A Father’s Love

Sometimes around this season sixty or so years ago, in a small rural town in southern Pennsylvania, my grandfather was growing increasingly and uncharacteristically nervous. In my own lifetime, I never saw my grandfather nervous but this was well before my time.

His oldest child and only little girl, my mother-to-be, had just finished sixth grade in a tiny four-room schoolhouse down the street from their home, where only the children of that small town were enrolled. For a few years, she had been able to walk every day to school, home for lunch, back to school for the afternoon session, and safely home again. Outside this tidy schedule, she was sheltered by her family and their friends. As a protective father, this was as perfect a security as J. Arthur could wish for.

This idyll, however, would end with the summer. With the beginning of fall, little Rachel Ann would have to begin junior high in a different school, in a different town, comprised of students from all of the towns in the district. She would be exposed to who-knows-what kind of riff-raff and cockamamie notions, daily, and for years to come. As it turned out however, J. Arthur had nothing to worry about.

Now two generations later, my own daughter, Ana Sofya, at only 15 months of age is nowhere near ready for school but her father is already jittery. As no one tires of telling us, they grow up so fast! - and anyway, there are already terrors aplenty. Family is far away, mine by more than 150 miles and my wife’s in Japan. Even St. Ignatius is two trains and a bus away from our apartment in Washington Heights. As a new Catholic, baptized here at this year’s Easter Vigil, there is much for me to ponder.

Can I be a strong enough witness for my family? How much hope can I put in scriptures such as Paul’s words to the jailer, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household,” or Jesus forgiving the paralytic because of the faith of his friends. Am I wishfully misreading or misinterpreting? In my high expectations of Ana Sofya, I have to remind myself that my own rather twisted path did eventually lead me (back) to Christ, so how hypocritical will I be when she may disappoint these expectations? At other times I wonder, in what ways will I disappoint her expectations of me? Most dauntingly, as Pope Benedict among others reminds us, a father’s example can color his child’s conception of the first person of the Trinity.

As I mentioned, I never saw my grandfather nervous. I am happy believing that he was never afraid a day in his life. He was a logging man from the mountains of Virginia, rugged but kind-hearted, deeply religious and notoriously optimistic about incoming bad weather. He was a great hero of mine, as were all of the men in my lineage whom I was lucky enough to know (women too, but this is Father’s Day), so I am not in the least ridiculing his nervousness. It would be unfair to compare the anxieties involved in raising a daughter in mid-20th century rural Pennsylvania with those doing so in early 21st century New York City and then to conclude that the former were merely quaint. There is never anywhere in this world a shortage of concerns if one knows how to look for them. How to carry those concerns is the thing.

If ever a man had worry, it was St. Joseph, and what father carried them better? I should look at him to keep my own situation in perspective. My faith does not come as easily or as naturally as it seems to do for Joseph so I will have to rely on Christ and his Church to strengthen my faith. Even as I write this final paragraph (I am not making this up), my wife has told me that we are expecting a second child. I’d better stop writing now and get on my knees. Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me...

Happy Father’s Day.

Philip Lauer
Parishioner of Church of St. Ignatius Loyola
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, JUNE 16th
Sunday Social. 8:30 PM. Wallace Hall.
Hosted by the Ignatian Young Adults.
Follows the 7:30 PM Mass. All young adults (ages 21-39) are welcome. This will be the final social until the fall.

MONDAY, JUNE 17th
Ignatian Volunteer Corps
Information Session. 1:00-2:00 PM.
Parish Lounge. Details at page bottom.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19th
Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting.
7:00 PM. Conference Room.
All are welcome.

Summer Mass Schedule Changes
The final Wallace Hall Family Mass of the season will be Sunday, June 23rd.
The Family Mass will resume on Sunday, September 8th.

Our summer Daily Mass Schedule begins on Monday, July 1st and runs through Friday, August 30th. During this time the 12:10 PM Daily Mass is discontinued, and both the 8:30 AM and 5:30 PM Masses will be celebrated in the Church.

Summer “Temps”
The Ministry of Hospitality invites you to Be A Temp.
Choose a weekend in either July or August and volunteer to serve as an usher at the Mass of your choice.
During these months many of our regular ministers are away and extra help is needed to fill their slots.

Please contact Adele Gallo at amdgallo@me.com if you can serve during July or August.

Ignatian Volunteer Corps
Information Session
Monday, June 17th
1:00-2:00 PM 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.
For more information, or to confirm your attendance, please contact IVC Regional Director Liz McMahon at 201-618-6924 or emcmahon@ivcus.org

Farewell, Father Marina!
From St. Ignatius to St. Francis Xavier
We have been blessed to have Fr. Marina as a member of the Pastoral Staff this past year.
He will be leaving us after this weekend, as he prepares to begin his new position as Pastor of the Church of St. Francis Xavier.

Please join us in extending prayers and best wishes to Father Marina.

Congratulations and best wishes to the 58 members of the 2013 Graduating Class of Saint Ignatius Loyola School!
This year’s graduates have been awarded $2.4 million dollars in merit scholarship.

In September the students will be attending:

- Academy of the Holy Angels
- Bronx High School of Science
- Chapin School
- Convent of the Sacred Heart
- Dominican Academy
- Eleanor Roosevelt High School
- Fordham Preparatory School
- High School of American Studies at Lehman College
- International School of London
- Iona Preparatory School
- LaGuardia High School
- Loyola School
- Marymount School
- Monsignor McClancy Memorial High School
- Nightingale Bamford School
- Notre Dame School
- Quest to Learn High School
- Regis High School
- Riverdale Country Day
- St. Vincent Ferrer
- Trinity High School
- Xavier High School

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!
On behalf of 
Fr. George Witt, S.J., 
and the Staff of 
Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, 
best wishes 
for a blessed Father’s Day.

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.

Space is limited. For more information see the fliers in the Narthex or on our website. Contact Angie Cruz for reservations: 212-807-0484 or angiecruzphd@gmail.com

Religious Education for Children

Registrations for the 2013-2014 IREP and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd programs can be made by calling the Parish House at 212-288-3588 and pressing “0” for the receptionist.

BOOMERS & BEYOND

Join other Catholic singles (50+) for a casual 
Spring into Summer Meet-Up

Tuesday, June 25th from 6:00 – 8:00 PM 
Dorrian’s Red Hand Bar & Restaurant 
1616 2nd Avenue (SE corner of 84th Street)

Cost: $25.00 (cash payment at door. 
No pre-payment or reservations required.)

Price includes two drinks and hors d’oeuvres. 
Happy Hour prices for additional beverages. 
Visit boomersandbeyondnyc.com

BOOMERS & BEYOND is an inter-parish social and community service organization for Catholics who are over 50.

ANNOUNCED MASSES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, June 17th (11th Monday in Ordinary Time) 
2 Corinthians 6:1-10  Psalm 98  Matthew 5:38-42
8:30  MEM  James Johnson
12:10  MEM  Joseph Phelan
5:30  MEM  Nilda Balducci

Tuesday, June 18th (11th Tuesday in Ordinary Time) 
2 Corinthians 8:1-9  Psalm 146  Matthew 5:43-48
8:30  MEM  Mae Rooney
12:10  MEM  Thomas Lenihan
5:30  MEM  Margareth Melody

Wednesday, June 19th (11th Wednesday in Ordinary Time) 
2 Corinthians 9:6-11  Psalm 112  Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
8:30  MEM  Anna T. Hughes
12:10  MEM  Gail Muldoon-Murphy
5:30  MEM  Evelyne Scott Hansen Simond

Thursday, June 20th (11th Thursday in Ordinary Time) 
2 Corinthians 11:1-11  Psalm 111  Matthew 6:7-15
8:30  MEM  Julia Anne O’Donnell
12:10  MEM  Sr. M. Raimonde Bartus, FDC
5:30  MEM  Laura Regalado

Friday, June 21st (St. Aloysius Gonzaga) 
2 Corinthians 11:18, 21-30  Psalm 34  Matthew 6:19-23
8:30  MEM  John & Margaret Reilly
12:10  MEM  Rosalie Rioridan
5:30  MEM  Nathan Davidson

Saturday, June 22nd (11th Saturday in Ordinary Time) 
2 Corinthians 12:1-10  Psalm 34  Matthew 6:24-34
8:30  MEM  Rose Buscarino

Sunday, June 23rd (12th Sunday in Ordinary Time) 

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!
**Xavier Society for the Blind Award Dinner.**
**Friday evening, June 21st.** New York Athletic Club, 7th Avenue and Central Park South.

The Xavier Award will be presented to Mr. Paul Winters in recognition of outstanding service and dedication. Xavier Society provides spiritual and religious materials to individuals throughout the United States at no charge. Tickets: $150, which includes open bar for the cocktail hour, dinner, and dancing. Reservations may be made by calling 212-473-7800 or visiting [www.xaviersocietyfortheblind.org](http://www.xaviersocietyfortheblind.org)

For those unable to attend, contributions are most welcome and are tax deductible.

**New York Catholic Bible Summit 2013: Preach the Gospel to the Whole of Creation.**
**Saturday, June 22nd, 8:45 AM – 5:00 PM.**
New York Catholic Center, 350 East 56 Street.
Co-sponsored by the American Bible Society and the Archdiocesan Catechetical Office.

There will be presentations in English and in Spanish. Keynote English address by Rev. James Martin, S.J. Principal celebrant and homilist for the opening liturgy: His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan.

Cost: $40. The registration fee includes admission to two workshops of your choice, keynote address, and a box lunch. For more information on speakers, topics, and registration, visit [www.nyfaithformation.org](http://www.nyfaithformation.org)

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**Saturday Vigil:**
5:30 PM  Fr. Witt

**Sunday:**
8:00 AM  Fr. Bergen
9:30 AM  Fr. Bergen

**Wallace Hall:**
11:00 AM  Fr. Judge

**Solemn:**
11:00 AM  Fr. Witt
7:30 PM  Fr. Witt

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**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

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