O
n June 18th, I will celebrate the 50th anniversary of
my ordination to the priesthood. Since this will be
my last bulletin essay for this year, I would like to
share my reflections on my priesthood.

The Second Vatican Council was sitting in four
separate sessions from October 11, 1962 to December 8,
1965. I began my theological studies in September 1961
and ended in June 1965, encompassing three of the four
sessions of the Council. Two of my professors, Frs. Gustav
Weigel and John Courtney Murray, were “periti” at the
Council — invited by two bishops in the United States to
accompany them as theological experts and advisors. Two
other professors were pioneers in the new wave of thinking
that accompanied the Council. I was taught New Testament
by Fr. Joe Fitzmyer and Fundamental Theology by Fr. Avery
Dulles. It was four years of exciting intellectual
challenges as well as growing radical changes
in the Church. (I was ordained in a Latin
ritual, and during my first years as a priest, I
was celebrating Mass in Latin.)

But it wasn't only in the Church that
big things were happening. In civil society,
significant changes were erupting on the
scene. In 1954, when I began my study of
philosophy in Mobile, Alabama, the Supreme
Court declared segregation of schools to be
against the Constitution. It was the start of the
civil rights movement. When I was studying theology, I took
part in a march with Dr. King to protest against segregated
housing. So my years of formation were a time of very great
changes in American society. These eruptions in Church
and society shaped me very much, and affected the way I
saw my priesthood.

Another very significant factor in my early
priesthood was my meeting with Dorothy Day, who taught
and lived the social teachings of the Church, and who lived
among and worked with the poor of New York City. The few
days I stayed at the Catholic Worker community with her
had a very profound effect on me.

The priesthood is a wonderful gift that has enabled
me to help people reach their fullest potential. As a priest, I
have so many ways of accomplishing this. First of all there is
my celibacy, which has freed me to be available to all people
at all times. It also encourages them to see what the love of
Christ can mean when someone puts aside marriage and a
family, and takes on whatever people he is with as his family.
That means a great deal to people. The celibate life is not
better than marriage or worse; it is just different and offers
an alternative path to service.

Secondly, I have the instrument of the sacraments:
Masses devoutly offered, confessions heard with
compassion, baptisms celebrated as an initiation into
community, marriages witnessed in the sight of God, and
the sacrament of the sick to bring healing and consolation
to the bedridden. These actions themselves speak volumes
to people. I also have the privilege of sharing the Word
of God with the people each day at Mass.
The homily may assist people to be better
persons and help them realize the potential
that God has given them.

Thirdly, I have the means of prayer.
I still remain dedicated to the daily recitation
of the Divine Office, daily meditations, and
intercessory prayers for the people.

The priesthood is a wonderful
gift. I feel honored to be called to this life.
It has not always been easy. Through many
trials, I always found greater opportunities and richer
blessings than I could have imagined. I just have to be open
to whatever God brings. The way I try to show this is by
respecting God in others, and so making them know that
they are indeed somebody precious.

In an older spirituality, the priest was described as
an alter Christus, another Christ. I have not always lived up
to that challenge, but it is a privilege to keep trying. I have
not written about the Jesuit dimension of my priesthood, but,
needless to say, the Spiritual Exercises not only shaped my life
as a Jesuit beginning some 64 years ago, but also shaped my
understanding of the priesthood as reflected in this essay.

– Rev. Ugo Nacciarone, S.J.
Associate Pastor
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, MAY 25th
IYA Women's Fellowship Group. 6:00 PM.
Hoefner Lounge. Details on page 3.

MONDAY, MAY 26th
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 28th
Meeting Christ in Prayer: Reunion
Gathering. 7:00 PM. Wallace Hall.
Details at lower right.

ASCENSION THURSDAY
May 29th
Anticipated Mass at 5:30 PM on
Wednesday, May 28th. Masses at
8:30 AM, 12:10 PM, 5:30 PM, and
7:30 PM on Thursday, May 29th.
All Masses will be celebrated in the Church.

NEXT WEEKEND: SPECIAL COLLECTION
Next weekend our Parish will take up
the annual collection for the
Pastoral Solidarity Fund
for the Church in Africa.
Thank you in advance for your generosity.

MUSIC

SUNDAY, JUNE 1ST
Seventh Sunday of Easter
11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS
Mendelssohn Andante in D with Variations
Brahms Requiem: Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen
Fauré Cantique de Jean Racine
Widor Symphonie VI: Intermezzo
7:30 PM MASS
Mendelssohn Andante in D with Variations
J.S. Bach Prelude and Fugue in B Flat, BWV 559 (Little 8)

For your convenience...
To reach the Giving page on the parish website, scan the QR Code at left with your smartphone's camera.

As of May 16th, we have raised $449,987.20 for the 2014 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal. This is well above our goal of $311,000. Thank you to those who have given!

The needs around us remain great, so please do not be deterred from giving. Remember that 60% of every dollar above goal comes directly back to the parish.

Gifts can be made online at cardinalsappeal.org
Thank you for supporting the Annual Stewardship Appeal.

Meeting Christ in Prayer: Reunion Gathering
Wednesday, May 28th
7:00 PM – 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 tomorrow.

Registrations for the 2014-2015 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.

Registration forms can also be found on our website stignatiusloyola.org

Religious Education for Children

New Parishioners
We welcome new parishioners and invite you to fill out a Parishioner Registration Card located in the pew racks, at the Parish House, and online at stignatiusloyola.org
Ministers’ Night Annual Supper Social
Gathering with Grateful Hearts
Tuesday, June 3rd at 7:00 PM
Wallace Hall
RSVP by Sunday, June 1st:
212-288-3588 or ministrydinner@gmail.com

Please leave both your name and your ministry.
We look forward to sharing a meal together!

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Over the years, gifts left to the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola in wills, bequests, and memorials have helped us to continue to operate: as a place of worship, as a place to protect and teach our children, and as a caring and generous parish where parishioners may come for spiritual guidance.

If you would like information about planned giving, contact Fernando Castro, Treasurer, at 212-606-3476 x276 or castrof@stignatiusloyola.org

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

**Monday, May 26th (St. Philip Neri)**
8:30 MEM Dr. Emil Witteck

**Tuesday, May 27th (Sixth Tuesday of Easter)**
8:30 MEM Alfred Ziccardi
12:10 MEM John Carew
5:30 MEM James Waters

**Wednesday, May 28th (Sixth Wednesday of Easter)**
8:30 MEM Alicia Herring
12:10 MEM John Holmgren

**Thursday, May 29th (The Ascension of the Lord)**

**Friday, May 30th (Sixth Friday of Easter)**
8:30 MEM Maureen Walsh
12:10 MEM Alberto Beguiristain
5:30 MEM William Powers

**Saturday, May 31st (Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary)**
8:30 MEM Sose & Mark Prekelezaj

**Sunday, June 1st (Seventh Sunday of Easter)**
Acts of the Apostles 1:12-14  1 Peter 4:13–16
Psalm 27  John 17:1–11a

IYA Women’s Fellowship Group
**Tonight**
6:00 PM – 7:15 PM
Hoefner Lounge
A discussion group for women in their 20s & 30s to discuss the delicate balance between work and faith.
Email faithiya@gmail.com for more information.

IGNATIAN YOUNG ADULTS

**Sunday Socials Spring Schedule**
The Sunday Socials are held in Wallace Hall at 8:30 PM, following the 7:30 PM Mass. They are hosted by the Ignatian Young Adults. All young adults (ages 21-39) are welcome. To receive updates on IYA events and other opportunities, you can follow us on Facebook at “Ignatian Young Adults (NYC).”

**Final Socials of the Season:**

June 1  June 15

IGNATIAN YOUNG ADULTS
Join choristers from local schools and sing with our St. Ignatius Children’s Choirs next season!
Rising 1st through 12th graders may ‘audition’ on Tuesday, May 27th, 3:15 PM – 4:15 PM, and Thursday, May 29th, 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM, in the Parish House Meeting Room. 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 on our website, stignatiusloyola.org, for additional information.

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

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Xavier Society for the Blind Award Dinner.
Friday, June 13th. 6:30 PM – 11:00 PM.
New York Athletic Club, 7th Avenue and Central Park South. The Xavier Award will be presented to Mr. Victor Gainor and to the National Braille Press. Tickets: $150, which includes open bar for the cocktail hour, dinner, and dancing. Reservations may be made by visiting xaviersocietyfortheblind.org or calling 212-473-7800.

The New York Catholic Bible Summit. 
Saturday, June 21st, New York Catholic Center, 350 East 56th Street. For those interested in learning more about the Holy Scriptures and ways of promoting its use with the Catholic community. Sponsored by the American Bible Society and the Archdiocesan Catechetical Office. For more information, visit nyfaithformation.org

A Monumental Legacy: Archbishop John J. Hughes and the Building of St. Patrick's Cathedral. Open through Thursday, July 31st. Consulate General of Ireland, 345 Park Avenue, 17th floor. The exhibit tells the story of an Irish diaspora for whom the Cathedral represented a spiritual home and a symbol of their success as a community. Open 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM weekdays by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, call (212) 319-2555 x0 or email info@turloughmcconnell.com

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Children's Liturgy of the Word:
Sundays at the 9:30 AM Mass and the 11:00 AM Mass in Wallace Hall.

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