



October 5, 2025 | 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Moving Forward with Laudato Si'

The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola is a Laudato Si' Action Platform Parish embodying the goals articulated by Pope Francis ten years ago in his landmark encyclical, *Laudato Si' – Praise Be – Care for Creation, Our Common Home*. The encyclical is a compelling document founded in theological convictions that are grounded in scripture, Catholic Social Teaching, and previous papal documents. It speaks to Creation as a source of spirituality inspiring awe, gratitude, reverence, and of all right relationships. Moreover, it addresses how climate, environmental ecology, and related poverty are moral imperatives in addition to being scientific and societal ones.

The principles of *Laudato Si'*, emphasizing the interconnectedness of all God's creation, were woven into the preamble of the 2015 Paris Agreement and presented by Pope Francis in his historic address to the UN General Assembly on 15th September 2015, urging world leaders to work for the common good, prioritize peace and justice, and uphold the dignity of every person. Pope Leo XIV continues the ever more urgent call of action. Pope Leo XIV inaugurated and celebrated a new formulary of the Roman Missal Mass designated as Care for Creation on July 9th, 2025. In his homily, Pope Leo called for ecological conversion, drawing from the legacy of Pope Francis and his encyclical. He reminded us that "We must pray for the conversion of many people, inside and outside the Church, who still do not recognize the urgency of caring for our common home."

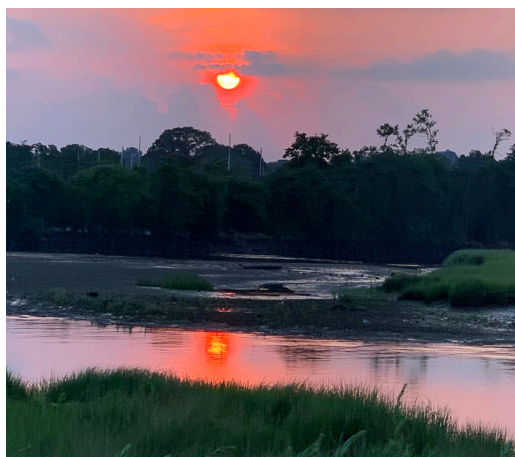


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Our archdiocese has used this new Mass in its annual celebration of the Season of Creation and this 10th anniversary of *Laudato Si'*. On October 5th, all the Masses at St. Ignatius Loyola will also be using this new liturgy in celebrating the Season of Creation that concludes with the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Season of Creation will culminate with Blessing of the Animals at 1 PM.

Our paradigm of Church requires us to transform ourselves in reverencing God's creation and contributing both individually and as a community for a sustainable future. Adding a faith and spiritually based dimension to the scientific and societal ones strengthens the understanding of what we owe God and one another in working toward a better and more just future for all. Our parish will continue to accomplish this by our adopting a parish-wide focus on the seven goals of *Laudato Si'*. Within the next several weeks, we will present a revised St. Ignatius Loyola Action Plan and offer future programs to embrace the vision of an integrated ecology.

Inspired by Pope Francis, the *Laudato Si'* Movement has designed a roadmap of action by establishing seven goals for Catholic and other institutions and individuals, which we will use. The goals are as follows:

Response to the Cry of the Earth

Response to the Cry of the Poor

Ecological Economics

Adoption of a Simple Lifestyle

Ecological Education

Ecological Spirituality

Emphasis on Community Involvement and Participatory Action

In conclusion, it is the hope that our entire parish community of parishioners, together with their families and friends, will embrace the call of Pope Francis and now Pope Leo XIV to work together toward an integral ecology that is reflected in our personal lives and the lives of our parish activities and schools.

— Geraldine Rizzo and Nicholas Naccari
Laudato Si'/Care of Creation Ministry

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, OCTOBER 5th

Community Coffee Hour.

12 PM. Outside the Parish House.

Blessing of the Animals.

1 PM. Outside the Parish House. Details below.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6th

Ranger Rosary.

7 PM. Parish House. Details on page 3.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8th

**BIBLE STUDY | Tradition and Innovation -
The Books of Sirach and Wisdom.**

7 PM. Parish House & on Zoom. Details below.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9th

Ignatian Social Justice Meeting.

7 PM. Parish House.

Fall Bible Study

Tradition and Innovation -

The Books of Sirach and Wisdom

Wednesdays, through October 15th at 7 PM

Parish House and on Zoom

The book of Sirach—a favorite of Jesus—honors traditional ways while Wisdom seeks to bring ancient teaching into dialogue with new trends in thought and living. Our class gatherings will explore how these venerable texts present a model of mature faith that holds the tension between tradition and innovation.

Brian B. Pinter, Pastoral Associate, will present.

To RSVP, email pinterb@nycignatius.org.

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 5th at 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*.

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook at [stignatiusnyc](#).

Parish Ministries Appreciation Dinner

Thursday, October 23rd at 7 PM

Wallace Hall

Fr. Dennis Yesalonia, S.J., Pastor, cordially invites those who have participated this year in the various ministries of the parish and their spouses to the Parish Ministries Appreciation Dinner.

**An RSVP is required. To register,
email brucasr@nycignatius.org.**

The RSVP deadline is Thursday, October 16th.

We look forward to sharing a meal together!

IGNITE Tech Support for Seniors Program

November 2nd, November 16th, and December 7th

12:30 PM to 1:30 PM

Parish House

Our parish is launching a new initiative bringing high school students together with senior parishioners to provide one-on-one technology support. Seniors are invited to bring phones, tablets, or laptops for help with everyday tech questions.

Stop by our table after the 5:30 PM Mass on Saturday, October 25th and all morning Masses on Sunday, October 26th, to learn more!

**To express interest or ask further questions,
contact alexmarcus@gmail.com.**

Laudato Si' Ministry Care of Creation Event for Children and Parents

Saturday, October 18th

11 AM to 1 PM

Wallace Hall

Join in the fun of Earth Day to plant succulents to take home, draw favorite images of creation, or write a letter to the President or Vice President about the importance of green energy and care of our Common Home! Laudato Si' Ministry is sponsoring this Care of Creation event for St. Ignatius Loyola children who are 7-10 years old.

We are partnering with 12 students from Little Sisters of the Assumption (LSA). Snacks, drinks, and supplies will be provided!

Space is limited to 12 students who must be accompanied by a parent.

Please RSVP by Sunday, October 12th, to Jean Santopatre, Pastoral Associate, Laudato Si' Ministry, Family Ministry, Ignatian Social Justice & Young Adults, at santopatrej@saintignatiusloyola.org.

Circle of Friends

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

**Tuesday, October 14th at 1 PM in 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
slicircleoffriends@gmail.com to register.**

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

Concerts at St. Ignatius

Works by Palestrina, Parker & Bach Wednesday, October 29th at 8 PM in the Church

We begin the season celebrating the momentous birthdays of two choral giants: Alice Parker (1925-2023) and G. P. da Palestrina (1525-1594). In addition to works by these luminaries, we offer two sublime motets by J. S. Bach, "Jesu, meine Freude" and "Der Geist hilft unser Schwachheit auf." Reception to follow in Wallace Hall.

**For more information and to purchase tickets,
visit ignatius.nyc/concerts.**

New Confession Schedule

Beginning Sunday, October 5th, confessions will be heard in the church on Saturdays from 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM, on Sundays from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM, or by appointment.

Ignatian Interfaith Ministry

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

Wednesday, October 15th in Wallace Hall

6:30 PM (doors open)

7 PM to 8 PM (Discussion and Q&A)

8 PM to 8:30 PM (Light reception)

PRESENTER

Dr. Ian Rottenburg, *Dean of Religious Life
at Columbia University*

MODERATOR

Bill McGarvey, *Author & Editor*

Join us 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.**

New Day and Time!

Ranger Rosary

Monday, October 6th at 7 PM

Parish House

Since its inception at St. Ignatius in 2009, our Ranger Rosary ministry has made over 23,000 combat rosaries for members of the armed services.

The rosaries are comprised of parachute cord, dark beads, and black plastic crucifixes—materials containing no metal parts that might reflect light or make a rattling noise, creating rugged rosaries for soldiers in combat zones.

New members are always welcome, and instructions and materials are provided.

**For more information, contact Marilyn Esposito at
esposito218@verizon.net.**

Guided Church Tour

Sunday, October 26th

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.

Group size will be limited, so registration is required.

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PARISH STAFF

Pastor

Rev. Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J.

Associate Pastors

Rev. Mark C. Hallinan, S.J.

Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.

Assisting Priest

Rev. James Martin, S.J.

Pastoral Year Priest

Rev. Jonathan P. Pennacchia, S.J.

In Residence

Rev. James A. Casciotti, S.J.

Pastoral Associates

Roxanne De La Torre

Kate Noonan

Brian Pinter

Jean Santopatre

Pastoral Assistant

Maureen Haley

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Daniel Beckwith Michael Sheetz

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Robert Cisternino

Facilities Coordinator

Pattie Hughes

Treasurer

Fernando Castro

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. Yesalonia

Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Hallinan

9:30 AM Fr. Pennacchia

Wallace Hall Family 11:00 AM Fr. Casciotti

Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Martin

7:30 PM Fr. Martin

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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Lower Campus

(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.

Order 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, October 6th

(27th Monday in Ordinary Time)

Jonah 1:1–2:2, 11 Jonah 2

Luke 10:25–37

8:30 MEM Trieu Doan

12:10 MEM Trieu Doan

5:30 MEM Trieu Doan

Tuesday, October 7th

(Our Lady of the Rosary)

Jonah 3:1–10 Psalm 130

Luke 10:38–42

8:30 MEM Living & Deceased

Members of the Brenninkmeijer
Family

12:10 LVG Alexander Daniel

5:30 MEM Rosalina Palomar

Wednesday, October 8th

(27th Wednesday in Ordinary Time)

Jonah 4:1–11 Psalm 86 Luke 11:1–4

8:30 MEM The Choix & Gordon
Families

12:10 MEM Charles Regan

5:30 MEM Mary Louise Skouron

Thursday, October 9th

(27th Thursday in Ordinary Time)

Malachi 3:13–20b Psalm 1

Luke 11:5–13

8:30 MEM Paul Choix

12:10 MEM Simona Saracino Fendi

5:30 MEM Ann Marie Renois

Friday, October 10th

(27th Friday in Ordinary Time)

Joel 1:13–15; 2:1–2 Psalm 9

Luke 11:15–26

8:30 MEM Arthur Murphy

12:10 MEM Charles Tantillo

5:30 MEM Deceased Members of
the Scanlon & McLoughlin Families

Saturday, October 11th

(27th Saturday in Ordinary Time)

Joel 4:12–21 Psalm 97

Luke 11:27–28

8:30 MEM The Meehan Family

Sunday, October 12th

(28th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Wisdom 7:7–11 Psalm 90

Hebrews 4:12–13 Mark 10:17–30