The Trinity: Eternal Exchange of Love

On the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, Richard of St. Victor's clear yet complex contemplative writings on the Trinity come to mind.

Richard of St. Victor, a mystical theologian of the twelfth century was noted by St. Bonaventure as a master of contemplation. It is thought that he was from Scotland and entered the Augustinian Abbey of St. Victor, Paris in the early 1150s. He became prior of the monastery toward the latter part of his life.

In Richard's Book Three of the Trinity he appeals to human reason to establish the necessity of three persons in God. In his article “The Trinity and the Nature of Love,” Fr. Christopher Rengers, O.F.M. Cap., explains that “the basis for this necessity is the perfection of love. Made in the image and likeness of God, a human being knows that love is necessary for happiness.”

Through twenty-seven short chapters, “Richard looks at every angle of the meaning of love and how it has to include relatedness. God could not be an absolutely alone person and be infinitely perfect, good, happy or powerful.”

Richard of St. Victor states that “where there is fullness of all goodness, true and supreme charity cannot be lacking, for nothing is better than charity; nothing is more perfect than charity. However no one is properly said to have charity on the basis of his own private love for himself. And so it is necessary for love to be directed toward another for it to be charity. Therefore, where a plurality of persons is lacking, charity cannot exist.”

Meister Eckehart of Hochheim, Germany, a fourteenth century nobleman and a Dominican priest, similarly declared: “If you love yourself, then you love all others as yourself. As long as you love a single human being less than yourself, you cannot truly love yourself — if you do not love all others as yourself, in one human being all human beings: and this human being is God and man.”

After Richard of St. Victor has established that in God there must be a plurality, he goes on to say that the plurality must be more than two persons:

“It is necessary that each of those loved supremely and loving supremely should search with equal desire for someone who would be mutually loved and with equal concord willingly possess him. Thus you see how the perfection of charity requires a Trinity of persons, without which it is wholly unable to subsist in the integrity of its fullness. Thus, just as integral charity cannot be lacking, so also true Trinity cannot be lacking where everything that is, is altogether perfect. Therefore there is not only a duality but also true Trinity in true unity and true unity in true Trinity.”

James Hanvey, S.J., considering how we might begin to think and speak about the loving relationship between Father, Son, and Spirit into which we ourselves are welcomed offers further clarification: “[W]e know that these relationships (between Father, Son and Spirit) are relationships of love. The Trinity is the revelation that God is Love. Now we get Love wrong if we think of it as a ‘thing’ — something we can possess or control. It is a relationship and it is a verb — we can only ‘have’ love by loving, by participating in a relationship of love.

“So, the Trinity is Love Loving — dynamic, unfathomable, inexhaustible, eternally complete and creative. Yet, here is the great wonder. We only know this because the Father gives Himself to be known in His Son and the Son gathers us into this eternal self-giving through and in the Spirit. In other words, the fact that we can speak at all about God as Trinity is already a sign that we are beginning to participate in God’s Triune life: we know and experience that the Trinity is Love Loving us.

“This is what we call grace. The whole of the Church’s liturgy lives out of this knowledge. It is our act of love, both a confession and a proclamation — ‘a great cry of wonder’ — that in loving us the Trinity takes us into these relations of life, so that we learn again how to love by participating in Love. Literally, by ‘being-in-Love’.

“In this way we can see that the life of grace is a Trinitarian life and that grace is itself a relationship through which and in which we learn love. The Trinitarian Life of God is our school of Love and by loving we come to Love loving and that is our sanctification.”

I pray that this Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity draws us all into a deeper participation in the school of Love.

— Carly-Anne Gannon
Director of Religious Education
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY, JUNE 1st
Ranger Rosary Ministry. 7:00 PM. Meeting Room. Over 10,000 rosaries and counting! Join us in making rosaries to send to our military. New members are welcome.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3rd
Job Transition Support Group. 10:00 AM. Parish Lounge. Bringing together experienced professionals looking to secure employment.

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 4th
Ministers’ Night Annual Supper Social: An Evening of Celebration, Thanks & Praise. 7:00 PM. Wallace Hall. Details below.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6th
IGNITE! Teen Ministry. 6:30 PM. Hoefner Lounge. Details on page 3.

The Parish Ministry Council cordially invites those St. Ignatius Parishioners who are active in Ministry to

The Ministers’ Night Annual Supper Social
An Evening of Celebration, Thanks & Praise

Thursday, June 4th at 7:00 PM
Wallace Hall

The RSVP deadline is tomorrow! 212-288-3588 or ministrydinner@gmail.com
Please leave both your name and your ministry.

Special Collection
Next weekend, our Parish will take up the annual collection for the Catholic Missions Among Black and Indian People.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

In Search of Francis: A Video Documentary
Sunday, June 7th at 6:00 PM
Parish House

Join parishioner/filmmaker John Ebrahimian for the premiere showing of In Search of Francis, a 40-minute video documentary which includes a 10-minute segment on Pope Francis. A question and answer period with John will follow.

Come and learn more about St. Francis, a visionary peacemaker who not only revolutionized life in the medieval world, but who also continues to inspire us in our search for faith, social justice, and global reconciliation.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
Senior Luncheon
Saturday, June 20th
1:00 PM
Wallace Hall
To RSVP, call the Parish House at (212) 288-3588 or email svdpmembership980@gmail.com with your full name by Monday, June 15th.
Space is limited.

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE
Education Tax Credit
As part of the proposed Parental Choice in Education Agenda bill, Governor Cuomo has proposed a $500 tax credit for every child a parent has enrolled in a Catholic or other private school.

For more information, visit www.investined.org

To read a letter outlining the background on the legislation, scan the QR code at left or visit our website, stignatiusloyola.org

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Farewell Reception for Fr. Witt

Sunday, June 14th in McKinnon Hall
Following the 11:00 AM Masses

After eight years at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, six of them as pastor, Father Witt has been asked by the Jesuit Provincial to take on a new assignment: Provincial Assistant for Spirituality Ministries.

Please join us in McKinnon Hall following the Mass for a reception thanking Father Witt for his service to our parish and congratulating Father Feely on his appointment as Parish Administrator for the coming year.

**IGNITE! TEEN MINISTRY**

Saturday, June 6th
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM in Hoefner Lounge

 Teens 13–19 years old are welcome!

IGNITE! offers a forum through which high school students and their families may find a deeper relationship with God and each other.

Registration for each session is encouraged but not required.

For more information and/or to register, contact Teresa Caririño, Youth Minister, at carinot@saintignatiusloyola.org

**IGNITIAN YOUNG ADULTS**

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).”

**Sunday Social Dates**
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**Announced Masses and Readings for the Week**

**Monday, June 1st** (St. Justin)
Tobias 1:3; 2:1a–8 Psalm 112 Mark 12:1–12
8:30 MEM Terry Marie Keenan
12:10 LVG Thomas Middelhoff
5:30 MEM Josephine Maria Gallo

**Tuesday, June 2nd** (Ninth Tuesday in Ordinary Time)
Tobias 2:9–14 Psalm 112 Mark 12:13–17
8:30 MEM Dorothy Kulhan
12:10 MEM John D. Kyle
5:30 MEM Kevin Thomas

**Wednesday, June 3rd** (St. Charles Lwanga)
Tobias 3:1–11a, 16–17a Psalm 25 Mark 12:18–27
8:30 MEM The Choix & Gordon Families
12:10 MEM Enrico Rosales
5:30 MEM Constantine & Janina Surazynski

**Thursday, June 4th** (Ninth Thursday in Ordinary Time)
Tobias 6:10–11; 7:1bcde, 9–17; 8:4–9a Psalm 128 Mark 12:28–34
8:30 LVG Thomas Middelhoff
12:10 MEM Jean de Saint Anthost
5:30 MEM William Byrnes

**Friday, June 5th** (St. Boniface)
Tobias 11:5–17 Psalm 146 Mark 12:35–37
8:30 MEM Pauline Egan
12:10 MEM Enrico Rosales
5:30 MEM Sr. Jane Dobbins

**Saturday, June 6th** (Ninth Saturday in Ordinary Time)
Tobias 12:1, 5–15, 20 Tobias 13 Mark 12:38–44
8:30 MEM Natalie Anne Frankowski

**Sunday, June 7th** (The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ)
Exodus 24:3–8 Hebrews 9:11–15
Psalm 116 Mark 14:12–16, 22–26

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**SUNDAY, JUNE 7th**

**11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS**

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**Come one, Come all to the**

**ANNUAL STREET FAIR!**

Friday, June 5th, 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 5th, 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 upon arrival.

Start your weekend with some great family fun!
We pray for the faithful departed
Concetta Gnazzo
May she rest in the peace of the Risen Lord

An Evening With Rudy. Friday, June 12th. New York Athletic Club, 180 Central Park South. The Xavier Society for the Blind will host Daniel “Rudy” Ruettiger at a cocktail reception. Following the reception, the Notre Dame legend — made famous by the film bearing his name — will talk about his life, the lessons he has learned, and be available to answer questions. Tickets: $75-$200. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit xaviersocietyfortheblind.org

Gregorian University for a Day. Saturday, June 20th. Fordham University, Lincoln Center. Now you can get a feel for what happens in our classrooms in Rome here in Manhattan. Instructors: Rev. Thomas Rosica, C.S.B., CEO of Salt and Light Catholic Media; Dr. Sandra Keating, Providence College; Rev. Philipp G. Renczes, S.J., Professor at the Pontifical Gregorian University and the Pontifical Oriental Institute; Mr. Danny Casey, head of the Office of the Prefect for Cardinal George Pell, Prefect of the Secretariat for the Economy. Cost: $200/person. Priests, religious, and students are invited to contribute whatever amount they are able. Reservations are limited. For more information or to register, visit the-gregorian.com/events.htm

The 2015 New York Catholic Bible Summit: Hear the Word of God with Reverence. Proclaim it with Faith. Saturday, June 20th. 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. Co-sponsored by the Archdiocesan Catechetical Office and American Bible Society. For more information, visit nyfaithformation.org or call (646) 794-2692.

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Children’s Liturgy of the Word:
Sundays at the 11:00 AM Mass in Wallace Hall.

Centering Prayer:
Mondays at 6:30 PM

Confessions:
4:30 PM Saturday or by appointment. Communal Penance Services are celebrated during Advent and Lent.

Baptisms:
Please call Joanne Cunneen at the Parish House (212-288-3588 x632) 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 (212-288-3588 x632) 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