The inspiration for this essay begins on a subway platform. Waiting for the uptown express at the 86th Street station three weeks ago, I noticed an unusual poster. It wasn’t advertising anything. It simply offered ten guidelines for working more productively. They seemed helpful, so I jotted them down while waiting for the next Woodlawn express.

As I read the guidelines again on the train, it struck me that one had a negative bias. “Accept change as inevitable.” It seemed as if the author were cautioning us that change is not just unavoidable, it is unfortunate. Why didn’t the author write, “Welcome change as a path to growth”? That would have better matched the positive phrasing of the other nine guidelines. Why did the author betray such an unenthusiastic attitude toward change? Probably because the author doesn’t like change and frequently resists it. That is true of many of us, and I do not exclude myself. I came across the poster just before Pentecost, so faith in the Holy Spirit was on my mind. When we honor the Holy Spirit as the Spirit of Truth and the Spirit of Love, aren’t we honoring the Holy Spirit as the Spirit of Change? We never possess truth in its entirety. Truth’s implications gradually reveal themselves as truth strengthens its hold on us. Truth keeps challenging us to change. Love is not static. Love’s demands disclose themselves as love intensifies its grasp on us. Love keeps asking us to change.

Then why are we so resistant to change? Some of our resistance is based on well-founded concern. Not all change is change for the better. To change is to risk making a mistake; that is our human condition. As individuals and as communities, we can espouse changes that betray the truth and diminish love. It would be foolish not to admit that. Still, it would be even more foolish to be immobilized by the potential for error inherent in change. Change may not always lead to growth, but stagnation inevitably leads to decay.

Jesus has told us the Kingdom of God belongs to little children. Children are remarkably open to change. Yes, children love routine. They will happily listen to the same bedtime story night after night, and heaven help the reader who skips a page or changes a word. But if you offer a child a chance for adventure, if you offer to introduce a child to something new and different, the child will likely be at your side in a flash, begging to know when you can begin.

Our ability to reflect the Kingdom of God to the world depends on our capacity to embrace both routine and change the way children do. The key is to combine the enthusiasm of little children with the discernment of mature adults. We need to judge wisely when to let routine carry us and when to embrace change with all its potential for error. So we come back to the Spirit. The Spirit who is the Spirit of Change is also the Spirit of Wisdom, and we need wisdom to perceive when the Spirit of Change is calling us to new manifestations of truth and love, and when we are being tempted away from truth and love by other spirits altogether.

How can we open ourselves to the Spirit of Wisdom? When I was a young Jesuit, discernment workshops based on the principles of Saint Ignatius’ Spiritual Exercises were much in vogue. Some enthusiasts spoke of them as if they offered an assured pathway to wise decisions. Commenting on the exaggerated claims sometimes made for the workshops, an astute Jesuit wrote a cautionary essay in which he noted that “a weekend discernment workshop will not make up for the lack of a lifetime of prayer.”

That is the crux of the matter. Prayer creates room for the Spirit of Wisdom to work. Not prayer as an emergency response in crisis, but prayer as a lifelong practice of putting ourselves in the presence of God. We will be able to distinguish the promptings of the Spirit of Change from the promptings of other spirits only if we consistently devote ourselves to prayer. Then the Spirit of Wisdom will dwell in us.

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

**Special Collection**

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

Thank you for your generosity.

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**SUNDAY, JUNE 5th**

Reception for Fr. Feely and Fr. Yesalonia. Following the 11:00 AM Masses. McKinnon Hall. Details at right.

Sunday Social.
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, JUNE 6th**

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, JUNE 8th**

Job Transition Support Group.
10:00 AM. Parish Lounge.
Bringing together experienced professionals looking to secure employment.
Details on page 3.

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**Summer Mass Schedule Changes**

The final Wallace Hall Family Mass of the season will be **Sunday, June 19th**. The Family Mass will resume on **Sunday, September 11th**.

Our summer Daily Mass Schedule begins on Monday, June 27th and runs through Friday, September 2nd. During this time, the 12:10 PM Daily Mass is discontinued. The 8:30 AM Mass will be celebrated in the Church and the 5:30 PM Mass will be celebrated in the Lady Chapel.

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**Summer “Temps”**

The Ministry of Hospitality invites you to Be A Temp.
Choose a weekend in either July or August and volunteer to serve as an usher at the Mass of your choice. During these months many of our regular ministers are away and extra help is needed to fill their slots.

Please contact Rob Manning at robbiefmanning@gmail.com if you can serve during July or August.

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**Religious Education for Children**

Online registration is now open!

To register for the 2016–2017 IREP program, visit:

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.

To register for the 2016–2017 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program, visit:

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**Sunday Evening Shared Prayer**

In late June, we hope to start Sunday evening sessions before the 7:30 PM Mass with a group of people interested in sharing silence and reflections on the Scripture Readings of that Sunday.

If you are interested in participating in such a group, please respond to sharedprayeratsil@gmail.com

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Reception for Fr. Feely and Fr. Yesalonia

**TODAY**

McKinnon Hall

Following the 11:00 AM Masses

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

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Installation Mass

Rev. Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J., will be installed as the 35th Pastor of the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola on Sunday, September 18th during the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass.

A reception will follow in McKinnon Hall.

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Join choristers from local schools and sing with our St. Ignatius Children's Choirs next season!

Do you have a child who loves to sing? Have them become a member of the St. Ignatius Loyola Children's Choir! Rising 1st through 8th graders may ‘audition’ on Thursday, June 16th, 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM, in the Parish House Meeting Room.

Please contact Maureen Haley, Director of Children’s Choirs, at haleym@saintignatiusloyola.org for an audition time.

All parish children are welcome and no prior experience is necessary. A parent or guardian must be present to fill out the registration materials. Please see the brochure in the Narthex or on our website, stignatiusloyola.org, for additional information.

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**SUNDAY, JUNE 12TH**

**11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS**

with Wallace Hall Choir

arr. Choplin  Gather by the River to Pray

**Announced Masses and Readings for the Week**

**Monday, June 6th** (Tenth Monday in Ordinary Time)

1 Kings 17:1–6    Psalm 121    Matthew 5:1–12

8:30 MEM    Christina Castiglio Bernard
12:10 MEM    Eugene Brupbacher
5:30 MEM    Isabel H. Heinl

**Tuesday, June 7th** (Tenth Tuesday in Ordinary Time)

1 Kings 17:7–16    Psalm 4    Matthew 5:13–16

8:30 MEM    Fred Marolda
12:10 MEM    Suzanne Feldman
5:30 MEM    Hannah & Patrick Cleary

**Wednesday, June 8th** (St. James Berthieu)

1 Kings 18:20–39    Psalm 16    Matthew 5:17–19

8:30 ANN    Kay Carolyn Calcagnini
12:10 MEM    Lionel Arthur Davis
5:30 MEM    Jack Christian Sales

**Thursday, June 9th** (Tenth Thursday in Ordinary Time)

1 Kings 18:41–46    Psalm 27    Matthew 5:20–26

8:30 MEM    Jim Nolan
12:10 MEM    Simona Saracino Fendi
5:30 MEM    Deceased Members of the Scanlon & McLoughlin Families

**Friday, June 10th** (Tenth Friday in Ordinary Time)

1 Kings 19:9a, 11–16    Psalm 27    Matthew 5:27–32

8:30 MEM    Valentino Mazzia
12:10 MEM    James Gallacher
5:30 MEM    Mary H. Bliven

**Saturday, June 11th** (St. Barnabas)


8:30 MEM    Hannah Clancy

**Sunday, June 12th** (Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time)

2 Samuel 12:7–10, 13    Psalm 32

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](http://www.sacredspace.ie)

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**Pope Francis’ June Prayer Intentions**

Apostleship of Prayer receives monthly prayer intentions from the pope and urges Christians throughout the world to unite in prayer for those intentions.

**Universal: Human Solidarity**

That the aged, marginalized, and those who have no one may find—even within the huge cities of the world—opportunities for encounter and solidarity.

**Evangelization: Seminarians and Novices**

That seminarians and men and women entering religious life may have mentors who live the joy of the Gospel and prepare them wisely for their mission.

“This is what it means to be close to Christ. Abide in Jesus! This means remaining attached to him, in him, and with him, talking to him. Abide in Jesus!”

— Pope Francis, *The Church of Mercy*
Music Information: (212) 288-2520   Email: music@stignatiusloyola.org