



# CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA

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## PARISH STAFF

### Pastor

Rev. Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J.

### Associate Pastors

Rev. Mark C. Hallinan, S.J.  
Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.

### Senior Priest

Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J.

### Pastoral Year Priest

Rev. Daniel N. Gustafson, S.J.

### Pastoral Associates

Kate Noonan                      Jean Santopatre  
Brian Pinter

### Pastoral Assistant

Maureen Haley

### Assisting Priest

Rev. James Martin, S.J.

### Music Ministries

Scott Warren, *Director*

Daniel Beckwith                      Maureen Haley  
Robert Reuter                      Philip Anderson  
Michael Sheetz

Sara Murphy, *Executive Director, Concerts*  
Danya Katok, *Administrator*

### Assistant to the Pastor

Diane M. Boyle

### Administrative Assistant

Patricia Schneider

### Director of Communications

Elizabeth O'Sullivan

### Director of Facilities

Robert Cisternino

### Director of Development

Erin Pick

### Treasurer

Fernando Castro

### Weekday Masses (Monday – Friday)

8:30 AM, 12:10 PM, and 5:30 PM

**Saturday:** 8:30 AM

### Masses for the Weekend of September 19th:

Saturday Vigil	5:30 PM	Fr. Bergen
Sunday:	8:00 AM	Fr. Hallinan
	9:30 AM	Fr. Bergen
Solemn	11:00 AM	Fr. O'Keefe
Wallace Hall Family	11:00 AM	Fr. Hallinan
	7:30 PM	Fr. Yesalonia

## Religious Education for Children

Ms. Kate Noonan, Director  
(212) 861-4764

## Saint Ignatius Loyola School

### Upper Campus

(First Grade through Eighth Grade)

Ms. Mary Larkin, Head of School  
M.S. Ed. (Admin.), M.S. Ed. (Literacy)  
48 East 84th Street  
(212) 861-3820  
Fax: (212) 879-8248

### Lower Campus

(PreK-3 through Kindergarten)

Ms. Mary Larkin, Head of School  
240 East 84th Street  
(212) 734-6427  
Fax: (212) 734-6972

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sundays at the 9:30 AM Mass.

### Confessions

4:30 PM Saturday or by appointment.

### Baptisms

Please call Maureen Haley at  
the Parish House (212-288-3588 x636)  
to arrange for a Baptism and  
the preparation given prior to Baptism.

## Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Contact Maureen Fullam, M.A.,  
Director, at the Parish House.

### Marriages

The Bride or Groom should call  
Maureen Haley at the Parish House  
(212-288-3588 x636) 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.

## Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

### Monday, September 13th

(St. John Chrysostom)

1 Timothy 2:1–8    Psalm 28  
Luke 7:1–10

**8:30 MEM** Dorothy Mulhern  
Carroll

**12:10 MEM** Lucy Perez

**5:30 MEM** Joseph J. Sullivan, Sr.

### Tuesday, September 14th

(The Exaltation of the Holy Cross)

Numbers 21:4b–9    Psalm 78  
Philippians 2:6–11    John 3:13–17

**8:30 MEM** Paul Choix

**12:10 MEM** Filippo B. Galluppi

**5:30 MEM** Bill Hassett

### Wednesday, September 15th

(Our Lady of Sorrows)

1 Timothy 3:14–16    Psalm 111  
John 19:25–27

**8:30 MEM** Jack O'Leary

**12:10 MEM** Sose & Mark Prekelezaj

**5:30 MEM** Charles A. Spadafora

### Thursday, September 16th

(Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian)

1 Timothy 4:12–16    Psalm 111  
Luke 7:36–50

**8:30 MEM** Katherine Creag  
Gafner

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Gafner

**5:30 MEM** Living & Deceased  
Members of the Wallace Family

### Friday, September 17th

(St. Robert Bellarmine)

1 Timothy 6:2c–12    Psalm 49  
Luke 8:1–3

**8:30 MEM** Rita Dilva Chiappa

**12:10 MEM** Joseph Kain

**5:30 MEM** Shane O'Reilly

### Saturday, September 18th

(24th Saturday in Ordinary Time)

1 Timothy 6:13–16    Psalm 100  
Luke 8:4–15

**8:30 MEM** Carla Fendi

### Sunday, September 19th

(25th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Wisdom 2:12, 17–20    Psalm 54  
James 3:16–4:3    Mark 9:30–37

**Music Information:** (212) 288-2520 | **Email:** [music@stignatiusloyola.org](mailto:music@stignatiusloyola.org)

# Church of St. Ignatius Loyola

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September 12, 2021 | Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Dance with the Daffodils

Have you ever given yourself permission to stop everything you are doing, including thinking itself, and simply be in the moment? The great mystics of the church were blessed with the capacity to totally empty themselves and be flooded with the presence of God. Their openness to a reality beyond themselves was effortless. They stopped, looked, and listened, and in that moment were transported to a place where the rhythm of their souls was at one with the beating of their hearts. But what about the rest of us, whose lives are cluttered with matters that are seemingly important or, more often than not, inconsequential? A moment of quiet seems to be an unattainable luxury if we want to prepare a meal, do the laundry, go to our workplace, or tend to a myriad of other daily demands on our time.

The poet William Wordsworth captured in his poem, *I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud*, a mystical moment that opens the door for us mere mortals to taste the experience of the great mystics. Surprisingly it is easier than we ever imagined and comes upon us in ordinary ways as the rhythm of those moments takes hold of us. Emptied of thoughts and liberated from the mundane routine of our lives we allow our memories to embrace us, and we dance with them.

For Wordsworth a reminiscence of a solitary walk during which he, by chance, comes upon “a crowd /A host, of golden daffodils,” suffused the fleeting vacant space of his thoughts and changed the rhythm of his mood. His poem ends with these words, “And then my heart with pleasure fills / And dances with the daffodils.” One brief glimpse of a field of daffodils and its memory transported Wordsworth to a realm of joy. He allowed himself to dance with the daffodils, to be transported to another place, and to write a poem that has gladdened the hearts and captured the imagination of generations.



Photo Credit: Fr. Dennis Yesalonia, S.J.

There is no denying that the last 18 months have had a profound effect on our lives. Survival itself became a preoccupation of our thoughts and actions. It was a time of bewilderment and, sadly for many, an experience of abandonment—by family and friends, by co-workers and colleagues, and in the minds and hearts of some, even by God. We are not yet out of the woods, but on the horizon there are glimmers of hope that we will return to a life unencumbered by face masks and pocket hand sanitizers. We have traversed a road that no one expected or could have imagined. Did we not wander, at times, lonely as a cloud?

It is my hope that, in the course of our lonely journeys, there were way stations of memories that buoyed our spirits, gladdened our hearts, and touched the depth of our souls. It is in such brief but favored moments that the presence of God is to be found, caring for us, sharing our burden and struggles, and synchronizing the rhythm of our souls with the beat of our hearts. Never abandoned, but loved; never lost, but forever found.

Perhaps in many ways, we are like the great mystics. When we allow memories of daffodils (however we define and picture them) to enter our consciousness, we will be transported to a realm of joy and recognize it as the presence of God in our lives. Only then will we too be able to dance with the daffodils.

— Rev. Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J.  
Pastor

FROM THE PASTOR

11 September 2021

Dear Parishioners,

Welcome home!

The unofficial end of summer was ushered in last weekend. Families are returning from their summer vacations, many of whom are eagerly awaiting the beginning of a new school year. Saint Ignatius Loyola School is ready to welcome 570 students at our Lower and Upper Campuses. The full complement of our professional choir has returned to the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass, and the Wallace Hall Family Mass resumes this weekend after a hiatus of 18 months. We are beginning to see glimmers of a return to our regular parish rhythm, while keeping a close eye on all necessary health precautions for us to gather safely.

As we start up again in a more salutary way than this time last year, I wish to acknowledge with gratitude the entire parish staff who carried on the business of the parish under very challenging circumstances. The work of the parish and the routine of the Parish House were uninterrupted throughout the summer and performed either remotely or in person. I am happy to report that the parish staff is now back to work in person. Various ministries of the parish also remained active throughout the summer months, planning for the year ahead. Of particular note are the Parish Council and Strategic Planning Committee whose work will help to identify how we go about authentically becoming the parish we described in our recently published mission statement. Lest I become bogged down in reporting all the business of the parish I am delighted to report that planning is already underway for the annual Snow Ball Dance, scheduled for Saturday, 4 December. I hope that the prospect of continuing this new tradition of the parish will brighten our spirits as we look forward to the future.

There are two new faces around the parish you will begin to see more and more. Ms. Kate Noonan joins us as Pastoral Associate, Director of Religious Education and Youth Ministry. Kate brings with her a wealth of experience in pastoral ministry in various ministry positions in the Diocese of Bridgeport. She will introduce herself at this weekend’s Wallace Hall Family Mass. Please extend a warm welcome to Kate when you see her. Kate replaces Nicole Bedard who resigned in July to concentrate on being a full-time mom to her son, Miles.

Also joining the parish staff is Father Danny Gustafson, S.J. Father Gustafson was ordained a priest in June and will be with us for one year as part of his continuing Jesuit formation. He arrived in August and began to preside at Masses shortly thereafter. You can learn more about Father Gustafson in his own words in next week’s essay that will be published both in the parish bulletin and e-newsletter.

A celebration of who we are as a parish is long overdue, so let’s celebrate our return home. Please join us on Sunday, 19 September, for our very first *Welcome Home Sunday*. From 12 Noon until 2:00 PM we will have the opportunity to gather outdoors in a festive way to enjoy one another’s company and celebrate being a parish community that manifests in deeds what we profess in words. At the same time let us keep in mind that the most important celebration of all takes place inside the church. Returning home has its real meaning when we gather in prayer to worship God around the table that nourishes us with the Bread of Life.

I look forward to seeing you on the 19th and welcoming you home, and remember that your real homecoming will occur when you enter the church to attend Mass.

God bless you!

Sincerely in the Lord,

Fr. Yesalonia

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th**  
The 11:00 AM Wallace Hall Family Mass resumes.

*Note: Everyone—both adults and children—is required to wear a face mask for the Wallace Hall Mass.*

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th**  
Society of St. Vincent de Paul.  
7:00 PM. Gonzaga Meeting Room.

*Note: Proof of vaccination is required to attend. Email documentation to [svdpmembership980@gmail.com](mailto:svdpmembership980@gmail.com) prior to the day of the meeting.*

Welcome Home Sunday

Sunday, September 19th  
Noon to 2 PM  
On Park Avenue and East 84th Street



Join your fellow parishioners for fun and fellowship after the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass and Wallace Hall Family Mass. We’ve missed you!

Featuring treats, live music, tours of the renovated Lady Chapel, and children’s activities.

We will also be accepting donations of new school supplies for Good Shepherd Services, including backpacks, pens, pencils, and notebooks.

Religious Education for Children



REGISTRATION  
IS NOW OPEN



To register for the 2021-2022 IREP program, visit [ignatius.nyc](http://ignatius.nyc) or scan the QR code at above right.

Lady Chapel Open for Private Prayer



The Lady Chapel is open daily for private prayer, from 1 PM to 4 PM. During those hours, the Main Church will be closed.

Please wear a face mask while you are in the Lady Chapel.

GIVING



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Interested in Becoming Catholic?



If you feel attracted to the Catholic faith, we want you to know about a program at the Parish.

A group will meet here during the year to inquire into the Catholic faith, to come to know Jesus through the Gospels, and to pray and to prepare for the Easter Sacraments.

For more information, contact Maureen Fullam at 212-288-3588 or email [church@stignatiusloyola.org](mailto:church@stignatiusloyola.org).

IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS



Join the Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) and become a contemplative in action in the spirit of St. Ignatius Loyola and the Jesuits!

IVC volunteers are adults over 50 years of age who offer their life skills and experience one to two days a week to directly serve those in need.

Interested? Contact Maureen Fullam, Regional Director, at 917-859-0928 or email [mfullam@ivcusa.org](mailto:mfullam@ivcusa.org), and visit us at [ivcusa.org](http://ivcusa.org).



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