



May 25, 2025 | Sixth Sunday of Easter

A Reason to Dance

In two weeks, the Church will celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. In some respects, Pentecost is like Christmas. At Christmas we celebrate the coming among us of God the Son in Jesus. On Pentecost, we celebrate the coming of God the Holy Spirit to the apostles to be with the Church as long as the world lasts. The physical Jesus has left our world, but the Holy Spirit is here to stay. So Pentecost gives us much to rejoice and be glad about.

I am reminded of the beginning of a poem that speaks of the excitement of Pentecost.

**Start with my toes
you old Ghost
Spirit the soles of my shoes
and teach me a Pentecostal
Boogaloo
Sprain my ankles with dancing
Sandal around my feet,
to roam with me in the rain
and feel at home in my footprints.**

What the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost did for the apostles—roaming around with them and at home in their footsteps—is what the Spirit does for the Church in every age. The clearest description of the work of the Spirit was given by St. Paul in his letter to the Galatians: “*The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.*” Any Christian community is at its strongest when these gifts shine forth.

I am sure we all know people who typify for us one or more of these marvelous qualities. Take, for example, this obituary notice in The New York Times of the death of a Jesuit priest: *Hart, Daniel J., S.J. Your Christianity has been a source of inspiration to countless retreatants. You never judged. You only loved. Thank you for having touched our lives.*

He never judged. He only loved. Surely this was God shining forth in him.

There is a special prayer that is part of the liturgy of Pentecost. Normally, this comes just after the second scripture reading. It is known as the Sequence. Let me share with you an original translation of the Pentecost Sequence—the work of a modern classics scholar.

**Come Holy Spirit and send out a ray of your uplifting light.
Come, Father of the poor, Giver of gifts,
Source of enthusiasm,
Best Comforter, gentle of hearts,
In time of activity – calm
In time of confusion – peace
In time of sorrow – comfort.
Blessed light of awareness, renew the hearts of your faithful.
Without your guidance we have nothing, nothing is undeserved.
Clarify what is unclear for me, heal what is hurt.
Make what is inflexible in me elastic, what is frightened in me fearless,
What is inconsistent in me, constant.
Grant your gifts of peace to all who trust in you.
Give a reward of courage, perseverance and eternal joy.**

As we prepare for the great Feast of Pentecost, may you experience deep within you the peace of God's Holy Spirit.

— Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J.

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

SUNDAY, MAY 25th

Community Coffee Hour.
12 PM. Outside the Parish House.

MONDAY, MAY 26th

Memorial Day.
The Parish House will be closed
in observance of Memorial Day.
One Mass will be celebrated in the Church at 8:30 AM.
There will be no 12:10 PM or 5:30 PM Masses.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28th

The "Overlooked Books" of the New Testament.
7 PM. Parish House & Zoom. *Details on page 3.*

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting.
7 PM. Parish House. *Details on page 3.*

ASCENSION THURSDAY MAY 29TH

Vigil Mass at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, May 28th
in the Church.
Masses at 8:30 AM, 12:10 PM, 5:30 PM & 7:30 PM on
Thursday, May 29th in the Church.

Interfaith Prayer Service for Migrants

Tuesday, June 10th at 6:30 PM
Church

As a people of faith, we join together to lift up in prayer
the migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers in our midst.

In these troubled times, we remember the admonition
from the Book of Leviticus: "The alien who resides
among you shall be to you as the citizen among you;
you shall love the alien as yourself..." [19:34]. And we,
of course, remember that Jesus told us that we will be
judged by whether we have welcomed the stranger.

Please join us in prayer and solidarity with all who dwell
among us as aliens in a foreign land seeking our welcome.

Sign-up for Our Weekly E-Newsletter!



To receive regular updates on parish news
and events, scan the QR code or
visit ignatius.nyc.

The Spring Appeal is Underway!

The Spring Appeal is an important source of funds
for the many ministries and ordinary operations
of the parish.

Please support your parish and contribute
to the 2025 Spring Appeal.



To give online, visit ignatius.nyc/annual-appeal or scan the QR code at left.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Guided Church Tour

Sunday, June 8th at 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/guidedtourtour
or scan the QR code at left.

Group size will be limited,
so registration is required.

Electronic Methods to Donate to the Parish

A Donation Kiosk has been installed at the back of
the church. Using it is quite simple—just select a fixed
amount or an amount of your choosing and tap with
your mobile device.

To learn more about the parish or to donate while
sitting in a pew, signs have been affixed to the backs
of the pews. Simply point your mobile device on the
QR code under the heading, *Monetary Contribution*.
The other QR codes may be used to access information
about the parish.

Parish Digital Publications

To access our Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Report,
visit ignatius.nyc/annual-reports.

The Vision Statement Implementation Plan
and the Laudato Si' Action Platform can be
found at ignatius.nyc/mission-and-values.

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook at stignatiusnyc.

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, May 28th—and all are welcome!

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

Ignatian Interfaith Ministry

Interfaith Potluck Picnic

Sunday, June 22nd

Start time between 12:45 PM and 1:00 PM

Seneca Village area of Central Park's Great Lawn

*(In the event of rain, the picnic will be held
in Wallace Hall)*

The Ignatian Interfaith Ministry, together with our Muslim friends of Peace Island Institute New York, welcome you to an interfaith potluck picnic following the 11 AM Solemn Mass.

This is a perfect opportunity to deepen friendships started with our Iftar in March and to welcome others.
This is open to all faith traditions.

Since it is a potluck, please bring food for your group plus to share with another 3–4 people. Please remember: No pork, alcohol or shellfish. Kosher or halal meat appreciated.

**RSVP to ignatianinterfaithministry@gmail.com
so we have an idea of the numbers attending.**

Ignatian Social Justice

Our new migrant families are in need of help from social workers, dentists, and doctors.

- Social workers who know how to navigate the health care system, insurance plans, and/or low-cost housing.
- Dentists who can offer pro bono care to families who do not have dental insurance.
- Specialists who can offer care to children with special needs (Cerebral Palsy, Muscular Dystrophy, a teenager with only one eye)

**If you are able to help, have questions, or wish to make a donation, please email Laura de Boisblanc at socialjustice@stignatiusloyola.org.
Thank you for your consideration.**

The “Overlooked Books” of the New Testament

Wednesdays, through May 28th at 7 PM
Parish House & Zoom

Join us as we explore a selection of less familiar New Testament documents that nonetheless carry deep theological and spiritual wisdom.

Our presentations and discussions will focus on the letters of John, Jude, and James. Brian B. Pinter, Pastoral Associate, will present.

To RSVP, email pinterb@saintignatiusloyola.org.

Ignatian Social Justice

ISJ Potluck Picnic

Sunday, June 1st

Following the 11 AM Wallace Hall Family Mass

Please join us at the June 1st Family Mass, and after Mass, walk with us to Central Park, where we will have a picnic with games for kids ages 5–10 and Spanish food to share. Relax with the families that we accompany.

To RSVP, email Laura de Boisblanc at
socialjustice@stignatiusloyola.org.

St. Ignatius Has an App!

To download our app, visit
parishsolutionsco.com/ignatiusnewyork.html
or scan the QR code at right.



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.

Ignatian Volunteer Corps

IVC 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
ivcusa.org, and visit us at ivcusa.org.**

**If you have lost an item while visiting the church,
please stop by the Parish House to check if
your misplaced article has been turned in.**

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PARISH STAFF

Pastor

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Rev. James Martin, S.J.

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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. Yesalonia
9:30 AM Fr. Martin
Wallace Hall Family 11:00 AM Fr. Hallinan
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

M.S. Ed. (Admin.), M.S. Ed. (Literacy)

48 East 84th Street

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(PreK-3 through Kindergarten)

Ms. Mary Larkin, Head of School

240 East 84th Street

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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, May 26th

(St. Philip Neri)

Acts 16:11-15 Psalm 149

John 15:26-16:4a

8:30 MEM Mario Gregorio

Tuesday, May 27th

(Sixth Tuesday of Easter)

Acts 16:22-34 Psalm 138

John 16:5-11

8:30 MEM Marion Minias

12:10 MEM Maria Rosario
Legarda

5:30 MEM Theresa Begley

Wednesday, May 28th

(Sixth Wednesday of Easter)

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 Psalm 148

John 16:12-15

8:30 LVG Colin McVeigh

12:10 MEM Elizabeth Early

5:30 MEM Barbara Giné

Thursday, May 29th

(The Ascension of the Lord)

Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47

Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23

Luke 24:46-53

Friday, May 30th

(Sixth Friday of Easter)

Zephaniah 3:14-18a Isaiah 12

Luke 1:39-56

8:30 MEM Mike Rizzo

12:10 MEM Carmen Foote
Gonzalez

5:30 MEM William Powers

Saturday, May 31st

(The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin
Mary)

Zephaniah 3:14-18a Isaiah 12

Luke 1:39-56

8:30 MEM Barbara Critchley

Sunday, June 1st

(Seventh Sunday of Easter)

Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 97

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

John 17:20-26