There’s a popular country music song whose refrain goes like this:

Well, me and Jesus got our own thing goin',
Me and Jesus got it all worked out,
Me and Jesus got our own thing goin',
We don't need anybody to tell us what it's all about.

~ Me and Jesus by Tom Hall

As Catholics we believe that the Lord is truly present with us when we celebrate the Eucharist. This presence is experienced in several ways. Jesus is present in the Word proclaimed and in the bread and wine that becomes the Body and Blood of Christ. The Lord also is present among us, the People of God gathered to offer this sacrifice of thanksgiving and praise and who live out of that Eucharistic faith.

Contrary to what we might hear at Mass and throughout our Christian lives, it is never just “me and Jesus.” Eucharist is always a communal act of worship.

The Introductory Rites remind us of this. Each Mass begins with an antiphon (a brief verse from Scripture) that usually relates to the liturgical season or feast celebrated. If the antiphon is not recited, there may be an appropriate opening song. With the implementation of the liturgical changes this Advent, you will hear new translations of these antiphons that strive to reflect more faithfully the meaning of the original Latin text.

The liturgy then proceeds with the Sign of the Cross as a reminder of its centrality in our lives. Next, the presider greets the congregation, using one of the following biblically inspired formulae:

– The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
– Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
– The Lord be with you.

The first two expressions are from Paul’s epistles (2 Corinthians 13:13; Philippians 1:2), while the third is a biblical phrase used for greeting (Ruth 2:4; Judges 6:12; 2 Chronicles 15:2). It also occurs in Luke’s account of the annunciation, when the angel Gabriel says to Mary, “Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you” (Luke 1:28).

Previously, the reply has been, “And also with you,” but with the new English translation the response will be, “And with your spirit.”

This change reconnects us with the Scriptural foundations of our liturgical practice. Paul concludes four of his letters using a similar expression. At the end of the Second Letter to Timothy, Paul prays, “The Lord be with you. Grace be with you” (2 Timothy 4:22). Likewise, Paul concludes the Letter to the Galatians with a similar expression directed, this time, to the entire community: “May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen” (Galatians 6:18). A shorter version also appears in Philippians: “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit” (Philippians 4:23). Finally, in the letter to Philemon, Paul expresses his hope for the community in this way: “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit” (Philemon 1:25).

Paul urges those to whom he writes to have the spirit of Christ (Romans 8:9). The followers of Jesus are to become more and more like Christ, not just in their attitudes, but also in their actions. Unlike modern usage, when Paul refers to “your spirit” he means the whole person, body and soul. It reflects a holistic understanding of discipleship. Our beliefs and behaviors find meaning when they are rooted and modeled after Christ’s. It is a joyful and hope-filled spirit that trusts in God and that manifests itself in loving actions.

In our liturgy, Paul’s expression is divided to create a dialogue between the priest or deacon and the congregation. This expresses the mutual desire and recognition of the Lord’s presence among the people gathered for worship and the minister who leads the prayer. It recognizes the unique yet interrelated role each has in the liturgy.

At the end of Mass, the priest or deacon dismisses the congregation by saying, “The Lord be with you.” As we respond, “And with your spirit,” we are sent forth aware of the Lord’s abiding presence among us, but also with the mission to live out our faith in the world. We are to bring that Christ-like spirit wherever we go.

In the 1960s, when the Mass was being rendered into the vernacular, most translations remained faithful to Paul’s original expression. The new English translation of the Greeting and Dismissal hopefully will put us in touch with the biblical roots and tradition common to Catholics worldwide and that has nurtured our faith for the last 2,000 years.

- Rev. Anthony P. SooHoo
Assisting Priest
**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9th**
Blessing of the Atrium. 
Immediately after the 11:00 AM Wallace Hall Family Mass. 
Details at right.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 10th**
The Parish House will be closed in observance of the Columbus Day holiday. One Mass will be celebrated in the Lady Chapel at 8:30 AM. There will be no 12:10 PM or 5:30 PM Masses.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12th**
*Talk on the Revised Mass Texts: Greeting/Concluding Rite*
7:00 PM. Wallace Hall. 
Details on page 5.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting. 
7:00 PM. Conference Room. 
All are welcome.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13th**
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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**Blessing of the Atrium**
On Sunday, October 9th, Fr. Witt will bless our new Atrium for the *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* program. The blessing will take place immediately after the Wallace Hall Mass in the space behind the stage. The Atrium will then be open to all interested parishioners.

*Please join us to share the blessing, enjoy the Atrium, and learn about this new IREP program for preschool children.*

**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](http://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*

**SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY READING GROUP**
**Monthly Meeting**
Tuesday, October 18th at 7:15 PM in the Conference Room

In preparation for this meeting, please read Volume II of “Jesus of Nazareth” by Pope Benedict XVI.

You do not have to have read Volume I to join the discussion.

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

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**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30th**
9:30 AM – 1:00 PM
**Back by popular demand!**
The Hour Children truck will be outside St. Ignatius Loyola Church. Donate your unwanted household items (kitchenware, knick-knacks, books, electronics, small furniture) and clothing for women, men, children, and infants.

*HOUR CHILDREN: A community of mothers and children where love makes the difference.*

Visit [www.HourChildren.org](http://www.HourChildren.org)

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**Thank You**
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
**Sunday Socials Fall 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.

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)”

**Sunday Social Dates:**
- Oct. 16
- Nov. 13
- Dec. 11
- Oct. 30
- Nov. 27

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**EATS & SWEETS:**
Recipes from the IYA Sunday Socials

EATS & SWEETS is a collection of over 25 recipes for appetizers and desserts served at the 2010-2011 IYA Sunday Socials.

Professionally bound with full-color photos throughout, EATS & SWEETS is not your average church cookbook! Cookbooks are on sale for $20 in the Parish House. All proceeds benefit the Young Adult Ministry at St. Ignatius Parish.

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**Boomers & Beyond**
Join Boomers & Beyond for our first Cocktails at Dusk get together this year:

- **Date:** Monday, October 24th
- **Place:** Intimo Restaurant
  1626 Second Avenue
  (between 84th and 85th Streets)
- **Time:** 5:00 – 7:30 PM
- **Informal:** Happy Hour prices
  Delicious Hors d’oeuvres

**Emmaus Bereavement Ministry**
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, contact Sr. Kathryn King**
at the Parish House (212-288-3588)
or kingk@stignatiusloyola.org

**Seekers:**
A Weekend Retreat for Young Adults
St. Ignatius Retreat House
October 14th - 16th, 2011

What are you seeking? A retreat weekend for those in their 20’s and 30’s entitled Seekers will take place October 14th-16th at the beautiful St. Ignatius Retreat House in Manhasset, Long Island.

Peer-led talks such as Knowing Ourselves, Naming What’s Important, and Prayer and Discernment will be shared. There will also be small group discussions, time for quiet reflection, and an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Confession and celebrate Mass.

Meals and lodging for the weekend start at $150 for a shared room and up to $300 for a private suite.

**For additional information and/or to register, visit**
http://charisministries.org/Seekers_IgnatiusHouse_Manhasset_registration

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**Prayer Shawl Ministry**
Prayer Shawl Ministry is an outreach program to the sick by St. Ignatius Loyola Parish. The care and love of knitting and crocheting are combined into a prayerful ministry that reaches those in need of blessing and comfort. Prayer is knitted/crocheted into every shawl. Completed shawls will be donated to Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

Interested participants simply sign up, knit or crochet away, and bring the completed shawl to the Parish House.

**To sign on as a participant, contact Sr. Kathryn King** at the Parish House (212-288-3588).
Visit www.shawlministry.com

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**Continuing to Pray Together**
is a group of prayer and faith-sharing open to all who have completed the “Meeting Christ in Prayer” retreat.

It is held on Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:00 AM in the Hoefner Lounge. If interested, please contact Sr. Kathryn King at the Parish House (see contact information at left).
**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

**Calling All Volunteers:**

**Shelter Information Session**

Sunday, October 16th in Wallace Hall.
After the Sunday Social, which follows the 11:00 AM Masses.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will once again be sponsoring a women's shelter every other weekend in Wallace Hall from November through April. The shelter season begins the weekend of November 4th-6th. If you think that you might be interested in this ministry to the homeless, please join us for an information session on October 16th.

**Information Session**

Thursday, October 20th
11:15 AM – Noon in the 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. IVC volunteers gather monthly to prayerfully reflect on their apostolic work, to discover the deeper meaning of the service they do, and to find Jesus in their midst.

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

**SAVE THE DATE...**

Saturday, November 5th
at the 12:10 PM Mass

**Celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick**

For those who are seriously ill, elderly, disabled, facing surgery or who are afflicted with any other condition of physical, mental or spiritual suffering

**Interested in Becoming Catholic?**

Beginning later 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

**Announced Masses and Readings for the Week**

**Monday, October 10th - Columbus Day observed**
(28th Monday in Ordinary Time)
8:30 MEM  Paul Choix

**Tuesday, October 11th**
(28th Tuesday in Ordinary Time)
8:30 MEM  Anna Kiss-Szecsko
12:10 MEM  Mimi F. Meehan
5:30 MEM  Kathleen Ann Bartone

**Wednesday, October 12th**
(Bl. John Beyzym)
8:30 MEM  Giro Zullo
12:10 MEM  Carleton Halpin
5:30 MEM  Keith O'Connell

**Thursday, October 13th**
(28th Thursday in Ordinary Time)
Romans 3:21-30  Psalm 130  Luke 11:47-54
8:30 MEM  Mae Rooney
12:10 MEM  Charles Regan
5:30 MEM  Elizabeth Troilo

**Friday, October 14th**
(St. John Ogilvie)
8:30 MEM  John & Nora Reilly
12:10 MEM  Gemma Soviero
5:30 MEM  John Martucci

**Saturday, October 15th**
(St. Teresa of Jesus)
8:30 MEM  Jack O'Leary

**Sunday, October 16th**
(29th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Isaiah 45:1, 4-6  Psalm 96
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b  Matthew 22:15-21

**We pray for the faithful departed**

**Gregory Luke Zalar**
May he rest in the peace of the Risen Lord
The New Roman Missal: The Shape of Things to Come
Rev. Thomas Scirghi, S.J.
Associate Professor of Sacramental Theology
Fordham University
Our liturgy, with its language, symbols, and gestures, shapes us into a church, a worshiping community. How will the new Missal alter this shape?
In this parish teaching session we will address the questions:
• What is the Roman Missal?
• Why is there a new translation?
• How will the Mass change?
• Why is there controversy about the new translation?
**This program will be presented twice:**
• Wednesday, October 19th at 7:00 PM in Wallace Hall
• Sunday, October 30th at 12:30 PM in the Church

Upcoming Talks about the Revised Mass Texts:

- **Greeting/Concluding Rite:**
  Wednesday, October 12th
  Rev. George M. Witt, S.J.
  Pastor

- **Creed/Sanctus:**
  Monday, November 7th
  Rev. William Bergen, S.J.
  Associate Pastor

- **Penitential Act/Gloria/Gospel:**
  Thursday, November 3rd
  Rev. William Bergen, S.J.
  Associate Pastor

- **Mystery of Faith/Agnus Dei:**
  Monday, November 21st
  Rev. Anthony SooHoo, S.J.
  Assisting Priest

The four talks listed above will begin at 7:00 PM in Wallace Hall

Visit www.USCCB.org/romanmissal
The official website for the New Roman Missal
St. Francis Free Resume Clinic: Tuesday, October 18th, 12:00 – 4:30 PM. Renew, St. Francis Younger Retiree Program, is sponsoring a day of private sessions to assist unemployed persons, as well as others facing possible layoff or career transition. Volunteers will be available to assist in updating or editing resumes. St. Francis House, 135 West 31st Street. Call by Wednesday, October 12th to schedule an appointment: 212-736-8500, x357. You may email your draft resume to resume@stfrancisny.org or mail it to Frances McPartland, Resume Clinic, St. Francis House, 135 West 31st Street, New York, NY 10001.

Faithful Citizenship II:
Keeping the Faith in a Season of Spin
Tuesday, October 18th, 6:00 – 8:00 PM.
Presented by the Fordham Center on Religion and Culture.
Pope Auditorium, Fordham University
113 West 60th Street.
Free and open to the public.
RSVP: crcevent@fordham.edu or 212-636-7347.
For more information,
visit www.fordham.edu/ReligCulture

After School Tutors Needed: The Little Sisters of the Assumption Family Health Service is in great need of Reading and Writing Tutors to assist low-academic performing East Harlem children (ages 7 – 12). Must be willing to commit to tutoring once each week for at least one full semester. For more information, please contact the Volunteer Director: tgough@lsafhs.org or call 646-672-0434.
Visit www.littlesistersfamily.org

Volunteers Needed: Cabrini Immigrant Services, located at 139 Henry Street, is looking for steady volunteers for the food pantry. If interested, contact Sr. Kelly at 212-791-4590 x102.

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

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