



February 6, 2022 | Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“I’d Sincerely Love to Meet Him”

Perhaps you’ve had the experience of connecting with a friend you haven’t seen in a while whereupon you’re regaled with specifics of a ‘new person’ in their life. Gleam in the eye, liquid voice, emphatic hand gestures, outlook on life is positively amplified. Your friend gushes, confides, hopes, celebrates. You say, “I’d sincerely love to meet him.”

In my journey as a practicing Catholic, Mass had long been my prayer epicenter. Pandemic mitigation changed that. I quickly realized I needed to find a way to seek God anew. A former SIL parishioner raved about the streamed Sunday Mass, and homilies arrested my attention, encouraging me to be open to change. Then, the title of an upcoming class caught my eye: **Meeting Christ in Prayer** (MCIP).

Meetings are often perfunctory, during which a lot is said and not much happens. But meeting others as well as Christ in prayer? That implies true conversation. Not just me reciting my petitions, concerns, and worship AT God. Rather, arriving alert and ready to receive the attention, acceptance, and graces of our Loving Lord, as well as being accompanied by, and accompanying other retreatants. I had long felt the Holy Spirit as a vibrant presence in my life and ease in praying to our Creator Parent. But I fell short in how well I knew Christ. Did I or could I recognize Him, His voice, His call? He was a mystery: privately, silently encountered in the Eucharist. MCIP promised a forum to discover who He was. I yearned for that. So, I registered.

The weekly meetings were time well spent. A chosen New Testament passage served as a springboard for each Zoom call. Because of the genuineness of the stories, reflections, and petitions of the lay people in our group, I experienced Christ as alive *in our midst*. Participating in MCIP ignited a new way of being and becoming a Catholic Christian. Realizing how unique this opportunity was, I gave my full effort to the retreat and embraced the entire eight weeks.

The structure of the retreat allowed me to address certain topics in set intervals. Some weeks, my proper role was to listen and absorb. While others shared their faith lives, their reflections resonated with me. Christ was an important presence in their lives. Some weeks, I shared verbally—and even too much. My ease in sharing aloud the state of my spiritual life signaled a change. Previously, I relied on recited prayers, and felt inept at putting into words what I experience and believe about my relationship with God. With our MCIP group, always so encouraging, and respectful, I could convey who I am when I am with God, and who God is towards me. Bearing witness was important. Our relationship with Christ grew in clarity and depth.

Exploring three specific prayer forms led me to pray more often and led me to approach prayer in fresh ways. *Lectio Divina* helped me not to rush reading selected passages, but to meditate over the phrase or line that moved me. Because we revisited our readings and entries on the seventh day of the week, I was led to see there were more layers to unravel, and more ways in which God spoke to me. Prayer became a dialogue. The Examen catapulted me into truly seeking and thereby seeing Christ during everyday encounters. There was an increasing sense that what and who happened into my day was part of God’s ‘answer.’ I was astounded—like the apostles on the road to Emmaus—to find Christ right here and now, with and in me.

I can honestly say, “I loved meeting Him!”

—Michelle Quinn
Parishioner

Would you like to meet Christ in a deeper way, too?
Then please join us for our next eight-week retreat, Meeting Christ in Prayer, starting February 16th.
To sign up, please email MCIP@saintignatiusloyola.org by February 9th.

THE BIRTH OF AMERICAN CATHOLIC THEOLOGY

*Monday, February 28th at 7:00 PM
In the Main Church & Livestreamed*

CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA
980 Park Avenue (at East 84th Street)



PRESENTER

REV. ROGER HAIGHT, S.J.

*Pioneering Catholic theologian, former President
of the Catholic Theological Society of America,
and Visiting Professor at the Union Theological
Seminary in New York City*

The talk will set the background of pre-Vatican II Catholic theology and then describe how this theology developed in the United States after the Council and characterizes its present-day character.



To view the livestream of this presentation, visit
youtube.com/c/ChurchofStIgnatiusLoyolaNYC
or scan the QR code at left.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7th

A Catholic Perspective on Issues of War and Peace.
7 PM. Parish Lounge.
Details at right.

Lenten Discernment Series: Racial Justice.
7 PM. Zoom.
Details at right.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8th

Tuesday Night Book Group —
Introduction to the Spiritual Life: Walking the Path of Prayer with Jesus by Dr. Brant Pitre. 7 PM. Zoom.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12th

LME Day of Reflection.
9 AM to 12:30 PM. Online.
Details below.

A Catholic Perspective on Issues of War and Peace

Monday, February 7th at 7 PM
Parish Lounge

Interested in discussing contemporary Catholic teaching on war and peace? And the implications of that teaching for United States defense policies and weapons spending? Then please join us at our next monthly meeting.

Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J., will guide our sessions. To receive the readings for the session, please email Fr. Hallinan at hallinanm@saintignatiusloyola.org.

PLEASE NOTE: Proof of Vaccination and full masking will be required to enter the Parish House. Please have your Vaccination Card ready.

LME Day of Reflection

Saturday, February 12th, from 9 AM to 12:30 PM
Online

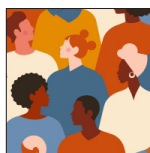
For the first 2022 LME event, we will welcome Helen Young, Emmy award-winning journalist. She will highlight her documentary, “The Nuns, the Priests, and the Bombs”, which follows the work of Sister Megan Rice who was a parishioner 80 years ago.

Sadly, Sister Megan passed away last October, but remembering her legacy echoes our parish's initiative to acknowledge the work of women parishioners that are active and engaged. Join us for this conversation and have the opportunity to watch the documentary before or after the event.

For more information and to register, visit tinyurl.com/LMEWINTER2022.

Lenten Discernment Series: Racial Justice

February 7th & 24th, March 24th, and April 7th
7 PM on Zoom



Lenten Discernment Series: Racial Justice offers an opportunity for education and theological reflection to discern ways we can work for racial justice through the framework of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius.

Readings will be sent out for each meeting for small group discussion.

To sign-up, email Jean Santopatre, Pastoral Associate, Ignatian Social Justice at santopatrej@saintignatiusloyola.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, and visit us at ivcusa.org.



Low-Gluten Hosts

For parishioners wishing to receive a low-gluten host at the distribution of Holy Communion, please speak with a Hospitality Minister.



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Weekday Masses (Monday – Friday)

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

Saturday: 8:30 AM

Masses for the Weekend of February 13th:

Saturday Vigil

5:30 PM Fr. Hilbert

Sunday:

8:00 AM Fr. Hilbert

9:30 AM Fr. Bergen

Solemn

11:00 AM Fr. Gustafson

Wallace Hall Family

11:00 AM Fr. Hallinan

7:30 PM Fr. Gustafson

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Ms. Kate Noonan, Director

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Saint Ignatius Loyola School

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(*First Grade through Eighth Grade*)

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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 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, February 7th

(*5th Monday in Ordinary Time*)

1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13 Psalm 132

Mark 6:53-56

8:30 MEM Eileen Ballar

12:10 MEM Janet Ferrante

5:30 MEM James Gilmartin

Tuesday, February 8th

(*5th Tuesday in Ordinary Time*)

1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30 Psalm 84

Mark 7:1-13

8:30 MEM Jay Kilkenny

12:10 MEM Maria Whitt

5:30 ANN David Oing

Wednesday, February 9th

(*5th Wednesday in Ordinary Time*)

1 Kings 10:1-10 Psalm 37

Mark 7:14-23

8:30 MEM Simona Saracino
Fendi

12:10 MEM Ned Charles Stuli

5:30 MEM Deceased Members of
the Scanlon & McLoughlin Families

Thursday, February 10th

(*St. Scholastica*)

1 Kings 11:4-13 Psalm 106

Mark 7:24-30

8:30 LVG Hancy Louis

12:10 ANN John F. Murray, Jr.

5:30 MEM Valentino Mazzia

Friday, February 11th

(*5th Friday in Ordinary Time*)

1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19 Psalm 81

Mark 7:31-37

8:30 MEM The Meehan Family

12:10 LVG Maryanne T. Barry

5:30 MEM Melanie Stewart

Saturday, February 12th

(*5th Saturday in Ordinary Time*)

1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34

Psalm 106 Mark 8:1-10

8:30 MEM Elizabeth Brinetti

Sunday, February 13th

(*6th Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

Jeremiah 17:5-8 Psalm 1

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Luke 6:17, 20-26