Sister Clare, could you tell me a bit about your early years? I grew up in Far Rockaway and attended St. Mary’s Star of the Sea Parochial School. The Sisters of St. Joseph were teachers in the school in those days, and my first contact with nuns was with them. To this day, I still remember so many of them with appreciation for their teaching skills and dedication. After St. Mary’s, I decided to venture into Manhattan to St. Michael’s High School where I met the Sisters of the Presentation. They had a big influence on me in those impressionable years. I was attracted by their spirit and by the way their different personalities were able to work together for a common cause. At various times during my four years with them, I felt God was calling me to their way of life. Upon graduation, I entered their religious community in Newburgh, New York.

What have been your assignments as a Sister of the Presentation? Like the vast majority of sisters in the 1950s and 60s, I taught in several of the parochial schools that my Congregation staffed here in the Archdiocese of New York and in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Especially memorable were my years in Louisiana at the beginning of the period when integration was being mandated by the Federal Government. In 1965, we had to close our African-American high school in Houma, Louisiana, because our students were being bused into all-white schools. I spent three more years in Houma at a nursery school we ran there, and in July of 1971, I came to New York to begin working at St. Teresa’s Parish on Henry Street, in the heart of the lower East Side. I spent twenty-nine happy years at St. Teresa’s before coming here to St. Ignatius in 2000.

Twenty-nine years are a lot of years! What were your duties there? Among others things, I taught CCD, ran a Scripture study group, made regular visits to a local hospital and nursing home, conducted communion services, was present for all Sunday liturgies, trained lectors and Eucharistic ministers, and took my turn at bingo. I had one free day a week. You could say that I did everything except Mass and Confession! I remember one man insisting that I hear his confession! I had to tell him it would not take, and that he couldn't do it! I enjoyed my experience of parish work. You have to be willing to do whatever is needed and whatever is helpful for the common good.

What have been some of the challenges here at St. Ignatius? We receive many telephone calls and sometimes they come in bunches. The calls that come to me average 25 a day. They were double that number a few years ago before we instituted an answering system that allows callers to reach staff members directly. Most calls are easy to deal with and some of the calls can be quite amusing: “You don’t have a parking lot? Every Catholic Church has a parking lot!” “Can I pay for the wedding with a relic?” “What time is the 5:30 Mass?” Besides phone calls, there are about 20 people on average who come to the front desk during the hours I am here. Sometimes a person will ask for money or a meal. It is becoming more difficult to refer people to the appropriate social service centers since the government has been cutting back on these. I most enjoy my work when I can be helpful to people, and it pains me when I cannot. I find the front desk challenging on the few occasions when I have to deal with someone who is being unpleasant. It is not always easy to be pleasant in return. But that’s my job! And I feel very blessed whenever I can offer a few words of encouragement and the person leaves a little happier.

Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J.
Associate Pastor
Sister Clare Roche, P.B.V.M.
Parish Staff
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

THIS WEEKEND:
EATS & SWEETS: The Ignatian Young Adult Cookbook, will be on sale after the Saturday 5:30 PM and Sunday 11:00 AM and 7:30 PM Masses. Details on page 3.

SUNDAY, MAY 6th
40s & Fabulous Monthly Social.
8:30 – 10:00 PM. Parish Lounge.
Details below.

WEDNESDAY, May 9th
Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting. 7:00 PM.
Conference Room.
All are welcome.

THURSDAY, May 10th
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.

SATURDAY, MAY 12th
First Holy Communion.
IREP Students.
9:30 AM & 11:30 AM. Church.

40s & FABULOUS

Monthly Social
Sunday, May 6th
8:30 – 10:00 PM
(after the 7:30 PM Mass)
in the Parish Lounge
(located in the Parish House)

Get to know some of your fellow parishioners and also learn about some of the activities we are planning.

Please email us at 40sandfabulous@gmail.com for more information about the group.

We welcome all parishioners in their 40s, as well as those in their late 30s and early 50s.

Just published!

ACCIDENTAL AFRICAN BLESSINGS: A MEMOIR

Associate Pastor Fr. Ugo Nacciarone, S.J., was missioned to Nigeria in 1967 and spent the next 40 years working in Africa.

He returned to the United States in 2007.

This book is a reflection of Fr. Ugo’s years in Africa.

To order a copy of Accidental African Blessings, visit www.amazon.com or www.bn.com

SAVE THE DATE!

Meeting Christ in Prayer:
Reunion Gathering
Wednesday, May 23rd
7:00 – 8:30 PM in Wallace Hall

This gathering is open to all those who have participated at any time in the Meeting Christ in Prayer Retreat.

It will be an opportunity to renew and deepen your desire to continue “meeting Christ in prayer.”

RSVP to Sr. Kathryn King at kingk@saintignatiusloyola.org

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FOR YOUR GENEROSITY NOW
PLEASE REMEMBER US LATER!

Remember St. Ignatius in Your Estate Plan.

Leave a legacy to the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola by including a bequest in your will.

Please contact Mary Reed, Director of Development, at 212-288-3588 x632 or reedm@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.

Sunday Social:
May 20th

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)”

EATS & SWEETs
The IYA Cookbook
Not your average church cookbook, EATS & SWEETS is a professionally-bound collection of appetizer and dessert recipes. It’s a great resource for party planning, and supports our Parish too! Cost: $20
Available in the Parish House.

EATS & SWEETS will also be on sale this weekend, May 5th and 6th, after the Saturday 5:30 PM and Sunday 11:00 AM and 7:30 PM Masses.

Ignatian Volunteer Corps
Information Session
Thursday, May 17th
11:15 AM – Noon
Parish Lounge

IVC is an organization of men and women who are retired from full-time work and want to use their talents to help others. Volunteers commit two days per week to working directly with those who are economically poor and marginalized or with organizations that address issues that affect the poor.

For more information, or to confirm your attendance, please contact IVC Regional Director Liz McMahon at 201-618-6924 or emcmahon@ivcusa.org

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!

GRAMMAR SCHOOL NEWS

84th Street Stars
Summer Day Camps!
The camp is located at Saint Ignatius Loyola School and is staffed by Saint Ignatius Loyola School Faculty.

Open enrollment for parishioners* is available in the following camps:
Music Theater and Dance Camp (1st–8th grade)
Basketball Skills Camp (5th–8th grade)
Sports Camp (1st–8th grade)
Summer Strings Camp for Violinists, Violists, and Cellists (1st–8th grade)

All campers participate in games and recreation, arts and crafts, and weekly field trips!

You may choose to attend any combination of one or more weeks.

The Camp Day:
Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM
Week One: June 25th – June 29th
Week Two: July 2nd – July 6th* (*no camp on Wednesday, July 4th)
Week Three: July 9th – July 13th
Week Four: July 16th – July 20th

Camp Fees:
$550 for one week
$500 for Week Two ONLY (due to the July 4th holiday)
$500 per week if attending two or more weeks

For more information, please send your mailing address to Sarah Danyi at danyis@saintignatiusloyola.org

*NOTE: Summer Day Camp is open only to registered St. Ignatius parishioners and St. Ignatius Grammar School students.

The Staff of the St. Ignatius Loyola Day Nursery cordially invites the members of the Parish Community to

A Night in Seville:
The Annual Spring Benefit
Friday, May 18th
7:00 PM to Midnight
The Central Park Boathouse
Cocktails, Dinner, Dancing, Raffle, Live and Silent Auction

For ticket information, please call 212-734-6427 x24.
Persons over 21 years of age are welcome.
Announced Masses and Scripture Readings for the Week

**Monday, May 7th**
*(Fifth Monday of Easter)*
Acts 14:5-18  Psalm 115  John 14:21-26
8:30 MEM  Robert Fleishel
12:10 MEM  Mary Abrams & Nora Ormond
5:30 MEM  Sose & Mark Prekelezaj

**Tuesday, May 8th**
*(Fifth Tuesday of Easter)*
Acts 14:19-28  Psalm 145  John 14:27-31a
8:30 ANN  Julia Anne O’Donnell
12:10 MEM  Kathleen H. Burns
5:30 MEM  John Figge

**Wednesday, May 9th**
*(Fifth Wednesday of Easter)*
8:30 MEM  Giro & Elina Zullo
12:10 ANN  Peter B. Voorhies
5:30 MEM  Deceased members of the Scanlon & McLoughlin Families

**Thursday, May 10th**
*(St. Damien de Veuster)*
Acts 15:7-21  Psalm 96  John 15:9-11
8:30 MEM  James Johnson
12:10 MEM  Valentino Mazzia
5:30 MEM  Vera Capuano

**Friday, May 11th**
*(Fifth Friday of Easter)*
Acts 15:22-31  Psalm 57  John 15:12-17
8:30 MEM  Michael Maas
12:10 MEM  The Meehan Family
5:30 MEM  Theresa Fahey

**Saturday, May 12th**
*(St. Achilleus, St. Nereus, and St. Pancras)*
Acts 16:1-10  Psalm 100  John 15:18-21
8:30 MEM  Michael DeFruscio

**Sunday, May 13th**
*(Sixth Sunday of Easter)*
1 John 4:7-10  John 15:9-17
We Are Halfway to Our Goal!

The heating and cooling systems which have served our church for over 50 and 35 years respectively are in desperate need of replacement. In order to address this urgent need, we must raise $2,400,000. A small group of generous parishioners pledged just under one million dollars to get the campaign underway. Two weeks ago the entire Parish was informed about the project. Our total now stands at $1,270,000!

Thank you to all those who have pledged. If you have not yet done so, our Parish needs your help. This is an urgent matter, and we cannot meet our goal without your assistance. A letter was recently sent to all registered parishioners explaining the details of the project. Please take time to fill out the pledge card that accompanied the letter and return it to the church as soon as possible. Additional pledge cards are available at the Parish House.

The letter and pledge card can also be accessed by visiting our website, www.stignatiusloyola.org and clicking on the Emergency Heating and Cooling Campaign tab at upper right.

For additional details, please contact Mary Reed, Director of Development, at 212-288-3588 x632 or reedm@stignatiusloyola.org

Making Time:
Late Nights, Bothering God, Art Lessons at All Hours
An Art Presentation by Rev. Michael F. Tunney, SJ

Monday, May 14th at 7:00 PM
Wallace Hall

Join Fr. Michael Tunney, SJ, for an art presentation in which he offers a select tour through his works of recent years, linking the art and his own experience of prayer and reflection. It will respond to the classic Ignatian search for God in all things.

Rev. Michael F. Tunney, SJ, is the founding director of the Office of Mission & Identity at Canisius College, Professor of Fine Arts in the college’s studio art program he founded in 1995, and rector of the Canisius Jesuit Community. Rev. Tunney has an MFA in painting and MS in art history from Pratt Institute. His work has been exhibited at the Albright-Knox Art Gallery and Art Dialogue Gallery in Buffalo, as well as in Boston, New York City, Kansas City, and Montreal.

The Hour Children Project:
A talk by Sr. Tesa Fitzgerald, Executive Director Hour Children
Thursday, May 17th
7:00 PM in Wallace Hall

Each year we look forward to the arrival of the Hour Children truck at St. Ignatius and the opportunity to donate gently used furniture, household goods, clothing, and toys to mothers and their children. But have you ever wondered about the story behind this amazing ministry? The program, begun 25 years ago by Sr. Tesa, is unique because it works with women and their children while the mothers are still incarcerated.

Come hear how Sr. Tesa has affected the lives of so many and how we, too, can effect change.

This talk is being jointly sponsored by Ignatian Social Justice and Ignatian Young Adults.
Third Annual Mass and Devotion to St. Dymphna, patroness of those suffering from emotional and psychological difficulties, autism, and Alzheimer's disease. Tuesday, May 15th at 7:00 PM Cathedral of St. Patrick

For those afflicted, and for families, friends, and members of the medical community. This healing Mass will include the communal rite of the anointing of the sick.

Meetings for Unemployed Job Seekers. St. Francis of Assisi Church is starting a series of weekly meetings to assist unemployed persons looking for work. The nine Saturday morning meetings begin Saturday, May 12th, 10:00 – 11:30 AM at St. Francis House, 135 West 31st Street. There is no fee. Enrollment is limited, and a pre-enrollment interview is required. No walk-ins permitted. For more information, call the Job Seekers Outreach Ministry at (212) 736-8500, x269, or email jobsministry@stfrancisnyc.org and leave a message, including your name and phone number.

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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. Ugo
Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Dugan
9:30 AM Fr. Bergen
Wallace Hall 11:00 AM Fr. Dugan
Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Ugo
7:30 PM 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.

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.