



October 18, 2026 | 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

On the Road of Life, Who Are We?

The parable of the Good Samaritan is one with which almost every Christian is familiar. We know to laud the compassionate action of the Good Samaritan, while expressing our disdain for the priest and the Levite who passed by a badly wounded man. Have we become so inured to what is being done in our name in this nation, and in other parts of our world, that we have become priests and Levites who offer no response to what we can see calls for our response?

On January 7, 2026, Renee Good, wife and mother, was killed by federal agents during the ICE surge in Minneapolis, Minnesota. No official accounting of her death has occurred. A short time later, Alexi Pretti was shot and killed by a federal officer during that same surge. Again, no official accounting of his death has occurred. On July 13, 2026, Johan Duran Guerrero, a 25-year-old Colombian national, with a pending asylum application and a valid work permit, was shot and killed by an ICE officer, although Guerrero was not the intended target of an ICE operation. We later learned from his family that the ICE agent had a history of mental illness and was accused of domestic abuse. No official accounting of Guerrero's death has occurred.



There are currently over 60,000 migrants in detention centers throughout the United States. Multiple investigations have revealed that many of these detention centers, run by private prison corporations, are deficient in staffing, health care, food, and sanitation. As of September 24, at least 58 persons have died in detention centers since the start of the Trump administration.

More than 25,000 ICE detainees have been deported to third-party countries because the United States was unable to repatriate them to their homelands. Many of these detainees have been sent to countries with well-known records for human rights violations. For example, detainees sent to Equatorial Guinea were hooded, bound, and beaten by police at a hotel

which serves as a de-facto prison for deportees from the United States.

Between September 2025 and the end of September 2026, the United States military has killed more than 230 persons in some 70 strikes against small boats operating in the Caribbean and Pacific. The government argues that these persons are involved in narco-terrorist networks against whom the United States is in armed conflict. Legal specialists have said that the strikes are illegal, extrajudicial killings because the military is not permitted to deliberately target civilians—even suspected criminals—who do not pose an imminent threat of violence.

At the start of the war against Iran, two Tomahawk missiles hit an elementary school in the southern Iranian town of Minab. The blasts killed more than 150 people, including at least 123 children. While no official accounting of this disaster has been released, independent investigations point to outdated targeting information and over reliance on an AI-powered data integration and targeting platform developed to accelerate intelligence analysis and decision-making. In September, a United States glide-bomb struck a home where a wedding was taking place, killing five people and wounding 67 others. These errors occurred within the context of a drastic reduction in civilian harm mitigation teams. Centcom, the combatant command responsible for the Iran War, saw its team shrink from 10 persons to 1.

Sadly, this is only a partial list of egregious actions carried out by our government for which we have to take responsibility. Letters to Congress, letters to the media, social media postings challenging what our government is doing, and participating in peaceful demonstrations are all steps we can take to voice our opposition. Are we doing it? To quote Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: “We will have to repent in this generation not merely for the hateful words and actions of the bad people, but for the appalling silence of the good people.”

— Rev. Mark C. Hallinan, S.J.
Associate Pastor

This Week at a Glance

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18th

IGNITE Tech Support for Seniors Program.
12:30 PM. Parish House.

Young Adults Fall Social.
Following the 7:30 PM Mass. Wallace Hall.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19th

Finding Your Balance: A Fall Prevention Presentation.
1 PM. Parish House. *Details on page 3.*

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20th

BOOK DISCUSSION: *Inconspicuous Consumption*
by Tatiana Schlossberg.
1 PM. Parish House.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21st

Screening of the Documentary Film *Remembering Mychal*.
6 PM. Wallace Hall.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22nd

Finding Your Balance: A Fall Prevention Presentation.
7 PM. Parish House. *Details on page 3.*

Snow Ball Dance

Saturday, December 5th at 7 PM in 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!



Scan the QR code at left to RSVP or visit ticketsource.com/stignatiusnyc.

Book Reading and Discussion

Thursday, October 29th at 6 PM
Wallace Hall

Road Trip Detour: Exploring Life's Journey
Mental Health, Loss, and Finding Purpose

Join us for a reading and book discussion of former parishioner Rich Miller-Murphy's new memoir, *Road Trip Detour: Exploring Life's Journey*.

Through experiences of loss, health challenges, and concealing his sexuality, Rich shares a journey toward healing and family, and the support and love that he found along the way.



To register, scan the QR code at left.

Guided Church Tour

Sunday, 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/guidedtours.

Group size is limited.
Registration is required.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Through Sunday, November 15th

Benefiting the Church of the Ascension Food Pantry
West 107th Street, Manhattan Valley

We're collecting canned goods and non-perishable items to help our neighbors in need during the Lent and Easter seasons. Your contribution matters!

SUGGESTED FOOD DONATIONS

Canned: beans, corn, green beans, yams, tomatoes, peppers, other canned vegetables & fruits, chili, stew, soup, tuna, and other canned fish & meat, condensed milk

Boxed or Bags: rice, pasta, dried beans & lentils, stuffing, cornbread mix, brown sugar, baking/pancake mix (e.g., Bisquick), hot or cold cereal, instant soups, cake or brownie mix with frosting, shelf-stable milk, juices & fruit purees

Other: seasonings, honey, olive oil, avocado oil, or coconut oil in plastic bottles or cans

NO glass jars or bottles.

Items may be dropped off daily at the Parish House.

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.

Lay Ministers' Enrichment

Fall Event: Praying with Song & Sound
Saturday, October 31st
9 AM to 1 PM
Wallace Hall

GUEST FACILITATORS
Jackie Perez & The Ignatian Schola

The Ignatian Schola is a New York-based vocal ensemble composed of Jesuits and lay colleagues.

Rooted in Ignatian spirituality, the Schola is dedicated to the exploration of musical prayer in the service of faith and the promotion of justice.

Join the Schola's musical director, Jackie Perez, and several of its members as we discover how praying with song & sound can connect us further with the Divine and strengthen our faith in new and exciting ways.

All are welcome!

Register now at tinyurl.com/LMEFALL26

Sponsored by The William J. Bergen Office of Ignatian Spirituality & Faith Formation

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 brucasr@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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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 19th

(Ss. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues & comps.)

2 Corinthians 4:7-15 Psalm 126

Matthew 28:16-20

8:30 MEM Carla Fendi

12:10 ANN Donna Conigliaro

5:30 MEM Donald Melanson

Tuesday, October 20th

(29th Tuesday in Ordinary Time)

Ephesians 2:12-22 Psalm 85

Luke 12:35-38

8:30 MEM Monica Brown

12:10 MEM Michael Doyle

5:30 MEM Lindsey Marie Whalen

Wednesday, October 21st

(29th Wednesday in Ordinary Time)

Ephesians 3:2-12 Isaiah 12

Luke 12:39-48

8:30 MEM Denis Thompson

12:10 MEM Jacqueline Thompson

5:30 MEM Nathan Davidson

Thursday, October 22nd

(29th Thursday in Ordinary Time)

Ephesians 3:14-21 Psalm 33

Luke 12:49-53

8:30 ANN Leslie & Walter Kernan

12:10 LVG Celia Thompson

5:30 MEM Angela Coppola

Friday, October 23rd

(29th Friday in Ordinary Time)

Ephesians 4:1-6 Psalm 24

Luke 12:54-59

8:30 MEM Luisa Lusardi & Diana

Lividini

12:10 MEM Marc Rice

5:30 MEM Josephina De
Goytisolo

Saturday, October 24th

(29th Saturday in Ordinary Time)

Ephesians 4:7-16 Psalm 122

Luke 13:1-9

8:30 MEM Joan Gordon

Sunday, October 25th

(30th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Exodus 22:20-26 Psalm 18

1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Matthew 22:34-40

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. Casciotti

9:30 AM Fr. Hallinan

Wallace Hall Family 11:00 AM Fr. Hallinan

Solemn Mass 11:00 AM Fr. Hilbert

7:30 PM Fr. Yesalonia