St. Ignatius Loyola
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"You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make it drink."

I trust that you're familiar with this old proverb and the truth that lies behind it. Well, after a little more than two months back in the classroom, I can testify to its relevance! Every teacher of every age group wrestles with how to make their students drink from the wellspring of learning and knowledge, and, even more, how to lead our students to desire to learn and grow. Herein lies the challenge and the grace of the classroom: cultivating a longing for learning that moves from knowledge to wisdom. This, of course, is not just the challenge and grace of the classroom, but of our whole lives. To truly flourish, to become fully human, requires us to grow in the virtue of wisdom.

It's not all that often that we hear from the Book of Wisdom during our Sunday Eucharist, but thankfully, on this particular Sunday, we hear such a powerful and moving passage:

"Resplendent and unfading is wisdom,
and she is readily perceived by those who love her,
and found by those who seek her."

After reading this passage, I think it's fair to say that we have to make a distinction between human wisdom and the wisdom of God. The former is knowledge meeting experience. On the other hand, the wisdom that the Scriptures point us to is far more: a gift of the Holy Spirit that enables us to see everything through the eyes of God. Undoubtedly, knowledge and experience are important, but so too is grace.

To live this gift of wisdom takes time, discipline, prayer, and, once more, grace. It's why the Church asks us to gather together week after week. The Church leads us to water, to the wellspring of salvation found at the altar of the Lord, hoping that we might drink deeply! The Church invites us to participate fully in the sacraments, to make our home in them. When we respond in freedom to the invitation, then do we allow God's grace to shape our lives as we become the people God created us to be. It seems only natural that we would desire to drink of this water, to grow in the grace of wisdom.

Doing so requires a closeness and intimacy with the Lord. It's why St. Ignatius Loyola prized the Examen prayer. For him—and for us Jesuits—it's a way to train our eyes to see what God sees in our day: to rejoice in moments that drew us closer to God, to notice the moments when we turned away from God, and to ask for the grace to begin again. The daily Examen helps us cultivate the wisdom that the Scriptures speak of today. Pope Francis captured this truth beautifully:

"When we are in communion with the Lord, the Holy Spirit transfigures our heart and enables it to perceive all of his warmth and predilection. The Holy Spirit thus makes the Christian wise. Not in the sense that he has an answer for everything, that he knows everything, but in the sense that he knows about God, he knows how God acts, he knows when something is of God and when it is not of God."

You see, when the gift of wisdom is alive in our hearts, we can better recognize how God has been pursuing us all along. Or, as the Book of Wisdom puts it:

"She hastens to make herself known in anticipation of their desire;
Whoever watches for her at dawn shall not be disappointed,
for he shall find her sitting by his gate."

All this to say, I encourage you to make the Ignatian Examen a part of your daily routine and to continue to make your home in the sacraments—to drink deeply of the grace that is the source and summit of our lives.

— Rev. Jonathan P. Pennacchia, S.J.

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, NOVEMBER 8th
Blood Drive.
9 AM. McKinnon Hall, 48 East 84th St. *Details on page 3.*

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9th
Saints & Servers: Holy Lives in the Age of AI.
7 PM. Wallace Hall. *Details on page 3.*

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10th
Book Discussion: *Inconspicuous Consumption* by Tatiana Schlossberg. 1 PM. Parish House.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11th
Memorial Mass for Julie McGee.
10 AM. Church.
Details below.

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12th
Ignatian Social Justice Meeting.
6:30 PM. Parish House.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14th
Women's Spirituality Retreat: A Walk with Martha & Mary.
10 AM. Parish House.
Details on page 3.

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.

For Families with Young Children

For the safety of your child, please accompany them to the bathroom if there is a need during the course of the Mass.

They must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook at *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.

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.

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.

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

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

Join St. Ignatius Family Ministry to pack 1,200 sandwich bags for our neighbors facing food insecurity. This service event supports the New York Common Pantry.

Donations are needed by Saturday, November 12th.

Contributions of any amount toward the following totals are welcome:

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

Please drop off donations at the Parish House, marked "Attn: NYCP – Jean Santopatre."

To sign up to participate or contribute, scan the QR code at right.

Questions? Email parentcommittee.familyministry@gmail.com.

From the Archdiocese

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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.

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.

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

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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. Hilbert
Wallace Hall Family	11:00 AM	Fr. Casciotti
Solemn Mass	11:00 AM	Fr. Hallinan
	7:30 PM	Fr. Hallinan

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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 9th
(Dedication of the Lateran Basilica)
Ezekiel 47:1–2, 8–9, 12 Psalm 46
1 Corinthians 3:9c–11, 16–17
John 2:13–22
8:30 ANN Simona Saracino Fendi
12:10 MEM Jane Flinn
5:30 MEM Deceased Members of the Scanlon & McLoughlin Families

Tuesday, November 10th
(St. Leo the Great)
Titus 2:1–8, 11–14 Psalm 37
Luke 17:7–10
8:30 MEM Maria Fe Feliz Garcia
12:10 MEM Zoe Zhang
5:30 MEM The Oroszlany Family

Wednesday, November 11th
(St. Martin of Tours)
Titus 3:1–7 Psalm 23
Luke 17:11–19
8:30 MEM Gordon D. Vaughan
12:10 MEM Margaret Healy Bay
5:30 MEM Rosario Aytona

Thursday, November 12th
(St. Josaphat)
Philomena 7–20 Psalm 146
Luke 17:20–25
8:30 MEM Kenyon Fitzgerald
12:10 MEM Beryl Cassidy
5:30 MEM Caroline Bradshaw

Friday, November 13th
(St. Stanislaus Kostka)
2 John 4–9 Psalm 119
Luke 17:26–37
8:30 MEM Margi Sawyer
12:10 MEM William Oberhein
5:30 MEM Harry Patrick Costello

Saturday, November 14th
(St. Joseph Pignatelli)
3 John 5–8 Psalm 112 Luke 18:1–8
8:30 MEM Christopher Rossi

Sunday, November 15th
(33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Proverbs 31:10–13, 19–20, 30–31
Psalm 128 1 Thessalonians 5:1–6
Matthew 25:14–30