



October 11, 2026 | 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Finding God in the Rhythm of Everyday Life

Meeting Christ in Prayer (MCIP) is an eight-week experience based on the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Its guided approach to daily prayer and reflection welcomes both those seeking to understand prayer more deeply and those already committed to a daily guided prayer life. For me, it offered a thoughtful, well-orchestrated blueprint for spiritual renewal, something I had been looking for but had found difficult to weave into the demands of everyday life. A faith formative and transformational journey.



The Road to Emmaus. Robert Zünd. 1877.

The experience helped me bring my Jesuit education, from high school through college, more fully into my everyday life. Through various methods of prayer, and reflection ‘rooted in the wisdom of the Catholic Church’, MCIP helped to raise my understanding of the term ‘Discernment’ and my awareness of what brings me closer to God and what takes me further away. This transformative, Ignatian step-by-step approach, developed over 500 years ago, remains remarkably applicable to the world we live in today. Through Meeting Christ in Prayer, these teachings became more accessible, helping me recognize God’s presence and direction in both my spiritual life and my daily choices.

As a participant at St. Ignatius, I found encouragement in reading Scripture and sharing the insights that emerged through daily guided prayer. These readings gave me the opportunity to encounter the Divine more fully through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The daily and weekly structure helped me understand the power of prayer and experience how transformative “living in the Word” can be.

Over time, this regular practice of prayer and meditation gave my spiritual life greater clarity and a more focused understanding of how to live as a Christian in the twenty-first century. A commitment to daily prayer and the Examen at the end of the day continues to ground me, all for the ‘Greater glory of God’.

My experience as a participant drew me more deeply into Meeting Christ in Prayer and eventually led me to become a co-facilitator. In this role, I came to appreciate even more the importance of fellowship and the sense of belonging that grows as we pray, reflect, and share with one another. Rooted in Ignatius’s *Spiritual Exercises*, the program gave us a common foundation for these conversations, while allowing each person to explore how Scripture spoke to his or her own life. Through each session, I found that there is something deeply meaningful about accompanying others as we each seek to know Christ more fully.

The phrase “heart speaks to heart” beautifully expresses what this experience has meant to me: a continuing conversation with Christ that deepens what I believe is the most important reason for living a Christian life, a personal relationship with Jesus. Whether just beginning to explore prayer or have prayed faithfully for many years, the encouragement to daily, guided prayer, given in this course of spiritual renewal, by facilitators as well as participating members, will provide a renewed closeness to Christ and the memorable fellowship of others walking alongside.

— Peter Cronin
Meeting Christ in Prayer

This Week at a Glance

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11th

Guided Church Tour.
12:30 PM. Church. *Details at right.*

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12th

Columbus Day.
The Parish House will be closed
in observance of Columbus Day.

One Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 AM.
There will be no 12:10 PM or 5:30 PM Masses.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13th

From Affluence to Affliction: The Urban Development of
the Upper East Side & How We Got Here.
1 PM. Wallace Hall. *Details at right.*

Magnifica Humanitas – Magnificent Humanity
Encyclical of Pope Leo XIV on Safeguarding the Human
Person in the Age of Artificial Intelligence.
7 PM. Parish House. *Details on page 3.*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14th

SCRIPTURE CLASS | In the Beginning: The Book of Genesis.
7 PM. Parish House & Zoom.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting.
7 PM. Parish House.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15th

LGBT Catholics & Friends Meeting.
7 PM. Parish House.

Guided Church Tour

Sunday, October 11th and October 25th 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 learn more about our beautiful church through our monthly tours.



To register, scan the QR code at left or
visit ignatius.nyc/guidedtourtour.

Group size is limited.
Registration is required.

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.

A Personal Thank You

My Golden Jubilee celebration holds many fond memories I will always cherish. I am grateful for the gracious hospitality you extended to my family and friends, who left with glowing impressions of the parish.

Thank you for celebrating my 50 years as a Jesuit with your prayers, enthusiasm, and generosity. Above all, I am grateful to God for calling me to be a companion of his Son and sustaining my vocation. May all that we do together as the parish of the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola be for the greater glory of God.

— Fr. Yesalonia

LME Fall Day of Reflection

Saturday, October 31st, from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Wallace Hall

Join the Lay Ministers Enrichment ministry for our Fall Day of Reflection, presented by Sister Boretta Singleton.



Continental breakfast will be served beginning at 8:30 AM, with the program starting shortly afterward.

To register, scan the QR code above.

Many Faiths, One City: **An Interfaith Journey Through** **Colonial New York**

Saturday, November 7th at 10 AM or 1 PM

Explore colonial Lower Manhattan on a walking tour tracing the refugees, revolutionaries, Indigenous communities, and faith traditions that shaped New York.

Visit Trinity Church, St. Paul’s Chapel, and other landmarks while discovering stories of faith, freedom, and resilience across the city’s Jewish, Christian, Muslim, and Indigenous heritage.



To register, scan the QR at left.

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.

Explore artificial intelligence's promise and perils through Pope Leo's encyclical, beginning with the introduction and first chapter, then one chapter each week.

Participants must purchase their own copy and complete readings before each session. Discussion questions will be provided in advance

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.

Screening of the Documentary Film *Remembering Mychal*

Wednesday, October 21st

6 PM

Wallace Hall

Join us for a repeat screening of *Remembering Mychal*, honoring FDNY Chaplain Fr. Mychal Judge, the first documented victim of September 11. Marking the 25th anniversary, the film recalls the communities who gathered to mourn their priest and friend, whose life offers an enduring example of hope and inclusion.

The 50-minute documentary will be followed by refreshments and a discussion with the director.

Voting is an Act of Love: Election Prayer Vigil

Monday, November 2nd

6 PM

On the steps of St. Ignatius of Loyola Church

Join members of the Parish Council as we host an Election Prayer Vigil.

Building on the success of our recent *A Call to Faithful Citizenship* event, we invite you to this vigil to pray for safe and honest elections. We also pray that you and all citizens will exercise our right to vote in this year's elections. The prayer vigil will last approximately 20 minutes and will include prayer, meditative silence, and song.

Parish Ministries Appreciation Dinner

Thursday, November 5th at 7 PM

Wallace Hall

Fr. Dennis Yesalonia, S.J., Pastor, cordially invites those in our parish ministries and their partners to the Parish Ministries Appreciation Dinner.

An RSVP is required.

To register, either email brucasn@nycignatius.org or leave your information with Reception. The RSVP deadline is Thursday, October 29th.

We look forward to sharing a meal together!

Finding Your Balance:

A Fall Prevention Presentation

Monday, October 19th at 1 PM or

Thursday, October 22nd at 7 PM

Parish House

Anyone at any age can experience a fall, but the impact of falling can be challenging for maintaining an independent and quality lifestyle.

Michael Ross, Ph.D., Exercise Science (Sport Psychology/ Exercise Physiology), will be offering a presentation/ demonstration on reducing the risk of falling.

Parishioners will have the opportunity to enroll in a free 6-week program upon conclusion of the presentation.



**To register, scan the QR code at left.
Registration is recommended,
but not required.**

Spirituality Conversation:

A Spirituality of Imperfection

Wednesday, November 4th, from 7 PM to 8 PM

Parish House and Zoom

A hazard of the spiritual journey is the confusion of holiness with perfection. Many of us struggle with the temptation that we are not worthy of God's love unless we are "good" and do everything right.

Our conversation will explore how authentic Christian spirituality seeks to discern the movement of God within our imperfections and how we can more readily receive God's compassion.

Brian B. Pinter, Pastoral Associate will present.

To RSVP, email pinterb@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. Pennacchia

9:30 AM Fr. Hilbert

Wallace Hall Family 11:00 AM Fr. Casciotti

Solemn Mass 11:00 AM Fr. Hallinan

7:30 PM Fr. Hallinan

Religious Education for Children

Ms. Kate Noonan, Director

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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)

Ms. Mary Larkin, Head of School

240 East 84th Street

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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, October 12th

(28th Monday in Ordinary Time)

Galatians 4:22–24, 26–27, 31–5:1

Psalms 113 Luke 11:29–32

8:30 MEM Aparecida G. Bruzz

Tuesday, October 13th

(28th Tuesday in Ordinary Time)

Galatians 5:1–6 Psalms 119

Luke 11:37–41

8:30 MEM Janet Halchak

12:10 MEM Rosemary Casey
Carter

5:30 MEM Elizabeth Troilo

Wednesday, October 14th

(28th Wednesday in Ordinary Time)

Galatians 5:18–25 Psalms 1

Luke 11:42–46

8:30 MEM Gerald & Juliana
Davitt

12:10 MEM Peter Gerard Brady

5:30 MEM Charles Tantillo

Thursday, October 15th

(St. Teresa of Jesus)

Ephesians 1:1–10 Psalms 98

Luke 11:47–54

8:30 MEM Herney Torrente Rojas

12:10 MEM Alice Patricia
McCarthy

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

Friday, October 16th

(28th Friday in Ordinary Time)

Ephesians 1:11–14 Psalms 33

Luke 12:1–7

8:30 MEM Mary McLoughlin

12:10 MEM David Christopher
Chen

5:30 MEM Danny Calise

Saturday, October 17th

(St. Ignatius of Antioch)

Ephesians 1:15–23 Psalms 8

Luke 12:8–12

8:30 MEM Thomas Jermyn

Sunday, October 18th

(29th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Isaiah 45:1, 4–6 Psalms 96

1 Thessalonians 1:1–5b

Matthew 22:15–21