Summer Update

There is nothing like some time off and a bit of travel to help refresh weary minds and bodies and spirits, and to offer increased perspective. I know that I am profoundly grateful for the weeks of vacation and retreat that I was able to take this summer, and I hope that you, too, were able to slow down and get some needed rest.

Life in the parish, of course, never stops. Weddings, baptisms, funerals, confessions, and daily and Sunday Masses continued unabated over the summer months. But with so many parishioners on vacation, and with most of our outreach groups on hiatus, the pace here was considerably slower. This afforded us the perfect opportunity to carry out a number of construction projects.

As you make your way around the physical plant, you will notice that our three public bathrooms were fully renovated: one in the reception area of the Parish House, and two in Wallace Hall. You will also notice that the kitchen on the lower level of the Parish House has also been fully renovated, complete with a new refrigerator, dishwasher, and stove, as well as the addition of much needed counter space.

But the most exciting project, by far, was the refurbishment of the Lady Chapel. A year ago at this time, no thought was given to such a project. The chapel was in good condition and served our needs well. Indeed, it could have continued “as is” for many years. But when it was announced in the spring that our beautiful Jesuit retreat house, Inisfada, in Manhasset, Long Island, was closing and that its many furnishings were being made available to other Jesuit apostolates, the time was right to consider a change.

All three of our parish institutions are now happy recipients of Inisfada’s treasures. The Grammar School received a series of prints depicting the life of St. Ignatius Loyola. The Day Nursery received a set of antique chairs and sitting room furniture, as well as two portraits of Genevieve and Nicholas Brady, the original owners of Inisfada and the founders of our Day Nursery back in 1910. And the parish received, among other items, a set of antique chairs, an area rug, sconces, and a stunning painting depicting the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, now hanging in the Conference Room on the second floor of the Parish House.

But the most prominent items we received are the furnishings of Inisfada’s main chapel: an exquisite, hand-carved reredos, with crucifix and statuary, and a set of thirteen pews. It took much of the summer to have these items safely shipped, sized, refurbished, and installed. Concurrently, we commissioned a local woodworker to build a matching altar and lecturn, and to figure out how best to incorporate our existing tabernacle and sanctuary lamp.

This was not a small project. And not an inexpensive one, either. Inisfada’s items came without cost, but the shipping, labor, and additional construction expenses were significant. Further improvements to the space included painting, refinishing the floor, upgrading the lighting, and sound-proofing the windows. Thankfully, a parish family made a generous donation to cover the bulk of the costs.

I am also happy to report that the various furnishings of the old Lady Chapel have not been lost; most have found a home in the Grammar School and other parts of the Parish House.

We have reason to be proud of all the work completed this summer, particularly the work in the Lady Chapel. We were able to salvage a great piece of religious architecture, to give it a fitting home, and to add even greater dignity to our worship space. I encourage you to visit the Lady Chapel sometime in the near future, to take in its beauty, and to offer a prayer of thanksgiving.

May the coming year be filled with blessings for each of us and for our parish.

- Rev. George M. Witt, S.J.
Pastor
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th
Ranger Rosary Ministry. 7:00 PM. Meeting Room. Supplies and instructions are provided. New members are welcome!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th
Ignatian Volunteer Corps Information Session. 11:45 AM – 12:30 PM. Parish Lounge. Details below.

40s & FABULOUS

The 40s & Fabulous group is excited to start its new year! We are the St. Ignatius Loyola ministry for parishioners in their 40s (and now 50s). We organize spiritual, service and social activities, and events that support a deeper understanding of our faith as well as building community and a deeper connection with one another.

We currently have over 200 members and we look forward to meeting you!

Upcoming Activities:
- Picnic in Central Park: Sunday, September 15th, 1:00 – 3:00 PM
- Metropolitan Museum Roof Garden Bar: Friday, September 27th, 6:00 – 8:00 PM
- St. Francis Xavier Soup Kitchen: Sunday, September 29th, afternoon
- Group Mass with Father Feely followed by a Group Dinner: Friday, Oct. 4th, time TBD

To join our mailing list and learn more about our upcoming events, please email 40sandfabulous@gmail.com

Ignatian Volunteer Corps Information Session
Thursday, September 12th
11:45 AM – 12:30 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. 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@ivcusa.org

19th Annotation Retreat
The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius in Daily Life:
October 8th, 2013 – May 13th, 2014
A description of the retreat, a list of requirements for participation, and an application form can be found on our website: www.stignatiusloyola.org
Click on Faith Formation: Retreats. Completed applications are due to Sr. Kathryn King by Sunday, September 15th.

Meeting Christ In Prayer
An interactive 8 week guided prayer experience for small groups based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius.

Two sessions:
- Tuesday Mornings, 9:30 to 11:00 AM, October 1st to November 19th.
- Wednesday Evenings, 7:00 to 8:30 PM, October 2nd to November 20th.

For information and registration, contact Sr. Kathryn King at kingk@saintignatiusloyola.org

Thursday Evening Prayer Group
An opportunity to continue group support for those who have made the Meeting Christ in Prayer Retreat. Meets monthly from 7:00 – 8:30 PM. For information and registration, contact John Vernon at j.vernon@me.com

CAN YOU HELP?
Compassionate Care Ministry:
Ministers are urgently needed to bring Communion to patients at Lenox Hill Hospital. Training will be provided.
For information, contact Mr. Carlos Cuartas at cdcuartas@gmail.com

IGNATIAN YOUNG ADULTS
Sunday Socials Fall 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).”

Special Event:
Join us at the Parish Celebration in McKinnon Hall following the 7:30 PM Mass on Sunday, September 29th!

Sunday Social Dates:
- Sept. 22
- Oct. 6
- Oct. 13
- Oct. 27
- Nov. 17
- Dec. 1
- Dec. 15

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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.
Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, September 9th
(St. Peter Claver)
8:30  MEM  Don McManus
12:10  MEM  Ronan Guyer
5:30  MEM  Deceased Members of the Scanlon & McLoughlin Families

Tuesday, September 10th
(23rd Tuesday in Ordinary Time)
8:30   MEM  Mamie Vitarelli
12:10  MEM  Valentino Mazzia
5:30  MEM  Frieda Meiert

Wednesday, September 11th
(23rd Wednesday in Ordinary Time)
8:30   MEM  Dorothy Casey
12:10  MEM  Winifred & Pat Di Salvio
5:30  ANN  Richard Fraser

Thursday, September 12th
(23rd Thursday in Ordinary Time)
8:30  MEM  Domenica Vitarelli
12:10  MEM  Joseph J. Sullivan, Sr.
5:30  MEM  Bob Meder

Friday, September 13th
(St. John Chrysostom)
8:30  MEM  Anna T. Hughes
12:10  MEM  Michael Murphy
5:30  MEM  Marion King

Saturday, September 14th
(Exaltation of the Holy Cross)
8:30  ANN  Paul Chois

Sunday, September 15th
(24th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14   Psalm 51
1 Timothy 1:12-17   Luke 15:1-32
All Lay Ministers at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola are invited to the first Lay Ministers’ Enrichment Program of the Season:

Bringing Contemplation into Action:
Bringing Action into Contemplation

with Rev. Thomas H. Feely, S.J.,
Associate Pastor
Using a variety of prayer forms, Fr. Feely will invite us into a conversation about the relationship between contemplation and action. There will be time for private prayer and reflection, small group faith sharing, and large group faith sharing.

Saturday, October 5th
9:30 AM – 3:30 PM
in Wallace Hall

Continental breakfast will be available beginning at 9:15 AM. Lunch will also be provided.
Space is limited and registration closes on Tuesday, October 1st.
Register online at http://october2013enrichment.eventbrite.com
Contact layministersenrichment@gmail.com with questions.

Habitat for Humanity Tool Drive
in support of the Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project 2013
Saturday, September 14th thru Sunday, September 22nd

Habitat for Humanity’s Carter Work Project is an annual, internationally-recognized week of building that brings attention to the need for simple, decent, and affordable housing. During this week hundreds of volunteers will be completing projects across Queens and Staten Island. Habitat NYC is partnering with groups interested in making a difference by donating tools for this special build week.

Needed items include small tools such as hammers, tape measures, screwdrivers, paint brushes, paint roller covers, and drill bits.

Tools do not need to be new.

Donations can be dropped off at the Parish House any time during the collection period.

Sponsored by Ignatian Social Justice.

ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF PARISH MINISTRIES
Sunday, September 29th
in McKinnon Hall immediately following the 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, and 7:30 PM Masses.

- Learn more about parish activities and events that are planned for this year
- Refreshments
- Music

We look forward to welcoming you!

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.
Registration forms can also be found on our website: www.stignatiusloyola.org
IREP classes begin the week of September 15th.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a program of religious formation for children ages 3, 4, and (returning) 5 year olds. The program draws on the scriptural and liturgical traditions of the Church.
Our meeting place is the Atrium, behind Wallace Hall, a space where children enjoy an environment that supports their spiritual development.
Classes begin the week of September 23rd.

Sunday, September 15th
LOOK FOR THE CGS INFORMATION TABLE:
In the Narthex after the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass.
In Wallace Hall after the 11:00 AM Family Mass.

Parishioner Admissions Information Meeting
Hosted by Ms. Mary Larkin, Principal
Tuesday, September 17th at 7:00 PM
McKinnon Hall
Parishioners are welcome to attend for a general overview of the school’s admission process.
RSVP: 212-861-3820 x130
Six Months of Pope Francis: A Panel Discussion: Monday, September 9th, 5:30 PM. Join a panel of Fordham theologians and AP journalist Rachel Zoll for a discussion of the first six months of Pope Francis’ leadership of the Roman Catholic Church. Sponsored by the Fordham University Department of Theology, Lincoln Center Campus, E. Gerald Corrigan Conference Center, 12th-floor Lounge. For more information, contact the Department of Theology at 718-817-3240 or theology@fordham.edu.

Crisis in Syria: A Humanitarian Aid Update: Thursday, September 12th, 7:00 PM. Symposium and discussion about what is happening in Syria and in bordering countries where the work of Catholic Relief Services has evolved quickly in the last year. Speaker: Caroline Brennan, Senior Communications Officer with CRS. St. Paul the Apostle Parish Center, 405 West 59th Street. RSVP to Michele at Michele.gilfillan@crs.org

Elvis Award nominated short documentary, event will feature both a screening of the Academy
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Special Evening with Mother Dolores Hart: Sponsored by Lighthouse International, a non-profit dedicated to helping individuals who are blind or visually impaired. Monday, September 23rd, 6:00 PM. Mother Dolores is best known for walking away from a budding film career in the 1960's to become a Benedictine nun. This event will feature both a screening of the Academy Award nominated short documentary, God is the Bigger Elvis, as well as a book signing for Mother Dolores' new memoir The Ear of the Heart. Lighthouse international, 111 East 59th Street. The event is free. Space is limited. RSVP by September 20th to Melissa Shorey at mshorey@lighthouse.org or 212-821-9227.

Religious Education for Children
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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.

Centring 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.