



May 17, 2026 | Seventh Sunday of Easter

“Lord, Hear Our Prayer”

Are there times when you struggle to believe in the power of prayer? This is certainly true for me—more times than I care to admit. When I’m having the most difficulty with prayer, I find myself at a loss: feelings are indescribable, my words become mere generalizations, and I can become spiritually cold and distant. There are times when my attempts also feel ineffectual, and I find myself just going through the motions. It’s akin to a friend sincerely asking me how I’m doing, and all I can muster in reply is a detached, “I’m fine.” Sometimes the things we need seem too big to understand, let alone articulate in prayer. Does this sound familiar? Is this something that you similarly struggle with?

It’s not always easy to be truthful in our prayer, and not always natural to express our needs and desires directly to God. Even less easy is it to trust that our prayers are always being heard and acknowledged. It might offer a bit of consolation to know that the same held true for so many holy people who have come before us. Thomas Merton, for example, notably began a prayer in the following way:

“My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going.
I do not see the road ahead of me.
I cannot know for certain where it will end.
Nor do I really know myself,
and the fact the I think I am following your will
does not mean that I am actually doing so...”

In many ways, I think that Jesus knew that we would constantly struggle in this regard, and so the Gospels are full of reiterations and encouragements, reminding us of the Lord’s closeness to us. In the Gospel this Sunday, for instance, Jesus prays to the Father with these words:

“I pray for them[...] because they are yours, and everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you...”

Yes, you heard that correctly: Jesus prays for US! Think of how powerful that is! In all our weaknesses and deficiencies, in all the ways that we might turn away from God and reject goodness, in all the ways we struggle to pray ourselves, Jesus still lifts us up in prayer. More so, through his prayer, Jesus reminds us that he is glorified in us—that as small and powerless as we can feel and seem, Jesus chose to dwell in you and me. What a gift and a grace! We are assured that even if we can’t form the words of our deepest needs and desires into prayer, God already knows them—because we belong to God and God dwells within each of us. It’s too easy to take this for granted or to forget that this is true, but these sentiments are a constant refrain in the readings of Eastertide because they are a reminder of the reason for the Paschal mystery; Jesus died and rose from the dead so that the Spirit of God could be with us always and in all ways, “until the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20).

Next Sunday will bring us to the end of this Easter season as we celebrate Pentecost and rejoice in the fulfillment of Jesus’ promise to send the One who accompanies us, empowers us, and gives us the strength to live out our calling as Christians. With trust in the Holy Spirit, may we pray for the deepest yearnings of our hearts with true conviction. No matter how limited and broken our words and sentiments may seem, let us entrust our prayers to the God who dwells within and knows all our deepest desires. And alongside Thomas Merton and all the Saints, we say:

“My Lord God...
I believe that the desire to please you, does in fact please you.
And I hope that I have that desire in all that I am doing.
I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.
And I know that if I do this, you will lead me by the right road,
though I may know nothing about it.
Therefore, I will trust you always,
though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.
I will not fear, for you are ever with me,
and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.
Amen.”

— Roxanne De La Torre
Pastoral Associate for Ignatian Spirituality & Faith Formation

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, MAY 17th

Community Coffee Hour.

12 PM. Outside the Parish House. Details at right.

IGNITE Tech Support for Seniors Program.

12:30 PM. Parish House. Details on page 3.

Perfectly Paired.

8:30 PM. Wallace Hall. Details at right.

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 2026 Spring Appeal.



To give online, visit ignatius.nyc/annual-appeal or scan the QR code at left.

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.

Parish Digital Publications

To access our Fiscal Year 2025 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.

Sign-up for Our Weekly E-Newsletter



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

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

Community Coffee Hour

**Sunday, May 17th, following the 11 AM Masses
Outside the Parish House**

Join us on Park Avenue for our Community Coffee Hour. We will have coffee as well as an opportunity to mingle with fellow parishioners.

Perfectly Paired

**Sunday, May 17th following the 7:30 PM Mass
Wallace Hall**

Calling all young couples, especially those newly engaged, newly wed, still in your early years of married life, or those dating & discerning marriage. You're invited to join us for Perfectly Paired, an evening to get to know other young couples of the parish over wine & cheese.

To RSVP, scan the QR code at right.



Corpus Christi Mass and Procession

Sunday, June 7th at 11 AM

Join us to proclaim Jesus in the streets of Manhattan with a procession of prayer, song, banners, and symbols, as we walk in solidarity with our brothers and sisters who are being harmed by laws that have failed to protect the most vulnerable.

The day begins with the 11 AM Mass here at St. Ignatius.

Procession Route (join us anywhere along the route):

12:30 PM: Gather in front of St. Ignatius.

The procession will move north on Park Avenue to 96th Street.

12:50 PM: East on 96th to 3rd Avenue

1 PM: North on 3rd Avenue to 102nd Street

1:20 PM: West on 102nd Street to Lexington Avenue

1:30 PM: South on Lexington Avenue to 96th Street

1:45 PM: Ends with a luncheon at the Church Hall of St. Francis de Sales, 135 East 96th Street. Join us in celebration & to enjoy a Latin American-inspired meal.

What to bring:

Signs affirming Catholic Social Teaching, printed in color or black & white.

To join the procession, email CatholicsinCommunionNY@gmail.com.
To join the luncheon, email latonapal@gmail.com.

St. Ignatius Has an App!

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



**"A Good Death" Series:
Funeral Pre-Planning
Thursday, May 28th at 7 PM
Parish House and on Zoom**

Funeral and memorial services carried out with care, intention, and planning leave a lasting impression and impact on how survivors process grief. Our presentation and discussion will provide a brief introduction to Catholic funeral and burial rites, along with information about funeral pre-planning. Frances Cangero, director of advance planning, Frank E. Campbell - The Funeral Chapel, will co-present and be available for a Q&A. Brian B. Pinter, Pastoral Associate, will facilitate the conversation.

To RSVP, email pinterb@nycignatius.org.

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, May 27th—and all are welcome!

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

Ignatian Volunteer Corps

Ignatian Volunteer Corps 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.

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 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.

**Guided Church Tour
Sunday, May 24th at 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, scan the QR code at left.

Group size will be limited, so registration is required.

IGNITE Tech Support for Seniors Program

Sunday, May 17th, 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.

**Ministry of Care to the
Sick and Homebound**

The Ministers of Care of St. Ignatius Loyola Parish are a sign of the community's presence, bringing Eucharist, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, comfort, prayer, and companionship to those unable to participate because of illness or aging.

Ministers of Care include lay persons and priests. Lay ministers are trained as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Pastoral Visitors, while priests offer Reconciliation, Anointing, and Communion.

Together, they witness that the community of faith has not forgotten the sick, the elderly, or the unseen sufferers, drawing them into communion with the Body of Christ so that no one is alone.

To request Holy Communion, Reconciliation, and/or the Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish House at 212-288-3588.

Please tell the receptionist specifically what you are requesting—a visit to receive communion, or a visit to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and anointing with Communion.

Lost & Found

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.

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PARISH STAFF

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Pastoral Year Priest

Rev. Jonathan P. Pennacchia, S.J.

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Rev. James A. Casciotti, S.J.

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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. Hilbert

Sunday:

8:00 AM Fr. Tunney

9:30 AM Fr. Yesalonia

Wallace Hall Mass

11:00 AM Fr. Pennacchia

Solemn Mass

11:00 AM Fr. Hallinan

7:30 PM Fr. Hallinan

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, May 18th

(Seventh Monday of Easter)

Acts 19:1-8 Psalm 68

John 16:29-33

8:30 MEM Geraldine R. Murphy

12:10 MEM Patricia Murphy

5:30 MEM Cono Pasqua

Tuesday, May 19th

(Seventh Tuesday of Easter)

Acts 20:17-27 Psalm 68

John 17:1-11a

8:30 MEM Carla Fendi

12:10 MEM Eugenia Vanover

5:30 MEM Eileen Fogarty

Wednesday, May 20th

(Seventh Wednesday of Easter)

Acts 20:28-38 Psalm 68

John 17:11b-19

8:30 MEM Arthur Levine

12:10 MEM Sarah Burbobeck

5:30 MEM Mary Savitsky

Thursday, May 21st

(Seventh Thursday of Easter)

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Psalm 16

John 17:20-26

8:30 ANN Alice & Winthrop

Rutherford

12:10 MEM Mary T. Early

5:30 ANN Nathan Davidson

Friday, May 22nd

(Seventh Friday of Easter)

Acts 25:13b-21 Psalm 103

John 21:15-19

8:30 MEM Peter Burke

12:10 MEM Irving Stokes

5:30 MEM Sose & Mark Prekelezaj

Saturday, May 23rd

(Seventh Saturday of Easter)

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Psalm 111

John 21:20-25

8:30 MEM Sara McGreal

Sunday, May 24th

(Pentecost Sunday)

Acts 2:1-11

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Psalm 104 John 20:19-23