St. Ignatius Loyola
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Can a Prayer App Help Me Become a Saint?

Each November 1st, the Church gifts us with a special solemnity: the Feast of All Saints. A tradition of the Church that stretches back to the 9th Century, All Saints Day serves as an annual reminder of our communion with those who have gone to the Kingdom ahead of us, especially honoring those holy men and women the Church has commemorated through canonization into Sainthood. But more than just another holy day of obligation, All Saints Day is also a feast that can speak directly to our own hearts. As we call to mind our favorite Saints and ask for their prayers, we are also given the opportunity to assess our own calls to holiness, the daily invitation we are extended to more fully realize our individual identities as followers of Christ, and, dare I say, *our own calls to sainthood.*

Yes, we are *all* called to Sainthood! Too often, we have placed the canonized men and women of the Church on pedestals—their actions irreplicable, their feats unattainable, their holiness unreachable. In fact, the Church has elevated these holy men and women as models for us because *even in their ordinariness* they did extraordinary things in the name of God. Each of these men and women were regular people who struggled with their lives and their faith like you and me. The great things we remember them for—whether they became Doctors of the Church, Popes, or martyrs for their faith—all came to fruition as they responded openly, freely, and with generosity to the call of Christ. Each of them opened their hearts so fully to the love of Christ that their lives became instruments, vehicles for the work of God. The Lord took what was ordinary and made it extraordinary.



***The Forerunners of Christ with Saints and Martyrs.* Fra Angelico. 1420s.**

So, how do we respond to our own call to become Saints? A Spiritual Director once told me that God's daily invitation to us is simple and gentle: *let us know one another.* In other words, God wants nothing more than to be in relationship with us, to grow in friendship daily, and to build a love that is rooted in intimacy and trust. These are the roots from which our faith can flower. We cannot follow a God we do not know, and we cannot know God if we don't make the effort to grow in relationship. This is why prayer, in all the forms and methods that it takes, is so central to our lives as faithful Christians. Prayer is what allows us to build an intimate relationship with God, it encourages us to follow the individual call that God has planted in each of our hearts, and it helps to sustain us through the challenges and setbacks that life may bring our way.

One of the best prayer tools that I've come across is a free app that you can download on your phone or tablet called *Pray as You Go*. Developed by the British Province of the Society of Jesus twenty years ago, the *Pray as You Go* app has grown to serve thousands of people around the world and is now offered in over fifteen different languages. Rooted in Ignatian Spirituality, the app centers around 15-minute daily audio clips that lead listeners through a meditation on the Scripture of the day followed by a guided contemplation. If you're like me and struggle to find even a few minutes of stillness each day, you might find *Pray as You Go* similarly helpful. It is a wonderful tool that has allowed me to continue to grow my personal relationship with God, even as I find myself on the move and sometimes overcome by life's busyness.

I am very excited to announce that we will be hosting our friends from *Pray as You Go* this **November 20th to 21st** for a "*Festival of Prayer with Pray as You Go.*" If you're interested in learning more about how this unique Ignatian resource can help you with your own prayer life and in your own journey towards Sainthood, mark your calendars and join us! The festival will begin on the evening of Friday, November 20th with a LIVE version of *Pray as You Go*, featuring musical artists *The Porter's Gate*. The weekend continues Saturday afternoon, November 21st with a mini-retreat and workshops on prayer featuring speakers from both *Pray as You Go* and the *Jesuit Institute – United Kingdom*. Sponsored by the William J. Bergen Office of Ignatian Spirituality & Faith Formation, the entire festival is free, open to the public, and is not to be missed! Let us all walk the path towards sainthood alongside one another—looking forward to seeing you there.

— Roxanne De La Torre
Pastoral Associate for Ignatian Spirituality & Faith Formation

This Week at a Glance

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1st
Ignatian Tech Support for Seniors.
12:30 PM. Parish House.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd
Voting is an Act of Love: Election Prayer Vigil.
6 PM. On the steps of the Church. *Details on page 3.*

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4th
Spirituality Conversation: A Spirituality of Imperfection.
7 PM. Parish House and Zoom. *Details on page 3.*

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5th
Parish Ministries Appreciation Dinner.
7 PM. Wallace Hall. *RSVPs are now closed.*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7th
Many Faiths, One City: An Interfaith Journey Through Colonial New York. 10 AM & 1 PM. *Details at right.*

Celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.
5:30 PM. Church.

Join the Sandwich Brigade: Help Us Reach Our 1,200-Bag Goal

Sunday, November 15th, following the 11 AM Masses
Wallace Hall

Help us pack 1,200 sandwich bags for our neighbors facing food insecurity at our annual service event benefiting the New York Common Pantry.

Donations are needed by Thursday, November 12th. Contributions of any amount will help provide:

-1,200 juice boxes
- 1,200 granola bars
- 120 loaves of white or wheat bread
- 15 jars of peanut butter (16 ounces each)
- 15 jars of jelly
- 600 clementines
- 600 small apples

Thank you for your generosity and support!

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.

Holy Listening: A Structured Faith Sharing Experience

Five Tuesdays, beginning November 24th
7 PM
Zoom

Join us as we reflect together on Scripture and our responses to it, focusing on a reading from each upcoming week's Sunday Mass. We will focus on Advent readings in this five-week program.

Experience the delight of how the Lord moves each person through the Word—and how you are moved in turn by each person's response. This is open to all adults and takes place on Zoom.

To register, visit tinyurl.com/SILholylistening.

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.

Women's Spirituality Retreat: A Walk with Martha & Mary

Saturday, November 14th, from 10 AM to 5 PM
Parish House

Facilitators: Roxanne De La Torre (Pastoral Associate) & Adele Gallo

Join us for a full day of prayer, reflection, and community-building as we walk alongside Martha & Mary and come to a deeper understanding of our own quests for holiness through contemplation of their stories in Scripture. A retreat created by and for women of the parish of all ages, we welcome you warmly and hope you will join us!

Light refreshments and lunch will be provided. The day will conclude with Mass.

Registration is required.
To register, scan the QR code at left.

Saints & Servers: Holy Lives in the Age of AI

Monday, November 9th at 7 PM in Wallace Hall

How does the example of the saints help us live faithfully in an increasingly AI-driven world? Fr. Sam Conedera, S.J., Associate Professor of History at Saint Louis University, will discuss how the tradition of holiness is connected to the issues we face in our digital age.

This lecture, sponsored by the Bollandist Society, explores how the links between medicine, miracles, and holiness provide food for thought about our embodied selves and what it means to be human in the age of AI.

Voting is an Act of Love: Election Prayer Vigil

Monday, November 2nd
6 PM
On the steps of St. Ignatius of Loyola Church

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.

Memorial Mass for Julie McGee

Please join us for a Memorial Mass on Wednesday, November 11th, at 10 AM to celebrate the life and memory of Julie McGee.

Julie was a long-time parishioner and daily Mass goer. For health reasons, she moved to Chicago several years ago to be near her daughter. Her recent death cannot go unnoticed by her many friends here at the parish.

Let's gather to celebrate her memory on the 11th.

An Afternoon with E.A. KAHANE: Twenty-Five Years of Photographing the Iconic Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

Wednesday, November 18th at 1 PM
Wallace Hall

Join Circle of Friends as they welcome photographer and author E.A. KAHANE, who has captured the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade from her third-floor window for more than twenty-five years.

Enjoy her photographs and hear stories of her connection to this beloved Thanksgiving tradition. Her books, *Come, Join the Parade!* and the newly published *Between the Balloons: My Thanksgiving Parade*, will be available for purchase and signing.

Registration is required.
To RSVP, email silcircleoffriends@gmail.com.

Blood Drive

Sunday, November 8th, from 9 AM to 3 PM
McKinnon Hall, 48 East 84th Street

To schedule an appointment, visit tinyurl.com/SILBloodDrive2026.

Prepare to Donate:

- Eat well and hydrate
- Bring a photo ID
- Feel good and be symptom-free
- Donors must be age 17+, or 16 with a parental consent form
- Meet minimum weight requirements

For full eligibility requirements and COVID-19 information, visit nybc.org/eligibility.

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.

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

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Rev. James Martin, S.J.

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Rev. James A. Casciotti, S.J.

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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. Hallinan
Sunday:	8:00 AM	Fr. Pennacchia
	9:30 AM	Fr. Casciotti
Wallace Hall Family	11:00 AM	Fr. Hilbert
Solemn Mass	11:00 AM	Fr. Yesalonia
	7:30 PM	Fr. Yesalonia

Religious Education for Children

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Saint Ignatius Loyola School

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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, November 2nd
(Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed)
Readings will be taken from the Masses for the Dead

Tuesday, November 3rd
(31st Tuesday in Ordinary Time)
Philippians 2:5–11 Psalm 22
Luke 14:15–24
8:30 MEM Daniel F. Kelly
12:10 MEM Katy Dyer
5:30 MEM Mae Tantillo

Wednesday, November 4th
(St. Charles Borromeo)
Philippians 2:12–18 Psalm 27
Luke 14:25–33
8:30 MEM Jack Dyer
12:10 MEM John & Nora Reilly
5:30 MEM Luigi Cappellino

Thursday, November 5th
(All Saints of the Society of Jesus)
Deuteronomy 30:11–14 Psalm 16
John 12:23–26
8:30 MEM Ciro Saracino
12:10 MEM Josephine Lopez-Ona
5:30 ANN Living & Deceased Members of the Wallace Family

Friday, November 6th
(31st Friday in Ordinary Time)
Philippians 3:17–4:1 Psalm 122
Luke 16:1–8
8:30 ANN George Webb
12:10 MEM Richard Michael Myrlak
5:30 MEM Thomas O'Connor

Saturday, November 7th
(31st Saturday in Ordinary Time)
Philippians 4:10–19 Psalm 112
Luke 16:9–15
8:30 MEM John Maguire

Sunday, November 8th
(32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Wisdom 6:12–16 Psalm 63
1 Thessalonians 4:13–18
Matthew 25:1–13