

CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA

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Pastor

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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.

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Roxanne De La Torre

Kate Noonan

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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. Hilbert

Sunday:

8:00 AM Fr. Casciotti

9:30 AM Fr. Pennacchia

Wallace Hall Mass

11:00 AM Fr. Hallinan

Solemn Mass

11:00 AM Fr. Yesalonia

7:30 PM Fr. Yesalonia

Religious Education for Children

Ms. Kate Noonan, Director

(212) 288-3588 x609

noonank@nycignatius.org

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

(212) 861-3820 | Fax: (212) 879-8248

Lower Campus

(PreK-3 through Kindergarten)

Ms. Mary Larkin, Head of School

240 East 84th Street

(212) 734-6427 | Fax: (212) 734-6972

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sundays at the 9:30 AM Mass.

Confessions

4:30 PM Saturday, 6:30 PM Sunday,
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, February 16th

(6th Monday in Ordinary Time)

James 1:1–11 Psalm 119

Mark 8:11–13

8:30 ANN Cathleen McGoldrick

Tuesday, February 17th

(6th Tuesday in Ordinary Time)

James 1:12–18 Psalm 94

Mark 8:14–21

8:30 MEM John & Margaret Reilly

12:10 MEM Daniel Cronin

5:30 MEM Thomas G. Cea

Wednesday, February 18th

(Ash Wednesday)

Joel 2:12–18 Psalm 51

2 Corinthians 5:20–6:2

Matthew 6:1–6, 16–18

Thursday, February 19th

(Thursday After Ash Wednesday)

Deuteronomy 30:15–20 Psalm 1

Luke 9:22–25

8:30 MEM Carla Fendi

12:10 MEM Nunzio Pisani

5:30 ANN Susan Meyer

Friday, February 20th

(Friday After Ash Wednesday)

Isaiah 58:1–9a Psalm 51

Matthew 9:14–15

8:30 MEM Teresa Villarroel

12:10 MEM Lina Jabbour

5:30 MEM Nathan Davidson

Saturday, February 21st

(Saturday After Ash Wednesday)

Isaiah 58:9b–14 Psalm 86

Luke 5:27–32

8:30 MEM Lori A. Scalzo

Sunday, February 22nd

(First Sunday of Lent)

Genesis 2:7–9; 3:1–7 Psalm 51

Romans 5:12–19 Matthew 4:1–11



February 15, 2026 | Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Living the Gospel Beyond the Classroom

Faith and Love in Action

Psalm 119:33-34 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your decrees, and I will follow it to the end. Give me understanding, and I will observe your law and obey it with all my heart.

Each week from September through May, the Interparish Religious Education Program, affectionately known as IREP, gathers to teach and guide approximately 225 students, ages 3 to 18, deeper into their faith lives and prepare them for the sacraments. Our dedicated catechists work to help young people grow in knowledge and love of Christ, building an understanding of our faith to help sustain them throughout their lives.

But our mission extends far beyond the classroom walls. We remind our students that a faithful Christian life requires both heartfelt participation in the sacramental life of the Church and active, compassionate service in the world around us. Christ's incarnation, God's profound participation in our humanness, serves as our springboard, inspiring us to see Christ in all people and to care especially for those who are struggling, marginalized, or in need.

Living Out Our Faith Through Service

Throughout the year, IREP students engage in numerous service projects that transform their growing faith into tangible acts of love and charity. Our Youth Group students, grades 8-12, join us monthly for both service and fellowship.

Fall and Winter: We partner with the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVdP) for the Thanksgiving food drive, supporting Ascension Food Pantry. This past Thanksgiving, student donations combined with parish contributions helped feed 250 families a Thanksgiving dinner, a powerful testament to what we can accomplish together. Our students also collect gifts for the Christmas gift drive, which benefits another New York City parish, ensuring that children across our city experience the joy of Christmas morning. Our eighth graders write letters to veterans on Veterans Day, expressing gratitude for their service and sacrifice.

Year-Round Commitment: Students support the SVdP blood drive twice annually, learning that even a simple donation can save lives in our community. IREP students and our Youth Group write heartfelt Christmas cards for all residents at Vista on Fifth, bringing warmth, connection, and the reminder that they are remembered and loved during the holiday season. Our eighth-grade teachers sponsor the annual Pasta Bowl during Super Bowl season for the 8th grade classes, the students donate and personally delivering pasta to the New York Common Pantry, where they witness firsthand the impact of their generosity.

Lenten Season: Parish-wide, we've begun our Lenten Food Drive, with IREP students once again stepping up alongside the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to help feed our neighbors during this sacred season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Additionally, our Change for Change Lenten Change drive invites students and families to collect spare change throughout Lent, with all proceeds going towards making birthday boxes for Ascension Food Pantry, turning small sacrifices into celebrations of joy for families in need.

Coming in March: Our Youth Group will assemble birthday cake boxes for Ascension Food Pantry. These self-contained boxes include cake mix, Sprite (which mixes together without eggs or oil), a cake tin, frosting, and candles; everything needed to celebrate a birthday with dignity and joy. For families struggling to make ends meet, these boxes offer more than dessert; they offer the gift of celebration.

Confirmation Send Off: After our Confirmation ceremony, newly confirmed students will conclude their IREP journey by hearing from inspiring speakers who share how they continue to live lives of Christian service beyond their religious education years. During this final gathering, students will make sandwiches for the New York Common Pantry, reminding them that their newly received gifts of the Holy Spirit are now the inspiration and strength for their impact on the world around them.

A Heartfelt Thank You

None of this would be possible without the unwavering support of our IREP parents. Throughout the school year, you have encouraged your children to participate, helped with service projects, and modeled what it means to live a life of faith in action. Thank you for walking this journey with your family and with us.

As Psalm 119 reminds us, understanding God's law means living it with all our hearts. Through IREP, our young people are discovering that faith and love are inseparable, and that both call us to serve our neighbors with joy, compassion, and an open heart.

— Kate Noonan
Pastoral Associate/Director of IREP and Youth Group

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, FEBRUARY 15th

IGNITE Tech Support for Seniors Program.
12:30 PM. Parish House. *Details on page 3.*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18th

Ash Wednesday.

**Masses at 8:30 AM, 12:10 PM,
5:30 PM (organ/cantor), and 7:30 PM (organ/cantor).**
Ashes will be distributed at all Masses.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19th

Holy Listening.

7 PM. Zoom. *Details at right.*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21st

Young Adult Lenten Morning of Reflection.
9 AM. Wallace Hall. *Details on page 3.*

Stations of the Cross.

9 AM. Church. *Details on page 3.*

Lenten Fast and Abstinence

During the season of Lent, the Church urges the faithful to reflect a spirit of penance in their daily lives through performing acts of fast and abstinence.

- Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18 and ends on the evening of Holy Thursday, April 2.
- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence.
- Fasting means only one full meal a day may be taken. Two smaller meals may be eaten to maintain physical strength but together they should not equal another full meal in quantity. Snacking between meals is not permitted. Catholics ages 18-59 are obligated to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are not specifically obliged to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able.
- Abstinence forbids the eating of meat or poultry. Those who have reached the age of 14 and older are obligated to abstain on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent.
 - Those who are not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are urged to join in the discipline of abstaining to the extent that they are able.
 - All Fridays of the year are designated as days of penance during which we are encouraged to practice self-denial out of gratitude for the suffering and death of Jesus accepted for us.

Ignatian Interfaith Ministry

Pilgrimages: Sharing Journeys of Faith

Friday, March 6th

Doors open 5:20 PM | Program starts 5:45 PM
Call to prayer: 5:55 PM

Join the Ignatian Interfaith Ministry as we welcome our Muslim brothers & sisters from Peace Islands Institute, NY, for our 7th annual Iftar celebration. Iftar is the breaking of the daily fast during Ramadan. Dinner and fellowship will follow the opening prayer.

Our panel will be discussing the history and importance of pilgrimages in the Muslim, Jewish and Christian faith traditions and how we can learn from each other's journeys. Families are encouraged to attend. If you have been on a pilgrimage (or want to go), come and share your story!

Space limited. Registration is required by March 2nd at ignatianinterfaithministry@gmail.com. Please include all first and last names of your party.

Meeting Christ in Prayer

Holy Listening

Thursday, February 19th to March 26th at 7 PM
Zoom

Are you looking for an opportunity to share your response to Scripture with others? Join us for six weeks of faith sharing in a structured and welcoming listening environment. We will share our responses to an upcoming Sunday reading and then our responses to each other's shares. This is ideal for past participants of Meeting Christ in Prayer, but all are welcome. The program will take place on Zoom. Registration will close on Sunday, November 30th, at 5 PM.



To register, scan the QR code at left.

Please add MCIP@nycignatius.org to your contact list to receive communications and the Zoom link.

For Families with Young Children

For the safety of your child, please accompany them to the bathroom if there is a need during the course of the Mass.

They must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

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.

Circle of Friends

Irish American Stories to Celebrate America 250th

Tuesday, March 10th at 1 PM
Wallace Hall

Dr. Elizabeth Stack returns to Circle of Friends this March to discuss some famous—and not so famous—Irish Americans to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of American Independence.

Dr. Stack will discuss some of the people involved in the American Revolution who had an impact on this country over the ensuing 250 years. In politics, religion, education, labor and culture, the Irish made incredible contributions to growing America, and yet some of these Irish Americans have been forgotten. To celebrate Irish American Heritage and Women's History Month, Dr. Stack will shine a light on some of these unsung heroes of Irish American history. Come join Circle of Friends and learn about the histories of these unsung Irish Americans.

There is no charge for this program.
A free will offering is appreciated.

RSVP at silcircleoffriends@gmail.com.

Young Adult

Lenten Morning of Reflection

Saturday, February 21st & Saturday, March 7th
9 AM to 1 PM
Wallace Hall

If you are a Young Adult in your 20s & 30s, we invite you to join us for a Lenten Morning of Reflection.

Take a few hours this Lent to slow down with us, bask in a few hours of silence and reflection, and grow in fellowship with one another. Meals will be provided.

To register for the February 21st session, visit tinyurl.com/Feb21session

To register for the March 7th session, visit tinyurl.com/March7session

For more information, please contact Roxanne De La Torre, Pastoral Associate, at delatorreR@nycignatius.org.

Sponsored by the Father William J. Bergen SJ Office of Ignatian Spirituality & Faith Formation

Sign-up for Our Weekly E-Newsletter



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

A Family Celtic Night Celebration

Friday, March 13th, from 7 PM to 10 PM
Wallace Hall

Featuring music by Murphy's Lawyer, as well as Shepherd's Pie and Scones by Mary O's
With an open bar (Beer and Wine and Soda), face painting and dancing

All included with ticket price.
Price: Adults \$50 and Children \$25

Bring your small bills to shop the SIL SIOPA and bid on Celtic-themed auctioned baskets.



To purchase tickets, scan the QR code at left.

Stations of the Cross: Saturdays in Lent

Through March 28th at 9 AM
Church

Led by Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J.

Join us for this traditional devotion as we draw closer to Jesus through a prayerful reflection on his passion and death.

Note: There will be Stations of the Cross on Wednesday, April 1st at 7:30 PM in the Church.

Lent and Sacrifice

Through the Coptic Lens

Thursday, February 26th in Wallace Hall
6:30 PM (doors open)

7 PM to 8 PM (discussion and Q&A)
8 PM to 8:30 PM (fellowship and light refreshments)

Join us as we explore the observance of Lent from a Coptic perspective and learn of the extraordinary example of the 21 men martyred for their faith in 2105. We will be screening "The 21", which tells their story powerful short film shaped by Neo-Coptic iconography, a moving tribute to bravery, sacrifice, and faith.

To register, email ignatianinterfaithministry@gmail.com.
by Friday, February 20th.

IGNITE Tech Support for Seniors Program

Sunday, February 15th, from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM
Parish House

This program brings high school students together with senior parishioners for one-on-one technology support. Seniors are invited to bring phones, tablets, or laptops for help with everyday tech questions.

For more information or questions, visit ignite.nyc.