



October 19, 2025 | 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Other Patron Saints

The recently renovated Lady Chapel is open for private prayer every afternoon from 1 PM to 4 PM. One aspect of the renovation is the masterful restoration of the reredos behind the altar. The reredos came from the Jesuit retreat house in Manhasset, NY, and features the statues of four Jesuit saints: St. Ignatius Loyola, St. Francis Xavier, and two others who might be less well known, St. Isaac Jogues, S.J., and St. René Goupil, S.J. These last are part of a group of saints known as the North American Martyrs. Their feast day is today, October 19th, and I would like to introduce them to the parish. They are collectively the Patron Saints of the Jesuits of North America.

The North American Martyrs represent a profound chapter of 17th-century missionary zeal and sacrifice. This group consists of eight French Jesuit missionaries—six priests and two lay brothers—who were martyred between 1642 and 1649 while attempting to evangelize the Indigenous peoples of New France, which now encompasses parts of Canada and upstate New York. Their lives of commitment and their brutal deaths cemented their legacy, culminating in their collective canonization as the first saints of the North American continent.

The eight martyrs are: St. Isaac Jogues (priest), St. René Goupil (lay brother), St. Jean de Lalande (lay brother), St. Jean de Brébeuf (priest), St. Antoine Daniel (priest), St. Gabriel Lalemant (priest), St. Charles Garnier (priest), and St. Noël Chabanel (priest).

These Jesuits arrived in the New World with the sole purpose of spreading the Catholic faith. Their primary mission was among the Huron people, a group often at war with the powerful Iroquois Confederacy, particularly the Mohawk. The missionaries established their center at Sainte-Marie among the Hurons, enduring immense physical hardship as they adopted a new language and culture, traveling vast distances by canoe and foot through the rugged wilderness.

Beyond the spiritual objective, the Jesuits were also perceived as agents of the French Crown, a factor that complicated their relationship with the Iroquois, who were often aligned with the French rivals, the Dutch and English. This geopolitical conflict would intertwine with their evangelistic efforts, marking them as targets in a wider struggle for territorial and cultural dominance.

The first to be killed was St. René Goupil in 1642. A lay helper with surgical skills, Goupil was captured with St. Isaac Jogues by a Mohawk war party. He was tomahawked after being discovered making the Sign of the Cross over a child. St. Isaac Jogues endured 13 months of horrific captivity, during which he was tortured and mutilated, losing several fingers (the missing fingers on his statue in the Lady Chapel are not the result of careless transport but intentional). He eventually escaped with the aid of the Dutch, returned to France, but, demonstrating incredible zeal, petitioned to return to the missions, famously stating, “It would be indecent for a martyr of Christ not to drink the blood of Christ” (referencing his inability to hold the Eucharist properly with his mutilated hands). He and his companion, St. Jean de Lalande, were eventually captured again and martyred at the Mohawk village of Ossernenon (present-day Auriesville, New York) in 1646.

The remaining five Jesuits met their end in what is now Southern Ontario, Canada, during the brutal Iroquois assault on the Huron missions in 1648 and 1649. St. Jean de Brébeuf, a pioneering linguist of the Huron language, along with St. Gabriel Lalemant, endured the most gruesome torture before their deaths. Their courage in the face of unspeakable agony became legendary, with their captors reportedly eating Brébeuf’s heart to gain his bravery. St. Antoine Daniel, St. Charles Garnier, and St. Noël Chabanel were also killed in the chaos of the final Iroquois raids, refusing to abandon their convert.

The collective martyrdom of these men, though ending their physical mission, served as a powerful testament to their faith and courage. In 1930, they were canonized as a group by Pope Pius XI, becoming the first canonized saints from North America.

Their significance endures for several reasons: they were foundational figures in the establishment of the Catholic Church in both Canada and the United States; their written accounts, the Jesuit Relations, provided invaluable historical records of 17th-century North America; and their willingness to endure suffering and death for their beliefs remains a profound symbol of evangelistic commitment. The North American Martyrs are venerated not just for their piety, but for the heroic measure of their fortitude, which transcends their specific religious context and stands as an enduring symbol of sacrificial love.

— Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, 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, OCTOBER 19th

Community Coffee Hour.

12 PM. Outside the Parish House.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20th

Francis! The Pope of Surprises.

7 PM. Wallace Hall. *Details on page 3.*

Ranger Rosary Ministry.

7 PM. Parish House.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21st

Book Discussion: *An Altar in the World.*

1 PM. Parish House. *Details below.*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23rd

Parish Ministries Appreciation Dinner.

7 PM. Wallace Hall.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25th

A Halloween Luncheon Party for
Senior Parishioners and Neighbors.

1 PM. Wallace Hall.

Laudato Si' Ministry

Book Discussion: *An Altar in the World*
Tuesday, October 21st at 1 PM in the Parish House

We will discuss *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor facilitated by Jean Santopatre, Pastoral Associate.
Please read chapters 1-3.

Fall Blood Drive

Sunday, November 9th, from 9 AM to 3 PM
St. Ignatius Loyola School's McKinnon Hall,
48 East 84th Street

Your donations save lives!

To schedule an appointment, visit
tinyurl.com/blooddrivesil.

Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits. Please remember to eat and drink, and bring your ID with your name and photo.

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook at *stignatiusnyc*.

Snow Ball Dance

Saturday, December 6th at 7 PM
Wallace Hall

Please save the date and a few places on your dance card for our annual Snow Ball Dance.

Join us for what promises to be a very merry evening. Come eat, drink, and dance to live music by The Morris Brothers Band with your friends and fellow adult (21+) parishioners.

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 or visit ignite.nyc.

Saints' Lives: Holiness in History

Thursday, November 13th at 7 PM
Wallace Hall

PRESENTER

Rev. Sam Conedera, S.J., Saint Louis University

Saints' lives are filled with miracles and heroic deeds, as well as legends or misunderstandings. Learn how an elite group of Jesuit scholars—the Bollandist Society—has spent the last 400 years sorting out fact from fiction.

Blessing of the Sneakers

Saturday, November 1st at 5:30 PM
Church

Before running the New York City Marathon on Sunday, November 2nd, join us the day before at our 5:30 PM Mass for a special blessing for runners and all who are participating in the Marathon.

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.

Ignatian Social Justice

Sandwich-Making Event for the New York Common Pantry

Sunday, October 26th, following the 11 AM Masses
Wallace Hall Stage

Family Ministry, Ignatian Young Adults, Ignatian Social Justice, and Laudato Si' Ministries are collaborating on our Annual NYCP Sandwiches event to make sandwiches and pack lunch bags.

Come and join us in this parish community event!

Meet on the Wallace Hall stage, where tables will be set up to pack sandwich bags for our food-insecure neighbors and distributed by New York Common Pantry.

Please help us also by donating the following items:

- Bread
- Granola bars
- Juice boxes
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Apples/Oranges

Please drop off at the Parish House by
Monday, October 20th.

For more information, contact
Jean Santopatre, Pastoral Associate, at
santopatrej@nycignatius.org.

Film Screening

Francis! The Pope of Surprises

Monday, October 20th
7 PM
Wallace Hall

Join us for a free screening of this documentary film, presented by Rome Reports, an independent, non-profit news agency based in Rome that covers the life of the Church, the Vatican, and the papacy.

This 47-minute film captures the life and legacy of Pope Francis through the stories of ordinary people whose lives were deeply touched by him. From a maximum-security prison in Philadelphia to the outskirts of Rome, from a Protestant cathedral in Sweden to the Vatican itself, the documentary highlights the human and spiritual impact of his pontificate.

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

Winter Clothing Drive for Families We Are Accompanying

Drop off, from October 20th to October 29th,
at the Parish House

Clothing "Boutique" on November 1st in Wallace Hall

With your generosity, we helped the kids prepare for school. Can you now help get them ready for winter?

Needs: New or gently used laundered winter clothing—age 2 to adult sizes.

Monetary donations will be used to buy necessities, including boots, socks, and undergarments.

Note: Checks made out to St. Ignatius Loyola should have "Migrant Accompaniment" on the memo line.

Volunteers: We will be sorting the clothes in the Parish House and would love to have volunteers join the sorting party! As we have learned, it's always a great way to meet other parishioners.

For more information, contact Laura de Boisblanc
at socialjustice@nycignatius.org.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Thanksgiving Food Drive Through Sunday, November 16th

*For the Church of the Ascension Food Pantry
on the Upper West Side*

We're collecting canned goods and non-perishable items to help our neighbors in need during the Thanksgiving holiday. Your contribution matters!

SUGGESTED FOOD DONATIONS

Canned: beans, corn, green beans, yams, turkey gravy, cranberry sauce, tomatoes, other canned vegetables & fruits, chili, stew, soup, tuna, and other canned fish & meat, condensed milk

Boxed or Bags: rice, pasta, dried beans, stuffing, cornbread mix, brown sugar, baking/pancake mix (e.g., Bisquick), shelf-stable milk, hot or cold cereal, instant soups, cake or brownie mix with frosting, shelf-stable milk

Other: poultry seasoning and other seasoning, olive oil, or avocado oil in plastic bottles or cans

No glass jars or bottles.

Items may be dropped off daily
at the Parish House.

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. Casciotti

9:30 AM Fr. Yesalonia

Wallace Hall Family 11:00 AM Fr. Hallinan

Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Hilbert

7:30 PM Fr. Hilbert

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Saint Ignatius Loyola School

Upper Campus

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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 20th

(29th Monday in Ordinary Time)

Romans 4:20–25 Luke 1

Luke 12:13–21

8:30 MEM James W. Johnson

12:10 MEM Jane Franklin

5:30 MEM Jay Moyer

Tuesday, October 21th

(29th Tuesday in Ordinary Time)

Romans 5:12, 15b, 17–19, 20b–21

Psalms 40 Luke 12:35–38

8:30 MEM Leslie & Walter Kernan

12:10 MEM Gill Smajlaz

5:30 MEM Nathan Davidson

Wednesday, October 22nd

(29th Wednesday in Ordinary Time)

Romans 6:12–18 Psalm 124

Luke 12:39–48

8:30 MEM Patrick Joseph Valeo,
Jr.

12:10 MEM Alfonso Eyza Guirre

5:30 MEM Lillian Donnell

Thursday, October 23rd

(29th Thursday in Ordinary Time)

Romans 6:19–23 Psalm 1

Luke 12:49–53

8:30 MEM Diana Lividini

12:10 MEM Jacqueline Kelliher

5:30 MEM Living & Deceased
Members of the Wallace Family

Friday, October 24th

(29th Friday in Ordinary Time)

Romans 7:18–25a Psalm 119

Luke 12:54–59

8:30 ANN Joan Gordon

12:10 MEM Jerzy Gawel

5:30 MEM Alfonso Eyzaguirre

Saturday, October 25th

(29th Saturday in Ordinary Time)

Romans 8:1–11 Psalm 24

Luke 13:1–9

8:30 MEM Leo Gillespie

Sunday, October 26th

(30th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Sirach 35:12–14, 16–18 Psalm 34

2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18

Luke 18:9–14