IREP: Why We Teach

This year the Interparish Religious Education Program (IREP) at St. Ignatius Loyola, which includes children in both public and private schools, has an all-time high enrollment of 620 children in grades K-8. There are 33 classes taught by 23 teachers, or catechists. These women and men come from all walks of life. They are retired teachers and school principals, lawyers, bankers, investment advisers, writers, artists, social workers, administrative assistants, and homemakers. Working under the guidance of Joanne Cunneen, Director of Religious Education, they represent 223 years' teaching experience!

What our catechists have in common is a faith that informs everything they do, and a strong desire to share that faith with children. Recently they were asked to consider why they teach. The following sampling gives an idea of what it is that inspires them.

• “I have been a catechist for 15 years!” This teacher prepares for her classes by watching the news and trying to connect stories with her lessons. She gets the loudest response from her 8th graders when they discuss the Ten Commandments in regard to cheating on tests. The children discuss what constitutes cheating while they are guided to consider their actions within a faith context.

• “As a catechist I believe that it is just as important to teach the Beatitudes and the Social Teachings of Christ as it is the Ten Commandments. Jesus taught us to care for those in need. Children need to witness this early in their formation. The message I teach will ultimately become part of their beliefs.”

• “I treasure the opportunity to teach our faith to children and to watch their faith grow. In a world which can be skeptical towards those who are religiously observant, we are here to help parents keep their promise to raise their children in the faith.”

• “My faith means a great deal to me and I enjoy sharing some of this love with my students. I want to instill in them a love of Jesus.”

• “I want my students to understand our early history. I help them to understand that Catholicism is a beautiful religion. It is important for them to be able to defend their beliefs and proclaim the good news by their words and actions. They should be able to support their opinions with facts.”

All of the catechists say that their own faith grows as they work with children.

• “Their open hearts and enthusiasm for learning about God inspires me.”

• A kindergarten teacher feels called to help children discover “their natural capacity to love God, their innate knowledge of the love of Jesus living in their hearts.” A 5-year old explained to her that “God takes the love in our heart and mixes it up with His love. BUT, we get to serve it!” The teacher writes, “This is the kind of child I must become like to enter the Kingdom of Heaven and the newness of faith I am challenged to practice.”

• “Each year, I find myself unprepared for the reaction I have when the children receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. I am humbled to be a part of these moments in their young lives. You can feel that something special is going on. God is most certainly present.”

• “First Corinthians 9:16 speaks to me. It says, ‘If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel.’ I cannot, and must not, keep the good news to myself!”

We are so grateful to our catechists for their commitment to the children enrolled in IREP. May God continue to bless them as they share their faith!

- Patricia Schneider
Assistant to the
Director of Religious Education
**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**MONDAY, APRIL 8th**
Ranger Rosary Ministry.
7:00 PM. Meeting Room.
Supplies and instructions are provided.
New members are welcome!

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10th**
The Spirituality of St. Ignatius:
Rules for the Discernment of Spirits.
Rev. Michael Boughton, S.J.
7:00 PM. Wallace Hall. Details on page 5.
Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting.
7:00 PM. Conference Room.
All are welcome.

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**Catholic-Jewish Relations after Vatican II:**
*The Perspective from Georgetown*
Fr. Kevin O’Brien, S.J.
Vice President for Mission & Ministry
and
Rabbi Rachel Gartner
Director, Jewish Chaplaincy and Senior Rabbi

*Sunday, April 14th at 2:00 PM*  
*Wallace Hall*
Fr. O’Brien and Rabbi Gartner will speak about interreligious dialogue from Catholic and Jewish perspectives as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of Vatican II.
RSVP to mmevents@georgetown.edu or 202-687-0636.

**Information Session**
Thursday, April 11th
11:45 AM – 12:30 PM Parish Lounge
Ignatian Volunteer Corps provides an opportunity for retired adult men and women to offer their skills, wisdom, and life experience in direct service to those who are economically poor and marginalized in our local community. For more information, or to confirm your attendance, please contact IVC Regional Director Liz McMahon at 201-618-6924 or emcmahon@ivcusa.org

**It’s Girl Scout Cookie Time!**
Cookies will be on sale next Sunday, April 14th, in Wallace Hall after the 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM Masses.
Please support our Grammar School Girl Scout troops!

**The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola greatly appreciates your contributions!**
You can donate from the convenience of your own home and computer.
Your online giving to St. Ignatius Loyola is safe, secure, and confidential.
Visit www.stignatiusloyola.org and click on the Giving tab at the top of the page.

**On Saturday, April 13th, Rev. Jeffrey von Arx, S.J., President of Fairfield University, will be the presider at the 5:30 PM Mass.**
We welcome Father von Arx and all of the members of the Fairfield University Community who will be joining us at this Mass.

**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!**

**CHANGE FOR CHANGE:**
Donations this year will be forwarded to Hopeworks, a youth development organization located in Camden, N.J. Hopeworks’ Founder and Executive Director is Father Jeff Putthoff, S.J.
The collection period runs from Ash Wednesday to the end of April. Loose change, bills, and checks (made out to “Church of St. Ignatius Loyola”) are welcome! Please bring donations to the Parish House in care of Joanne Cunneen.
40s & FABULOUS

Our Catholic Faith

40s & Fabulous invites all parishioners to the final session of its Speaker Series: Our Catholic Faith.

April 14th:
Wrap-up and Reflections  Rev. George Witt, S.J.
5:30 to 7:00 PM at the Parish House

Register your interest at 40sandfabulous@gmail.com

Monthly Social

Sunday, April 14th
8:30 – 10:00 PM (after the 7:30 PM Mass)
in the Parish House

Please email 40sandfabulous@gmail.com for more information.

We welcome all parishioners in their 40s, as well as those in their late 30s and early 50s. We look forward to meeting you!

Prayer Booklets Now on Sale:

Authored by the late Bishop Kenneth Untener of Saginaw, Michigan, the booklet offers brief prayers and reflections for each of the fifty days of the Easter Season. Cost: $1

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, April 8th
(Annunciation of the Lord)
Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10  Psalm 40  Hebrews 10:4-10
Luke 1:26-38
8:30 MEM  The Kelly Family
12:10 MEM  The Meehan Family
5:30 MEM  Sr. Frances Smith, SC

Tuesday, April 9th
(Second Tuesday of Easter)
8:30 MEM  Patricia O’Brien
12:10 MEM  Elaine & Pete Morgensen
5:30 MEM  Deceased Members of the Scanlon & McLoughlin Families

Wednesday, April 10th
(Second Wednesday of Easter)
Acts 5:17-26  Psalm 34  John 3:16-21
8:30 MEM  Giro & Elina Zullo
12:10 MEM  Valentino Mazzia
5:30 MEM  Stephen Grello

Thursday, April 11th
(St. Stanislaus)
Acts 5:27-33  Psalm 34  John 3:31-36
8:30 MEM  Cecil Spadafora
12:10 MEM  Raffaela Lauriello
5:30 MEM  Frieda Meiert

Friday, April 12th
(Second Friday of Easter)
8:30 MEM  Mae Rooney
12:10 LGV  Patricia Manzo
5:30 MEM  Robert Cogan

Saturday, April 13th
(St. Martin)
Acts 6:1-7  Psalm 33  John 6:16-21
8:30 MEM  Giselle Grace

Sunday, April 14th
(Third Sunday of Easter)
Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41  Psalm 30
Revelation 5:11-14  John 21:1-19

We pray for the faithful departed
Marian Vinocour
May she rest in the peace of the Risen Lord
IGNATIAN YOUNG ADULTS

Discerning Distractions:
Finding God in Popular Culture

Sunday, April 14th
6:00 – 7:00 PM in the Parish Lounge
In a world where it seems that we are continually distracted, finding God’s place in our lives seems difficult, sometimes impossible. But what if what we think are distractions might be one way that God is trying to communicate with us? What if we can find God in popular culture?

If you are in your 20’s and 30’s, you are invited to join Fr. Mark Mossa, S.J., for a discussion of movies, music, television, social media, and the many other distractions in the world of popular entertainment, and how we can be more discerning about the dangers and benefits they pose for our desire to encounter God in our lives.


RSVP by calling the Parish House at 212-288-3588 or emailing Fr. Anthony SooHoo, S.J., at soohooa@stignatiusloyola.org

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TUESDAY, APRIL 9th – 7:00 PM
PARISH MEMORIAL MASS
Parish Community Choir
Elgar Ave Verum Corpus
Warren Humbly I Adore Thee

SUNDAY, APRIL 14th
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS
Bach Easter Chorales from Orgelbüchlein
Britten Jubilate Deo
Tallis O Sacrum Convivium
Preston Alleluyas

20th Anniversary of the N.P. Mander Organ
Sunday, April 28th at 3:00 PM
Join organists K. Scott Warren, Nancianne Parrella, Kent Tritle, Renée Anne Louprette, and Andrew Henderson for a concert celebrating the 20th anniversary of “the mighty Mander.” This will prove to be an unforgettable afternoon of great music and camaraderie as these organists put the Mander through its paces.

Tickets: $20 General
$15 Student/Seniors in advance
$10 Student/Seniors rush at the door
Visit www.smssconcerts for complete information.

SEEKERS RETREAT
FOR YOUNG ADULTS
April 26th – 28th
Friday Evening – Sunday Afternoon
Mt. Manresa Retreat House
Staten Island
Join CHARIS NYC for a peer-led, weekend Seekers Retreat on Friday, April 26th through Sunday, April 28th. Join other young adults seeking a deeper relationship with God. Learn how their Catholic faith impacts their lives, through Ignatian spirituality. Take time to reflect on your journey, your desires, and God’s hopes and dreams for you.

Cost: $250/person; financial assistance available.
For more information, visit www.jesuit-collaborative.org/charisnyc email CharisRetreatNYC@gmail.com, or call 347-619-CNYC.

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

The Annual Spring Benefit:
Celebrating the Magic of Brazil
Friday, May 17th
7:00 PM to Midnight
The Central Park Boathouse
Cocktails, Dinner, Dancing, Raffle, Live and Silent Auctions
For ticket information, please call 212-734-6427 x24.
Persons over 21 years of age are welcome.
The Spirituality of St. Ignatius:
Part 3:
Rules for the Discernment of Spirits
Making Choices:
What’s God Got To Do With It, Anyway?

Presented by Rev. Michael Boughton, S.J.,
Formation Assistant
for Maryland-New England-New York Provinces
Wednesday, April 10th at 7:00 PM
Wallace Hall


Join us on April 10th for the final part of The Spirituality of St. Ignatius series, designed in concert with our parish’s celebration of The Ignatian Way.


He is a native of Long Island, NY, and a graduate of Boston College. He earned an MA in English from Boston College, and an MDiv from the Weston Jesuit School of Theology. He was ordained a priest in 1979.

He has served as Director of Campus Ministry at the College of the Holy Cross (1980-1990), Rector of the Fairfield Jesuit Community (1991-1996), President of Fairfield Prep (1996-2006), and Director of the Center for Ignatian Spirituality at Boston College (2008-2012).

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by Elizabeth A. Dryer
in advance of our April program.
It is available at Amazon.com or PaulistPress.com

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Sunday, April 21st at the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass.
Light refreshments to follow in Wallace Hall.

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To remember deceased parishioners and deceased family members of parishioners Tuesday, April 9th at 7:00 PM Refreshments following in Wallace Hall.

LAY MINISTERS’ ENRICHMENT SPRING PROGRAM
Our Sacred Story
Nestled in the Ordinary:
The Heart of Contemplative Existence is Gratitude
with Beverly Musgrave, PhD
Professor in Mental Health and Pastoral Counseling at Fordham University, Pastoral Psychotherapist, Spiritual Director
Saturday, April 20th
Wallace Hall 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM
Dr. Musgrave will invite us to identify new spaces within. We are a sacred container, the place where the human meets the transcendental. Dr. Musgrave will lead us in considering the self, and seeking to find the transcendent in all aspects of our daily lives.
Continental breakfast and lunch to be provided. Space is limited. Registration closes on Monday, April 15th.
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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 the hours of 9:00 AM and 9:00 PM.

The Annual Spring McGinley Lecture.
Rev. Patrick J. Ryan, S.J., Laurence McGinley Professor of Religion and Society.
Respondents: Rabbi Daniel Polish, Ph.D., Congregation Shir Chadash, Poughkeepsie and Professor Amir Hussain, Ph.D., Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles.

Tuesday, April 9th at 6:00 PM.
Fordham University Lincoln Center Campus, 113 West 66th Street.

Wednesday, April 10th at 6:00 PM.
Flom Auditorium, Rose Hill Campus.
Free and open to the public.
For more information, call 718-817-4745 or email mcgchair@fordham.edu

The New Evangelization: Obstacles and Opportunities.
A Conference sponsored by Fordham University’s Graduate School of Religion and Culture.
Keynote Speaker: Bishop Frank J. Caggiano of the Brooklyn Diocese.

Saturday, April 20th. 9:30 AM – 5:30 PM.
McGinley Center, Rose Hill Campus.
Free and open to the public.
Visit www.fordham.edu/gre for additional information.

Catholic Ireland: Past, Present, Future
A Presentation by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, Archdiocese of Dublin.
Wednesday, April 24th at 6:00 PM.
McNally Amphitheatre.
140 West 62nd Street. Lincoln Center Campus, Fordham University.

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