As many of you know, I have recently joined the staff of St. Ignatius Loyola Parish. It has been a pleasure meeting so many of you already. I have received a very warm welcome and have a great spirit of gratitude as I begin my time here.

Having recently completed my coursework towards a PhD in Religious Education at Fordham University, I discerned returning to full-time ministry and was delighted to learn of the position of Director of Religious Education. Prior to my doctoral studies, I served as a Campus Minister at Stony Brook University, Long Island. Before that, I served as a Religion and Theology teacher at the middle and high school level in Corpus Christi, Texas.

I have lived in the U.S. for the past six years this time. I am a native of Dublin, Ireland and I moved to Long Island with my family when I was three. We spent several happy years there before returning to Dublin. Our family truly has one foot in Ireland and one foot in the U.S.

I attended Catholic school from elementary through high school. My faith has always been the center point of my life. I pursued theological studies as an undergraduate and graduate in Dublin seeking a deeper understanding of the gift of faith I had received at a young age. The solid foundation I received in my formation developed into a passion for the beauty of the Catholic faith, which in turn brought me to God's goodness and truth. It is my sincerest wish to be able to pass on this passion to the children with whom I have been given the responsibility to direct.

It is crucial that we help our children develop a life-long personal friendship and relationship with the Lord. I consider it a great privilege to be a herald of the good news of God's unconditional and unique love for them as God's own children.

We are constantly reminded in the Gospels of how we are to be like children not in childish ways but with a childlike spiritual disposition. We are cautioned that unless we become like children it will be very difficult indeed for us to inherit our eternal reward. (Matthew 18:3–5)

Nurturing children is a way of knowing God; it is a way of God revealing God's self to us. In the Christian tradition we appreciate children as signs of the kingdom of God. We also appreciate that children reveal new insights about God. The Christian tradition has radicalized the Jewish notion of valuing children. We acknowledge that in serving children we serve God. Children are also models for the kingdom of God; their openness to God speaks to how we too can be open to God and open to new ways of looking at the world.

When educating children in the faith, we need to keep in mind the entire span of life. We need to direct faith education in such a way that we are preparing life-long learners and seekers so that our Church will not dissipate and fade once a child receives their Sacraments of Initiation. Rather, we want to incorporate the fullness of the span of the child's life so that they in turn will grow, develop, and experience all of life's events with the Church.

The theme for this Catechetical Sunday is “Teaching About God's Gift of Forgiveness”. Embracing God's unfathomable mercy and grace are paramount to the Christian life. This theme is particularly relevant for our children preparing for the Sacrament of Penance, also referred to as the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In this sacrament, children learn a lesson that will be called upon again and again throughout their lives. It is so important that we cultivate a spirit of forgiveness in our lives in order to live in peace and freedom. These are the gifts that God so wishes to give to us in this life: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.” (John 14:27) On this Catechetical Sunday, let us bring Christ's peace anew to one another so that our lives are the books from which others learn of God's great gift of forgiveness, especially our children.

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

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**THIS WEEKEND:**

**SPECIAL COLLECTION**
This weekend our Parish will take up a **Special Collection for the Middle East**. Proceeds from the collection will support humanitarian and pastoral needs in the Middle East, as well as the cost of church reconstruction. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st**

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

First Sunday Social of the Season.
8:30 PM. Wallace Hall. Hosted by the Ignatian Young Adults. Follows the 7:30 PM Mass. Details on page 3.

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**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd**

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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**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th**

NEW! Job Transition Support Group. 10:00 AM. Parish Lounge.
Details at lower right.

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

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**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th**

Call. Part of Ignatian Spirituality for New Parents.
10:00 AM. Parish Lounge. Sponsored by Contemplative Leaders in Action.
Details on page 3.

Sold Out! Boomers at the Met. 5:00 PM.
The Metropolitan Museum of Art. Sponsored by Boomers & Beyond.

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**MEETING CHRIST IN PRAYER**

An interactive 8-week guided prayer experience for small groups based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius.

Tuesday Mornings, September 30th – November 19th*, 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM
Wednesday Evenings, October 1st – November 19th*, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

*Note: Both sessions will conclude at the evening meeting on Wednesday, November 19th

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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 7th**, in the Parish Lounge, from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM.

The sessions, both educational and supportive, are run by experienced facilitators. Registration is required. See box below.

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**NEW!**

**Job Transition Support Group**

Wednesday, September 24th
10:00 AM in the Parish Lounge

Bringing together a group of experienced professionals looking to secure employment, we hope to help each other in the job search process. Participants will be invited to contribute their expertise and knowledge.

Please bring your resume. All are welcome.

For more information, contact John Holewa at johnfholewa@yahoo.com or Christian Nolan at ctnolan59@gmail.com

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**THIS WEEKEND:**

We extend a warm welcome to Rabbi Scott Bolton and the members of Congregation Or Zarua, who will be using Wallace Hall between September 24th and October 4th as they observe the High Holy Days.

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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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**PLEASE OPEN FOR PAGES 3 AND 4**
Ignatian Spirituality for New Parents

For couples with a first child under 2 years old

Saturday, September 27th, 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Parish Lounge

Call – Led by Molly Cesarz & Deirdre Spiropoulos

Sponsored by Contemplative Leaders in Action (CLA), a program of The Jesuit Collaborative, this group will serve as a community of men and women who are adjusting to the transition of being new parents. Through reflection on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, participants endeavor to understand where God’s presence is leading them in the context of parenthood.

For more information, email lauren.s.decker@gmail.com

IGNATIAN YOUNG ADULTS

Sunday Socials Fall/Winter 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).”

Sunday Social Dates:
Oct. 5 & 19
Nov. 9 & 30
Dec. 14
Jan. 11

The Hour Children truck is coming!
Sunday, October 5th
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

The HOUR CHILDREN truck will be parked outside St. Ignatius Church, ready to receive donations of clothing, toys, kitchenware, knick-knacks, household items, electronics, and small furniture.

HOUR CHILDREN: A community of mothers and children where love makes the difference.
Visit www.HourChildren.org

Sponsored by the Ignatian Young Adults

Wallace Hall Available For Rental

The space is available for a variety of events including fundraisers, lectures, receptions, cocktail parties, and formal banquet-style dinners.

For more information, contact Caroline Fernandes at 212-288-3588 or fernandesc@saintignatiusloyola.org

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

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

Are you a young adult in your 20s or 30s?
CharisNYC invites you to attend one of our upcoming retreats.

Seekers Retreat – January 30, 2015 to February 1, 2015
Transitions Retreat – March 20, 2015 to March 22, 2015

For more information, email CharisRetreatNYC@gmail.com or call 347-619-2692.
Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, September 22nd
(Twenty-fifth Monday in Ordinary Time)
8:30   MEM   Celeste Schack
5:30   MEM   Nathan Davidson

Tuesday, September 23rd
(St. Pio of Pietrelcina)
8:30    MEM   Wayne Channer
5:30    MEM   Living & Deceased Members of the Burke Family

Wednesday, September 24th
(Twenty-fifth Wednesday in Ordinary Time)
8:30  MEM   Geri Thompson
5:30  MEM   Gary Gartland

Thursday, September 25th
(Twenty-fifth Thursday in Ordinary Time)
8:30  MEM   Celeste Schack
5:30  MEM   Living & Deceased Members of the Wallace Family

Friday, September 26th
(Twenty-fifth Friday in Ordinary Time)
8:30  MEM   Emil Wittek
5:30  MEM   Alicia Walsh

Saturday, September 27th
(St. Vincent de Paul)
8:30  MEM   John Serracchio

Sunday, September 28th
(Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Ezekiel 18:25–28                Psalm 125
Philippians 2:1–11             Matthew 21:28–32
Rescheduled September 12:10 PM Daily Mass Intentions:
5:30  (Saturday Vigil)  MEM   James W. Nankervis
9:30  MEM   John R. Ragalli
11:00 (Wallace Hall)  MEM   Lexie Kamerman
11:00  (Solemn)  MEM   Sose & Mark Prekelezaj
7:30  MEM   Kay Angermueller

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 7th. 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 8th. The deadline for internet/telephone registration is Monday, October 20th.

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

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE
Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious, or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P., at 212-371-1000 x2949, or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via email at victimassistance@archny.org

Information can be found on the Archdiocesan website, archny.org

In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

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ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF PARISH MINISTRIES

The Ignatian Way: Prayer, Service, and Community

Sunday, September 28th in McKinnon Hall immediately following the 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM Masses.

- Learn more about parish activities and events that are planned for this year
- Refreshments
- Music
- Supervised children’s activity

We look forward to welcoming you!

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

IREP classes are now underway.

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 this week.

Volunteer Teacher’s Assistant Needed

For Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Wednesdays, 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Contact Adele Gallo at amdgallo@me.com or 516-528-4660.

Interested in becoming Catholic?

Call 212-288-3588 or email church@stignatiusloyola.org

MUSIC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS

J.S. Bach  Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele, BWV 654
Bruckner  Christus factus est
Handl  In nomine Jesu
Couperin  Duretze Fantaisie

7:30 PM MASS

J.S. Bach  Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele, BWV 654
Couperin  Duretze Fantaisie

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 21st at 3:00 PM

Stanford  Allegro in D minor, Op. 105, No. 1
Prelude in F Major, Op. 101, No. 1
Vaughan Williams  Prelude and Fugue in C minor
J.S. Bach  Passacaglia and Fugue in C minor
Dillon  Woodland Flute Call
Rowley  Contemplation
Vierne  Symphony No. 1: Prélude, Andante, Final

Tickets: $20
Call 212-288-2520 for 24/7 ticket ordering and customer service.

Tickets can also be purchased at www.smssconcerts.org

SAVE THE DATE!

MOZART’S GREAT MASS

Wednesday, October 22nd at 7:00 PM

Choir of St. Ignatius Loyola
K. Scott Warren, conductor

Tickets: $80 Premium | $65 Preferred
Call 212-288-2520 for 24/7 ticket ordering.
Tickets can also be purchased at smssconcerts.org
We pray for the faithful departed
Roseanne McNulty
May she rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

Lecture Series: More, Erasmus & Fisher. Presented by The Wethersfield Institute Courses in Catholic Studies. Thursday evenings, September 25th and October 2nd, 16th, 23rd, & 30th. 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM. St. Agnes Church, 143 East 43rd Street. Speaker: Rev. Joseph Koterski, S.J., Associate Professor of Philosophy, Fordham University. Series will explore the lives of Thomas More, Desiderius Erasmus, and John Fisher. Cost: $15 per lecture or $60 for the series. For more information, visit wethersfield-institute.html, email homeland214@aol.com or call (845) 373-8037 x110.

Conference: Poverty and Development: A Catholic Perspective. Friday, September 26th & Saturday, September 27th. Fordham University/Lincoln Center Campus, 113 West 60th Street. Sponsored by the Fordham University Graduate Program in International Political Economy and CAPP-USA. The conference will bring together international specialists and professionals who will discuss poverty and development issues raised by Pope Francis and suggest specific ways they might be realized. For more information, contact Robert Nalewajek, President, CAPP-USA at be wethersfieldgarden.org or call (212) 288-3588 x632 to begin preparation for a Baptism and the preparation given prior to Baptism.

Resume Clinic: Thursday, September 25th. Free private sessions will be held at St. Francis House, 135 West 31st Street, to assist unemployed individuals, as well as others facing possible layoffs, or career transitions. Volunteers will be available to assist in updating/editing resumes. Call 212-736-8500 x357 for an individual appointment. Participants should email a rough draft to resume@stfrancisnyc.org No walk-ins can be accepted.

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 8th, 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM. For additional information, contact Eric Di Michele, Director of Admissions, at 212-288-1100 or edimichele@regis.org

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Weekday Masses
Monday – Friday
8:30 AM and 5:30 PM
Saturday: 8:30 AM

Masses for Next Weekend:
Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM Fr. Judge
Sunday:
8:00 AM Fr. Witt
9:30 AM Fr. Witt
Wallace Hall
11:00 AM Fr. Feely
Solemn
11:00 AM Fr. Bergen
7:30 PM Fr. Bergen

Music Information: (212) 288-2520 Email: music@stignatiusloyola.org