



May 24, 2026 | Pentecost

The Spirit Moves Among Us: A Word of Gratitude for Our Faith Formation Family

On the morning of Pentecost, a rushing wind filled the room where the disciples had gathered, and tongues of fire rested upon each of them. The Holy Spirit did not arrive as an idea or a doctrine. It arrived as a presence—warm, personal, and impossible to ignore. Pentecost is often called the birthday of the Church, the moment when a frightened group of believers became a bold, Spirit-filled community sent out into the world with a mission: go, and share what you have received.

This Sunday, as we celebrate that great outpouring, we are reminded that it has never stopped. The same Spirit that breathed courage into the apostles continues to move in our parish; through our community, our sacraments, and with particular grace, through the dedicated men and women who serve as our Faith Formation teachers.

“You were known and loved by God even before you were born.”

Look at what our catechists carry into their classrooms each week. One teacher centers everything on this truth: that God is a loving God who does not abandon us at the door of the church. Faith, she reminds her students, is not something that happens only on Sundays. Divinity is woven into every ordinary moment; every meal, every friendship, every struggle. That is the gift of wisdom, helping young people see the sacred hidden in plain sight.



Another teacher gives the gift of knowledge, opening wide the doors of our rich tradition. Catholicism, she teaches, is not a single narrow path but a vast cathedral with countless rooms—Ignatian reflection, the Rosary, the beauty of confession, and so many more ways to draw close to God. She wants her students to know they are explorers, not simply listeners.

“God is beyond gender. God is love. Do not fear God.”

The gift of counsel lives in the teacher who tells his students simply: you are safe here. There is room for every question. God will always forgive you. In a culture that so often makes young people feel they must be perfect to be worthy; this catechist proclaims the radical mercy at the heart of the Gospel—that nothing separates us from the love of God.

And then there is the teacher whose whole message is the Eucharist. Receiving the body and blood of Christ, she says, is the greatest gift we have ever been given, not a reward for the righteous, but nourishment for the journey. In her teaching lives the gift of piety, a deep and reverent love for the sacramental life of the Church that she hopes will sustain her students long after they have left her classroom.

“True joy comes from acting like Jesus did: being kind, treating each person with dignity, and looking out for those society often ignores.”

Perhaps the most urgent message our teachers bring is also the simplest: be kind. True joy comes not from achievement or approval, but from living as Jesus lived by turning toward the forgotten, honoring the dignity of every person, championing those whom the world too often passes by. This is the gift of fortitude, the courage to love when it costs something.

On Pentecost, the disciples went out. They did not keep the Spirit to themselves. Our Faith Formation teachers do the same, week after week, in classrooms that may not look like upper rooms, but where the fire lands just the same.

To every catechist who has told a child: *God is listening when you pray. You are a loved creation. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life*—thank you. You are not merely teaching about the Spirit. You are, in the truest sense, its instrument.

Our parish is profoundly grateful to all the catechists who give so generously through our Interparish Religious Education Program. Students do not only learn from what our teachers say. They learn from who they are.

May the fire of Pentecost continue to burn in all of us—in our IREP community, in our homes, and in everything we do.

With deep gratitude for all who guide our young people in faith—this year and always.

— Kate Noonan
Director of Religious Education

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 24th

Community Coffee Hour.

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

Guided Church Tour.

12:30 PM. Church. Details on page 3.

MONDAY, MAY 25th

Memorial Day.

**The Parish House will be closed
in observance of Memorial Day.**

One Mass will be celebrated in the Church at 8:30 AM.

There will be no 12:10 PM or 5:30 PM Masses.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27th

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting.

7 PM. Parish House. Details on page 3.

THURSDAY, MAY 28th

**"A Good Death" Series: Funeral Pre-Planning.
7 PM. Parish House & on Zoom. Details on page 3.**

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.

Community Coffee Hour

**Sunday, May 24th, 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.

This September at St. Ignatius

**Sunday, September 13th
Festival Mass**

**Sunday, September 20th
Fr. Dennis Yesalonia, S.J.'s Golden Jubilee**

**Sunday, September 27th
Welcome Back Sunday and Ministry Fair**

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.

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



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**"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.

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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.

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.

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Do you have a friend, family member, or a loved one who is considering becoming Catholic? Encourage them to reach out to us to inquire about our parish program designed to initiate adults into the Catholic faith.

For more information, contact Maureen Fullam at 212-288-3588 or email church@stignatiusloyola.org.

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

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

Music Ministries

Jen Arvay Kefalas

Robert Reuter

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Michael Sheetz

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Assistant to the Pastor

Rebecca Brucas

Director of Communications

Elizabeth O'Sullivan

Director of Facilities

Robert Cisternino

Facilities Coordinator

Pattie Hughes

Parish Administrative Assistant

Caitlin Caruso

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. Nolan

Sunday:

8:00 AM Fr. Casciotti

9:30 AM Fr. Hilbert

Wallace Hall Mass

11:00 AM Fr. Hallinan

Solemn Mass

11:00 AM Fr. Casciotti

7:30 PM Fr. Casciotti

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 25th

(The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church)

Genesis 3:9–15, 20 Psalm 87

John 19:25–34

Tuesday, May 26th

(St. Philip Neri)

1 Peter 1:10–16 Psalm 98

Mark 10:28–31

8:30 MEM Michael Raymond
Cesarz

12:10 MEM Elizabeth Ann
Yesalonia

5:30 MEM Julien Penales

Wednesday, May 27th

(Eighth Wednesday of Easter)

1 Peter 1:18–25 Psalm 147

Mark 10:32–45

8:30 MEM Patricia Romano

12:10 MEM Luca Magistro

5:30 MEM Elizabeth Ann
Yesalonia

Thursday, May 28th

(Eighth Thursday of Easter)

1 Peter 2:2–5, 9–12 Psalm 100

Mark 10:46–52

8:30 MEM Thomas Cronin

12:10 MEM Miguelina Gonzalez

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

Friday, May 29th

(Eighth Friday of Easter)

1 Peter 4:7–13 Psalm 96

Mark 11:11–26

8:30 MEM Euigo Peter Hong

12:10 MEM Robell Calucag

5:30 ANN William Powers

Saturday, May 30th

(Eighth Saturday of Easter)

Jude 17, 20b–25 Psalm 63

Mark 11:27–33

8:30 MEM Ann Lafranchi

Sunday, May 31st

(The Most Holy Trinity)

Exodus 34:4b–6, 8–9 Daniel 3

2 Corinthians 13:11–13 John 3:16–18