



January 26, 2025 | Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Risk of Hope

What's the first thing you do when you wake up? For many of us—including myself more often than I would like to admit—I reach for my phone, squinting through bleary eyes to see what notifications have piled up overnight. (Once, when I was overseas and in a different time zone, I woke up to see more than one hundred missed text messages from family members. Fearful of some medical emergency, I was relieved to realize that I had just slept through a particularly exciting Buffalo Bills game that lit up the family “Bills Mafia” thread.)

But usually, I am not reaching for the phone out of concern that I've missed an emergency message. More often, I am just acting out of reflex, looking automatically for the “next thing.”

In “*Spes Non Confundit*” (“Hope Does Not Disappoint”), the document formally proclaiming the Jubilee Year, Pope



Francis reflects on many aspects of hope, including patience. He points out that “in our fast-paced world, we are used to wanting everything now,” and highlights the internet as an example of “space and time yield[ing] to an ever-present ‘now.’”

When I reflexively reach for the phone, either in the morning or during a lull in the day, there is a feeling of a kind of immediacy: I need to know what's happening *right now*. In my day-to-day work as editor in chief of America Media, I can feel that pressure from the other side: How fast can we get the story up so that people come to us to figure out what's going on? Or consider the experience of seeing a breaking news

headline and jumping into social media to see what others are saying about it. Yet by definition, since it's *just happened*, no one will have anything informed to say about it that quickly.

This kind of immediacy, it turns out, is both illusion and distraction. What is really immediate are the time and space we occupy directly, and yet we often pay more attention to the virtual immediacy afforded us by technology. (Let me offer a caveat here that I do not want to make this into a Luddite screed. There are plenty of kinds of virtual immediacy, such as the ability to see a loved one's face far away by video call, that deeply enrich our lives.)

Instead, I want to observe that patience, which Pope Francis describes as “both the daughter of hope and at the same time its firm foundation,” is among other things a form of attention.

Patience often involves being bored, and in order to be bored, we first have to not be distracted. It is no accident that prayer also starts with setting aside distractions. When I work with people in spiritual direction, sometimes they think that being bored in prayer means that something has gone wrong, that nothing is “happening.” But often enough, feeling bored can be a sign of beginning to pay attention to what is going on beneath the surface layer of distractions. It is the difference between standing on the subway platform waiting in frustration for the train that should have shown up ten minutes ago and intently watching a bird perched on the tree, waiting for it to take flight.

On Monday, January 27th, I will talk about “The Risk of Hope.” One element of that risk is paying attention: turning our minds and hearts to something outside ourselves and beyond our immediate control, and waiting for what happens next. In this year when we're called to be pilgrims of hope, let's set out to meet God on the way and rejoice in what he waits to offer us.

— Fr. Sam Sawyer, S.J.
Editor in Chief, America Media

Parish Mission Statement

*The love of Christ impels us to welcome all,
to worship joyfully and pray fervently,
to walk together with those in need, and
to reverence God in the wonder of Creation.*

This Week at a Glance

MONDAY, JANUARY 27th

Ranger Rosary.
1:30 PM. Parish House.

Emmaus Bereavement Group.
7 PM. Parish House. *Details at right.*

LECTURE | **The Risk of Hope.**
7 PM. Wallace Hall. *Details on page 3.*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30th

War & Peace Discussion Group.
7 PM. Parish House.

Join Our Email Mailing List!

Sign-up for our e-newsletter to receive regular updates on parish news and events.



To sign-up, scan the QR code at left or visit ignatius.nyc.

Lady Chapel Open for Private Prayer

The Lady Chapel is open daily for private prayer from 1 PM to 4 PM.
During those hours, the Church will be closed.

St. Ignatius Has an App!

It has never been easier to find current information on parish programming, participate in online giving, learn about our ministries, and more.



To download our app, visit parishsolutionsco.com/ignatiusnewyork.html

Low-Gluten Hosts

For parishioners wishing to receive a low-gluten host at the distribution of Holy Communion, please speak with a Hospitality Minister.

Emmaus Bereavement Group

Begins Monday, January 27th
7 PM to 8:30 PM in the Parish House

A six-session support group for those who have experienced the death of a loved one. The sessions, both educational and supportive, are led by experienced facilitators.

Registration is required.

To register, email EmmausBereavementGroup@gmail.com or call the Parish House at 212-288-3588 and leave your name and phone number with the receptionist.

Save the Date: Lenten Blood Drive

Sunday, March 9th, 9 AM to 3 PM
McKinnon Hall, 48 East 84th Street



Donations save lives!

To schedule your appointment to donate, scan the QR code.

Guided Church Tour

Sunday, February 23rd
12:30 PM

Church (Meeting Point: Narthex)

The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola is a vibrant parish community whose foundation rests on the faith life and commitment of all who worship here.

We invite you to explore and learn more about our beautiful church through our monthly tours.

To register, visit ignatius.nyc/guidedtour/.

Group size will be limited, so registration is required.

Ignatian Volunteer Corps

Ignatian Volunteer Corps volunteers are adults over 50 years of age who offer their life skills and experience one to two days a week to directly serve those in need.

Interested? Contact Maureen Fullam,
Regional Director, at 917-859-0928
or email mfullam@ivcusa.org,
and visit us at ivcusa.org.

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook at [stignatiusnyc](https://www.instagram.com/stignatiusnyc).

Lectures at St. Ignatius Series

The Risk of Hope
Monday, January 27th at 7 PM
Wallace Hall



PRESENTER
Fr. Sam Sawyer, S.J.
Editor in Chief, America Magazine

Hope calls us to more than just optimism about things turning out well. When we take hope seriously, we are also called to take responsibility for what we hope for.

Family Ministry

Pizza and Bingo Fundraiser: In Support of the Cheyenne River Reservation Service Project

Saturday, February 8th, from 6 PM to 8:30 PM
Wallace Hall

Family Ministry is hosting a Pizza and Bingo night! Grab your friends and a table for a fun night of pizza, games, and a silent auction! Bingo games with prizes!

Ways to Participate:

- Get a table: \$200 (8-10 people), includes pizza, salad, raffle tickets, and desserts, or
- Bring a \$25 check per person

Please Note: Bingo cards are an additional purchase. This is a BYOB (Wine and Beer only) event. Water, coffee, and tea will be provided.



To RSVP, scan the QR code or email parentcommittee.familyministry@gmail.com.

Ignatian Social Justice

Thursday, February 13th at 7 PM
Parish House

Ignatian Social Justice is a ministry of the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola made up of parishioners committed to raising awareness of current Catholic social teaching and advocating for social justice on timely and underappreciated issues

The volunteer group embraces the responsibility to inform, engage, and mobilize parishioners to promote social justice in our local community as well as the global community.

For more information, contact Jean Santopatre at santopatrej@saintignatiusloyola.org.

Lay Ministers' Enrichment

To Be Known and Loved by God: A Morning of Reflection

Saturday, February 8th
9 AM to Noon
Wallace Hall

PRESENTER
Ann Harris-Jacobs

Ann Harris-Jacobs is a retired educator, active spiritual director, and member of the music ministry at St. Francis Xavier Church. She will offer two talks intended to help us enter into the challenge and blessing it is to be known and loved by God. Between the talks, there will be time for private prayer and sharing.

Persons will gather at 8:30 AM for a light breakfast, and the day will begin promptly at 9 AM with prayer, followed by her first presentation.



To register, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/LMEWinter2025> or scan the QR code.

If you have difficulty with the online registration, please call the Parish House at 212-288-3588.

Please be prepared to give your name, your telephone number and email address.

Back to Basics 3.0

The Encyclicals of Pope Francis

Wednesday, February 12th
7 PM
Wallace Hall

PRESENTER
Fr. Michael Hilbert, S.J.

Join us for this presentation on the Encyclicals of Pope Francis as part of our annual series on what it means to be Catholic.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul welcomes all St. Ignatius parishioners to volunteer with us—and join us at our meetings for prayer, reflection, spiritual growth, fellowship, and community service year-round.

Our regular meetings take place every other Wednesday at 7 PM in the Parish House. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 5th—and all are welcome!

For more information, please contact us at svdpmembership980@gmail.com.

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Rev. James Martin, S.J.

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Weekday Masses (Monday – Friday)

8:30 AM, 12:10 PM, and 5:30 PM

Saturday: 8:30 AM

Masses for the Weekend of February 2nd

Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM Fr. Casciotti
Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Hallinan
 9:30 AM Fr. Casciotti
Wallace Hall 11:00 AM Fr. Yesalonia
Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Hilbert
 7:30 PM Fr. Hilbert

Religious Education for Children

Ms. Kate Noonan, Director

(212) 288-3588 x609

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Saint Ignatius Loyola School

Upper Campus

(First Grade through Eighth Grade)

Ms. Mary Larkin, Head of School

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48 East 84th Street

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(PreK-3 through Kindergarten)

Ms. Mary Larkin, Head of School

240 East 84th Street

(212) 734-6427 | Fax: (212) 734-6972

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sundays at the 9:30 AM Mass.

Confessions

4:30 PM Saturday or by appointment.

Baptisms

Please contact Maureen Haley at
baptisms@saintignatiusloyola.org
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 contact
Maureen Haley at
weddings@saintignatiusloyola.org
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.

Ignatian Young Adults (IYA)

For more information about our IYA
ministry, email Jean Santopatre at
santopatrej@saintignatiusloyola.org.

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, January 27th

(Third Monday in Ordinary Time)

Hebrews 9:15, 24–28 Psalm 98

Mark 3:22–30

8:30 MEM Frances Nardi

12:10 MEM Peggy Ann Tiernan
O'Brien

5:30 MEM Mari Helen Bohlen

Tuesday, January 28th

(St. Thomas Aquinas)

Hebrews 10:1–10 Psalm 40

Mark 3:31–35

8:30 MEM Christopher La Police

12:10 MEM Maureen Meahan

5:30 MEM Alfred Ziccardi

Wednesday, January 29th

(Third Wednesday in Ordinary
Time)

Hebrews 10:11–18 Psalm 110

Mark 4:1–20

8:30 MEM Adrienne Carroll

12:10 MEM Rita Zehnter

5:30 MEM Dominic & Rosemarie
Lovallo

Thursday, January 30th

(Third Thursday in Ordinary Time)

Hebrews 10:19–25 Psalm 24

Mark 4:21–25

8:30 MEM Robert Blackstock, Jr.

12:10 MEM Maureen Deck

5:30 MEM William Powers

Friday, January 31st

(St. John Bosco)

Hebrews 10:32–39 Psalm 37

Mark 4:26–34

8:30 MEM Helen & Charles
Regan

12:10 MEM Hilda Handal

5:30 MEM Jean Junker

Saturday, February 1st

(Third Saturday in Ordinary Time)

Hebrews 11:1–2, 8–19 Luke 1

Mark 4:35–41

8:30 MEM Ciro Saracino

Sunday, February 2nd

(The Presentation of the Lord)

Malachi 3:1–4 Psalm 24

Hebrews 2:14–18 Luke 2:22–40