The Ignatian Way: Our Pilgrimage Midpoint

Last September, on two successive Sundays, our bulletin essays announced a new initiative called The Ignatian Way—a banner celebration to help us recognize what makes the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola distinctive.

In the first essay, Fr. Witt expressed his hope that The Ignatian Way would yield a deeper appreciation for our Jesuit heritage and the recognition that we are all pilgrims. The following week, Fr. Marina identified the components of the program as Prayer, to deepen our spiritual life, Service, to broaden our apostolic outreach, and Community, to bind us together as disciples of Christ. These three dynamic elements comprise both the starting point and the destination for our pilgrimage. We have a tradition of prayer, service, and community in this parish. Through The Ignatian Way, we have tried to bring them front and center.

With regard to prayer, we are now at the midpoint of a 3-part series on Ignatian Spirituality. Part I was offered in November with the energetic help of Fr. Fred Pellegrini, S.J., rector of the local Jesuit community, as he provided a wonderful introduction to the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola. Part II, Ignatian Contemplation as a Method of Prayer, presented by Joan Cavanagh, campus minister at Fordham University, will take place on Monday, January 28th. The series concludes in April with a lecture on the Ignatian Rules for Discernment, offered by Fr. Michael Boughton, S.J., formation assistant for the Society of Jesus in the northeast. In addition, our longstanding program, Meeting Christ in Prayer, continues to thrive and the recent lecture series on the Catechism and another on Great Themes of the Bible are just a couple of examples of how The Ignatian Way continues to unfold. And it won’t be long before the Lenten Cross rises in the Narthex once again.

In celebration of all that makes our parish what it truly is, we will enjoy a community dinner in Wallace Hall on February 2nd, right after the 5:30 Vigil Mass. The theme of the dinner is “Feeding the Hungry; Feeding Our Souls” and its purpose is to bring us together to enjoy one another’s company and to contribute to the cause of ending hunger in our city. According to The Food Bank for New York City, approximately 1.3 million New Yorkers rely on soup kitchens and food pantries, the majority of whom are women, children, seniors, the working poor, and people with disabilities. In 2009, 87% of emergency food sites saw an increase in the number of recently unemployed people seeking food assistance. Sadly, during that same time period, almost half of the sites were forced to turn people away because of a lack of food.

For the past year our Parish has been privileged to support the Community Food Pantry at the Church of St. Gregory the Great on West 90th Street. On February 2nd, Maureen Albert, head of the St. Gregory’s Food Pantry, will present a short talk about the pantry and how our donations are shared with those in need. The Ignatian Way Dinner comes near the end of the Archdiocesan-wide Feeding Our Neighbors campaign. Details about both the dinner and food drive can be found in this week’s bulletin and on our website.

We are in the dead of winter now. Lent looms. We yearn for comfort and food. And so we shall have both, as we gather at table to share a meal while we provide for our neighbors in the process. The Ignatian Way is much more than a yearlong celebration of what we do well. It is an ongoing call to live out the mission of our wonderful church in ways that trumpet its Ignatian and Jesuit identity for the sake of the world. Please join us if you can as the celebration continues.

Diane Boyle, Adele Gallo, Joseph Marina, S.J., Neal Martelo
Ignatian Way Sub-Committee
Church of St. Ignatius Loyola
Catholic Schools Week:
January 27th – February 3rd

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 27th
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. The Grammar School is located at 48 East 84th Street.

Inner-City Scholarship Fund
For generations, Catholic schools have served boys and girls in the poorest areas of New York City. Inner-City Scholarship Fund, a not-for-profit organization founded in 1971, provides tuition assistance to students from low-income families who wish to attend Catholic schools within the Archdiocese of New York’s inner-city, thus making a values-based Catholic education a viable choice for all children.

On Sunday morning, January 27th, representatives from Inner-City Scholarship Fund will be visiting St. Ignatius Loyola Parish to provide information about how you can make a tangible difference for the children who are suffering the greatest educational disadvantage.

You can also visit www.icsf-nyc.org or call Kelvin Gentles at (646) 794-3328 to learn more about Inner-City Scholarship Fund.

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE: Flu Concerns
Due to concerns about the flu virus, some parishioners have asked if they should refrain from shaking hands during the sign of peace at Mass.

It is important to emphasize that the invitation to offer the sign of peace permits individual parishioners to choose how that sign will be expressed. For example, some may choose to wave their hands or nod their heads as a sign of peace. While shaking hands is not obligatory, it is another acceptable expression of the sign of peace.

Consequently, those parishioners who are concerned about spreading the flu virus by shaking hands at the sign of peace should express peace in another manner.

The faithful are also advised to practice good hygiene and hand washing. If they are ill, they should not receive from the cup.

Note: All Presiders and Eucharistic Ministers at St. Ignatius Loyola are sanitizing their hands before Mass.

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE
The Archdiocese of New York takes the stewardship of your donations and its resources seriously. If you have knowledge of financial misconduct or suspect that it might be occurring, please report your concerns via a toll-free hotline, 877-820-0541, or at www.reportlineweb.com/ADNY. Both are available 24 hours per day.
IRA Charitable Rollover is Back for 2012-2013
Did you know that you can once again make a gift to the parish from your IRA and avoid paying taxes on your withdrawal?
If you make the gift before February 1, 2013, you can elect to have that distribution counted retroactively for the 2012 tax year.
To learn more, visit our website or call Fernando Castro, Treasurer, at the Parish House: 212-288-3588.

Sunday Socials
Winter 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).”

Calling All IYA Knitters & Crocheters!
Come join other Young Adults for socializing and making knitwear for charity. Join us this winter on the following Wednesdays from 7:00 – 8:30 PM in the Parish House:

Feb. 6th & 20th
Mar. 6th & 20th

Email molly.nora@gmail.com with questions or to join the email list.
All skill levels are welcome.

Our Catholic Faith
40s & Fabulous invites all parishioners to its Speaker Series: Our Catholic Faith.
40s & Fabulous has launched its first Speaker Series: Our Catholic Faith. Using the framework of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, it is hoped that this series will deepen our understanding of our Catholic Faith and its practical applications in today’s complex world.

Upcoming:
Christian Prayer
February 10th    Rev. Joseph Marina
February 24th    Sr. Kathryn King

Wrap-up and Reflections
April 14th    Rev. George Witt
All sessions will be held from 5:30 to 7:00 PM at the Parish House

Register your interest at 40sandfabulous@gmail.com
Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, January 28th  (St. Thomas Aquinas)
Hebrews 9:15, 24-28  Psalm 98  Mark 3:22-30
8:30 MEM  Mae Rooney
12:10 MEM  Philomena Costanzo
5:30 MEM  William Carroll

Tuesday, January 29th  (3rd Tuesday in Ordinary Time)
Hebrews 10:1-10  Psalm 40  Mark 3:31-35
8:30 MEM  James D. Johnson
12:10 MEM  Ann Milisits
5:30 MEM  Nancy Sprague

Wednesday, January 30th  (3rd Wednesday in Ordinary Time)
Hebrews 10:11-18  Psalm 110  Mark 4:1-20
8:30 MEM  John & Nora Reilly
12:10 MEM  Hilda Handal
5:30 MEM  William Powers

Looking for a way to serve the Parish?
Consider these opportunities:

Lenten Cross:
The Lenten Cross Project invites parishioners to commit to a positive act of service, advocacy, or prayer during the Lenten Season. Volunteers are needed to help prepare materials for Lent 2013.
For more information, email lentencross@gmail.com

New Parishioners’ Committee:
The Committee’s mission is to welcome new members of the parish to our faith community. Whether you have been a member of St. Ignatius for a short time, or for many years, consider extending the hand of friendship to our new members.
For more information, call the Parish House at 212-288-3588.

Women’s Shelter:
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul needs volunteers for the women’s shelter held in Wallace Hall every other weekend, November through April. Volunteers are particularly needed to stay overnight on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday nights. If you volunteered in the past but have not done so in a while, we would love to have you rejoin us. New volunteers are also very welcome.
For more information, email Chris Halem: chrisahalem@verizon.net

Habitat for Humanity is seeking volunteers for an upcoming building project on Saturday, February 16th. Volunteers will put in a full day from 9:15 AM – 4:30 PM, and the project is likely to be in Brooklyn.
Volunteers must be 16 years of age or older to participate.
If you would like to volunteer, and can commit to participating for the full day, please email Peter Wood at PeterWoodNYC@aol.com

Women’s Lenten Retreat:
In the Desert with Jesus
Friday – Sunday,
March 8th –10th
St. Ignatius Loyola Retreat House (Inisfada)
Manhassett, NY  Presenter: Dr. Susan Stabile
Dr. Stabile is a law professor, spiritual director, retreat director, mother, wife, and author of the recently published book, Growing in Love and Wisdom: Tibetan Buddhist Sources for Christian Meditation.
Cost: $300 private room. $250 semi private.
Room with private bath – $50 extra.
This is an opportunity for a final retreat before Inisfada closes on June 1st!
For information or registration, contact Sr. Kathryn King at the Parish House: kingk@saintignatiusloyola.org
$100 deposit is due by February 15th. Please make checks out to St. Ignatius Loyola Church and indicate “Women's Retreat.” Final payment will be made to the retreat house on arrival.

Adult Confirmation Class
Tuesday evenings, March 12th – April 23rd
Adult parishioners of St. Ignatius who have received First Eucharist but who have not yet received the sacrament of Confirmation can register for a course in preparation for the sacrament to be conferred here on Wednesday evening, April 24th, at 5:30 PM.
The course will begin on Tuesday evening, March 12th at 7:15 PM and will continue for seven consecutive Tuesday evenings, concluding on Tuesday, April 23rd.
Attendance at all the sessions is required. Enrollment is limited. There may be room for a few parishioners already confirmed who seek some updating in Catholicism.
Interested adults should contact Fr. Bergen at the Parish House (212-288-3588).

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Thursday, January 31st  (St. John Bosco)
Hebrews 10:19-25  Psalm 24  Mark 4:21-25
8:30 MEM  Thomas F. Regan
12:10 MEM  Lydia Gaurilescu
5:30 MEM  Living & Deceased Members of the Wallace Family

Friday, February 1st  (3rd Friday in Ordinary Time)
Hebrews 10:32-39  Psalm 37  Mark 4:26-34
8:30 MEM  Yvonne Gifford Marshall
12:10 MEM  Elizabeth Dackerman
5:30 MEM  Christina DallePezze

Saturday, February 2nd  (Presentation of the Lord)
8:30 MEM  Mary Grogan

Sunday, February 3rd  (4th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19  Psalm 71
Meeting Christ in Prayer

Morning Sessions: Tuesdays, February 5th to April 2nd, 9:30 – 11:00 AM

Evening Sessions: Wednesdays, February 6th to April 3rd, 7:00 – 8:30 PM

(No sessions during Holy Week. Both sessions conclude on Wednesday evening, April 3rd, with a liturgy and reception.)

Meeting Christ In Prayer is an interactive 8 week guided prayer experience for small groups. Based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola, it introduces participants to various ways of praying and provides an opportunity to support one another through faith sharing. Weekly meetings are 90 minutes long and include group prayer, guided meditation, small group faith sharing, and an orientation for the following week’s prayer or prayer techniques.

The cost of the program is a sliding scale of $30-$50 and covers all materials. Scholarships are available.

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HOPE 2013, The NYC Street Survey: On Monday, January 28th, the NYC Department of Homeless Services will conduct the Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE). Help is needed to survey streets, parks, subways, and other public spaces to estimate the number of people living unsheltered in our city. Anyone 18 years of age or older committed to helping the homeless of New York City is encouraged to volunteer. Training will be provided on the night of the survey. For more information or to register to volunteer, visit www.nyc.gov/dhs or call 311.

Go Red for Women Campaign: Community Health Fair. Friday, February 1st, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Mount Sinai Medical Center, 1468 Madison Avenue at 100th Street. Complimentary blood pressure, cholesterol, and glucose testing; nutrition and diet counseling; diabetes education; healthy heart cooking; stress management and relaxation and more. For additional information, call 212-659-9085.

Retreat with Bishop Thomas Gumbleton: sponsored by Pax Christi Metro New York. Friday, March 1st – Sunday, March 3rd. St. Joseph's Renewal Center in Brentwood, Long Island. Bishop Gumbleton is a leading voice for peace, justice, and civil rights in the Catholic Church. The theme of the retreat will be “Have this mind in you which was in Christ Jesus... Conversion to the active love of Jesus by praying Sacred Scripture.” Cost: $250; Commuter: $220; Saturday only: $125. Partial scholarships are available. Registration deadline: Wednesday, February 20th or until all spaces are filled. For more information or to register, email info@nypaxchristi.org or 212-420-0250.

PRAYER SUGGESTION... Sacred Space

We invite you to make a “Sacred Space” in your day and spend ten minutes in prayer, as you sit at your computer, with the help of on-screen guidance and scripture chosen specially every day.

Visit www.sacredspace.ie
Sacred Space is a work of the Irish Province of the Society of Jesus.

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. Marina
Wallace Hall 11:00 AM Fr. Ugo
Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Judge
7:30 PM Fr. Ugo

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