Today is Trinity Sunday. It may be the most mysterious feast day in the Church year. It is mysterious because the Trinity is such a deep mystery. And it is a mystery that many don’t often think about. We may think about God. And we think about Jesus who is the Son of God, and who is somehow one with God, “true God from true God” as we say in the Nicene Creed. Then there is the Holy Spirit who is also God but someone other than the Father and the Son. Three persons but one God. It shows the depth of our faith that we can actually believe something so far beyond our comprehension.

If God has revealed that God is three in one, what does it matter? How does that affect us? It matters because this great truth about God can help us relate more closely to God and to one another. It reveals that God is not an impersonal, blind force out there somewhere. Nor is God a solitary, isolated God. God is three persons, all three of them equal. “Person” is not the best word for God but it is the best we can do to express that there is a real distinction between Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Father is not the Son. Jesus doesn’t pray to himself when he prays to the Father. We use the word “person” because it’s the best word we have to describe someone who is capable of love. In the New Testament, John in his First Letter defines God this way: God is love, he writes. This means that God is in some way like a family, a family which involves mutual relationships and mutual love.

This gives us a great insight into God. We can’t comprehend how there can be one God who is three persons. But we can understand something about what God is like because of this. Because God is a loving, relational God, this God does not turn inward but outward. He creates human beings in God’s own image. God does this so that God can love us, and we can love God, and God can enjoy this relationship.

The doctrine of the Trinity teaches us that God is a communion of loving persons whose love spills over to include us as part of the family. Reflecting on the Trinity can become an invitation for us to participate more deeply in God’s selfless and expansive way of loving.

Another way the doctrine of the Trinity helps us is in teaching us that we cannot have one Person of the Trinity without the other two Persons being present as well. At the Last Supper, Philip said to Jesus, “Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.” Jesus’ response was: “To have seen me is to have seen the Father. I am in the Father and the Father is in me.” Jesus then told them that he was going away and they wouldn’t see him any longer, but that he would send the Spirit to be with them always. This means that if we have Jesus, we have the Father. And if we have the Spirit, we have Jesus. I think it helps to be aware that the whole, great God is with us through Jesus and through the Spirit. For example, at Holy Communion I don’t simply receive Jesus. I receive the whole, great God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. When I go through an ordinary day and realize that the Spirit is within me, it is the whole, great God who is within me wherever I am. This is reflected in the prayers of the Mass when we pray to God the Father, “through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.”

We need to think in these grand terms as we go through the day. It is not “just” the Holy Spirit who is with me. I can’t have one without the others. It is the whole, great God who is with me. On this Trinity Sunday, we celebrate this wonderful truth. Every single moment of the day, God is with me – all of God, the fullness of God, the whole great God.

Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J.
Associate Pastor
**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**MONDAY, MAY 27th**

Memorial Day
The Parish House will be closed.
One Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 AM in the Lady Chapel.
There will be no 12:10 PM or 5:30 PM Masses.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 29th**

Meeting Christ in Prayer: Reunion Gathering.
7:00 PM. Wallace Hall.
Details on page 3.

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**Save the Dates:** October 20th – November 2nd

**Walk the last 100 kms of the Camino de Santiago in 8 days with Fr. Witt!**

Walk from Sarria to Santiago de Compostela and be awarded the Camino stamp on your pilgrim’s passport and a certificate signed by Pope Francis.
Proceed by bus to Portugal and visit Porto, Lisbon, and Fatima.
**Cost:** $3,395 – includes round-trip airfare, all accommodations, all transfers, all breakfasts and dinners, daily Mass, and prayer materials.
**Early Bird Special:** $3,295, if deposit is received by June 14th.
Space is limited. For more information and reservations, please call 212-807-0484 or email angiecruzphd@gmail.com

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**The Stewardship Appeal** supports many important ministries and programs. Your gifts are allocated towards religious education programs, youth ministries, local charities, the education of seminarians, retired clergy, and all of the services provided by the Archdiocese.

**Gifts can be made online at** www.cardinalsappeal.org
Thank you for your generosity!

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**IYA Mass with Cardinal Dolan**

Wednesday, June 5th at 7:00 PM.
St. Patrick’s Cathedral

Young Adults from St. Ignatius Loyola Parish and other parishes across the diocese are invited to celebrate Mass with Cardinal Dolan at St. Patrick’s Cathedral on Wednesday, June 5th!
Mass will be followed by a social at the atrium across the street.
Families are also welcome!
For more information, consult the flyers in the narthex or contact the Ignatian Young Adults at IgnatianYoungAdults@gmail.com

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**The Parish Ministry Council cordially invites St. Ignatius Parishioners active in Ministry to the Ministers’ Night Annual Supper Social**

**The Ignatian Way:**

**Our Parish, Our Mission**

Tuesday, June 4th
7:00 PM – Wallace Hall

RSVP by Sunday, June 2nd:
212-288-3588 or church@stignatiusloyola.org
Please leave both your name and your ministry.

We look forward to sharing a meal together!

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**Tornado Disaster Relief Donations**

Lend a hand to the victims of Oklahoma’s recent tornadoes. Catholic Charities of Oklahoma City is providing counseling, emergency assistance, and case-management to those families who have been displaced by the tornadoes.

To make a donation online, visit http://catholiccharitiesok.org/ and click on Donate Now.
**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.

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**ST. IGNATIUS DAY NURSERY**

**INFORMATION NIGHT FOR PARISHIONERS**

**Wednesday, June 12th**  
**6:00 – 7:00 PM**

**St. Ignatius Loyola Day Nursery**

240 East 84th Street

(between Second and Third Avenues)

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**Tuesday, May 28th**

(8th Tuesday in Ordinary Time)

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**Friday, May 31st**

(Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary)


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**Saturday, June 1st**

(St. Justin)

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**Sunday, June 2nd**

(Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ)

Genesis 14:18-20   Psalm 110


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**MUSIC**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 2nd**

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

**11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS**

Bach  Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele, BWV 180

Friedell  Draw us in the Spirit's tether

Lassus  Ave verum corpus

Bach  Fugue in C Major, BWV 547

**11:00 AM FAMILY MASS**

With 8th graders from the Middle School Choir

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**IGNATIAN SOCIAL JUSTICE**

**Postcard Campaign for Habitat for Humanity-NYC**

after all Masses June 8th and 9th

Each year we gather as a community of faith here in God's house to lend our support to the efforts being made by our friends at Habitat For Humanity-NYC who work tirelessly to make the idea of affordable home ownership possible for many working families in our city.

Please join members of Ignatian Social Justice in the Narthex after all Masses on June 8th and 9th to sign a postcard to our legislators to advocate for affordable homeownership.

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**Join choristers from local schools and sing with our St. Ignatius Children’s Choirs next season!**

Rising 1st through 12th graders may ‘audition’ on Monday, June 3rd, from 3:30–5:30 PM and Tuesday, June 4th, from 3:30–4:30 PM in the Parish House Meeting Room. No appointment is necessary. All parish children are welcome and no prior experience is necessary. A parent or guardian must be present to fill out the registration materials. Please see the brochure in the Narthex or online for additional information.

Contact Maureen Haley, Director of Children’s Choirs, at haleym@stignatiusloyola.org with questions.
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

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. Judge
9:30 AM Fr. Judge
Wallace Hall 11:00 AM Fr. Witt
Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Bergen
7:30 PM Fr. Bergen

Religious Education for Children

Joanne Cunneen, M.A., M.S.
Director
(212) 861-4764

St. Ignatius Loyola Grammar School

Ms. Mary Larkin, M.S. Ed.
Principal
48 East 84th Street
New York, NY 10028
(212) 861-3820 Fax: (212) 879-8248

St. Ignatius Loyola Day Nursery

Ms. Theodora Crist, M.S.
Executive Director
240 East 84th Street
New York, NY 10028
(212) 734-6427 Fax: (212) 734-6972

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.

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