Have you ever had the experience of being asked a simple question about yourself, then finding yourself giving a complex answer? Obviously all questions cannot be responded to with a yes or a no. Despite being challenged by our contemporary culture, the world is neither monochromatic nor all black and white. When we respond to questions, we delve into the wellspring of our experiences and search for points of contact which thread together the answer to the question. And in the process, we reveal more of ourselves and often gain greater self-understanding. Yet there is often the temptation not to disclose too much, lest the mystery of who we are be pierced and our imperfections exposed. Nuance becomes our strategy, and our responses become extrapolations of extended sentences. How then do we honestly answer a very basic question, which others ask of us or we may ask ourselves, “who are you?”

We celebrate today the feast of the Most Holy Trinity. For centuries theologians have written tomes about God to explain who God is, most especially as the triune God of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I recall from my childhood days learning about God through the “simple” answers provided by the Baltimore Catechism. To wit, there is only one God; and in God there are three Divine Persons, perfectly equal and distinct from one another who is both divine and human in nature. In summary, we are taught that we cannot fully understand the Blessed Trinity because it is a “supernatural mystery.” And yet, through the centuries we have tried to pierce this mystery and ask, “who is God?”

In our search, will we ever attain a satisfying answer to the question of who God is? Will we find an equally satisfying answer to the question asked of us, who are you? I believe that we can. In fact, the answer is palpably before us every day, and is as true now as it was first articulated by John the Evangelist. God is love! Love is the unifying element of who God is, and we abide in God. As we journey closer to this understanding of who God is, we discover who we are, delving into the complexities of the experiences of our daily lives and the world around us, we will find truth. We will hear the echo of the words of Jesus, “the Father and I are one, and we will send our Holy Spirit to be with you forever.”

As a parish, we were asked in 2013 the question, “who are you?” in the planning phase of the archdiocesan initiative, Making All Things New (MATN). At that time, we involved ourselves in a self-assessment which helped us to identify the characteristics which define us as a community of faith. Through that exercise, we discovered that the foundational principles of THE IGNATIAN WAY—prayer, service, and community—are what define us as a parish. Our identity and mission was then validated by Cardinal Dolan in the new configuration of archdiocesan parishes into clusters.

We now enter the implementation phase of MATN and have been asked to identify the ways in which we will collaborate with the cluster of parishes of St. Joseph, St. Francis de Sales, St. Monica/St. Elizabeth of Hungary/ St. Stephen of Hungary, and Our Lady of Good Counsel/St. Thomas More. Our parish’s MATN implementation team, Kathy Murnion (Chair), Victoria Santaella, David Hogan, Justin Lam, and Dennis Yesalonia, S.J., will soon meet with the other teams of our cluster to discuss the ways in which we can join in our common mission of serving God’s people and to discover who we are as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

May the implementation phase of MATN lead us, in collaboration with our neighboring parishes, to new ways of experiencing the reality of God’s truth. For it is only through love that all things are made new. How extraordinary the answer to such an ordinary question!

— Rev. Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J.
Associate Pastor
**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**SUNDAY, MAY 22nd**
Offering of Letters Campaign for Bread for the World.
Narthex. Following all Masses.
*Details below.*

*Rejoice in the Lord!*
A Music Ministry Celebration.
3:00 PM. Church.
*Details on page 3.*

**THURSDAY, MAY 26th**
Ignatian Social Justice.
7:00 PM. Conference Room.
All are welcome.

**IGNATIAN SOCIAL JUSTICE**
Offering of Letters Campaign for Bread for the World

*TODAY*
In the Narthex after all Masses

The focus of this year’s letter-writing campaign is to urge members of Congress to increase funding for the nutrition and health of mothers, infants, and children.

Members of ISJ will be in the Narthex after each Mass to assist parishioners with their letters.

**Interested in Becoming Catholic?**

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 that will begin in the Fall.

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, which is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is also open to those Catholic adults who have not received the Sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation.

For more information, contact Maureen Fullam at 212-288-3588 or email church@saintignatiusloyola.org

**Reception for Fr. Feely and Fr. Yesalonia**

*SUNDAY, JUNE 5th in McKinnon Hall Following the 11:00 AM Masses*

Please join us on June 5th for a reception thanking Fr. Feely for his service as Parish Administrator this past year and congratulating Fr. Yesalonia, who officially becomes pastor of St. Ignatius Loyola on June 1st.

**The Parish Ministry Council cordially invites those St. Ignatius Parishioners who have served this year to**

*The Ministers’ Night Annual Supper Social*

Growing in Prayer, Service, and Community

Thursday, June 2nd
7:00 PM
Wallace Hall

RSVP by Tuesday, May 31st:
212-288-3588 or ministrydinner@gmail.com

Please leave both your name and your ministry.

We look forward to sharing a meal together!

For your convenience
To reach the Giving page on the parish website, scan the QR Code at left.

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“The Cardinal’s Appeal offers vital support to offices, ministries, and programs throughout the Archdiocese as well as in our own parish.

Please support the Appeal by making your pledge today.

**Gifts can be made online at cardinalsappeal.org**

“Let us pray to the Holy Spirit, who is truly the author of this unity in variety, of this harmony, that he might make us ever more “catholic” in this Church that is catholic and universal.”

— Pope Francis, *The Church of Mercy*
MUSIC
SUNDAY, MAY 29TH

11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS
Bach  Prelude and Fugue in A Major, BWV 536
Messiaen  O sacrum convivium
Warren  Anima Christi
J.S. Bach  In dir est Freude, BWV 615

Rejoice in the Lord!
A Music Ministry Celebration
TODAY at 3:00 PM
The Choir of St. Ignatius Loyola,
Parish Community Choir,
Wallace Hall Choir, Canticum Sacrum, and
Children's Choirs join forces in gratitude and joy.
FREE WILL OFFERING. NO TICKETS NECESSARY.

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

**Monday, May 23rd (Eighth Monday in Ordinary Time)**
- 1 Peter 1:3–9  Psalm 111  Mark 10:17–27
- 8:30  MEM  Audrey Stehlik
- 12:10  MEM  Kathleen & Michael O’Brien
- 5:30  MEM  Richard Nolan

**Tuesday, May 24th (Eighth Tuesday in Ordinary Time)**
- 1 Peter 1:10–16  Psalm 98  Mark 10:28–31
- 8:30  MEM  Charles Denihan
- 12:10  MEM  Deceased Members of the
  Brenninkmeijer Family
- 5:30  MEM  James Waters

**Wednesday, May 25th (Eighth Wednesday in Ordinary Time)**
- 1 Peter 1:18–25  Psalm 147  Mark 10:32–45
- 8:30  MEM  Olga Immaculata D’Esposito
- 12:10  MEM  Kathryn Westman
- 5:30  MEM  Robert Norris Sloan

**Thursday, May 26th (St. Philip Neri)**
- 1 Peter 2:2–5, 9–12  Psalm 100  Mark 10:46–52
- 8:30  MEM  Emil Wittek
- 12:10  MEM  John Nicholas
- 5:30  MEM  George Heilborn

**Friday, May 27th (Eighth Friday in Ordinary Time)**
- 1 Peter 4:7–13  Psalm 96  Mark 11:11–26
- 8:30  MEM  Fred Viscusi
- 12:10  MEM  Dorothy A. Reilly
- 5:30  MEM  Katherine Califano

**Saturday, May 28th (Eighth Saturday in Ordinary Time)**
- Jude 17, 20b–25  Psalm 63  Mark 11:27–33
- 8:30  MEM  Francis Schultz

**Sunday, May 29th (The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ)**
- Genesis 14:18–20  Psalm 110

APRIL SACRAMENTS

**Weddings**
- Robert M. Hamilton & Carol Dies Rocker
- Raphael Charles Albert Lepine & Therese Elizabeth Stark
- Edward Doyle O’Brien & Lauren Margaret Binkley
- Christian F. Rocchio & Kelly Kathleen O’Donnell Tealdi
- Oliver Gerard Schenkel & Elizabeth Pia Nehemiah
- Eric Hunter Slater & Patricia Fiorent
- Cory Frank Vieira & Zhibai Lin

**Baptisms**
- Owen Traynor Ahlborn
- Eve Scarlett Babski
- Addison Grace Bump
- Robert Hudson Bump
- Theo Jovan Chin
- Clyde Patrick Cooke
- Bella Alexandra Iosilevich
- Victor Alexander Iosilevich
- Austin Crockett Keber
- Isabelle Jihee Kim
- William Mark Koch
- Olivia Grace Lert
- Donovan Rhys Mangan
- Vera Christina Mittleman
- Andrew John Murdock

**Confirmations**
- 50 students from St. Ignatius Loyola School,
- 50 students from the St. Ignatius Loyola Interparish Religious Education Program,
- 6 adult parishioners received the Sacrament.

PRAYER SUGGESTION — Sacred Space
Spend 10 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
Volunteer Opportunity. The Community of St. Egidio is looking for volunteers for their activities in Manhattan, including preparing and distributing food to homeless men and women and visiting a nursing home on the Upper East Side. If you are interested, contact Paola at 646-765-3899 or at santegidiosa@gmail.com

Sunday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Every Sunday (except the month of July), 1:30 PM – 5:30 PM. Saint Joseph’s Church, 404 East 87th Street. An opportunity for quiet prayer and silent adoration. All are welcome.

ArchCare Care Navigation Center: Resources for Seniors. Need help caring for yourself or someone else but not sure where to turn? ArchCare, the healthcare system of the Archdiocese of New York has a Care Navigation Center staffed by health and social service professionals dedicated to helping people better understand and access the services for which they are eligible. Call 855-951-2273 between 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM seven days a week.

Annual Golden Wedding Mass Celebration
Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2016 are invited to attend one of the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass Celebrations with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick on Saturday, June 25th at 1:30 PM and Sunday, June 26th at 2:00 PM. Pre-registration is required.
To register, contact Diane Boyle at the Parish House (212-288-3588 x618 or boyle@stignatiusloyola.org) by Tuesday, May 24th.

We pray for the faithful departed
Roger Katz
Mary M. Tongue
May they rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

Weekday Masses
Monday – Friday
8:30 AM, 12:10 PM, and 5:30 PM
Saturday: 8:30 AM

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Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM Fr. Feely
Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Feely
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Wallace Hall 11:00 AM Fr. Judge
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