Building a Community of Disciples

When Father Witt asked me to write a bulletin essay about the third annual Celebration of Parish Ministries being held today in McKinnon Hall, I was desperate to find something to inspire me. One of the members of the parish staff offered to let me look at her file of previous essays to see if that might help. At first I wasn't convinced. I didn't want to repeat what others had said. But with three bulletins spread out on my desk, I really noticed for the first time the motto that appears in the masthead every week: building a community of disciples.

When the first generation of Christians asked themselves what being a disciple of Jesus meant, they naturally looked to the life of Jesus himself for guidance. The desire to find guidance in the life of Jesus may, in fact, have been one of the motives that inspired the early Church to write the gospels. The men and women who had accompanied Jesus were aging, new communities were being founded by disciples who had never known Jesus personally, and there was the danger that memory would fail or be replaced by fiction. The early Christians knew they needed to remember the life of Jesus to provide orientation for their discipleship.

What did the early Christians find in the life of Jesus that helped them understand their own discipleship? They found Jesus going aside to pray and taking part in worship in local synagogues and in the Temple. They found Jesus travelling the countryside to teach and to counsel. They found Jesus welcoming anyone who came to him for healing and comforting. They found Jesus gathering a group of men and women to travel with him and share his life.

Reflecting on the life of Jesus, the early Church decided four pillars were necessary to create a community of disciples – worship, proclamation, service, community. Those pillars became central to Luke's description of the early Christian community in the Acts of the Apostles, and they have been central to Christian discipleship ever since.

Time has proven the wisdom of building on these four pillars. The weight of emphasis may vary from person to person, given each person's circumstances and talents and gifts. The weight of emphasis may shift in the lifetime of any one person as people change and mature. Nonetheless, experience has proven all four need to be present.

All four need to be present because Christian discipleship becomes unbalanced when one or more is neglected. When worship has been divorced from community, the result has often been self-righteousness. When proclamation has been divorced from service, the result has often been condemnation rather than invitation. When service has been divorced from worship, the result has often been self-congratulation. When community has been divorced from proclamation, the result has often been shared narcissism and exclusivity.

Our Celebration of Parish Ministries is an invitation to investigate activities and organizations that will help you build your Christian lives on the four pillars the early Christians discerned. These activities and organizations give us opportunities to exercise our individual gifts and build each other up in a community of Christian disciples.

Divisions can be handy, but they are never hard and fast. Our emphasis here at Saint Ignatius Loyola Parish on the Ignatian Way of prayer, service, and community is another way to remind ourselves of the same truth the early Church expressed in the four pillars. In the same way, the parish ministries brochure available at the Celebration divides ministries into faith formation, liturgy, music, and outreach. That is also a handy division, but it doesn't really tell the whole story. Any one of the ministries listed usually builds on more than one of the pillars.

While our liturgical and music ministries enhance worship, they also provide a needed service. Our outreach ministries offer opportunities for service which becomes proclamation in act. Our faith formation activities provide occasions for building and enhancing community as well as for understanding the faith. None of our ministries emphasizes one pillar to the exclusion of the others; all of our ministries contribute to building up the whole.

So feel invited to investigate our parish ministries to see what might fit you and help you support others in the project of building a community of disciples.

-Rev. Thomas H. Feely, S.J.
Associate Pastor
**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th**
Annual Celebration of Parish Ministries.
Following the 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, and 7:30 PM Masses. McKinnon Hall.
Details on page 5.

N.P. Mander Organ Recital Series presents
K. Scott Warren. 3:00 PM. Church.
Details on page 5.

Praying With Yoga. 6:00 PM. Wallace Hall.
For young adults in their 20s & 30s.
Details on page 3.

Volunteering at St. Francis Xavier Welcome Table. Sponsored by Ignatian 40s. Details below.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4th**
Mass with Father Feely followed by Dinner.
Sponsored by Ignatian 40s. Details below.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5th**
Lay Ministers’ Enrichment Program.
9:30 AM – 3:30 PM. Wallace Hall.
Hurry! Registration is limited.
Details on page 5.

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**EMMAUS BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**
A six-session support group for those who have experienced the death of a loved one will begin on **Tuesday evening, October 15th,** in the Parish Lounge, from **7:00 PM – 8:30 PM.**
The sessions, both educational and supportive, are facilitated by experienced facilitators.

**Registration is required.**
For information and to register for the Emmaus Bereavement Support Group, please contact Sr. Kathryn King at the Parish House or email kingk@saintignatiusloyola.org

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**New Name!**

**IGNATIAN 40s**

40s & Fabulous has officially been renamed Ignatian 40s.

*Faith, Fellowship, & Fun*

We are the St. Ignatius Loyola ministry for parishioners in their 40s (those in their late 30s and early 50s are also welcome). 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.

Following our very successful Welcome Back Potluck Picnic in Central Park last weekend, we will be volunteering this Sunday afternoon at the St. Francis Xavier Welcome Table.

**Upcoming:**
- Group Mass with Father Feely followed by a Group Dinner:
  - Friday, Oct. 4th

To join our mailing list and learn more about our upcoming events, please email Ignatian40s@gmail.com

We currently have over 250 members and we look forward to meeting you!

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**Now Available at the Parish House:**

**Imbued with the Spirit of the Liturgy:**

*Ten Insights From Vatican II’s Constitution on Sacred Liturgy*

This resource, written by Rev. Joshua Brommer, STL, will help deepen understanding and appreciation of the liturgy. **Cost:** $1.00

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**The HOUR CHILDREN Truck is Coming!**
Sunday, October 27th
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Details to follow...

**PRAYER SUGGESTION... Sacred Space**

We invite you to make a “Sacred Space” in your day and spend ten minutes in prayer, as you sit at your computer, with the help of on-screen guidance and scripture chosen specially every day.

Visit www.sacredspace.ie

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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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All-Night Vigil, op. 37

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Tickets: $65 Preferred | $50 General | $40 Reduced
Visit www.smssconcerts.org for complete information

BOOMERS & BEYOND
Join other Catholic singles (50+) for a
Hudson River Fall Foliage Cruise
Saturday, October 19th
(Rain date: October 26th)
Cost: $60 per person (R/T)

SACRED MUSIC
in a SACRED SPACE

CHARIS NYC presents
“WHAT NEXT?”
A peer-led weekend retreat
for those in their 20s and 30s.
Friday evening, November 8th – Sunday, November 10th
Mariandale Retreat Center, Ossining, NY
Cost: $255 per person
(Early registration through Monday, September 30th: $230)
Register at www.jesuit-collaborative.org/charisnyc
Questions? CharisRetreatNYC@gmail.com or 347-619-2692

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Monday, September 30th
(St. Jerome)
8:30 MEM    Michael Waters
12:10 MEM   Mamie Vitarelli
5:30 MEM    William Powers

Tuesday, October 1st
(St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus)
8:30 MEM    Peter Gallagher
12:10 MEM   Cenira Delduca
5:30 MEM    Michael Collins

Wednesday, October 2nd
(The Holy Guardian Angels)
Nehemiah 2:1-8   Psalm 137   Matthew 18:1-5, 10
8:30 MEM   The Choix & Gordon Families
12:10 MEM    William Terriberry
5:30 MEM    Michael Murphy

Thursday, October 3rd
(St. Francis Borgia)
Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12   Psalm 19   Luke 10:1-12
8:30 MEM    Mae Rooney
12:10 MEM   Vera de Rham
5:30 MEM    Theresa & Frank Valente

Friday, October 4th
(St. Francis of Assisi)
8:30 MEM    Teresa Schultz
12:10 MEM    Michael Santangelo
5:30 LVG    Marie & Brendan Cryan

Saturday, October 5th
(26th Saturday in Ordinary Time)
8:30 MEM    Robert Francis Kelly

Sunday, October 6th
(27th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4   Psalm 95
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14   Luke 17:5-10

ATTENTION PARENTS OF 8th GRADERS!
The TACHS – Test for Admission into Catholic High Schools will be administered in the Archdiocese of New York on Friday, November 8th. Catholic school students will receive applications in their own schools. Public school students may obtain applications from Catholic high schools participating in the program, Catholic elementary schools, or Parish religious education programs.

Online registration is available 7 days a week by going to the website www.tachsinfo.com or by calling 1-866-618-2247.

Paper applications must be received by the TACHS office no later than Wednesday, October 9th. The deadline for internet/telephone registration is Monday, October 21st.

For additional details about the examination, visit www.tachsinfo.com or call the TACHS Admission Office at 1-866-618-2247.

We pray for the faithful departed
Laura L’Esperance
May she rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

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 later 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

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Thank you for your generosity now
Please remember us later!
Remember St. Ignatius in your Estate Plan.

Leave a legacy to the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola by including a bequest in your will.

Please contact Fernando Castro, Treasurer, at 212-606-3476 or castrof@stignatiusloyola.org
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

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.

Hurry and register! Space is limited.
Register online at http://october2013enrichment.eventbrite.com

The N.P. Mander Organ Recital Series presents
K. SCOTT WARREN
Director of Music Ministries and Artistic Director of Sacred Music in a Sacred Space

Sunday, September 29th at 3:00 PM

BACH selections from Clavierübung III
Prelude in E-flat, BWV 552/1
Kyrie, Gott Vater in Ewigkeit, BWV 669
Christe, aller Welt Trost, BWV 670
Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist, BWV 671
Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam, BWV 684
Fugue in E-flat, BWV 552/2

WIDOR Symphony No. 3 in E Minor

Tickets: $20
Call 212-288-2520 for 24/7 ticket ordering and customer service.
Tickets can also be purchased at www.smssconcerts.org

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 are now underway.

For information, contact Adele Gallo at amdgallo@me.com

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

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Religious Education for Children

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FOR TEENS: MY FAITH/YOUR FAITH

My Faith/Your Faith brings together high school-aged teens from different faith communities for a year-long program encouraging religious understanding through dialogue, learning, and experiential programming.

There will be 11 sessions, from October 18th–May 4th. Participants will teach one other about their religious traditions, attend services at houses of worship, and engage in social justice projects. Space is limited.

To learn more or receive an application, contact Pat Schneider at church@stignatiusloyola.org by Monday, September 30th.
**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

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

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

**Treasurer**
Fernando Castro

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**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. Feely
Wallace Hall
11:00 AM Fr. SooHoo
Solemn
11:00 AM Fr. Ugo
7:30 PM Fr. Ugo

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**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.

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Open House: Regis High School, an all-scholarship Jesuit secondary school for Catholic boys, announces its Open House for 8th graders and their parents: Wednesday, October 9th, 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM. For additional information, contact Eric Di Michele, Director of Admissions, at 212-288-1100 or edimichele@regis.org

Uneasy Grace: Can Faith and Doubt Co-Exist? A Presentation by Terry Eagleton. Tuesday, October 15th, 6:00 PM. Pope Auditorium, Fordham University, 113 West 60th Street. Presented by the Fordham Center on Religion and Culture. This forum brings together a distinguished panel to explore the paradoxical relationship between doubt and faith—a source of anguish for those groping for a deeper sense of life’s meaning and a hotly contested topic in the engagement between religion and science. Speakers include author Terry Eagleton, Meghan Sullivan, University of Notre Dame, Lamin Sanneh, Yale University, and Elizabeth Johnson, C.S.J., Fordham University. The presentation is free and open to the public. RSVP: 212-636-7347 or crcevent@fordham.edu For more information, visit www.fordham.edu/ReligCulture

Are you a Catholic physician, health care professional, or medical student? The Catholic Medical Association (CMA) helps doctors and health care professionals grow in faith, maintain ethical integrity, and provide excellent health care in accordance with the teachings of the Church. The CMA offers professional, spiritual, and moral support through local chapters and annual national conferences featuring world-class speakers and CME credits. Be part of the New Evangelization and join the CMA to help build a culture of life in health care and to provide a voice for Catholic medical and ethical principles in society. Visit www.cathmed.org to learn more about the CMA and the benefits of membership.

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