The Wisdom Years

One of the more popular television shows of the 1980s depicted the trials and joys of adolescence in 1960s America. The show was called The Wonder Years. If your “wonder years” coincided with the 1960’s, you are now approaching your “wisdom years.” Unfortunately, “wisdom years” is not a concept our culture has much room for. Charles de Gaulle’s embittered complaint, “Old age is a shipwreck,” more or less defines our culture’s attitude toward aging.

The models of successful aging our media provide show people doing everything in their power, no matter how ridiculous, not to age. We are offered few models of men and women for whom aging means growth into greater spiritual depth and warmer, more generous love. We need those models. Without them, we may hopelessly cling to what we are called to relinquish and miss: our chance to embrace a new stage of life that offers new opportunities for discipleship.

That is why Pope Francis is sponsoring a celebration in the Vatican today called The Blessing of a Long Life. His theme is aging as gift and vocation. To embrace the vocation of aging and the opportunities it brings, we have to embrace two pairs of significant shifts in our lives that can be gifts although we often think of them as losses. The first pair is the shift from tumult to calm and from noise to quiet; the second, from duty to availability and from leading to accompanying.

As we age, the demands of our daily activities and the number of our daily interactions with others naturally decreases. We move from tumult to calm. As demands and interactions decrease, the decibel level in our lives lowers. We move from noise to silence. We can lament that our world is getting smaller, and we can ratchet up the noise with a million distractions like incessant television viewing, or we can welcome the calm and silence as an opportunity to refocus and as an invitation to deeper prayer.

We can use the time and the quiet to delve into the scriptures. We can make use of websites like the Irish Jesuits’ Sacred Space that offer spiritual reflections and background on the readings assigned for daily Mass. We can take more time for prayer. As we do that, we will become more comfortable dwelling in the mystery of God: less concerned to find answers and more at ease simply being in God’s presence.

As we become more comfortable dwelling in the mystery of God, we will become more comfortable dwelling in the mystery of our own lives. The sources of regret we are invited to hand over, the fears for the future we are invited to face with hope, the call to forgive where we have always withheld forgiveness, and the desire to be forgiven in areas where we may have never allowed ourselves to admit we were at fault — we learn to embrace all that.

Deepening comfort with God’s mystery and with our own mystery confers the gift of wisdom. As our world becomes smaller and quieter, our vision can become broader and more sympathetic. We gain a new perspective on life, and what we see influences what we say. We have less need to push our point of view. We speak with new understanding, and we listen with new openness. Our words become more generous and encouraging of others.

Growth in wisdom enables us to profit from the other two shifts: from duty to availability and from leading to accompanying. There is less that we have to do for others, so there is more energy for what we want to do for others. We become more available. We have time for the small works of service and occasions for companionship we always wished we had time for. And we can do these works in a different way. Freed from the leader’s need to organize and control, we can assume the mentor’s attitude of counseling and encouraging. We can walk beside others, we can even walk behind them, and find fulfillment in a very different way of being a pilgrim on life’s journey.

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

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th**

Annual Celebration of Parish Ministries. Following the 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM Masses. McKinnon Hall. Details on page 5.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1st**

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

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4th**

Reunion for St. Ignatius Loyola School Alumni

In celebration of our 160th year, Saint Ignatius Loyola School is hosting an Alumni Reunion for the Classes from 1929 to 2002 on Saturday, October 4th. The event will begin by attending the 5:30 PM liturgy at The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola. This will be followed by a reception in McKinnon Hall, from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM.

Cost of attending the reception is $45 per guest, and includes libations, tasty treats, and the chance to reconnect with SIL classmates.

Since the reception will be catered, we ask that if you are interested in attending, please call the Development Office at 212-861-3820, ext. 135, by Tuesday, September 30th.

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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, October 1st

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 johnholewa@yahoo.com or Christian Nolan at ctnolan59@gmail.com

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**The Psalms: Source of Prayer**

*Presented by Mr. Brian Pinter*

Six Sessions Beginning October 20th

Mondays at 7:00 PM in the Parish Lounge

For centuries the Psalms have been the foundational scriptures for the prayer of both the Israelite and Christian religions. These ancient sacred texts of praise, wisdom, lament, and thanksgiving have touched the hearts of generations of faithful because they speak to the human condition and our longing for God.

Join us as we explore the scriptural jewel box known as the Psalms, and we see how their poetry can enrich our prayer.

Brian Pinter is the former Chaplain and Teacher of Theology at Regis High School. He is currently the Education Associate and Bible scholar-in-residence at Christ Church United Methodist. Mr. Pinter holds degrees in theology and religion from St. Joseph’s and Fordham Universities.

Space is limited. Early registration is recommended.

For information and/or to register, email bergenw@saintignatiusloyola.org

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**You’ve notified your friends, you’ve notified your credit cards, you’ve notified your magazines. Please don’t forget to notify your church. This information helps us to keep our database current.**

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**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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**PLEASE OPEN FOR PAGES 3 AND 4**
**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. Registration is our only means of certifying membership in the Parish.

**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.

**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

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**Charis MINISTRIES**

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.

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**The 5th Annual Friends of the Jesuits Golf Outing**

Monday, September 29th

Meadow Brook Club, Jericho, NY

Individual golfer: $1250

Contact Debra Ryan at the NY Jesuit Office: 212-774-5544.

For raffle tickets, registration, and information on sponsorships and journal ads, visit www.nysj.org

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**Ignatian Spirituality for New Parents**

*For couples with a first child under 2 years old*

**Saturday, October 25th**

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Parish Lounge

*Co-laboring* – Led by Brian Pinter

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

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**All Lay Ministers at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola are invited to the first Lay Ministers’ Enrichment Program of the Season:**

**The God Whom Lay Ministers Serve and Represent:**

Exploring Our Experiences with God in Personal Prayer, in Our Liturgical Lives, and in Our Ministries

*with Dr. Janet Ruffing, RSM*

Professor, Yale Divinity School & Professor Emerita, Fordham University

Join Dr. Ruffing as she explores who God reveals God’s self to be in and through our ministries, in and through our prayer lives, and in and through our psychological make-up. Of necessity, we will also look at our unconscious projections and representations of God and how these affect our sense of the God we both serve and represent as lay ministers.

**Saturday, October 25th**

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._

Register online at http://tinyurl.com/October2014Enrichment

Contact layministersenrichment@gmail.com with questions.

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**Convent of the Sacred Heart**
1 East 91st Street  (www.cshnyc.org)
Grade 9 Open House for interested girls and their families
**Friday, October 10, 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM**
RSVP is required: 212-722-4745 x300

**Dominican Academy**
44 East 68th Street  (www.dominicanacademy.org)
An invitation for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls and their families
**Saturday, October 18, 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM**
For additional information, contact Ms. Madeleine Metzler at 212-744-0195 or mmetzler@dominicanacademy.org

**Loyola School**
980 Park Avenue (enter at the corner of 83rd Street)
An invitation for 8th grade students and their families
**Wednesday, October 8, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM — Last Names A-L**
**Tuesday, October 21, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM — Last Names M-Z**
RSVP online at www.loyola-ny.org/rsvp/information-night-rsvp

**Marymount School**
1026 Fifth Avenue
Upper School Open House
**Tuesday, October 28, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**
For additional information, visit www.marymountnyc.org

**Notre Dame School**
327 West 13th Street  (www.cheznous.org)
Annual Open House for 7th and 8th grade girls and their parents
**Sunday, October 26, 2:30 PM – 5:00 PM**
For additional information, call 212-620-5575

**Regis High School**
55 East 84th Street  (www.regis.org)
An invitation for 8th grade boys and their parents
**Wednesday, October 8, 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM**
For additional information, contact Eric Di Michele at 212-288-1100 or edimichele@regis.org

**Saint Jean Baptiste High School**
173 East 75th Street  (www.stjean.org)
A college preparatory program for young women
**Saturday, October 18, 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM**
For additional information, email admissions@stjean.org

**St. Vincent Ferrer High School**
151 East 65th Street  (www.saintvincentferrer.com)
A Catholic college preparatory school for girls
An invitation for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls and their parents
**Saturday, October 18, noon until 3:00 PM**

**Xavier High School**
30 West 16th Street  (www.xavierhs.org)
An Open House for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade boys and their families
**Saturday, October 18, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM**
For additional information, visit www.xavierhs.org or call 212-924-7900

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The Jesuit Collaborative invites you to share the gift of Ignatian spirituality and the opportunity to meet interesting people who are ready to further develop their spiritual lives.

*Please visit us at www.jesuitcollaborative.org*

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**Announced Masses and Readings for the Week**

**Monday, September 29th**
(SS. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael)
Daniel 7:9–10, 13–14  Psalm 138  John 1:47–51
8:30 MEM  Michael Waters
5:30 MEM  William O’Connor

**Tuesday, September 30th**
(St. Jerome)
8:30 MEM  Frances Dittmer
5:30 MEM  William Powers

**Wednesday, October 1st**
(St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus)
8:30 MEM  The Choix & Gordon Families
5:30 MEM  Kitty Dippel

**Thursday, October 2nd**
(The Holy Guardian Angels)
Job 19:21–27  Psalm 27  Matthew 18:1–5, 10
8:30 MEM  Francesca Monda Bisgrove
5:30 MEM  Mark Martinez

**Friday, October 3rd**
(St. Francis Borgia)
Job 38:1, 12–21; 40:3–5  Psalm 139  Luke 10:13–16
8:30 MEM  Mae Rooney
5:30 MEM  David Anthony Kennedy

**Saturday, October 4th**
(St. Francis of Assisi)
8:30 MEM  Frank Nicolazzi

**Sunday, October 5th**
(Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Isaiah 5:1–7  Psalm 80
Philippians 4:6–9  Matthew 21:33–43

**Rescheduled October 12:10 PM Daily Mass Intentions:**
8:00 MEM  Helen & Bernard Harrington
9:30 MEM  Anthony De Clemente
11:00 (Wallace Hall)  MEM  Vera de Rham
11:00 (Solemn)  MEM  Bill Terriberry
7:30 MEM  Betty Quadracci

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**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**.

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**.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH
11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS
with Training Choirs I and II
Elgar Enigma Variations: Nimrod
Garrett This is the Day
English, 16th c. Rejoice in the Lord alway
Rossi Elohim hashiveinu
Tallis Canon
Bull Rondo in G Major

7:30 PM MASS
Handel Organ Concerto Op. 4, No. 1: IV
J.S. Bach Wir glauben all einen Gott, BWV 740

MOZART’S GREAT MASS
Wednesday, October 22nd at 7:00 PM
Choir of St. Ignatius Loyola
K. Scott Warren, conductor
HAYDN Symphony No. 97
MOZART Great Mass in C minor

Sacred Music in a Sacred Space begins its Choral season with Mozart’s Great Mass in C minor — a majestic setting featuring double chorus. An intensely personal, rule-breaking composition, the Mass is a riveting statement about the complex mixture of joy and pain in human relationships, one that transcended the proscribed Austrian Mass tradition at the time of its composition.

Tickets: $80 Premium  | $65 Preferred
Call 212-288-2520 for 24/7 ticket ordering.
Tickets can also be purchased at smssconcerts.org

The N.P. Mander Organ Recital Series presents

DAVID ENLOW
Organist and Choir Master, Church of the Resurrection, NY
Organ Faculty, The Juilliard School

Sunday, November 2nd at 3:00 PM
Tickets: $20
Call 212-288-2520 for 24/7 ticket ordering.
Tickets can also be purchased at www.smssconcerts.org

Interested in becoming Catholic?
Call 212-288-3588 or email church@stignatiusloyola.org

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 are now underway.

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.

ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF PARISH MINISTRIES
The Ignatian Way: Prayer, Service, and Community
TODAY
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!
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 with the CMA and join the CMA to help build a culture of life!

Visit cathmed.org to learn more about the CMA and the benefits of membership.

**PARISH STAFF**

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

**Associate Pastors**  
Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J.  
Rev. Thomas H. Feely, S.J.

**Pastoral Associates**  
Joanne Cunneen  
Carly-Anne Gannon  
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

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Diane M. Boyle

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Patricia Schneider

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Elizabeth O’Sullivan

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Czeslaw “Chester” Ciupinski

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**Treasurer**  
Fernando Castro

**Religious Education for Children**  
Ms. Carly-Anne Gannon, M.Phil., M.Ed.  
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 (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.

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

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

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**Lecture Series:** More, Erasmus & Fisher. Presented by The Wethersfield Institute Courses in Catholic Studies. Thursday evenings, October 2nd, 16th, 23rd, & 30th. 6:30 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. For more information, visit wethersfieldgarden.org/wethersfield-institute.html, email homeland214@aol.com or call (845) 373-8037 x110.

**Annual Scala Gala Dinner.** Hosted by the Scalabrini Center for All Migrants. Saturday, October 11th, 6:00 PM–10:00 PM. Demo Hall, Our Lady of Pompeii Church, 25 Carmine Street. Funds raised will support the Scalabrini Center, which offers legal, social, and educational assistance to all migrants. Cost: $35. For more information, contact the parish at 212-989-6805 or the Center at 646-789-4097.

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