A Time of Darkness and Light

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”
(Psalm 119:5)

The symbols of light and darkness are ancient, archetypal, and have many resonances of meaning. Darkness is associated with death and the forces of evil; light with life and the forces of goodness. But not all meanings are directly moral or religious. Darkness serves as a reminder of our limited perceptions, of the fact that the future remains obscure and shrouded in mystery. And light serves as a reminder that while we cannot know all that awaits us, we can at least discern the present moment to get a clear sense of direction.

I point out these distinctions because it seems to me that as we mark the tenth anniversary of 9/11, and as we prepare for the fall season, all of these associations are in some way applicable.

Without a doubt, the events of that September morning ten years ago brought us face to face with evil. The power of darkness was at work in the hearts and minds of those who planned and executed the attacks, and the devastating effects have reverberated through the years both for the families and friends of the victims and for the world at large. So we rightly take the time this weekend to remember those who lost their lives and to note the truly destructive effects of those who act in darkness (including even ourselves at times).

However, as Christians, we also take the time to remember something else: the greater power of goodness. Christ is our light, and, as we are reminded in John’s gospel, the darkness shall not overcome it. As awful as the events of that day were, as painful the losses, as searing the memories, we have dared to move forward in hope. Our anniversaries reflect, therefore, must not simply focus on the darkness, but must instead serve to remind us of God’s steadfast presence with us, both then and now. As St. Ignatius reminds us in the Spiritual Exercises, it can be very tempting to keep our gaze fixed on brokenness, sin, and other works of the Enemy. But this is not the place to rest. We are called instead to keep our eyes on the Lord, who will show us how He was present in those days, and will hold out light, healing, and new life for us into the future. Such is our faith.

At the same time, of course, the specific joys and challenges of the future remain unknown to us. Such obscurity about what is to come is part of the human condition. Turning our attention from ten years ago to the present, it seems to me that the coming fall season is one of particular uncertainty. There are grave concerns about the national and world economies, the effectiveness of our elected officials, and the stability of nations in the Middle East.

More directly within the Church, we face the task of adopting a new English translation of the Mass in November along with all of the preparatory efforts that will be needed. And within our own Parish, we face at least two specific challenges: discerning the role of the Music program within the mission of the Parish as we seek a new Director; and financing and replacing outdated and increasingly broken down heating and air conditioning systems.

Not knowing how any of these will proceed exactly, it is fair to say that we are entering a dark time.

I mention all of these issues not to instill fear, but to be fully transparent about where we stand as the new season begins. In fact, I am not afraid at all. There are challenges to be faced, some of them steep. But Christ is our light, a lamp to our feet. The greatest challenge for us will be to keep our eyes squarely on Him as we pull together, support one another, and move forward in faith.

Today's anniversary reminds us that by God's grace we have come through the darkness of evil to the light of His presence, and that, by grace, we will come through the darkness of uncertainty to clarity and action in His name. May God bless us on our common journey.

- Rev. George M. Witt, S.J.
Pastor
Sacred Music in a Sacred Space

Wednesday, September 14th at 7:30 PM

There will be no pre-concert recital for this performance. Please note the early start time.

Juraj Filas Requiem

Performed by the Choir and Orchestra of St. Ignatius Loyola - Kent Tritle, Conductor

We honor and remember the victims of the September 11th attacks with a full-scale Requiem dedicated to all victims of terrorism. Entitled “Prayer of Hope,” this work is truly a magnificent plea for peace. Juraj Filas’ Requiem is a setting of the traditional Requiem text on par with the dramatic scale and emotional scope of the Verdi Requiem.

Concert tickets are $50 for preferred seating and $40 or $30 (student/senior) for general seating.

Visit www.smssconcerts.org or call 212-288-2520 to ord

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Today, as we mark the tenth anniversary of September 11th, we honor all those who died in the attacks that day, remembering particularly those who were parishioners of St. Ignatius and the members of their families.

We also lift up in prayer the survivors and the first responders. May God continue to strengthen them in body, mind, and spirit.

Fr. George Witt, S.J.

New Parishioners

We welcome new parishioners and invite you to fill out a Parishioner Registration Card located in the pew racks, at the Parish House, and online at: www.stignatiusloyola.org Registration is our only means of certifying membership in the Parish.

Mander Organ Recital Series:

RENÉE ANNE LOUPRETTE
Associate Director of Music and the Arts,
Trinity Wall Street
Organ Faculty, John J. Cali School of Music,
Montclair State University, NJ

Wednesday, September 28th at 7:30 PM

An Americana program featuring the world premiere commission by renowned organist-composer David Briggs, Mannabatta.

Tickets are $20, or $15 for students and seniors, and are available in the Parish House, online at www.smssconcerts.org or by calling 212-288-2520.

Let’s Hear More! About David Briggs

Monday, September 26th at 7:30 PM. Organ Loft.
Organist Renée Anne Louprette and composer David Briggs explore his world premiere commission Mannabatta, a musical depiction of Manhattan’s transition from unsettled forest to cosmopolitan capital. Free.
19th Annotation Retreat:
The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius in Daily Life:
October 3, 2011 – May 7, 2012
Information and application forms for this 30-week retreat in daily life are now available by visiting our website: www.stignatiusloyola.org and clicking on Faith Formation: Retreats. Completed applications are due to Sr. Kathryn King at the Parish House by Thursday, September 15th.

Meeting Christ in Prayer
Wednesdays, October 5th to November 30th
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. Because the process is specifically designed for parishes, it offers a guided approach to spiritual renewal through weekly faith-sharing groups with experienced facilitators. 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

Ongoing Support of Ministers of Compassionate Care
Monday, September 26th, 7:00 PM in the Parish Lounge
An evening for those who are ministering to residents of DeWitt Nursing Home, the Lott Residence, Lenox Hill Hospital, and the homebound. Mr. Jack McGoldrick will share reflections on his many years of visiting the elderly ill. We will also have the opportunity to reflect on our own ministerial experiences. All ministers of compassionate care are invited.

Emmaus Bereavement Support Group
Tuesdays, October 11th to November 29th
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 for either program, contact Sr. Kathryn King at the Parish House (212-288-3588) or kingk@stignatiusloyola.org

IGNATIAN SOCIAL JUSTICE
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, September 21st at 7:00 PM in the Parish Lounge
Topic: Living Wage Campaign
with Ms. Merble Reagon, Executive Director of the Women’s Center for Education and Career Advancement.
All are welcome!

IGNATIAN YOUNG ADULTS
Sunday Socials Fall Schedule
The Sunday Socials are held in Wallace Hall at 8:30 PM, following the 7:30 PM Mass. They are hosted by the Ignatian Young Adults. All are welcome.
To receive updates on IYA events and other opportunities, you can follow us on Facebook at “Ignatian Young Adults (NYC)”

Sunday Social Dates:
Sept. 18   Oct. 16    Nov. 13     Dec. 11
Oct. 30    Nov. 27

Ignatian Spirituality 101
Sunday, September 25th at 6:00 PM in the Parish Lounge
All young adults are invited to attend this first in a series which will explore the Ignatian way of prayer and approach to the world.
For more information or to RSVP, contact Fr. Anthony SooHoo, SJ, at the Parish House (212-288-3588) or soohooa@stignatiusloyola.org

Coming in late September...
Eats & Sweets:
Recipes from the IYA Sunday Socials
Over 25 appetizer and dessert recipes.
Full color photographs.
$20.00
Proceeds support Ignatian Young Adults!

For additional information, contact Chris Carney at ccarney123@gmail.com or 914-316-3068
New members are always welcome!
**Announced Masses and Readings for the Week**

**Monday, September 12th**
(Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary)
8:30 MEM  Dorothy Casey
12:10 MEM  Vera Amigron
5:30 MEM  Richard Fraser

**Tuesday, September 13th**
(St. John Chrysostom)
1 Timothy 3:1-13  Psalm 101  Luke 7:11-17
8:30 MEM  Mervyn Haran
12:10 MEM  Joseph J. Sullivan, Sr.
5:30 MEM  Kathleen Ann Bartone

**Wednesday, September 14th**
(Exaltation of the Holy Cross)
Numbers 21:4b-9  Psalm 78  Philippians 2:6-11
8:30 MEM  Paul Choix
12:10 MEM  Liam Witt
5:30 MEM  Joseph Stephen

**Thursday, September 15th**
(Our Lady of Sorrows)
1 Timothy 4:12-16  Psalm 111  John 19:25-27
8:30 MEM  Giro Zullo
12:10 MEM  Jack O’Leary
5:30 MEM  Ellen G. Azzaretti

**Friday, September 16th**
(St. Cornelius & St. Cyprian)
1 Timothy 6:2c-12  Psalm 49  Luke 8:1-3
8:30 MEM  Mae Rooney
12:10 MEM  Helen Fogarty
5:30 MEM  Keith Barket

**Saturday, September 17th**
(St. Robert Bellarmine)
1 Timothy 6:13-16  Psalm 100  Luke 8:4-15
8:30 MEM  Alfred Ziccardi

**Sunday, September 18th**
(25th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Isaiah 55:6-9  Psalm 145
Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a  Matthew 20:1-16a
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. Registration forms can also be found on our website: www.stignatiusloyola.org

Come and learn about the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program
Sunday, September 18th  12:30 – 1:30 PM
Monday, September 19th  6:30 – 7:30 PM
Wallace Hall
The Interparish Religious Education Program will present an opportunity for parents of children, ages 3 and 4, as well as all interested parishioners, to become familiar with the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Each meeting will consist of a short video presentation, time for questions and comments, and a visit to the Atrium.

To register for either meeting, contact Adele Gallo at amdgallo@me.com or call the Parish Office (212 288-3588). Space is limited. Handouts regarding the meeting are available in the Narthex and Wallace Hall after all Masses this weekend.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL NEWS
Parishioner Admissions Information Meeting
Hosted by Ms. Mary Larkin, Principal
Tuesday, September 20th at 7:00 PM - McKinnon Hall
Parishioners are welcome to attend for a general overview of the school’s admission process.
RSVP: 212-861-3820 x130

Monday, September 26th:

Family Day
A day to eat dinner with your children!
The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University’s Family Day – A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children™, sponsored by Stouffer’s, is a national movement launched in 2001 that promotes the parental engagement fostered during frequent family dinners as a simple, effective way to prevent substance abuse in children. Family Day will be celebrated across the country on Monday, September 26th, 2011.

To learn more about Family Day and to join parents all across America in taking the Family Day STAR pledge, log onto www.CASAFamilyDay.org
To learn about the book How to Raise a Drug-Free Kid: The Straight Dope for Parents, visit http://www.straightdopeforparents.org/

BOOMERS & BEYOND
Homecoming Party
Friday, September 30th
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM in Wallace Hall.
Boomers & Beyond invites you to...
Kick back your heels, see old friends and make some new ones. Wear your jeans or your jewels for a real “down home” homecoming…a little country and western music…maybe even take a turn on the dance floor. Raise your glass (open bar with wine, beer and soda) and enjoy a sampling of hot and cold hors d’oeuvres.
All single and married Boomers over 50 are welcome to this special event.

Tickets: $25.00 if purchased by Sept. 26th/$35.00 after that date. Purchase tickets online at www.boomersandbeyondnyc.com or send check payable to Boomers & Beyond (B&B, c/o St. Ignatius Loyola, 980 Park Avenue, NY, NY, 10028). Questions: email (preferred) boomersandbeyond.eastside@gmail.com or 646-241-1332.

is an inter-parish social and community service organization for Catholics who are over 50.

LAY MINISTERS’ ENRICHMENT
Your Call:
To God,
To Church,
To Ministry
Saturday, October 29th
9:30 AM – 3:00 PM in Wallace Hall
Presenters:
Fr. Ugo Nacciarone, S.J.
Associate Pastor, Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, who will speak about discerning the call to ministry. and
Sr. Kathryn King, F.S.P.
Pastoral Associate, Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, who will moderate a panel of lay ministers from St. Ignatius.
Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.
The program will conclude with Mass.
Registration is limited (first-come, first-served) and closes on Monday, October 24th.
Please register with Fr. Ugo at nacciaroneu@stignatiusloyola.org or leave a message for him at 212-288-3588.

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To learn about the book How to Raise a Drug-Free Kid: The Straight Dope for Parents, visit http://www.straightdopeforparents.org/
Heart Speaking to Heart: The Role and Art of the Interior Dialogue in Thomas Merton’s Journal Writing. Jonathan Montaldo, past President of the International Thomas Merton Society, presenter. Saturday, September 24th at 2:00 PM. Corpus Christi Church, 529 West 121 Street. Chapter members free; non-members, $5. Contact: 212-666-9350 or www.corpus-christi-nyc.org/MertonSociety.htm

Mary Manning Walsh Home Volunteer Association 24th Annual Walk-A-Thon. Saturday, September 24th. Fees: $15 for adults, $12 for children (waived if $60 or more is collected from sponsors). For further information, please call Sr. Michael Mary at 212-628-2800.

Open House: Regis High School, an all-scholarship Jesuit secondary school for Catholic boys, announces its Open House for 8th graders and their parents: Wednesday, October 5th, 5:30 – 8:30 PM. For additional information, please contact Eric Di Michele, Director of Admissions, at 212-288-1100 or edimiche@regis-nyc.org

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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.
(Will resume on October 1st)

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.

Friends of the Jesuits Golf Outing
To benefit the apostolic works of the Jesuits and support the care of aging and infirm Jesuits.

Monday, September 26th
Meadow Brook Club
Jericho, NY

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

Individual golfer: $1250

Contact Debra Ryan at the New York Jesuit Office: 212-774-5544

For registration and information on sponsorships and journal ads, visit: www.nysj.org

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