



June 22, 2025 | The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Food For The Work to Which We Are Called

Celebrating the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, we remember that this gift of inestimable value was given to us as food to strengthen us for the work to which we are called as his disciples.

At the last meal Jesus shared with his disciples, all the gospels, except for the gospel of John, portrayed Jesus as offering bread to them that he declared to be his body, and wine that he declared to be his blood. In that moment, they could not have understood what it was that Jesus was offering them. Despite the best efforts of Jesus to prepare them for his imminent suffering and death, the disciples were unable to grasp what Jesus was saying to them. This is why they failed Jesus so miserably at the time of his arrest. They panicked in the face of Jesus' arrest by armed agents of the Jewish leadership. It was only after his resurrection from the dead that the disciples could begin to comprehend what it was that Jesus left them in his final meal with them.



Through the lens of Jesus' resurrection, the disciples could see that Jesus had offered the sacrifice of his body and blood on the cross to liberate us from our slavery to sin so as to live in the freedom of God's sons and daughters. His sacrifice was the result of human sinfulness, but offered in complete freedom by Jesus in conformity to the will of God for him. Having been faithful to the Father even unto death, God raised Jesus from the dead. His victory destroyed the power of sin and death once and for all. In his resurrection, life and love are now, and forever will be, victorious. Recalling their last supper with Jesus, the disciples understood that when they gathered again to remember Jesus, to remember his life and

teaching, he would be present to them once more in that gathering, and in a very powerful way in the bread they would break together and in the cup they would share. In the bread that was broken and in the cup that was shared, Jesus was giving them the perpetual food of his body and blood so that they could properly remember him. And the only proper remembrance of Jesus was to make Jesus present in the world through the witness of their lives. In this way, their gathering in remembrance of Jesus would not be a static event, but a dynamic event. It would propel them outward to give courageous witness in the world to all that Jesus lived and taught.

When we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, it is not a private prayer. It is the communal prayer of the Body of Christ of which all the baptized are members. Jesus is present in all who are gathered. He is present in the Word that is proclaimed because Jesus is the Word of God made flesh. He is present in the priest who presides over our gathering and acts in the person of Jesus Christ to unite our prayer in Christ. Jesus then becomes present, through the power of God's Spirit, in the bread and wine that are offered by all who are gathered to remember him. Fed by Jesus, we are sent forth to be Jesus in the world.

On this day when there are often Eucharistic processions, we should remember that after every celebration of the Eucharist there is a procession in the world. That procession is us! We leave the Church to reveal Jesus, not as a host enshrined in a monstrance, but as a living presence within us who becomes manifest to others by the way we incarnate in our lives his all-inclusive love and mercy, his abiding compassion for all who are in need or suffering.

— Rev. Mark C. Hallinan, S.J.
Associate Pastor

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, JUNE 22nd

Community Coffee Hour.

12 PM. Outside the Parish House.

Interfaith Potluck Picnic.

12:45 PM. Central Park. Details on page 3.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25th

Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

7 PM. Parish House.

Details at right.

Summer Mass Schedule

Our summer **Daily Mass Schedule** begins on
Monday, June 30th and runs through
Monday, September 1st. During this time,
the 12:10 PM Daily Mass is discontinued.

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Do you have a friend, family member, or a loved one who is considering becoming Catholic? Encourage them to reach out to us to inquire about our parish program designed to initiate adults into the Catholic faith.

A group will meet here during the year to inquire into the Catholic faith, to come to know Jesus through the Gospels, and to pray & to prepare for the Easter Sacraments.

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

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.

**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.**

Religious Education

Registration Is Open for 2025-2026 IREP and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Pre-K)

Register now for the next session of our Interparish Religious Education Program (IREP). IREP is an ongoing formation process for Kindergarten to 8th-grade students.

IREP is intended for children who do not attend Catholic School but would like to be guided in the Catholic Faith and prepare for First Holy Communion, First Reconciliation and Confirmation. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is open to preschool students regardless of which school they attend.



**To register, visit tinyurl.com/SILIREP
or scan the QR code at left.**

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, June 25th—and all are welcome!

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

From the Archdiocese

The Good Newsroom is the digital newsroom of the Archdiocese of New York.

**Stay informed about the happenings and initiatives of
the archdiocese by visiting TheGoodNewsroom.org.**

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.

Low-Gluten Hosts

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

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.

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.

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.

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

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Backpack Drive

Through Sunday, August 17th

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is sponsoring a Backpack Drive to provide backpacks and school supplies to students at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish School in Harlem. Donated items may be dropped off at the Parish House. Staples gift cards are also welcome.

Requested items:

- Backpack
- #2 Pencils
- Ballpoint pens, Black or Blue
- Small box of crayons
- Small box of colored pencils
- Black Marble notebooks, 2
- Pocket folders, 8"X11" any colors, 3
- Small pack of wide-ruled looseleaf paper
- Eraser
- Pencil case

If you wish to order items online to be shipped to the Parish House, please ensure the shipments are addressed as follows: Attn: SVdP Backpack Drive. Please do not donate items in bulk.

Concerts at St. Ignatius

Concert Series Circle

Join and become a friend of sacred music!

Donate \$100+ and receive your name in our concert programs.

Donate \$1000+ and receive early bird ticket access starting June 24th, as well as a special discount on all seats through June 30th.



Donate at ignatius.nyc/concert-series-circle or by scanning the QR code at left.

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, and visit us at [ivcusa.org](https://www.ivcusa.org).

Sign-up for Our Weekly E-Newsletter

To receive regular updates on parish news and events, scan the QR code or visit [ignatius](https://ignatius.org).



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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. Hilbert
Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Hilbert
9:30 AM Fr. Yesalonia
Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Hallinan
7:30 PM Fr. Hallinan

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, June 23rd

(12th Monday in Ordinary Time)

Genesis 12:1-9 Psalm 33

Matthew 7:1-5

8:30 MEM Ben Maher

12:10 MEM Julia Wallace

5:30 MEM Jay Moyer

Tuesday, June 24th

(The Nativity of St. John the Baptist)

Isaiah 49:1-6 Psalm 139

Acts 13:22-26

8:30 MEM Helen Regan

12:10 MEM Raymond Carmignani

5:30 MEM Donna de Matteo

Wednesday, June 25th

(12th Wednesday in Ordinary Time)

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Psalm 105

Matthew 7:15-20

8:30 MEM Stephen Stritch, Jr.

12:10 MEM Alfred Kelly, III

5:30 MEM Jeanne Stratford

Thursday, June 26th

(12th Thursday in Ordinary Time)

Genesis 16:1-12, 15-16 Psalm 106

Matthew 7:21-29

8:30 MEM Beverly Matakaetis

12:10 MEM Patricia Anne Bracken

5:30 MEM Benjamin Daskocil, Jr.

Friday, June 27th

(The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus)

Ezekiel 34:11-16 Psalm 23

Romans 5:5b-11 Luke 15:3-7

8:30 LVG JoAnn Ruggiero

12:10 MEM Penny Waters

5:30 MEM Muffy McDonnell
Haley

Saturday, June 28th

(The Immaculate Heart of Mary)

Genesis 18:1-15 Luke 1

Luke 2:41-51

8:30 MEM Lucretia Georgi

Sunday, June 29th

(Ss. Peter & Paul)

Acts 12:1-11 Psalm 34

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

Matthew 16:13-19