When I called my cousin to invite her to my final vows, her immediate response was, “Haven’t you done that already?” Her question was understandable. She was present, after all, when I professed my first vows fifteen years ago at the conclusion of the novitiate, promising perpetual poverty, chastity, and obedience. And she was present, too, years later when I was ordained a deacon and, some time after that, a priest. She was even present in 2009 when I was installed here as pastor. Surely, she reasoned, my commitment as a Jesuit was already final.

In one sense, it certainly is. After seventeen years of Jesuit life, with countless experiences confirming me in my vocation, my personal commitment is definitive. By God’s grace, I remain steadfast in the lifelong commitment made at the end of the novitiate.

But as St. Ignatius envisioned the Society, full incorporation only comes after many years of “testing” or “probation.” Indeed, a person is considered a member of the Society from the very first day of the novitiate, bearing responsibility for the Society’s well being and enjoying its spiritual benefits. But then, through the rather long course of formation, which includes philosophical and theological studies, several years of full-time apostolic work, and the final period of “tertianship” which I completed last summer, a Jesuit deepens his capacity for ministry and prepares for final incorporation in the Society.

What exactly does final incorporation mean? One Jesuit suggested that taking final vows is akin to being made a partner in a law firm. I think this is a good analogy. While it does not address the spiritual dimension of a religious vocation, it does highlight the deeper sense of ownership and responsibility that are attendant upon being called to final vows by the Superior General. Once a Jesuit has made his final profession, he is eligible to take on certain leadership roles within the Society, including serving as rector of a Jesuit community, directing the formation of new members, and assisting in the internal governance of the order.

In terms of the vows themselves, those who are able to attend today’s celebration will hear me recommit myself to perpetual poverty, chastity, and obedience. In addition to this, they will hear me promise special obedience to the pope; specifically, to go on mission wherever the Holy Father may wish to send me. This is the “fourth vow” that distinguishes the Society from other religious orders. St. Ignatius envisioned a group of religious men fully dedicated to serving wherever in the world the need was greatest. He instituted this vow because he trusted that as the head of the church, the pope’s perspective would be universal. He would be the best judge of where the greatest need lay, and could count on Jesuits to go wherever he sent them for the good of the Church.

I am proud to join my brother Jesuits who have professed this vow over the centuries, and happy to note that I am among the very first in history to do so with a fellow Jesuit serving as pope!

There are five additional vows as well. At the conclusion of the Mass, I will move to the Lady Chapel, accompanied by all the Jesuits who are present, for this special profession. By design, these vows are not professed as part of the public rite since they deal with matters internal to Jesuit life. Included are the promises never to attempt to change anything about the vow of poverty, except to make it more strict, and never to “strive or ambition” for higher office within either the Society or the Church. These special vows reveal how highly St. Ignatius regarded poverty and humility, and how much he desired these virtues to characterize Jesuit life.

Brothers and sisters, I am deeply grateful for the grace of my Jesuit vocation. I am grateful, too, for your love and support. Please pray that the Lord will continue to strengthen me, so that I may walk with him all my days, and faithfully serve him as a member of the Society of Jesus.

- Rev. George M. Witt, S.J.
Pastor
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, APRIL 21st
11:00 AM
SOLEMN MASS
Rev. George Witt, S.J., professes his final vows as a Jesuit.
Rev. David Ciancimino, S.J., Provincial of the New York Province, will preside at this liturgy and will receive Fr. Witt’s vows.

Light refreshments to follow in Wallace Hall.

Please join us in extending prayers and best wishes to Fr. Witt!

SUNDAY, APRIL 21st
40s & Fabulous Monthly Social.
5:30 – 7:00 PM. Parish House.
Details at right.

MONDAY, APRIL 22nd
Ranger Rosary Ministry.
7:00 PM. Meeting Room.
Supplies and instructions are provided. New members are welcome!

TUESDAY, APRIL 23rd
Habitat for Humanity. Speaker: Matthew Dunbar.
7:00 PM. Parish Lounge. Sponsored by Ignatian Social Justice. Details on page 5.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24th
Sacrament of Confirmation.
Church.
2:00 PM – Grammar School Students
5:30 PM – IREP Students

Please note that the 5:30 PM Daily Mass on Wednesday, April 24th will be celebrated in Loyola Chapel. Enter through the Parish House.

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

40s & FABULOUS

Monthly Social
Sunday, April 21st
5:30 – 7:00 PM
(before 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.

CHANGE FOR CHANGE:
Donations this year will be forwarded to Hopeworks, a youth development organization located in Camden, NJ. 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.

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.

Have You Registered?
If St. Ignatius Loyola is where you regularly worship, we invite you to fill out a Parishioner Registration Card located in the pew racks, at the Parish House, and online at:
www.stignatiusloyola.org

Having your name in our records is the only way we can certify that you are a practicing Catholic.
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*(St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen)*
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**Thursday, April 25th**
*(St. Mark)*
1 Peter 5:5b-14   Psalm 89   Mark 16:15-20
8:30 MEM   Blanca Holmes
12:10 LVG   Joan Agoglia
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**Friday, April 26th**
*(Fourth Friday of Easter)*
Acts 13:26-33   Psalm 2   John 14:1-6
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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.*

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*Philippa Haggar*
May she rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

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Parishioners and Friends of St. Ignatius Loyola Parish are cordially invited to attend LifeWay Network’s Spring Fundraiser Event

Towards New Life: Moving Forward Together
Thursday, May 16th – 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Wallace Hall
Wine and hors d’oeuvres will be served.

This event supports LifeWay Network, which collaborates to combat human trafficking through safe housing and education. Lifeway is supported by 30 Religious Congregations, including the Society of Jesus, Franciscan Sisters of Peace, and the Presentation Sisters.

Tickets: $125. Visit www.lifewaynetwork.org to register and pay online, or mail payment to LifeWay Network, Inc., PO Box 75412, Forest Hills, NY 11375. Donations are also gratefully accepted. The need is great to stop modern-day slavery and support the survivors!

IGNATIAN YOUNG ADULTS

Sunday Socials Spring 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).”

IYA Knitters & Crocheters
Come join other Young Adults for socializing and making knitwear for charity.
Email molly.nora@gmail.com with questions or to join the email list.
All skill levels are welcome.

Annual Golden Wedding Mass Celebration
Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2013 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick on Sunday, June 23rd at 2:00 PM.
Pre-registration is required. To register, contact Diane Boyle at the St. Ignatius Parish House (212-288-3588 x618 or boyled@stignatuissloyola.org) by Tuesday, June 4th.
This event is sponsored by the Family Life/Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28th
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS
Howells Psalm Prelude, Set 2, No. 2
Bainton And I Saw a New Heaven
arr. Christiansen Beautiful Savior
Bach Fugue on a Theme of Corelli, BWV 537
11:00 AM FAMILY MASS
with the Middle School Choir
Hurford Litany to the Holy Spirit
Lightfoot A Jubilant Song

THE VOICE OF MY BELOVED
WEDNESDAY, MAY 8th at 7:00 PM
Choir of St. Ignatius Loyola
K. Scott Warren, conductor
Drawing from the Song of Songs and traditional Marian hymns, lush choral works by Lassus, Willan, Howells, and Britten embrace the glory of springtime, love, and the divine power of creation.

Tickets: $50 Preferred | $40 General
$30 Senior/Student

SACRED SONGS AND ARIAS
SUNDAY, MAY 12th at 3:00 PM
A perfect afternoon treat on Mother’s Day, this recital highlights the many fine solo voices that comprise the Choir of St. Ignatius Loyola along with featured guests. The themes of love, creation, supplication, and hope will unfold in art songs, chant, arias, and duets from oratorio, opera, and spirituals.

Tickets: $30 General

Visit www.smssconcerts.org for complete information about the concerts listed above.

COMING LATER IN MAY...

REJOICE IN THE LORD! A MUSIC MINISTRY CELEBRATION
SUNDAY, MAY 19th at 3:00 PM
The entire musical community of St. Ignatius Loyola — the Choir of St. Ignatius Loyola, Parish Community Choir, Wallace Hall Choir, Canticum Sacrum, the High School Choir and Children’s Choirs — join forces in thanksgiving on Pentecost.
Free will offering - No tickets needed!
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.

PROGRAM:

Symphony No. 3 in E minor, Op. 13
Marcia Charles-Marie Widor
K. Scott Warren

Fantasy and Fugue in G minor, BWV 542
Johann Sebastian Bach
Kent Tritle

Six Pièces pour Orgue: Prière, Op. 20
César Franck
Renée Anne Louprette

Sonata No. 8, Op. 132: Introduction and Passacaglia
Josef Rheinberger
Nancianne Parrella

Te Deum, Op. 11
Jeanne Demessieux
Renée Anne Louprette

Léon Boëllmann
Kent Tritle and K. Scott Warren

Suite pour Orgue, Op. 5: Sicilienne
Maurice Duruflé
Andrew Henderson

Variations on an Easter Theme (O Filii et Filiae)
John Rutter
Nancianne Parrella
and Andrew Henderson

Tickets: $20 General
$15 Student/Seniors in advance
$10 Student/Seniors rush at the door

Visit www.smssconcerts.org for additional information

As stewards and Disciples of Christ, we recognize that all of the goods and riches in our life are gifts from God. Strengthened by the Eucharist, we respond to God’s generosity in our lives with gratitude by using and sharing our gifts in the service of others. Please share your gifts and make a donation to the 2013 Cardinal’s Annual Appeal.

Gifts can be made online at www.cardinalsappeal.org Thank you for your generosity!
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Rev. Ugo R. Nacciarone, S.J.

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

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.
Fordham Center on Religion and Culture.
Free and open to the public.
RSVP required: 212-636-7347
or crcevent@fordham.edu
Visit www.fordham.edu/ReligCulture
for additional information.

Corpus Christi Chapter of the International
Thomas Merton Society presents: The Challenge
of Islam: Thomas Merton and the Personal
Approach to Christian/Muslim Convivencia.
Saturday, April 27th, 1:00 - 4:00 PM. Speakers:
Sidney H. Griffith S.T., professor of Syriac and
Arab Christian literature at Catholic University
of America, and Daniel A. Madigan, S.J., Director
of Graduate Studies. Department of Theology,
Georgetown University and Senior Fellow of Al-
Waleed Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding,
Corpus Christi Church, 529 West 121 Street. Free
to members; $10.00 for non-members. For more
information, email mertonnyc@yahoo.com or
call 212-666-9350.

Sneak Peek Open House at Dominican Academy
for 7th Grade girls and their parents. Tuesday,
April 30th at 4:30 PM. 44 East 68th Street.
Dominican Academy is a Catholic, college
preparatory school for girls operated by the
Dominican Sisters of Peace. To RSVP or for more
information, contact Mrs. Jo Ann Fannon,
Associate Director of Admissions at 212-744-0195
or jfannon@dominicanacademy.org

Community Service Opportunity for Teens: NY
Common Pantry. Friday, May 3rd, 3:30 - 7:00 PM. The
Parish Council of St. Thomas More has arranged
for a community service event for teens between
the ages of 14-17. Participants will prepare and
serve dinners at the NY Common Pantry (formerly
the Yorkville Common Pantry). The pantry is at
8 East 109th Street; transportation to and from
the facility will be organized. For questions or to
sign up, email peter.malcolm.phelan@gmail.com

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