



September 27, 2026 | 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Lecture Series 2026-2027: Jewish and Catholic Law in Dialogue

Both modern Judaism and contemporary Christianity are based on the Word revealed in the Jewish scriptures and trace their roots to the Judaism of Jesus' time. Following the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 A.D., Judaism gradually evolved primarily into Rabbinic Judaism, while early Christianity developed from the movement initiated by Jesus and his disciples, distinguishing itself from the various forms of Judaism over time. With Jesus, who was himself a Jew, the first Christians effectively adopted the principles of Judaism as they existed at the time and adapted them to the new post-Easter situation. Accordingly, the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, in its Declaration on the Relation of the Church with non-Christian Religions, *Nostra Aetate*, states: "Since the spiritual patrimony common to Christians and Jews is thus so great, this sacred synod wants to foster and recommend that mutual understanding and respect which is the fruit, above all, of biblical and theological studies as well as of fraternal dialogues." This rich shared heritage is a solid foundation and a true treasure for Jewish-Christian dialogue.

A "fraternal dialogue" is what I propose for the St. Ignatius Loyola Lecture Series for 2026-2027, and I do so in friendship and collaboration with Rabbi Emma Dubin, Assistant Rabbi of Temple Emanu-El, and Dr. Alyssa M. Cody, Director of the Center for Interfaith Dialogue at Temple Emanu-El. Together we have organized four evenings—two hosted by Temple Emanu-El and two hosted by St. Ignatius.

The dialogue will be centered on the systems and traditions of law in the respective religious communities, exploring the role of religious law in shaping faith, ethics, and community life. Through respectful conversation we will examine shared values and distinct approaches to interpreting and upholding sacred traditions in the modern world.

The dates and venues of the four evenings are:

Monday, October 5th, at 6:30 PM; Temple Emanu-El, 1 East 65th Street, lobby entrance between 5th and Madison Avenue

Monday, November 16th, at 7:00 PM; St. Ignatius Loyola, Wallace Hall

Monday, January 25, 2027, at 6:30 PM; Temple Emanu-El

Monday, February 22, 2027, at 7:00 PM; Wallace Hall

Here is a brief synopsis of the first session.

Session 1: Introduction to Law in Catholicism and Judaism

What really is religious law? In our first session, we'll explore what law means in each religion — where authority resides within the tradition, how legal thinking has developed over millennia, and how binding religious "law" really is in our faith communities today. This is an opportunity for intimate interfaith study of legal texts of both traditions, from the Biblical to the contemporary.

Subsequent sessions will deal with topics such as judges and courts, hierarchical structures, marriage law, and membership.

In a recent Joint Note from the Dicastries for the Doctrine of the Faith, for Promoting Christian Unity, and for Interreligious Dialogue, titled, "A Journey of Hope: Sixty Years of Interreligious Dialogue and Fraternity in the Light of the Conciliar Declaration *Nostra Aetate*," we read, "The more Christians come to know and love the Jewish roots of their own tradition, the better they understand themselves in the practice of faith, and the stronger their religious identity becomes—even though, for this to happen, Christians must know their own faith tradition well and be firmly rooted in it."

It is hoped that this year's lecture series will be not only a fruitful intellectual exercise but an authentic encounter with our Jewish neighbors, in a spirit of peace, friendship, and a shared search for truth and goodness. As Pope Francis exhorted us in his Encyclical Letter *Fratelli Tutti*, "Approaching, speaking, listening, looking at, coming to know and understand one another, and to find common ground: all these things are summed up in the one word 'dialogue'" (par. 198).

Rabbi Dubin, Dr. Cody, and I look forward to welcoming many members of our respective congregations!

— Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.
Associate Pastor

This Week at a Glance

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th

Welcome Back Sunday & Ministry Fair.

Following the 11 AM Masses.

Grammar School's McKinnon Hall. *Details below.*

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting.

7 PM. Parish House.

SCRIPTURE CLASS | In the Beginning: The Book of Genesis.

7 PM. Parish House & Zoom. *Details at right.*

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 4th at 1 PM

Outside the Parish House

Pet owners are invited to bring their leashed dog, cat, reptile, or caged birds and bunnies for a blessing.

Welcome Back Sunday & Ministry Fair

Sunday, September 27th

Following the 11 AM Masses

Grammar School's McKinnon Hall

Join your fellow parishioners for fun and fellowship after the 11 AM Solemn Mass and Wallace Hall Family Mass.

Featuring the return of our Community Coffee Hour, plus the opportunity for parishioners to become reacquainted with the various ministries of the parish at the Ministry Fair.

The Ministry Fair will be located at the Grammar School's McKinnon Hall at 48 East 84th Street.

IGNITE Tech Support for Seniors

Beginning Sunday, October 4th at 12:30 PM

Parish House

We're excited to bring back IGNITE Tech Support for Seniors this Fall.

Our high school student volunteers will be available to help with phones, tablets, laptops, email, apps, and other everyday technology questions.

We'll meet from 12:30 PM-1:30 PM

in the Parish House on:

Sunday, October 4th | Sunday, October 18th

Sunday, November 1st | Sunday, November 15th

Please feel free to join us for any or all of the sessions, and bring along the device you'd like help with.

SAVE THE DATE

Snow Ball Dance

Saturday, December 5th at 7 PM

Wallace Hall

Make room on your dance card for one of our favorite annual traditions: the Snow Ball Dance! Spend a festive evening enjoying food, drinks, and live music by The Morris Brothers Band alongside your friends and fellow adult (21+) parishioners.

Come ready to celebrate, catch up, and, of course, dance!

**Ticket information will be announced
in a future bulletin.**

Circle of Friends

From Affluence to Affliction: The Urban Development of the Upper East Side & How We Got Here

Tuesday, October 13th at 1 PM in Wallace Hall

PRESENTER:

William M. Singer, AIA, NCARB, LEED BC+C

From 59th to 96th Street, the Upper East Side is known for grand townhouses, luxury apartments, Museum Mile, and its "Silk Stocking District" reputation. Yet its history also includes Yorkville's immigrant communities, low-income housing, and periods of social and architectural change.

Architect William M. Singer will lead an in-person "walking tour" presentation exploring the neighborhood's development and the diverse communities that have long called it home.

**Registration is required at
silcircleoffriends@gmail.com.**

Scripture Class

In the Beginning: The Book of Genesis

Wednesdays, through October 14th

7 PM

Parish House and on Zoom

The Book of Genesis has captured imaginations for generations. From mythical foundation stories to the legends of the patriarchs, this inspiring—and confounding—text presents timeless wisdom coupled with profound questions about the human condition and the nature of God.

This course will provide a contextual introduction to the book as well as a deeper reading of selected passages.

Brian B. Pinter, Pastoral Associate, will present.

To RSVP, email pinterb@nycignatius.org.



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

Reading Course

Magnifica Humanitas – Magnificent Humanity **Encyclical of Pope Leo XIV on Safeguarding the Human Person in the Age of Artificial Intelligence**

**Five weekly sessions beginning Tuesday, October 13th
7 PM to 8 PM in the Parish House**

Led by Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J.

With so much attention now being given to artificial intelligence, its promise and its perils, it is an opportune moment to read together Pope Leo's encyclical.

The first meeting will discuss the introduction and first chapter of his encyclical and then each subsequent week we'll discuss the following chapter.

Participants must commit to coming to the class having read the material in advance. Questions to focus your attention will be provided prior to each session. You will be responsible for purchasing your own copy of the encyclical.

Registration is limited to the first 25 persons. You can register by writing to hallinanm@nycignatius.org, or by calling the Parish House and asking to be put on the list for the reading course on the Pope's encyclical.

Introduction to Law in Catholicism and Judaism

Monday, October 5th at 6:30 PM

**Temple Emanu-El, 1 East 65th Street, the lobby
entrance between Fifth and Madison Avenues**

PRESENTERS:

Fr. Michael Hilbert, S.J. & Rabbi Emma Dubin

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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.



A Call to Faithful Citizenship

Monday, October 5th, from 6:30 PM to 8 PM

Wallace Hall

How can our faith impact our choices at the ballot box, especially when we are confronted with complex moral questions? The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops urge Catholics to put faith before political affiliation, recognizing that politics is rarely a choice between good and evil.

Join us for a 90-minute, nonpartisan discussion as we explore how Catholic Social Teaching can inform our voting in the upcoming midterm election. Together, we'll practice discernment and reflect on civic participation as part of discipleship.

To RSVP,

email SILCatholicsInCommunion@gmail.com.

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.

**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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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. Casciotti

Sunday:

8:00 AM Fr. Yesalonia

9:30 AM Fr. Hallinan

Wallace Hall Family 11:00 AM Fr. Pennacchia

Solemn Mass 11:00 AM Fr. Casciotti

7:30 PM Fr. Hilbert

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Saint Ignatius Loyola School

Upper Campus

(First Grade through Eighth Grade)

Ms. Mary Larkin, Head of School

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48 East 84th Street

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(PreK-3 through Kindergarten)

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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, September 28th

(26th Monday in Ordinary Time)

Job 1:6–22 Psalm 17 Luke 9:46–50

8:30 MEM Dorothy Gordon

12:10 MEM Antoinette Taub

5:30 MEM Mary Sissy Daly

Tuesday, September 29th

(St. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael)

Daniel 7:9–10, 13–14 Psalm 138

John 1:47–51

8:30 MEM Jim Wooten

12:10 MEM Valerie Williams &

Richard Ruggiero

5:30 MEM Eileen Carroll

Wednesday, September 30th

(St. Jerome)

Job 9:1–12, 14–16 Psalm 88

Luke 9:57–62

8:30 MEM Sidney Callaghan

12:10 MEM Donna Conigliaro

5:30 MEM William Powers

Thursday, October 1st

(St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus)

Job 19:21–27 Psalm 27

Luke 10:1–12

8:30 MEM Ciro Saracino

12:10 MEM George Williamson

5:30 MEM Angela Coppola

Friday, October 2nd

(The Holy Guardian Angels)

Job 38:1, 12–21; 40:3–5 Psalm 139

Matthew 18:1–5; 10

8:30 MEM Luisa & Maria Lisa

Cacanindin

12:10 MEM Sose & Mark

Prekelezaj

5:30 MEM Jean Dubowski-Hager

Saturday, October 3rd

(St. Francis Borgia)

Job 42:1–3, 5–6, 12–17 Psalm 119

Luke 10:17–24

8:30 MEM Helen Joan Dilworth

Sunday, October 4th

(27th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Isaiah 5:1–7 Psalm 80

Philippians 4:6–9

Matthew 21:33–43