



May 31, 2026 | The Most Holy Trinity

The Trinity & Priesthood: A Furnace of Love

For centuries, philosophers and theologians have tried to make sense of the Mystery of the Trinity. Pages have been filled, terms have been defined, formulas written, all to try and grasp the Indivisible One, our Triune God. Mystics and poets have grappled with this mystery, too, as they've told us of their visions and expressed the Trinity in meter and rhyme, all to try and find some vantage point into the truth of the Divine. Preachers, on the other hand, have often tried to be out of town on Trinity Sunday! It's hard to make sense of this core of our faith in an 8–10-minute homily—let alone a bulletin essay! So, instead, humor me as I reflect on this first year of priesthood as I approach my anniversary.

Pope Francis writes in *Desiderio Desideravi* that for a priest, “To preside at Eucharist is to be plunged into the furnace of God’s love.” That has very much been my experience as I’ve presided at Eucharist on weekdays and Sundays, as I’ve baptized babies and young children, and as I’ve married young couples. Sitting in the merciful furnace of God’s love—or “in the box,” as I call it—as I’ve heard confessions has been a tremendous privilege, which I always look forward to. So too, the opportunities to anoint those close to death, and then to care for and console families as they mourn the loss of their loved ones—those moments have been an indescribable gift. And, of course, being present as our children deepened their faith as they received the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation—a true joy. I’ve been blessed with a front row seat to God’s grace and love at work in your sacramental lives!



When I was ordained in our Church last June 14th, Cardinal Dolan focused his homily on the Sacred Heart of Jesus, pulling from Pope Francis’ encyclical *Dilexit Nos*, and calling us new priests to have our hearts reordered and conformed to the Lord’s “soul, mind, and heart.” He called us to love and tend and feed those whom the Lord love—his people, **you**. Or as Pope Francis instructs us, “It is as if [the priest] were placed in the middle between Jesus’ burning heart of love and the heart of each of the faithful, which is the object of the Lord’s love.” What a challenging call! What a grace-filled invitation!

It’s hard to properly verbalize what this year of priesthood has done for my heart. How being placed in the middle of Jesus’ burning heart of love and your hearts has been such an honor and, selfishly, how it has expanded my heart. How your kind and generous words and greetings after Mass have encouraged me, consoled me, and challenged me. How your turning to me for a word of counsel and advice has humbled me deeply. I hope, as imperfect and flawed as it has been, I hope that I have loved you and served you in a way that mirrors the very perfect and complete love that God has for you.

By a stroke of providence, my first Mass last June was on Trinity Sunday. I preached about how my Nonna used to say to us grandchildren, “*I love you too much.*” That phrase sums up the Trinity, our God who is a communion of love, a furnace of love, and who loves too much, without limit or end! Every time we love—in word and deed, in ways small and large—we share in the Trinity, the communion of love, as our hearts expand and become more like the Sacred Heart of Jesus. At least, that’s what I’ve come to experience in this first year of priesthood.

Sorry to miss you this Sunday—I’m out of town! Happy Trinity Sunday!

— Fr. Jonathan P. Pennacchia, S.J.
Pastoral Year Priest

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 31st

Community Coffee Hour.

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

Welcome, Fr. Loredan!

Fr. Piero Loredan, S.J., a native of Verona, Italy, was ordained a priest in Paris in January of this year.

Fr. Loredan will be with us through the end of July, before returning to the University of Santa Clara to resume his graduate studies.

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Fr. Loredan.

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 31st, 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.

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.

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

Ignatian Social Justice

Thursday, June 11th at 7 PM
Parish House

Ignatian Social Justice is a ministry of the parish that brings parishioners together in a shared commitment to Catholic social teaching and the pursuit of justice.

Through education, advocacy, and action, the ministry seeks to raise awareness of timely and often underappreciated issues affecting our communities.

Rooted in faith and inspired by the Ignatian call to serve others, the group invites parishioners to become informed, engaged, and active in promoting the dignity of every person and working toward a more just and compassionate world.

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, June 10th—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, June 21st 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

Daniel Beckwith 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. Hilbert

Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Pennacchia

9:30 AM Fr. Hallinan

Wallace Hall Mass 11:00 AM Fr. Casciotti

Solemn Mass 11:00 AM Fr. Martin

7:30 PM Fr. Martin

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 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.

Spiritual Direction

For more information or for help

finding a Spiritual Director, please

contact Roxanne De La Torre at

delatorreR@nycignatius.org.

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, June 1st (St. Justin)

2 Peter 1:2-7 Psalm 91

Mark 12:1-12

8:30 MEM Ciro Saracino

12:10 MEM Daniel Cronin

5:30 MEM Euigo Peter Hong

Tuesday, June 2nd

(9th Tuesday in Ordinary Time)

2 Peter 3:12-15a, 17-18 Psalm 90

Mark 12:13-17

8:30 MEM Edward Dugan

12:10 MEM Ella T. McInerney

Flynn & David Mahoney

5:30 MEM Therese Crowley

Wednesday, June 3rd

(St. Charles Lwanga & comps.)

2 Timothy 1:1-3, 6-12 Psalm 123

Mark 12:18-27

8:30 MEM Remedios London

12:10 MEM John & Margaret

Reilly

5:30 MEM Mary Pferr

Thursday, June 4th

(9th Thursday in Ordinary Time)

2 Timothy 2:8-15 Psalm 25

Mark 12:28-34

8:30 MEM John Egasti

12:10 MEM Sose & Mark

Prekelezaj

5:30 MEM Teresa Esquivel

Friday, June 5th (St. Boniface)

2 Timothy 3:10-17 Psalm 119

Mark 12:35-37

8:30 MEM Jovencito Mendozat

12:10 MEM June Ross

5:30 MEM Colette Kaufman

Saturday, June 6th

(9th Saturday of Easter)

2 Timothy 4:1-8 Psalm 71

Mark 12:38-44

8:30 MEM Michael J. Leahy

Sunday, June 7th

(The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ)

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a

Psalm 147 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

John 6:51-58