples will have special seating.
Pre-registration is required.
To register, contact Diane Boyle at the St. Ignatius Parish House (212-288-3588 x618 or boyled@stignatiusloyola.org) by Thursday, April 12th.
This event is sponsored by the Family Life/Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

World Marriage Day
Sunday, February 12, 2012
Longest Married Couple Search
The search begins for the longest married couple in the Archdiocese of New York!
To enter, couples must be sacramentally married for a minimum of 65 years and reside in the Archdiocese of New York.
The longest married couple(s) will be honored on Sunday, February 12th at St. Patrick’s Cathedral at the 10:15 AM Mass.
Reception to follow.
For further information or reservations, please contact Izabella Nagle at 646-794-3190 or izabella.nagle@archny.org

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a program of religious formation for young children, ages 3 and 4.
It meets in the Parish House on Mondays from 3:00 – 4:30 PM and on Wednesdays from 2:00 – 3:30 PM.
For more information contact Adele Gallo at amdgallo@me.com or 516-528-4660.

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Feeding Our Neighbors:
A Catholic Response
Archdiocesan-Wide Food Campaign

The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola is participating in the Archdiocesan-Wide Food Drive scheduled through Sunday, January 29th.

Please bring donations of non-perishable foods to the Parish House or Narthex this weekend, January 28th-29th.

All donations are greatly appreciated, but especially needed are rice, canned vegetables, pasta, tomato sauce, and canned tuna.

The food collected will go to the Community Pantry at the Church of St. Gregory the Great on West 90th Street. Every item counts!

During the four weeks of Advent, our St. Vincent de Paul food drive for St. Gregory’s was so successful that the Pantry was able to open an extra day each week!

Hunger Has No Season.
Turn No Hungry Neighbor Away.

Catholic Schools Week:
January 29th – February 5th, 2012

Catholic Schools Week is an annual national celebration of Catholic elementary and secondary schools and the important role they play in providing a values-added education for America’s young people.

Grammar School Tour:
Sunday, January 29th

In recognition of Catholic Schools Week, parishioners are invited to take a tour of our Grammar School immediately following the 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, and 11:00 AM Masses this Sunday, January 29th.

The Grammar School is located at 48 East 84th Street.

Now Available:
Roman Missal CDs

Recorded by the Choir of St. Ignatius Loyola, this CD is designed to assist in learning the new sung responses in conjunction with the Revised Roman Missal.

Available at the Parish House at no cost. 1 per family, please.

MUSIC

Calling All Singers!
The volunteer choirs: Parish Community Choir, Canticum Sacrum, and Wallace Hall Music Group, are looking for new members.

Details and schedule information can be found in the Volunteer Choirs brochure in the Narthex, Wallace Hall literature rack, Parish House reception area, and online at www.stignatiusloyola.org

Be a part of the wonderful music you hear each Sunday!

For more information, or to schedule an audition, contact the Music Office at 212-288-3588 x612

New members are always welcome!

SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY READING GROUP

Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, February 21st at 7:15 PM in the Parish House

In preparation for this meeting, please read Between Heaven and Mirth: Why Joy, Humor, and Laughter Are at the Heart of the Spiritual Life, by Fr. James Martin, S.J.

Fr. Martin has kindly agreed to lead the discussion.

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

New members are always welcome!

MORE HOT TOPICS PRESENTS FROM TABLE TO ALTAR: THE RELATIONSHIP OF HOME TO CHURCH. MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH AT 7:00 PM. THE ROCHESTER ROOM, CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS MORE, 65 EAST 89TH STREET. SPEAKER: REV. JAMES VAN DYKE, S.J., WHO WILL EXPLORE THE RELATIONSHIP OF TABLE AND ALTAR AND OFFER SOME REFLECTIONS ON HOW WE, BROKEN AS WE ARE, MIGHT USE THE ONE TO HELP THE OTHER AS WE SEEK TO BUILD BOTH HOME AND CHURCH. VISIT WITH THE SPEAKER AND SHARE LIGHT REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWING THE PRESENTATION. A FREE-WILL OFFERING WILL BE ACCEPTED. FOR DETAILS, CALL 212-876-7719.

AFTER SCHOOL HOMEWORK HELP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE ASSUMPTION FAMILY HEALTH SERVICE IS IN GREAT NEED OF HOMEWORK HELP TUTORS TO ASSIST LOW-ACADEMIC PERFORMING EAST HARLEM CHILDREN (AGES 7 – 12) WITH THEIR HOMEWORK. TUTORING OCCURS WEEKLY FOR 1.5 HOURS. MUST BE WILLING TO COMMIT TO TUTORING FOR AT LEAST ONE FULL SEMESTER. DAYS/TIMES AVAILABLE: TUESDAYS: 4:30 – 6:00 PM, THURSDAYS: 3:45 – 5:00 PM. 333 EAST 115TH STREET (BETWEEN FIRST AND SECOND AVENUES). FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE VOLUNTEER DIRECTOR AT TGOUGH@LSAFHS.ORG OR (646) 672-0434. WWW.LITTLESISTERSFAMILY.ORG

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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. Bergen
Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Salomone
9:30 AM Fr. Dugan

Wallace Hall
11:00 AM Fr. Bergen
Soledem
11:00 AM Fr. SooHoo
7:30 PM Fr. Frederico

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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.

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.

Visits to the Sick:
Please contact the Parish House between 9:00 AM-9:00 PM.

Music Information: (212) 288-2520 Email: music@stignatiusloyola.org