



June 14, 2026 | 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Making a Truly Magnificent Humanity

“I address this heartfelt appeal to all the Catholic faithful, to all Christians and to all men and women of goodwill. Let us not be afraid to get our hands dirty on the “construction site” of our time. Like Nehemiah, let us pray, plan wisely and work perseveringly, placing God at the forefront of our actions and the human person at the center of our choices. Thus, the “rejected stones” — the poor, the sick, the migrants and the least among us — will become the cornerstone, and a solid, welcoming common home will emerge on the earth, where love and faithfulness will finally meet, and righteousness and peace will embrace (cf. Ps 85:10). This is the blessing we implore from God; and the task that stands before us is that of being builders of communion, rather than architects of Babel...I ask everyone to abandon the construction of yet another Tower of Babel and to join forces in building up the common good, so that humanity will never lose its beauty, and the world once again will come to recognize the human heart as the place where God desires to dwell.” #16

This beautiful quotation from Pope Leo XIV’s first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas*, offers us a rich reflection on how we, as disciples of Jesus Christ, are called to respond to the revolutionary changes occurring in society today as a result of artificial intelligence.



Rebuilding the Broken.
Matt Philleo. 2018.

Who was Nehemiah? When the Israelites returned to their homeland after their long exile in Babylon, they faced the daunting challenge of physically rebuilding all that they had lost. Nehemiah was appointed governor of Judea, in which the once great city of Jerusalem was located. He recognized the urgency of rebuilding Jerusalem, but also the importance of doing so within the framework of his people’s Jewish faith and traditions. Working with the priest, Ezra, he initiated sweeping social and religious reforms in which the poor were lifted up, and the people were called to live in fidelity to God and the ways of God.

In light of the rapid changes occurring as the result of artificial intelligence, Pope Leo is calling for leaders as wise as Nehemiah who recognized that a strong and lasting state could only be built on the foundation of a moral order; an order in which the dignity of all persons was respected and protected. We cannot allow artificial intelligence to develop and assume greater dominance in all aspects of society without ensuring that it is developed within a moral framework and used within a moral framework.

What is critical to a proper moral framework for the development and use of artificial intelligence is the primacy of the human person, and the recognition of the dignity of every human person. Is the primary focus of the development of artificial intelligence the displacement of the human person and the minimization of critical human reasoning? How does society ensure that the human person is not lost in the rapid deployment of artificial intelligence? How do we ensure that those whom society already neglects are not further marginalized by the development and use of artificial intelligence?

Will artificial intelligence become our ‘tower of Babel’? Our ancestors in the bible became enamored of their wisdom. They sought to build a tower into the heavens that would display their mastery of earth and heaven. Instead, it became their downfall as they were scattered across the earth and found themselves divided and in conflict. Is the current trajectory of the development and deployment of artificial intelligence leading us to the same ruin that befell our ancestors? Can we alter that trajectory so that artificial intelligence will serve to unite the human family in the common purpose of creating a world in which every human person can truly flourish? Altering the trajectory of artificial intelligence is our job as persons of faith.

— Rev. Mark C. Hallinan, 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, JUNE 14th

Community Coffee Hour.

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

Farewell to Bruce Rameker.

8:30 PM. Wallace Hall. Details below.

FRIDAY, JUNE 19th

Juneteenth.

The Parish House will be closed in observance of Juneteenth. One Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 AM. There will be no 12:10 PM or 5:30 PM Masses.

Giving via Zelle

We are pleased to announce that parishioners can now make donations to the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola conveniently through Zelle. If you use online or mobile banking, you can send your contribution directly from your bank account with no fees.

To give via Zelle, simply use the following email: church@nycignatius.org. In the memo line, please specify the fund or intention you would like your gift applied to.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish. Your contributions make a meaningful difference in sustaining our ministries and mission.

Farewell to Bruce Rameker

**Sunday, June 14th, following the 7:30 PM Mass
Wallace Hall**

Please join us in Wallace Hall following the 7:30 PM Mass on Sunday, June 14th, as we celebrate the ministry of Bruce Rameker.

Bruce joined the Choir of St. Ignatius Loyola in 1994 and has been the cantor for the 7:30 PM Mass community for over 15 years. In addition to his ministry in music, he has been a longtime leader of the LGBT Catholics and Friends ministry.

Bruce is moving to Europe later this year, and we wish to offer our gratitude for his decades of service and send him with our love and blessings into this next chapter.

Community Coffee Hour

**Sunday, June 14th, 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.

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.

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**

St. Ignatius Has an App!

It has never been easier to find current information on parish programming, participate in online giving, learn about our ministries, and more.



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

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook at *stignatiusnyc*.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Save the Date: Backpack Drive
Saturday, July 11th to Sunday, August 16th

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is sponsoring a Backpack Drive to provide backpacks and school supplies to students at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish School in Harlem. Donated items may be dropped off at the Parish House. Staples gift cards are also welcome.

REQUESTED ITEMS:

- Backpack
- #2 Pencils
- Ballpoint pens, Black or Blue
 - Small box of crayons
- Small box of colored pencils
- 2 Black Marble notebooks
- 3 Pocket folders, 8"X11", any colors
- Small pack of wide-ruled loose leaf paper
 - Eraser
 - Pencil case

If you wish to order items online to be shipped to the Parish House, please have the shipments addressed: Attn: SVdP Backpack Drive.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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 24th—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.

To receive our weekly email newsletter, scan the QR code or visit ignatius.nyc.



Religious Education

Registration Now Open for the 2026-2027 Session of IREP

Register now for the next session of our Interparish Religious Education Program (IREP).

IREP is an ongoing formation process for Kindergarten to 8th-grade students. IREP is intended for children who do not attend Catholic school but would like to be guided in the Catholic faith.

ALL NEW FAMILIES:



The QR code at left is for New Families only! Once you complete this form, the IREP office will be notified and will review your application.

If approved, you will receive an automated email from Parish Giving with login credentials for an account that was created for you. Sign into your Parish Giving account to make a payment and select sessions for your child/ren.

ALL RETURNING FAMILIES:

If you're a returning family, please do not fill out the form. You will receive an email from Parish Giving on the morning that registration opens. This email will contain login credentials for a Parish Giving account that was created for you. There is no need for you to create a Parish Giving account.

If registration opens, and you don't receive this automated email, please contact the IREP office at 212-288-3588 x609 or email noonank@nycignatius.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.

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.

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PARISH STAFF

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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

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Jen Arvay Kefalas

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Michael Sheetz

Christina Kay

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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. Devron

Sunday:

8:00 AM Fr. Tunney

9:30 AM Fr. Hallinan

Solemn Mass

11:00 AM Fr. Modry

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

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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

Resumes in September.

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 15th

(11th Monday in Ordinary Time)

1 Kings 21:1–16 Psalm 5

Matthew 5:38–42

8:30 MEM Boo Hee Gu &
Bang Gu

12:10 MEM Agnes Cannon

5:30 MEM Richard J. Wronski

Tuesday, June 16th

(11th Tuesday in Ordinary Time)

1 Kings 21:17–29 Psalm 51

Matthew 5:43–48

8:30 MEM Fr. John M. Costello,
S.J.

12:10 MEM Irene Silneri

5:30 MEM Patricia Fullam
Walsh

Wednesday, June 17th

(11th Wednesday in Ordinary Time)

2 Kings 2:1, 6–14 Psalm 31

Matthew 6:1–6, 16–18

8:30 MEM Alice Sebastian

12:10 MEM Laura McEachen

5:30 MEM Teresa Cannon

Thursday, June 18th

(11th Thursday in Ordinary Time)

Sirach 48:1–14 Psalm 97

Matthew 6:7–15

8:30 ANN Carla Fendi

12:10 MEM Sophia Kooper

5:30 MEM Nancy Jacobson

Friday, June 19th

(11th Friday in Ordinary Time)

2 Kings 11:1–4, 9–18, 20 Psalm 132

Matthew 6:19–23

8:30 MEM Randy Guzzardo

Saturday, June 20th

(11th Saturday in Ordinary Time)

2 Chronicles 24:17–25 Psalm 89

Matthew 6:24–34

8:30 MEM Julia Anne O'Donnell

Sunday, June 21st

(12th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Jeremiah 20:10–13 Psalm 69

Romans 5:12–15 Matthew 10:26–33