Father's Day Reflections

It has always disconcerted me to have people wish me a happy Father's Day. Years of working with the fathers of adolescent males, when their sons were at their best and at their worst, have taught me as much as anyone who is not a father can know about the demands of fatherhood. In my estimation, the demands of priesthood pale by comparison. Father’s Day greetings offered to the clergy have always seemed not entirely merited.

As I reflect on five years at Saint Ignatius Loyola, however, I find myself recalling a lesson about fatherhood I learned as a high school principal. After a certain age, good parenting becomes good partnering. It is a lesson that has made me more at ease receiving Father's Day greetings than I used to be.

There are two aspects to partnering. Everyone knows that being a mentor—sharing his life experience with his children in ways that help them mature—is one of the most important gifts a father can give his sons and daughters. But mentoring is only half of the partnership equation. The other half is learning.

Good fathers recognize the truth of the saying, “I was never their age.” They understand that the world their children inhabit is not the world of their own youth. The opportunities young people enjoy, the challenges they must negotiate, and the dangers they face are more complex than those their fathers encountered. A good father needs to learn about his children's world, and only his children can teach him. If a father does not learn from his children, however, his advice will likely miss the mark and not be of much use.

In this process of learning, a father frequently discovers things about his children he might not otherwise have noticed. Talents that make him scratch his head and ask, “Where did that come from? Certainly not from me.” Curiosity and a desire to learn that reignite his own interest in the world. Empathy and concern for people that challenge him to be less judgmental and appreciate others more. In these and many other ways, what a father learns from his sons and daughters enriches him and makes him a better mentor.

The same is true for priesthood. Priesthood depends on partnering even more than parenting does. Just like fathers, priests need to be skilled mentors. Just like fathers, priests cannot mentor well unless they let their people teach them. While I hope I have served you in ways that have supported and deepened your lives of faith, that remains a hope. What I know for certain is that much of what I have been able to do depends on what you have taught me.

Experiencing the faith and generosity of the people of this parish has greatly enriched me. Your desire to deepen your lives in the Lord, your willingness to help those in need, the support you give each other in parish activities and in times of personal difficulty, and the spirit of joyful celebration you bring to our liturgies and our parish life have all taught me how to serve better.

If I am more at ease receiving Father's Day greetings this year, it is because what you have taught me from your side of the ministry equation has enabled me to serve better from mine. So thank you for reminding me that priesthood depends on partnering. Thank you for teaching me so much about what a priest needs to know to be of service to others.

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 17th
Fr. Feely’s Farewell Reception.
Following the 11:00 AM Masses. McKinnon Hall.
Ignatian Young Adults Sunday Social.
8:30 PM. Wallace Hall.

MONDAY, JUNE 18th
Moms, Pops & Tots.
10:00 AM. Meeting Room.
Ranger Rosary Ministry.
7:00 PM. Meeting Room.

TUESDAY, JUNE 19th
Ignatian Interfaith Ministry.
6:30 PM. Parish Lounge.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20th
Songs for the Holy City:
An Interfaith Evening of Music and Prayer.
7:30 PM. Jewish Theological Seminary.
Sponsored by the Ignatian Interfaith Ministry.
Details at right.

THURSDAY, JUNE 21st
An Afternoon at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.
2:00 PM. Sponsored by Boomers & Beyond.
Details on page 3.
Ignatian Social Justice.
7:00 PM. Conference Room.
LGBT Catholics & Friends.
7:00 PM. Parish Lounge.

JOIN OUR EMAIL MAILING LIST!
Whether you’re traveling this summer or staying close to home, stay up-to-date on parish news, programs, events.
To sign-up, scan the QR code at left or visit jtsa.edu/holy-city-interfaith

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Your Parish, Your Home
Campaign for the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola

At the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, we warmly welcome those who seek to be a part of a vibrant worshipping community, to grow in faith, to be nurtured in mind and spirit, and to be joyful disciples of Jesus Christ in today’s world.

We are always open to where God is calling us. But our magnificent church buildings don’t reflect the welcome we extend to everyone.

You can help change that by making a gift to this important capital campaign.

CAMPAIGN GOAL: $7,500,000

To learn more about the Your Parish, Your Home Capital Campaign, visit stignatiusloyola.org/index.php/capitalcampaign

IGNATIAN INTERFAITH MINISTRY

Songs for the Holy City:
An Interfaith Evening of Music and Prayer
Wednesday, June 20th at 7:30 PM
Jewish Theological Seminary
3080 Broadway at 122nd Street

For more details and to register, visit jtsa.edu/holy-city-interfaith

SAVE THE DATE

SNOWBALL DANCE
Saturday, December 8th

Put on your dancing shoes for the Second Annual St. Ignatius Loyola Snowball Dance on Saturday, December 8th from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM in Wallace Hall.

Come eat, drink and dance to live music with your fellow adult (21+) parishioners.

Tickets go on sale in July.

Religious Education for Children

Online registration is open!
BOOMERS & BEYOND

AN AFTERNOON AT
THE METROPOLITAN
MUSEUM OF ART

Thursday, June 21st at 2:00 PM

Join us as we explore the exhibit Heavenly Bodies:
Fashion and the Catholic Imagination, which
examines fashion’s on-going engagement with the
devotional practices and traditions of Catholicism.

The exhibit includes exceptional loans of vestments
from the Vatican as well as more than 150 ensembles
of secular clothing from the last century.

To RSVP, email
boomersandbeyond.st.ignatius@gmail.com

Space is limited.

Cost: Admission is a pay as you wish for New York
State residents with valid state- or city-issued ID.

We will meet inside the museum at 2:00 PM and
begin our exploration as a group. Cocktails will
follow at the Metropolitan’s rooftop garden bar.

Sunday Brunch
Sunday, June 24th
1:00 PM
Doc Watson’s Outdoor Garden | 1490 2nd Avenue

Price: $22 per person
(includes tax, tip and 2 complimentary drinks)

Space is limited.

To RSVP, email
boomersandbeyond.st.ignatius@gmail.com

Congratulations
and best wishes
to the 58 members
of the
2018 Graduating Class of
Saint Ignatius Loyola School!

This year’s graduates have been awarded over $3 million dollars
in merit scholarships.

- Bronx High School of Science
- Brooklyn Tech High School
- Chaminade High School
- Convent of the Sacred Heart
- Dominican Academy
- Eleanor Roosevelt High School
- Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School
- Fordham Preparatory School
- Frank Sinatra School
- Gulf Coast High School, Naples, Florida
- Léman Manhattan Preparatory School
- Loyola School
- Marymount School
- Notre Dame High School
- Regis High School
- Stuyvesant High School
- The Mary Louis Academy
- Xavier High School

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, June 18th
(11th Monday in Ordinary Time)
1 Kings 21:1–16    Psalm 5    Matthew 5:38–42
8:30   MEM Frank Mignano
12:10   MEM Maria Fernanda Mendez Canas
5:30   MEM Eric Peter Judge

Tuesday, June 19th
(11th Tuesday in Ordinary Time)
1 Kings 21:17–29    Psalm 51    Matthew 5:43–48
8:30   ANN Carla Fendi
12:10   MEM Sose & Mark Prekelezaj
5:30   MEM Cecilia Arengi Bentivoglio

Wednesday, June 20th
(11th Wednesday in Ordinary Time)
2 Kings 2:1, 6–14    Psalm 31    Matthew 6:1–6, 16–18
8:30   MEM Julia Anne O’Donnell
12:10   MEM John Robert Berko
5:30   MEM Regina Loughran

Thursday, June 21st (St. Aloysius Gonzaga)
Sirach 48:1–14    Psalm 97    Matthew 6:7–15
8:30   LVG JoAnn Ruggiero
12:10   MEM Ellen House
5:30   MEM Nathan Davidson

Friday, June 22nd (11th Friday in Ordinary Time)
8:30   MEM Hanna Latyshevsky
12:10   MEM Elizabeth Jane Vorndran
5:30   MEM Charles Caclucci

Saturday, June 23rd (11th Saturday in Ordinary Time)
8:30   MEM John B., John A. & Elizabeth A. Rooney

Sunday, June 24th (The Nativity of St. John the Baptist)
Isaiah 49:1–6    Psalm 139
Religious Education for Children
Ms. Carly-Anne Gannon, Director
M.Phil., M.Ed.
(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

St. Ignatius Loyola Day Nursery
Ms. Theodora Crist, M.S.
Executive Director
240 East 84th Street
New York, NY 10028
(212) 734-6427

Children’s Liturgy of the Word
Sundays at the 9:30 AM Mass.

Centering Prayer
Mondays at 6:30 PM.

Confessions
4:30 PM Saturday or by appointment.

Baptisms
Please call Maureen Haley at the Parish House (212-288-3588 x636) 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 Maureen Haley at the Parish House (212-288-3588 x636) 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.

Lecture: Why Do We Need a Church? Tuesday, June 19th, 6:30 PM. America Media, 1212 Avenue of the Americas, 11th Floor. Presented by Rev. Michael Himes, Professor of Theology, Boston College. Cost: Free but donations are accepted. To RSVP, email events@americamedia.org

Concert: The Sistine Chapel Choir. Saturday, July 7th, 7:00 PM. Radio City Music Hall. The world’s oldest organized choir will perform at Radio City Music Hall during a stop in the Choir’s seven-city U.S. tour. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.sistinechapelchoirtour.com

Interested in 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.

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

Available at the Parish House
The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola: A Walking Tour

The updated Walking Tour—with all-new photographs—provides a detailed overview of the rich architectural history of the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola. Cost: $8

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