



September 14, 2025 | The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

New York or Nowhere!

Perhaps you've seen these baseball hats, t-shirts, sweatshirts, and the like throughout the City? In fact, I don a NYON hat (with the Yankees logo on the side, for good measure) for my daily morning walks through our common backyard, Central Park (It was an Ordination gift from my sister who lives in Queens!). There's something about this sentiment that captures my heart! Ironically, however, this is the first time I have had the opportunity to work in New York as a Jesuit! Already, this Church is a meaningful place for me. As you may know, I was ordained here, along with four of my classmates, on June 14th.



Allow me, first, to offer a few words of introduction as we get to know each other. I grew up in Wappingers Falls, New York, a 90-minute Metro-North ride up the Hudson River. My parents—who I am sure you will see often this year!—are originally from the Bronx. Many weekends, holidays, and summer days growing up were spent in that great borough, not to mention frequent trips to Yankee Stadium! So, for me, the Bronx is like a second home, a place where I was always surrounded by family and food.

My first run-in with the Society of Jesus was at the North American Martyrs Shrine in Auriesville, New York, on a 5th-grade field trip. However, it wasn't until college at Loyola University Maryland in Baltimore that I actually met Jesuits! It was there, and especially in my work in Campus Ministry, that the idea of being a Jesuit priest started to take root. I had already thought about the priesthood, mostly thanks to the wonderful parish priests I knew in Wappingers Falls, but meeting and interacting with the Jesuits set my heart on fire in a new way. So, after much discernment and many conversations with friends and mentors, I decided to enter the Novitiate after graduation.

As I'm sure many of you know, Jesuit formation is a long and winding path! As I often say, we're slow learners! My 11 years of formation took me all over the country—from starting the journey in the Northeast in our Novitiate in Syracuse, New York to three years of philosophy studies in the Midwest at St. Louis University, followed by three years of teaching sophomore math in the Southeast at Cristo Rey Atlanta Jesuit High School, and finally, to three years on the West Coast studying theology at the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University in Berkeley, California and serving as a deacon in a parish in Orinda, California.

So, while I am filled with excitement to be back in New York, my formation has taught me how God is truly present in all places. Which reminds me of the counsel of St. Ignatius Loyola. In a letter concerning the formation of young Jesuits, he writes, "They should practice the seeking of God's presence in all things, in their conversations, their walks, in all that they see, taste, hear, understand, in all their actions, since His Divine Majesty is truly in all things by His presence, power, and essence."

Indeed, God is truly and powerfully present in all places—if only we have eyes of faith and hearts of hope to recognize and feel God's presence, power, and essence! So, perhaps the tagline ought to be New York and Everywhere! Indeed, I am excited for our year together and all the ways we will find God in this place.

Already, I'm deeply grateful for your support and prayers in these first months as a priest! I look forward to getting to know you, so please introduce yourself to me often! And, even more, please keep praying for me!

Godspeed.

— Rev. Jonathan Pennacchia, S.J.
Pastoral Year Priest

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, SEPTEMBER 14th

Community Coffee Hour.

12 PM. Outside the Parish House.

**Hear About the Migrant Justice Work
of Our Ignatian Social Justice Ministry
3 PM. Parish House.**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting.
7 PM. Parish House.**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th

**An Ignatian Spiritual Journey of
Healing and Hope for Lay Ministers.
8:30 AM. Wallace Hall.**

Details on page 3.

Welcome Back Sunday

Sunday, September 21st

Noon to 2 PM

On Park Avenue and East 84th Street

Join your fellow parishioners for fun and fellowship
after the 11 AM Solemn Mass and Wallace Hall Family
Mass. We've missed you!

The event will feature our Community Coffee Hour,
plus the opportunity for parishioners to become
reacquainted with the various ministries of the parish.

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 5th

1 PM

Outside the Parish House

Pet owners are invited to bring their leashed dog,
cat, reptile or caged birds and bunnies for a blessing
in celebration of the 10th Anniversary of Pope Francis'
2015 encyclical *Laudato si'*: *Care for Our Common Home*.

Low-Gluten Hosts

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

From the Pastor's Desk

September 2025

Dear Parishioners,

We still have time to meet the goal of \$359,700 for
this year's Cardinal's Stewardship Appeal. The goal
for the parish, as you may know, is determined by the
Archdiocese.

Compared to prior years, the parish is woefully
behind in reaching its goal. We have usually met and
exceeded our goal by this time of the year. However,
that is not the case this year. To date, 147 parishioners
have donated \$204,338. Looking at it from another
perspective, more than 3,200 households of the
parish have yet to contribute to this year's Appeal.
Unfortunately, if our goal is not met, we will be obliged
to take the outstanding amount out of the parish's
operating funds. That would take a big chunk of money
out of the parish's FY26 operating budget.

Please donate to this year's Cardinal's Appeal to support
the charitable works of the archdiocese. Envelopes for
your donations are available in the church, or you may
donate online at the parish's website and identify your
donation, *2025 Cardinal's Appeal*.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Fr. Yesalonia

Presentation

Mosques & Churches: Muslim and Christian Perspectives on Houses of Worship

**Thursday, September 25th at 7 PM
Wallace Hall**

PRESENTERS

Fr. Dennis Yesalonia, S.J., Pastor & Hakan
Yesilova, Editor, *The Fountain*

How houses of worship reflect culture,
faith, and tradition.

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Circle of Friends

Come & Get Closer to The Frick Collection: Behind the Scenes at the New Frick

Tuesday, October 14th at 1 PM
Wallace Hall (enter through the Parish House
at 980 Park Avenue)

PRESENTER

Dr. Marie-Laure Buku Pongo
Associate Curator of Decorative Arts

The Frick Collection is back! Join Dr. Marie-Laure Buku Pongo, Associate Curator of Decorative Arts, for an illuminating lecture exploring the reopening of The Frick Collection's historic Fifth Avenue home following the most significant renovation and enhancement in the museum's history.

This lecture will discuss the importance of The Frick's art collection and delve into the multi-year renovation that preserves the elegance and legacy of this elegant Gilded Age mansion while introducing state-of-the-art infrastructure, expanded galleries, and new visitor amenities. Come learn how these changes enhance the visitor experience, strengthen accessibility, and secure the institution's vitality for generations to come, all while offering a fresh encounter with The Frick's unparalleled collection and getting a sneak peek at upcoming special exhibitions.

Registration is required. Email
silcircleoffriends@gmail.com to register.

Although there is no cost for this program, free will offerings are encouraged.

Laudato Si' Care of Creation Ministry

Mass for Care of Creation

Wednesday, September 17th at 6:30 PM Mass
Followed by a reception
Church of St. Francis Xavier, 46 West 16th Street
(Accessible entrance: 55 West 15th Street)

The Church of St. Francis Xavier in collaboration with the Archdiocese of New York & Metro New York Catholic Climate Movement invite you to celebrate the Tenth Anniversary of Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical *Laudato si': Care for Our Common Home*

Let us commemorate together, in this Season of Creation, the work of our parishes and congregations in caring for God's creation over the last ten years.

Lay Ministers' Enrichment

An Ignatian Spiritual Journey of Healing and Hope for Lay Ministers

Saturday, September 20th
8:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Wallace Hall

PRESENTER

Fr. Rocco Danzi, S.J.

Fr. Rocco Danzi, S.J., invites us on an Ignatian spiritual journey of healing and hope for Lay Ministers. Fr. Rocco will offer biblical and personal reflections on healing and hope, inviting us into moments of guided meditation, journaling, and small group sharing. Let us gather on September 20th and be renewed through this journey for our service to God's people as Lay Ministers.



To register, visit tinyurl.com/LMEFall2025
or scan the QR code at left.

About the Presenter

Father Danzi is the Chaplain of the St. Peter's Jesuit Community in Jersey City. He has served in various capacities in our area, at St. Francis Xavier and Fordham.

Ignatian Interfaith Ministry

Keeping the Faith: Exploring the Place of Religion in Higher Education

Wednesday, October 15th
6:30 PM (doors open)
7 PM to 8 PM (Discussion and Q&A)
8 PM to 8:30 PM (Light reception)
Wallace Hall

PRESENTER

Dr. Ian Rottenburg
Dean of Religious Life at Columbia University

MODERATOR

Bill McGarvey
Author & Editor

Join the Ignatian Interfaith Ministry as we have a fireside discussion to explore the role religion plays on campuses and how both parents and students can prepare to not only keep the faith but take the steps to nurture its growth.

To register,
email ignatianinterfaithministry@gmail.com.

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



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Weekday Masses (Monday – 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. Pennacchia

Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Hallinan

9:30 AM Fr. Pennacchia

Wallace Hall Family 11:00 AM Fr. Yesalonia

Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Hilbert

7:30 PM Fr. Hilbert

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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

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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@nycignatius.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@nycignatius.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@nycignatius.org.

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, September 15th

(Our Lady of Sorrows)

1 Timothy 2:1–8 Psalm 28

John 19:25–27

8:30 MEM Jack O'Leary

12:10 MEM Charles A. Spadafora

5:30 ANN Noreen Delaney

Tuesday, September 16th

(Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian)

1 Timothy 3:1–13 Psalm 101

Luke 7:11–17

8:30 MEM Robert L. Cahill, Jr.

12:10 MEM Michael Klimoski

5:30 MEM Katharine Tully
Denihan

Wednesday, September 17th

(St. Robert Bellarmine)

1 Timothy 3:14–16 Psalm 111

Luke 7:31–35

8:30 MEM Rita Dilva Chiappa

12:10 MEM James A. Madden

5:30 MEM Dennis Potter

Thursday, September 18th

(24th Thursday in Ordinary Time)

1 Timothy 4:12–16 Psalm 111

Luke 7:36–50

8:30 MEM Nicolas Nuño-Kelley

12:10 MEM Anne Grethel

5:30 MEM Shane O'Reilly

Friday, September 19th

(24th Friday in Ordinary Time)

1 Timothy 6:2c–12 Psalm 49

Luke 8:1–3

8:30 MEM Carla Fendi

12:10 MEM Michael James Hogan

5:30 MEM Nathan Davidson

Saturday, September 20th

(Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Paul

Chŏng Ha-sang & comps.)

1 Timothy 6:13–16 Psalm 100

Luke 8:4–15

8:30 MEM Erlinda Enriquez

Sunday, September 21st

(25th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Amos 8:4–7 Psalm 113

1 Timothy 2:1–8 Luke 16:1–13