Notes From Our New Catholics

Twenty adults were received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Here are some of their unique stories!

– Maureen Fullam, Director
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

For many years I identified myself as an unbeliever. Looking back, I recall the activities appropriate to my atheistic stance; however, I also see a subtle, constant, unacknowledged belief in the Resurrection and a less subtle attraction to the Church. It seemed this was only an aesthetic appeal – music, art, architecture, novels, writings of saints and theologians. On the rare occasions I entered a church to observe Mass, I was nearly always disappointed. I was also spending more time pursuing every worldly pleasure I could imagine. This never led to a crisis, just to a growing awareness of the fleeting nature of the various satisfactions leading finally to disappointment. A few years ago, I came to St. Ignatius for a Sacred Music Concert. I came to more concerts, eventually came to Mass, and here felt far less disappointment. Several Masses later, I saw the information in the bulletin about inquiring into Catholic faith. I joined the RCIA, and finally I have become a happily baptized Catholic.

– Philip Lauer

I came to know and love Jesus through my kind, beloved, late husband, who was Catholic and had a special devotion to the Cross. He was also grateful for a lifesaving miracle he experienced in the war. When I expressed the desire to become Catholic, two parishioner friends suggested I contact St. Ignatius. I am grateful!

– Sylvie Genevieve Szabo

At the Welcoming RCIA Rite, we were asked, “What do you ask of God’s Church?” I responded, “Deepened faith and unity for my family.” The desire for “unity for my family” is what initially attracted me to the Catholic faith. Looking back at the overall experience culminating with Holy Week and the Easter Vigil, it is the gift of “deepened faith” that truly surpassed my expectations. I was raised Presbyterian, but have been going to Mass at St. Ignatius for 12 years – since my wife and I were dating. We did our marriage preparation here, had our three children baptized at the Parish, and are lucky to have them attend St. Ignatius schools. I felt that the year of my eldest son’s First Communion would be a meaningful year to become Catholic. I am so thankful for the RCIA team and their knowledge, passion, enthusiasm, and willingness to share their faith and experiences, all of which played a critical role in my being open to and beginning my spiritual journey towards deepened faith. Thank you to everyone in the St. Ignatius community who has been so supportive and enthusiastic!

– Arjay Jensen

As a youth, I grew up with many Catholic friends and family members and thus became intrigued with the Catholic faith. About four years ago while at Fordham and St. John’s for graduate studies, I decided to pursue my interest and googled adult conversion programs. St. Ignatius popped up. The St. John’s RCIA director also recommended St. Ignatius since I live in Manhattan and the program is well known. I attended Mass at the Parish, which is very warm and welcoming. This solidified my desire to inquire. I’m so glad I made this choice!

– Marie Conteh

A few days after I met my husband, he asked me to join him at the Parish, where he comes to Mass every Sunday. We attended my first Easter Vigil a few months later. When we decided to marry and have a baby, it was important to both of us to share a faith that was already such a source of strength and comfort to him and his family. (For centuries, in fact, stretching back to the Crusades.) So I look at this past Easter Vigil – my Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion – as less the end of something, and more the start of a longer journey.

– Elena de Noüe

As a practicing Protestant believer, I entered the RCIA process thinking I had more to teach Catholics than to learn from them. Going through the classes and the Easter Vigil, I am happy to say I was proven wrong. My faith was strengthened and my understanding of Christ’s Teachings increased. I consistently felt God encouraging and showing me that He is truly Lord of All. I was most moved by the Rite of Welcome at St. Patrick’s Cathedral, which was in English and Spanish. There were people from different nations and socio-economic levels. Yet we were all there, in unison, worshiping the one Lord who can cross all barriers with his sacrificial love and Gospel of forgiveness and reconciliation. As I continue on my journey with the Lord, I feel honored to be surrounded by such a beautiful and diverse crowd of witnesses.

– Sarah Tintle
**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Special Collection:**
This weekend our Parish will take up the annual collection for Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Please visit our website, www.stignatiusloyola.org, to read a letter from Cardinal Dolan about this special collection.

**SUNDAY, MAY 5th**
Sunday Social. 8:30 PM. Wallace Hall. Hosted by the Ignatian Young Adults. All young adults (ages 21-39) are welcome.

**MONDAY, MAY 6th**
Ranger Rosary Ministry. 7:00 PM. Meeting Room. Supplies and instructions are provided. New members are welcome!

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 8th**
*The Voice of My Beloved: SMSS Concert.* 7:00 PM. Church. Details on page 5.
Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting. 7:00 PM. Conference Room. All are welcome.

**ASCENSION THURSDAY**
May 9th
Masses will be celebrated at 5:30 PM (anticipated Mass on Wednesday, May 8th) and at 8:30 AM, 12:10 PM, and 5:30 PM in the Church on Thursday, May 9th.

**THURSDAY, MAY 9th**

**SATURDAY, MAY 11th**
First Holy Communion. IREP Students. 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM. Church.

**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 in 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!

**The Greater New York Regional Council of the Ignatian Volunteer Corps cordially invites you to**

**An Evening of Gratitude**
**Honoring**
Joseph A. Califano, Jr. - *Della Strada Award*
Rev. Tom Sheridan, S.J. - *Gerard Manley Hopkins Award*

**Tuesday, May 21st at Regis High School**
5:30 PM Liturgy, Rev. Walter Modrys, S.J., Presider
6:30 – 8:00 PM Award Reception, Cocktails, and Hors d’oeuvres
$125 suggested donation
RSVP by May 7th via email to Elizabeth McMahon, New York Regional Director at emcmahon@ivcusa.org or 201-618-6924

**Now on Sale at the Parish House!**

10 Things Pope Francis Wants You to Know
Pope Francis has captured the hearts of the media and the people. Fascinated by his charisma and the many firsts of his papacy – first pope from the Americas, first Jesuit pope, and first to be named Francis – people are eager to know him personally.

In *10 Things Pope Francis Wants You to Know*, John L. Allen, Jr., senior Vatican analyst for CNN, author, and senior correspondent for the *National Catholic Reporter*, writes with clarity about the Pope’s vision and values. Using recent and archived interviews with Pope Francis and those who know him, the author describes Pope Francis’ vision of leadership and evangelism, and his desire for the Church to be close to the people, especially the poor.

**Cost:** $3.00

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**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.
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.

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.

Meeting Christ in Prayer: Reunion Gathering

Wednesday, May 29th
7:00 – 8:30 PM in Wallace Hall

This gathering is open to all those who have participated at any time in the Meeting Christ in Prayer program. It is an opportunity to renew and deepen your desire to continue to “meet Christ in your prayer” and life as well as to reconnect with your companions on the spiritual journey. Refreshments following.

RSVP to Sr. Kathryn King at kingk@saintignatiusloyola.org by Monday, May 27th.

Last call for Donations!

CHANGE FOR CHANGE:

Donations this year will be forwarded to Hopeworks ‘N Camden, a youth development organization located in Camden, NJ.

Hopeworks’ Founder and Executive Director is Father Jeff Putthoff, S.J.

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.

Come and Hear
Fr. Jeff Putthoff, S.J.,
Hopeworks ‘N Camden
Founder and Executive Director
Thursday, May 16th
7:00 PM in the Meeting Room

Hopeworks uses education, technology, and entrepreneurship to partner with young men and women, ages 14-23, as they identify and earn a sustainable future. Together they seize the opportunity to heal and thrive in the midst of violence and poverty.

Hopeworks is currently celebrating more than a dozen successful years, with results that include:
1300 student trainees
275 youth jobs
100 college students
1720 college credits

This talk is sponsored by Ignatian Social Justice

Ignatian Volunteer Corps

Information Sessions

Thursdays, May 9th & 16th
10:30 – 11:15 AM
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.

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

FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 6th (6th Monday of Easter)
Acts 16:11-15     Psalm 149     John 15:26 – 16:4a
8:30 MEM Norah Waters
12:10 MEM Ray Stout
5:30 MEM Theresa & Frank Valente

Tuesday, May 7th (6th Tuesday of Easter)
Acts 16:22-34     Psalm 138     John 16:5-11
8:30 MEM Mae Rooney
12:10 MEM Antonia Iacobellis
5:30 MEM Sr. Frances Smith, S.C.

Wednesday, May 8th (6th Wednesday of Easter)
Acts 17:15, 22 – 18:1     Psalm 148     John 16:12-15
8:30 MEM Kelly Gillebaard
12:10 MEM Peter B. Voorhies
5:30 MEM Deceased Members of the Scanlon & McLoughlin Families

ANNOUNCED SACRAMENTS

WEDDINGS
Thomas Brendan Foley and Xianya Alice You
Ryan Joseph Dattilo and Astrid Tomilson Hill
Peter Francis Banim and Gabrielle Irene Arauz
Chris Edward Gafner and Irene Veronica Roldan

BAPTIZMS
Lacey Elizabeth Barnes
Amelia McCabe Barra
Megan Francis Berdan
Giuliana Nicole Biondo
Justin David Capiola
Jack Robert Clemente
Olivia Ava Clemente
Finn Bernard de Groot
Charlotte Grace Diston
Daphne Therese Espinoso
Kennedy Curtis Gallagher
Atlas Aurelio Guzowski
Juliette Elizabeth Hamlen
Katherine Morgaine Hatfield
Aerin Marie Healy
McKayla Elizabeth Hirschy
Owen Campbell Leahy
Maria Valentina Sofia Tatiana
Marliocci di Brugneto y Alvarado
Maria Victoria Margaux Gabriela
Magliocci di Brugneto y Alvarado
Lexi Marie Maryles
Robert Antoine Munfa
Claudius Elic Charles Mystal
Felicitas Elisabeth Neveling
Griffin John O’Brien
Grace Harper Reidy
Anthony Jay Scalise
Cole Oliver Schenkel
Nicholas Emil Schenkel
Joseph Peter Schoentube
Sofia Isabella Serrano
Alexandra Calhoun Rutledge
Simonds
Sofia G. Subramaniam
Charles Hudson Torres
Julia Dagan Wasserberger

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS
Nicholas Doerr
Fabiana Ferraresi
Gianmarco Ingrassia
Eduardo Bolla Sorentino

CONFIRMATIONS
54 students from Saint Ignatius Loyola School,
48 students from the St. Ignatius Loyola Interparish
Religious Education Program, 6 high school students,
and 12 adult parishioners received the Sacrament.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

We have the privilege at St. Ignatius of welcoming many visitors and new parishioners. We especially welcome those who may be thinking of becoming Catholic.

If you feel attracted to the Catholic faith, we want you to know about a program at the Parish which will begin in September. 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

MOVING?

You’ve notified your friends, you’ve notified your credit cards, you’ve notified your magazines.

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!

Thursday, May 9th
(Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord)

Friday, May 10th
(St. Damien de Veuster)
8:30 MEM James Johnson
12:10 MEM Valentino Mazzia
5:30 MEM Luis Enrique Zurita

Saturday, May 11th
(6th Saturday of Easter)
8:30 MEM Edward Kendrigan

Sunday, May 12th
(Seventh Sunday of Easter)
Acts 7:55-60     Psalm 97
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20     John 17:20-26
SUNDAY, MAY 12th
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS
Rowley Contemplation*
Palestrina Lapadibunt Stephanum
Fauré Cantique de Jean Racine
Bach Sinfonia from Cantata No. 29: We thank thee, Lord*  
*Also being played at the 7:30 PM Mass

11:00 AM FAMILY MASS
with the Parish Community Choir
arr. Warren, Jackson, Kibble Hallelujah from Handel's Messiah: A Soulful Celebration
arr. Caldwell, Ivory Hope for Resolution

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!

IN MEMORIAM
Joachim Parrella
This past week we were saddened to learn of the passing of Joachim (Jo) Parrella, who was the Logistics Coordinator for our Sacred Music in a Sacred Space and Christmas concerts from 1995-2009.

Jo was the husband of Nancianne Parrella, Associate Organist at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola.

Possessing the skills of an aircraft engineer and the heart and soul of a musician, Jo crafted detailed schematics and precise timelines for each concert. We were the beneficiaries of his logistical knowledge and experience, which were honed while working with Robert Shaw at Shaw's Choral Workshops at Westminster Choir College, and with the Robert Shaw Festival Singers in later years.

Here at St. Ignatius Loyola Jo worked closely with Sacristan Julio Aguilar and facilities members Jose Garcia, Naldo Santos, and Edgar Camey and enjoyed a great relationship with them. Jo was well-known as the behind-the-scenes “go-to guy” during SMSS performances. Musicians remember his warm and welcoming manner, and how he treated them both as professionals and as members of the St. Ignatius family.

We will miss Jo's wonderful and vibrant spirit and we extend our prayers and deepest sympathy to Nancianne and daughters Lisa and Amy.

A Memorial Mass for Jo's family and friends will be held at St. Ignatius Loyola on Sunday, May 26th at 3:00 PM.

Requiescat in Pace.

We pray for the faithful departed
Joachim Parrella
May he rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

CANCELLED: ORGAN PLUS! Recital with Nancianne Parrella and Friends originally scheduled for Sunday March 10th

Regrettably, the Organ Plus! recital featuring organist Nancianne Parrella and friends, originally scheduled for Sunday, March 10th, will not be rescheduled.

Sacred Music in a Sacred Space will refund those who purchased tickets via postal mail in the coming weeks.

Ticket holders may also contact Sacred Music in a Sacred Space via email at concerts@stignatiusloyola.org with any questions or concerns.
Humanitarian Aid in West Africa: Mali and the Sahel Crisis. A symposium and discussion sponsored by Catholic Relief Services. Tuesday, May 14th from 7:00-8:30 PM. St. Paul the Apostle Parish Center, 405 West 59th Street. Guest speaker: Mr. Jean Marie Adrian, who spent 25 years living and working on the continent of Africa. His work has included overseeing the CRS response to several humanitarian crises on the continent and leading CRS regional offices in both East and West Africa. Mr. Adrian grew up in Algeria and his native France. He holds a Master's degree in International Agriculture and Rural Development from Cornell University. RSVP to michele.gilfillan@crs.org

Special Needs Mass: For families affected by autism and other developmental disabilities.
Sunday, May 19th at 4:00 PM. Church of the Blessed Sacrament, 152 West 71st Street. All family members are invited to attend.
For more information, contact jackie@snacknyc.com

2013 Bernardin Award and Murnion Lecture: Shaping Parish Life: Ongoing Influences of Vatican II and the Catholic Common Ground Initiative. Friday, June 7th at 6:00 PM. American Bible Society, 1865 Broadway. This evening will feature the presentation of the annual Cardinal Bernardin Award to Dr. Zeni Fox, Professor of Pastoral Theology at Seton Hall University. The award presentation will be followed by the annual Philip K. Murnion lecture, given by Sr. Katarina Schuth, O.S.F., of St. Thomas University, St. Paul, Minnesota. The 50th anniversary of the ordination of priesthood of the late Msgr. Murnion will be marked with a special remembrance. Free and open to the public. Register online at: catholiccommonground.org by Monday, June 3rd. For more information, call 773-371-5432.

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

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

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Children’s Liturgy of the Word:
Sundays: 9:30 AM Mass (all ages)

Centering Prayer:
Mondays 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 the hours of 9:00 AM and 9:00 PM.