Stepping Aside But Still Working in the Vineyard

When I was growing up in the 1950’s, there were just three professional careers that were commonly open to women. You could aspire to be a nurse, a secretary, or a teacher. For me, with my propensity to faint at the first sight of blood, nursing was not too promising an option. And when my typing teacher warned me to make enough money to insure I could always hire a personal secretary, I knew that teaching was definitely in my future. But that was fine with me for, from the time I was five years old, I always wanted to be a teacher.

I’ve been teaching since I was sixteen years old, for almost fifty years – the last twenty of which have been spent at St. Ignatius as the Director of Religious Education. The teaching I’ve done here has taken many forms, and I have loved every minute of it. Almost six hundred children come to us every week as part of the Interparish Religious Education Program for children in public and private schools. I’ve supervised the program and recruited the teachers. On many occasions the Archdiocese has asked me to train catechists for other parish programs as well. I’ve also fostered the faith development of the five hundred children in our Grammar School, especially by welcoming the youngest children each week into our Church, which they have been taught to hold sacred as “God’s House.”

When I first arrived here, we instituted the Liturgy of the Word for Children on Sundays. It was originally an experimental program that was intended only for the four Sundays of Advent that year. But the experiment worked. So now, twenty years later, children are still sitting wide-eyed before catechists to hear the Scriptures explained in terms they can understand. What once was called the “Folk Mass” gradually over the years transformed itself into the “Family Mass” in Wallace Hall because so many parents found it such a welcoming liturgy for their children and a place for the entire family to encounter the person of Christ. I was happy to help coax this transition along over the years.

My teaching career, therefore, was more than just the imparting of knowledge, as fulfilling as that task is. My vocation was more to share a Person with others — the Person of Jesus Christ. I wanted to help children learn who Jesus is for them, so I had to learn to allow the Lord to speak through me and to make sure as far as possible that I was never an obstacle to God’s grace working in their souls.

Now, almost fifty years later, there are fortunately many careers open to women and we are working toward a society of greater equality. But of all the careers that anyone could choose, certainly the career that led to my vocation is one of the most beautiful. But I also realize that the time has come for me to step aside so that others can carry on the service to the children of the next generation. I am retiring as the Director of Religious Education. But the Lord’s work continues and I hope to remain as one of the laborers.

For the immediate future after June 2014, I will continue wearing my “second hat” as a Pastoral Associate at St. Ignatius. My responsibilities will be centered on the celebrations of baptisms and weddings at St. Ignatius, preparing parents to be the “first teachers of the faith” to their children and helping engaged couples to model their love for one another on the covenant love that God has for his people. This new arrangement will give me an opportunity to slow down and not be so actively engaged in the day-to-day activities. At the same time, I hope to continue to serve and contribute to these important ministries of the parish and the people of God.

Pope Francis, in his exhortation The Joy of the Gospel, speaks eloquently of the joy that is ours when we encounter Christ in our lives. That joy, he says, is only intensified when we take on the role of evangelizers, when we share our encounter with others. I have tried to do precisely that. As I look back over the years, there are many joys that come to mind, but Pope Francis is right when he traces their source to the Person who is constantly beckoning us into the loving embrace of God — when we fall in love with God and help others to share in that same exquisite joy.

– Joanne Cunneen
Pastoral Associate

See page 2 for information about an upcoming reception honoring Joanne, Fr. Bergen, Fr. Feely, and Fr. Nacciarone.
**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**THIS WEEKEND: SPECIAL COLLECTION**

This 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.

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**SUNDAY, JUNE 1st**

Sunday Social. 8:30 PM. Wallace Hall. Hosted by the Ignatian Young Adults. Follows the 7:30 PM Mass.

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**MONDAY, JUNE 2nd**

Ranger Rosary Ministry. 7:00 PM. Meeting Room. Join us in making rosaries to send to our military. New members are welcome!

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**TUESDAY, JUNE 3rd**

Ministers’ Night Annual Supper Social: Gathering with Grateful Hearts. 7:00 PM. Wallace Hall. Details on page 3.

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**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4th**

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

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**FRIDAY, JUNE 6th**

Grammar School Annual Street Fair. 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM. East 84th Street and McKinnon Hall. Details on page 3.

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**Religious Education for Children**

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

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**A Time to Celebrate!**

All parishioners are invited to attend a Special Reception on Sunday, June 22nd immediately following the 11:00 AM Masses.

Honorees:

- **Joanne Cunneen** - 20 years of service as Director of Religious Education
- **Fr. Bergen, S.J.** - 25 years at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish
- **Fr. Feely, S.J.** - 50 years as a Jesuit
- **Fr. Nacciarone, S.J.** - 50 years as a priest

Please join us in celebration of these wonderful milestones and ask God’s continued blessings upon the honorees.

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**DON’T FORGET THE ANNUAL SPRING APPEAL!**

In an effort to be more eco-conscious this spring, we will not be mailing a letter asking for your contribution to this annual fundraiser.

To give online, visit https://donate.stignatiusloyola.org/church/spring

Thank you in advance for your continued generosity!

Scan the QR code at right from your smartphone to be directed to the Spring Appeal page.

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**For your convenience...**

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

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Interested in becoming Catholic?

Call 212-288-3588 or email church@stignatiusloyola.org
The Parish Ministry Council cordially invites those St. Ignatius Parishioners who are active in Ministry to the Ministers’ Night Annual Supper Social Gathering with Grateful Hearts Tuesday, June 3rd at 7:00 PM Wallace Hall RSVP to: 212-288-3588 or ministrystdinner@gmail.com The deadline is today. Please leave your name and your ministry.

Come one, Come all to the ANNUAL STREET FAIR! Friday, June 6th, 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM Saint Ignatius Loyola School invites the Parish to its Annual Street Fair, which will take place on Friday, June 6th, 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM, rain or shine! 84th Street will be closed to allow fairgoers to enjoy games, rides, and food – both on the street and in McKinnon Hall. Tickets can be purchased in McKinnon Hall. Start your weekend with some great family fun!

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

**Monday, June 2nd** (Seventh Monday of Easter)
8:30 MEM    Bill Mundy
12:10 MEM    Pauline Diaz
5:30 MEM    Maureen Walsh

**Tuesday, June 3rd** (St. Charles Lwanga)
8:30 MEM    Sabino Berardinò
12:10 MEM    Mary Soldato
5:30 MEM    Alan Dunning

**Wednesday, June 4th** (Seventh Wednesday of Easter)
8:30 MEM    The Choix & Gordon Families
12:10 MEM    David Daly
5:30 MEM    Samuel Cohen-Eckstein

**Thursday, June 5th** (St. Boniface)
8:30 MEM    Edward Spellman
12:10 MEM    Peter Cassidy
5:30 MEM    Ed Studley

**Friday, June 6th** (Seventh Friday of Easter)
8:30 MEM    John Carew
12:10 MEM    The Meehan Family
5:30 MEM    Maria Victoria del Valle

**Saturday, June 7th** (Seventh Saturday of Easter)
8:30 MEM    Nellie Scordino

**Sunday, June 8th** (Pentecost)
Psalm 104    John 20:19–23

**MUSIC**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 8TH** Pentecost
11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS
De Grigny    Veni Creator: Movements 1–5
Lauridsen    Lux Aeterna: Veni Sancte Spiritus
Martinson    O Spirit all-embracing
Duruflé    Variations on Veni Creator Spiritus

11:00 AM FAMILY MASS
with Omega Dance Company & Training Choirs I and II
Naplan    Al Shlosha D’Varim
Crutchfield, arr. Fairest Lord Jesus

7:30 PM MASS
with Omega Dance Company
Buxtehude    Two settings of Komm, heiliger Geist
Trad. English, arr. Bullard    O Breath of Life
J.S. Bach    Fantasia super Komm, heiliger Geist, BWV 651

**Ignatian 40s Speaker Series:**

**Ignatian Spirituality**
Ignatian 40s invites all parishioners to its second Annual Speaker Series led by the pastoral staff of St. Ignatius and external speakers.

**Catholic Faith in Everyday Life**
Sunday, June 8th – Natural Law & Sexual Ethics
Presenter: Fr. Thomas Feely, S.J., Associate Pastor, Church of St. Ignatius Loyola

This final session of the season will be held in Wallace Hall from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM. Email ignatian40s@gmail.com to register.
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

**PARISH STAFF**

- **Pastor**
  - Rev. George M. Witt, S.J.

- **Associate Pastors**
  - Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J.
  - Rev. Thomas H. Feely, S.J.
  - Rev. Ugo R. Nacciarone, S.J.

- **Pastoral Associates**
  - Joanne Cunneen
  - Kathryn King, F.S.P.

- **Assisting Priests (Sunday)**
  - Rev. Philip G. Judge, S.J.
  - Rev. James Martin, S.J.
  - Rev. Anthony P. SooHoo, S.J.

- **Music Ministries**
  - Scott Warren, Director
  - Nancianne Parrella
  - Robert Reuter
  - Michael Sheetz
  - Maureen Haley
  - Philip Anderson
  - Sara Murphy, Administrator

- **Staff information:** on the website at music/music staff

- **Assistant to the Pastor**
  - Diane M. Boyle

- **Administrative Assistant**
  - Patricia Schneider

- **Communications Coordinator**
  - Elizabeth O’Sullivan

- **Director of Facilities**
  - Czeslaw “Chester” Ciupinski

- **Asst. to the Director of Facilities**
  - Caroline Fernandes

- **Treasurer**
  - Fernando Castro

**Religious Education for Children**

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

**St. Ignatius Loyola Grammar School**

- Ms. Mary Larkin, Principal
- M.S. Ed. (Admin.), M.S. Ed. (Literacy)
- 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 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

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**DOCUMENTARY SCREENING**

**Walking the Camino: Six Ways to Santiago**

- Come embark on a journey with six strangers as they attempt to travel 500 miles across Spain on foot.

**Dates:** Friday, June 6th – Thursday, June 12th

**Location:** The Quad Cinema, 34 West 13th Street

**Q&As with the filmmakers at every show except the 9:40 PM.**

**Tickets available at the Quad box office, quadcinema.com, and movietickets.com**

Visit caminodocumentary.com for more information.

**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. SooHoo
  - Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Bergen
  - 9:30 AM Fr. SooHoo
  - Wallace Hall: 11:00 AM Fr. Witt
  - Solemn: 11:00 AM Fr. Judge
  - 7:30 PM Fr. Judge