Accepting the Call

Starting today, the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates National Vocation Awareness Week. Given my own recent experience of going through the vocations process, I have been asked to write about it. I will say a little about discovering my vocation to religious priesthood and then draw a few conclusions.

I did not always want to be a priest. During high school, the idea of even being Christian repulsed me. Like many teenagers, I was an atheist (though I still attended Sunday Mass to keep my mother happy). Science seemed to explain the universe perfectly well without the hypothesis of a creator, so Occam’s Razor lopped that hypothesis from my worldview.

Three people opened my eyes and, more importantly, my heart. First, Katie taught a course on secular ethics. She convinced me that the universe has a structure beyond the physical—it has, at the very least, an ethical structure as well. That led to the consideration that perhaps science alone cannot adequately explain the world. The second person, Bill, coached my cross-country team. He rooted his coaching in Aristotelianism, both to explain character development and to situate the human person in the context of community. He drilled that communitarian context down into my bones as the one in which I flourish best, the same one in which Catholicism roots itself. Finally, Jim helped me explore my emerging re-engagement with religion. I eventually came back to Roman Catholicism for three reasons: a) It takes science seriously, even if not always in a timely manner; b) It has developed a rich heritage of social thought; c) Most importantly, Catholics worship a God who has suffered as we suffer.

My teacher, my coach, and my mentor instilled in me a passion for ethics, character, community, and religion. Taking those values to their natural conclusion led me into the Society of Jesus, a decision toward which Katie, Bill, and Jim encouraged me more and more as time went on.

One thing you might notice about my story is the absence of any Jesuit! I attended a Jesuit high school and a Jesuit university. At least 5 Jesuits taught me in the classroom, another oversaw my dorm, and I knew many others simply from being around campus. Wonderful men, they are not the reason I entered religious life. I owe my vocation to three lay people who guided me over the course of years. Many men have entered the Society after spending time in Scranton; most of them would tell similar stories.

Vocations promotion today does not primarily take the form of Jesuits, priests, monks, or nuns inspiring young people. Rather, it consists of lay people fostering a culture in which a young person can seriously imagine a life happily dedicated to God and God’s people. It takes the form of the laity competently engaging young people on the issues that matter and encouraging them to own their faith. It takes people like you to promote vocations like mine.

Over the next weeks and months, I will be thinking through how such a culture can be fostered more intentionally at St. Ignatius. We have such fertile ground here, especially in spirituality, liturgy, and community, that vocations to religious life and the priesthood ought to be budding left and right. If you are interested in helping promote that culture, please let me know at konzmanb@saintignatiusloyola.org. No matter what, take seriously the impact you can have on a young person’s religious life. Finally, please join me in prayer, that the Holy Spirit continue to move people toward this beautiful vocation and to give them the courage to accept that call.

— Rev. Brian G. Konzman, S.J.
Assistant Pastor
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4th
Olivewood Sale.
Following All Masses. Narthex.
Details on page 4.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5th
Moms, Pops & Tots.
10:00 AM. Gonzaga Meeting Room. Details on page 3.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7th
Spark Parent Information Meeting.
6:30 PM. Faber Lounge.
Details below.

SPARK MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

Parent Information Meeting
Wednesday, November 7th at 6:30 PM
Faber Lounge

Parents! Come find out about our new parish ministry just for middle school kids!
It's not a Bible study. It's not a prayer group.
Spark is about creating a community of middle school students and applying the Gospel message to their daily lives in innovative ways.

MEETING CHRIST IN PRAYER

Continuing the Journey Through Holy Listening

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If you treasured the faith sharing experiences of Meeting Christ in Prayer and long to deepen your relationship with Christ by sharing your prayer experience with your brothers and sisters, you are invited to join either of two groups who will meet for four sessions of Holy Listening.

Based on Resurrection readings, this program provides new opportunities for spiritual conversation.

For registration and information, contact Grace Gorman or Rosario Conde-Johanek at MCIP@saintignatiusloyola.org

LECTURE

The Joy of Parenting
Monday, November 19th
7:00 PM
Wallace Hall

Presenter: Timothy P. O’Malley, PhD

Becoming a parent transforms your life. You sleep less. You’re worried about the health and well-being of your child. Yet, it’s often here in the midst of some of the greatest challenges of being a mom or dad that we discover a joy that gives new meaning to our lives.

In this presentation, we will reflect on the joy of parenting, showing how the vocation to parenthood can become the way that God brings us to holiness. Parenthood must be grounded in spirituality!

About Timothy P. O’Malley

Timothy P. O’Malley, PhD is director of education with the McGrath Institute for Church Life at the University of Notre Dame. He is the recent author of two books, Off the Hook: God, Love, Marriage, and Dating (Ave Maria Press, 2018) and Bored Again Catholic: How the Mass Could Save Your Life (Our Sunday Visitor, 2017). He is married to Kara and has two young children.

Thank You!

On Sunday, September 30th, the Hour Children truck arrived at St. Ignatius Loyola to accept parishioners’ contributions of household items and clothing.

A letter of thanks from Sr. Tesa Fitzgerald, Executive Director of Hour Children, appears below:

Dear Generous Parishioners of St. Ignatius Parish,

Your goodness and caring were deeply appreciated by the families who benefited from the TRUCKLOAD of donations!

May God’s graces fill your lives with peace.
Gratitude and prayers,
Sister Tesa and All at Hour Children

Moving? Please don’t forget to notify us!
MORE THAN A BOOK CLUB

NOVEMBER SELECTION
BOOK DISCUSSION
Thursday, November 15th at 2:00 PM
Parish Lounge

NOVEMBER BOOK SELECTION
People of the Book
by Geraldine Brooks

People of the Book traces the harrowing journey of the famed Sarajevo Haggadah, a beautifully illuminated Hebrew manuscript created in 15th century Spain.

When it falls to Hanna Heath, an Australian rare-book expert, to conserve this priceless work, the series of tiny artifacts she discovers in its ancient binding—an insect wing fragment, wine stains, salt crystals, a white hair—only begin to unlock its deep mysteries and unexpectedly plunges Hanna into the intrigues of fine art forgers and ultra-nationalist fanatics.

To register for the November 15th book discussion, email MoreThanABookClubSIL@gmail.com

Registration required.

Snow Ball Dance

Put on your dancing shoes for the Second Annual St. Ignatius Loyola Snow Ball Dance.

Saturday, December 8th
7:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Wallace Hall

Come eat, drink and dance to live music with your friends and other fellow adult (21+) parishioners. Tickets can be purchased at donate.stignatiusloyola.org/snowball.

Tickets: $40/person

For more information, contact ram.akella@pchllp.com

Join Our Email Mailing List!
To sign-up, scan the QR code at left or visit stignatiusloyola.org/index.php/about_us/parish-email-list

MOMS, POPS & TOTS
Monday, November 5th
10:00 AM
Gonzaga Meeting Room

Our mission is to create a community for our parents and youngest parishioners through support, play and prayer. Parenthood comes with many challenges, so come with or without your children and benefit from the support and encouragement of other parents.

For more information, email Nicole O’Reilly at n_fusaro@yahoo.com

BOOMERS & BEYOND

Sunday Brunch
Sunday, November 11th at 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

PARISH MEN’S FAITH GROUP

Tuesday, November 20th
7:00 PM | Parish House

Receiving the Grace to Love Our Enemies

Among the most challenging of Jesus’ teaching is the command to love our enemies—especially difficult in this time of polarization, division, and tribalism.

Our gathering will explore how we transform the shadow energies of hatred so that we may receive the grace of this paradoxical love.

To RSVP, email Brian Pinter at brianbpinter@gmail.com

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
OLIVEWOOD SALE
TODAY
In the Narthex after all Masses
Representatives from Bethlehem Handicrafts will be selling religious articles carved from olivewood after all Masses this weekend.
Your purchase can and will make a difference in the lives of the Christian Community in Bethlehem.

THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE
During the month of November, we remember our loved ones who have died.
The Book of Remembrance has been placed on the altar of the Jesuit Boy Saints (at the back of the church, on the 84th Street side). Individuals are invited to write the names of deceased loved ones in this book, which will be kept on the altar during Masses until the Feast of Christ the King, Sunday, November 26th.
Departed loved ones will be remembered in prayer at all Masses during the month.

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, November 5th
(All Saints & Blesseds of the Society of Jesus)
Deuteronomy 30:11–14    Psalm 16    John 12:23–26
8:30 MEM Living & Deceased Members of the Brenninkmeijer Family
12:10 MEM Bennett Hess
5:30 MEM Daniel F. Kelly

Tuesday, November 6th
(Thirty-first Tuesday in Ordinary Time)
8:30 MEM Marie Ruggiero
12:10 MEM Ann P. Pietrini
5:30 MEM The Meehan Family

Wednesday, November 7th
(Thirty-first Wednesday in Ordinary Time)
8:30 MEM The Choix & Gordon Families
12:10 MEM Maureen Sullivan
5:30 MEM Noel Sumulong

Thursday, November 8th
(Thirty-first Thursday in Ordinary Time)
8:30 MEM Ernest Sciutto
12:10 MEM Ken Walters
5:30 MEM Deceased Members of the Wallace Family

Friday, November 9th
(The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica)
Ezekiel 47:1–2, 8–9, 12    Psalm 46
8:30 MEM Simona Saracino Fendi
12:10 MEM Ken Walters
5:30 MEM Deceased Members of the Scanlon & McLoughlin Families

Saturday, November 10th
(St. Leo the Great)
8:30 MEM Deidre Murphy-Bader

Sunday, November 11th
(Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time)
1 Kings 17:10–16    Psalm 146
Hebrews 9:24–28    Mark 12:38–44

November is Jesuit Vocation Month
Has anyone ever suggested you might have a Jesuit vocation? Have you ever asked yourself the question? If so, the Jesuits of the USA Northeast Provinces would be happy to help you learn more about the Society of Jesus.
For more information, including details about vocation activities, visit jesuitvocations.org or contact one of the Jesuits on the parish staff.

Capital Campaign
Your Parish, Your Home
Campaign for the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola
At the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, 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.
To learn more about the Capital Campaign, visit stignatiusloyola.org/index.php/capitalcampaign

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11th
11 AM SOLEMN MASS

Parry
Elegie

R. L. Smith
Fanfare on Lauda anima

Tye Gives
almes of thy goods

Lassus
Lauda anima mea Dominum

Jongen
Chorale, Op. 37, No. 4

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Thanksgiving Food Drive
to benefit the New York Common Pantry

NYCP's Food Pantry Program is New York City's largest community-based food pantry. Throughout the holiday season NYCP will serve meals to over 2,000 low-income families.

Please bring your non-perishable food items to the Parish House through Wednesday, November 15th.

Requested items:
- pasta (1 lb.)
- canned beans
- dry beans (1 lb.)
- juice
- (46 oz. cans/bottles)
- 1 qt. shelf-stable milk
- (No glass jars please.)

Annual Turkey Drive
to benefit the New York Common Pantry

A donation of $40 will help the Common Pantry to purchase a turkey plus plenty of delicious side dishes and dessert for one of the thousands of families who rely on their Choice Pantry services.

Please bring checks to the Parish House by Wednesday, November 15th, and make them payable to: Society of St. Vincent de Paul (note Turkey Drive in the memo section).

Christmas Angel Project
Begins the weekend of November 24th–25th
to benefit The Church of Our Lady of Lourdes in Harlem and St. Mary's Church on Grand Street

Beginning the weekend of November 24th and 25th, after all Masses, participants will be able to select up to five Angel cards from one of the tables that will be placed in the Narthex and Wallace Hall. Cards will also be available at the Parish House while the supply lasts.

Gifts must be returned to the Parish House no later than Sunday, December 9th.

Arvo Pärt: The Sound of the Sacred
Monday, November 12th at 8:00 PM

The leading proponent of Arvo Pärt’s music in the world, the Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir has won two Grammy awards for recordings of Pärt’s works. Arvo Pärt is the most performed living composer in the world today. People of all religious faiths—and of none—find his music riveting and spiritually stirring.

Tickets: $38–$88

A Chanticleer Christmas
Friday, November 30th at 8:00 PM & Sunday, December 2nd at 4:00 PM

Christmas is our favorite time of year, when we accompany your holiday season with joy and tranquility in music old, new, and familiar.

Called “the world’s reigning male chorus” by The New Yorker magazine, the San Francisco based GRAMMY® award-winning ensemble Chanticleer celebrated its 40th season in 2017-18. Praised by the San Francisco Chronicle for their “tonal luxuriance and crisply etched clarity,” Chanticleer is known around the world as “an orchestra of voices” for the seamless blend of its twelve male voices ranging from soprano to bass and its original interpretations of vocal literature, from Renaissance to jazz and popular genres, as well as contemporary composition.

Tickets: $25–$93

Tickets are available online at www.smssconcerts.org or by calling 212-288-2520.
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Pastor
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Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.
Rev. Vincent B. Sullivan, S.J.
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Rev. William J. Bergan, S.J.
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Maureen Haley
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Music Ministries
Daniel Beckwith, Maureen Haley
Robert Reuter, Philip Anderson
Michael Sheetz
Scott Warren, Director
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Danya Katok, Administrator
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Robert Cisternino
Asst. to the Director of Facilities
Caroline Fernandes
Director of Development
Erin Pick
Treasurer
Fernando Castro

Weekday Masses (Monday to Friday)
8:30 AM, 12:10 PM, and 5:30 PM
Saturday: 8:30 AM

Masses for Next Weekend:
Saturday Vigil
5:30 PM Fr. Yesalonia
Sunday:
8:00 AM Fr. Konzman
9:30 AM Fr. Bergen
Wallace Hall Family
11:00 AM Fr. Sullivan
Solemn
11:00 AM Fr. Martin
7:30 PM Fr. Martin

Religious Education
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Ms. Carly-Anne Gannon, Director
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(212) 861-4764

St. Ignatius Loyola Grammar School
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M.S. Ed. (Admin.), M.S. Ed. (Literacy)
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New York, NY 10028
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St. Ignatius Loyola Day Nursery
Ms. Joy L. Blom, Executive Director
M.A., M.Ed.
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.

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: Capital Punishment: Changes in Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Attitudes. Tuesday, November 13th, 6:00 PM. Fordham University at Lincoln Center, McNally Amphitheatre, 140 W. 62nd Street. Presenter: Rev. Patrick J. Ryan, S.J., Laurence J. McGinley, Professor of Religion and Society. Respondents: Pierre M. Gentin, J.D., Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP and Ebru Turan, Ph.D., Fordham University. Free and open to the public. For more details, call 718-817-4745, visit fordham.edu/mcginleychair or email mcgchair@fordham.edu

Travel: Retreat Pilgrimage on the Camino Ignaciano with Fr. George Drance, S.J. Wednesday, March 13, 2019 to Sunday, March 24, 2019. Follow the footsteps of St. Ignatius Loyola, from his castle in Loyola to Barcelona. Option to walk or take the bus. Cost: $3,295 (rate guaranteed until Saturday, December 15th). Spaces limited to 20 pilgrims. For more information, contact Angie Cruz at angiecruzphd@gmail.com or 917-607-0937.

Sunday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Every Sunday from 3:15 PM to 5:30 PM. Saint Joseph’s Church, 404 East 87th Street. An opportunity for quiet prayer and silent adoration. All are welcome.

Interested in becoming Catholic?
For more information about this process, which is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, contact Maureen Fullam at 212-288-3588 or email church@saintignatiusloyola.org

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