St. Ignatius Loyola
NEW YORK

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Do Not Cling to Me

November tips us into the shadow side of the year as daylight grows shorter and darkness spreads its canopy. The rhythm of the liturgical calendar synchronizes with this change by calling us into a sacred period of communion with the dead—the month of All Souls. This year the season will be especially poignant for me: my beloved father, Andrew W. Pinter, III, died on October 28, aged 83 years, nine months, and 28 days. I miss him already.

My father's was a "good death." He died surrounded by family, having received the sacraments, with heartfelt words of love and gratitude having been expressed. And he died with faith and hope intact, affirming in one of our final conversations, "This is all a part of life; we'll be together again someday." A part of what made this a peaceful and holy passing was the recalling of deep, long-dormant memories; the retelling of stories that we had not visited in years. It was a kind of "harvesting" of a life well-lived, a life of love, laughter, family and friendship. We reminisced about the time we met Mickey Mantle at the Allentown State Fair; when we watched St. Joe's beat Villanova at the Palestra; the family vacations to Ocean City, New Jersey, which he so relished. Throughout these rememberings, my siblings and I expressed our deep gratitude to him for all the pivotal moments he was there for us.



Noli me Tangere. **Titian. c. 1514.**

Still, I catch myself wishing I could go back in time for just 5 minutes, to sit there with him and retell the stories; or be a 10 year old child again, helping my dad with a task as simple as mowing the lawn. I think this longing is perfectly natural, and suggests that I am in the "bargaining" stage of the grieving process. Yet I have also been moved to pray with Jesus' words to Mary Magdalene when she encountered him at the garden tomb: "Do not cling to me." Jesus tells Mary that he is ascending, and then the Spirit will come. This will be the new way he relates to those who love him.

I am coming to accept that the old way I knew and related to my father is gone, while a new kind of connection to him is being birthed. I am receiving a gentle invitation to not cling to what was, and to move into a new stage of our relationship. My father's spirit will live within me when I intentionally bring the best of his qualities to my life, when I live what he role-modeled for me. So when I make every effort to stay connected with my friends, or treat strangers with kindness and hospitality; when I serve as a steady, consistent presence for my family; when I stand by people through hard times; when I say, "I love you;" and when I'm not afraid to cry, I will know my dad is there with me.

The death of my father has been the most painful experience I've ever endured. I didn't realize how deeply I loved him. The pain and sadness are lined with hope and anticipation, however. I do believe what St. Paul taught in his letter to the Romans—that death cannot separate us from love. In time, at a pace set by the heart, my relationship with my dad will enter a new season as he prays for me from his place within the Communion of Saints, and I pray to him for his wisdom, guidance, and blessing. In the meantime, in this month of All Souls, I wait, simply sitting in my grief as I slowly let go of what was, praying that I may receive the transforming, renewing Spirit.

— Brian Pinter
Pastoral Associate

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 15th
Sandwich Brigade.
12 PM. Wallace Hall. *Details on page 3.*

IGNITE Tech Support for Seniors Program.
12:30 PM. Parish House. *Details on page 3.*

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17th
Book Discussion: *Inconspicuous Consumption* by Tatiana Schlossberg. 1 PM. Parish House.

Annual Memorial Liturgy.
7 PM. Church. *Details on page 3.*

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18th
An Afternoon with E.A. KAHANE: Twenty-Five Years of Photographing the Iconic Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. 1 PM. Wallace Hall. *Details on page 3.*

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19th
LGBT Catholics & Friends Meeting.
7 PM. Parish House.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20th
A Prayer Festival: Practising Prayer with Pray As You Go.
6:30 PM. Wallace Hall. *Details on page 3.*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21st
A Prayer Festival: Practising Prayer with Pray As You Go.
2 PM. Wallace Hall. *Details on page 3.*

Join the Carl Schurz Park Clean-Up with Park Avenue Synagogue, Heavenly Rest, and Brick Church

Sunday, November 22nd, from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM

Join us as we work side by side with other local houses of worship to help beautify our community. This event is great for adults and children alike.

Participants must register through our sign-up form *(scan the QR code at left)*, as well as complete a waiver from the Carl Schurz Park Conservancy, which is linked in the confirmation email registrants will receive. **Note: Check "Sign up with St. Ignatius Loyola" on the form. Also, please email Jean Santopatre (santopatrej@nycignatius.org) to confirm your attendance.**

Please note that our total group capacity is limited to 45 people, according to the Park, so we are aiming for about a dozen volunteers from each of our institutions.

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.

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.

To sign up to participate, scan the QR code at left.

Questions? Email parentcommittee.familyministry@gmail.com.

Thank you for helping us reach our goal and supporting our neighbors in need!

A Prayer Festival: Practising Prayer with Pray As You Go

Friday, November 20th & Saturday, November 21st
Wallace Hall

Friday, November 20th
6:30 PM — Welcome to Pray As You Go
An invitation to reflect on your prayer rhythms and prayer life.

7 PM — Pray As You Go Live Experience with The Porter's Gate
Step inside a Pray As You Go Prayer.

Saturday, November 21st
2 PM — Opening Reflections on Prayer
Julia Ling-Macdonald, Deputy Director of the Jesuit Institute (UK)

3 PM — Workshops
Discover and practice fresh ways of praying, with guided workshops from the Pray As You Go team and friends.

5:30 PM — Gathering the Graces with Pray As You Go & the Jesuit Institute
Live music from the Pray As You Go team.

Registration is required. To register for one or both days, scan the QR code at left.

Annual Memorial Liturgy

Tuesday, November 17th at 7 PM in the Church

You are cordially invited to attend our Annual Memorial Liturgy as we remember all of our dear departed, with special mention of those who have died since November 2025.

Refreshments will follow in Wallace Hall.

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.

Christmas Angel Gift Program

Saturday, November 21st to Sunday, December 13th

Join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for one of St. Ignatius Loyola's most beloved Christmas traditions. This year, we hope to collect 300 gifts for our neighbors at Our Lady of Lourdes Church and the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

How to participate:
Choose an Angel Card. After any Mass, select a card from one of the trees in the Narthex or Wallace Hall. Each card lists the recipient's name, age, and Christmas gift wish. Please choose no more than four cards per person or family.

Register each card with a volunteer. Volunteers will help you complete the registration form so we can keep track of all 300 gifts.

Bring your wrapped gift to the Parish House by Sunday, December 13th. If possible, drop it off early so we can deliver all gifts in time for Christmas.

Thank you for being a Christmas Angel and bringing joy to our neighbors in need. We are also grateful to The Padded Wagon for donating its moving services to help deliver the gifts.

IGNITE Tech Support for Seniors Program

Sunday, November 15th, from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM
Parish House

This program brings high school students together with senior parishioners for one-on-one technology support. Seniors are invited to bring phones, tablets, or laptops for help with everyday tech questions.

For more information or questions, visit ignite.nyc.

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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. Yesalonia
Sunday:	8:00 AM	Fr. Nolan
	9:30 AM	Fr. Hallinan
Wallace Hall Family	11:00 AM	Fr. Pennacchia
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 16th
(33rd Monday in Ordinary Time)
Revelation 1:1–4; 2:1–5 Psalm 1
Luke 18:35–43
8:30 MEM Anne Rogaski
12:10 MEM Rogelio Santiago
5:30 ANN Sarah & Andrew Ipekian

Tuesday, November 17th
(St. Elizabeth of Hungary)
Revelation 3:1–6, 14–22 Psalm 15
Luke 19:1–10
8:30 MEM Kevin A. Couch
12:10 MEM Bernadette Sharkey
5:30 MEM Steve deWolfe

Wednesday, November 18th
(33rd Wednesday in Ordinary Time)
Revelation 4:1–11 Psalm 150
Luke 19:11–28
8:30 MEM Dione Yegliss
12:10 MEM James Schnier
5:30 MEM Oronza Perilli

Thursday, November 19th
(33rd Thursday in Ordinary Time)
Revelation 5:1–10 Psalm 149
Luke 19:41–44
8:30 MEM Carla Fendi
12:10 MEM Ed Majonis
5:30 MEM Nathan Davidson

Friday, November 20th
(33rd Friday in Ordinary Time)
Revelation 10:8–11 Psalm 119
Luke 19:45–48
8:30 MEM Robert Blackstock, Jr.
12:10 MEM Julia "Vera" Peck
5:30 MEM Sose & Mark Prekelezaj

Saturday, November 21st
(The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary)
Revelation 11:4–12 Psalm 144
Luke 20:27–40
8:30 MEM Maria Margarita Infanzon

Sunday, November 22nd
(Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe)
Ezekiel 34:11–12, 15–17 Psalm 23
1 Corinthians 15:20–26, 28
Matthew 25:31–46