

May 8, 2022 | Fourth Sunday of Easter

The Voice of the Shepherd

"I saw her first. No, I saw her first. No, I saw her first, well, she's, my mommy. Yes, and she is my daughter. And she was born before you!" This conversation took place often between my mother and my son, especially around Mother's Day. He was very young and did not understand the timeline of my birth in relation to his birth and that his Nanna is his mommy's mom. Yet, it was both sweet and humorous to see him and my mom "arguing" who saw me first!

However, who really sees us first? Actually, Jesus is the one who sees and hears each of us first. "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." As Christians, we trust, have faith in, and listen to the voice of our Good Shepherd. In comparison, we are not unlike sheep who listen to and follow the voice of the shepherd; as children, we hear our mother's voice for the first time and follow that voice, not the voice of a stranger.

Let us also ponder some attributes of Jesus' voice as the Good Shepherd. The Shepherd has a compelling voice. Jesus' voice is strong and direct; he commands the waters to be still, he silences the demons, he forgives sins, and raises the dead. Yet, Jesus has a personal voice; he calls us by name. He knows each one of us intimately- as a parent knows a child. Most of all, Jesus has a loving, congenial voice, there is a melody of peace and harmony that soothes his sheep. His voice reassures those who are fearful of becoming lost and comforts those who have been lost and then are found.

Jesus taught us to go out in Love and to serve humankind as he showed us. He is our teacher, just as a mother is the first teacher to her child. Jesus beckons us to follow him, and he will not allow anyone to be snatched from his or God's hand. The Shepherd cares for us, is protective of us, guides us, and leads the way. These characteristics are closely aligned with how a mother cares for her children. Jesus is the Shepherd who knows



The Good Shepherd.
Bartolomé Esteban Murillo, c. 1660.

us intimately and calls each one of us by name and is concerned with our safety. Jesus doesn't have to push or prod us to follow him, rather, he leads by example. He guides us gently on the path to everlasting life. We are with him and God for eternity. Although the bonds may twist and fray, Jesus tells us we are never severed from him. And, even if the bond between mother and child frays, the spiritual bond will remain through the love of Jesus.

This image of Jesus as the Shepherd, by Bob Dufford, S.J., in his hymn, "Like a Shepherd," mirrors the loving care a mother also gives to her children.

"Like a shepherd, he feeds his flock and gathers the lambs in his arms, holding them carefully close to his heart, leading them home. Come unto me if you are heavily burdened, and take my yoke upon your shoulders, I will give you rest."

May the loving, compelling and personal voice of the Good Shepherd be heard through the voices of all mothers today as we celebrate Mother's Day.

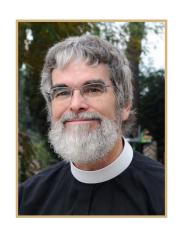
FROM PERU TO MARS: NEW WORLDS AND JESUIT SCIENCE

Monday, May 23rd at 7 PM In the Church

PRESENTER BR. GUY CONSOLMAGNO, S.J.

Director of the Vatican Observatory and President of the Vatican Observatory Foundation.

A native of Detroit, Michigan, Br. Consolmagno earned undergraduate and masters' degrees from MIT, and a Ph.D. in Planetary Science from the University of Arizona. He was a researcher at Harvard and MIT, served in the US Peace Corps (Kenya), and taught university physics, before entering the Jesuits in 1989.



Is there a particularly "Jesuit" form of science? From Acosta's work in the New World to modern research at the Vatican Observatory, we'll look at the work of a number of Jesuit scientists through history and see how what they did, and why they did it, was colored and influenced by Ignatian Spirituality as seen in the Spiritual Exercises.



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, MAY 8th

Community Coffee Hour.
Following the 11 AM Masses. Outside the Parish House.

Details below.

MONDAY, MAY 9th

Ignatian Discernment for Everyday Life. 7:30 PM. Wallace Hall. Details below.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11th

Society of St. Vincent de Paul. 7 PM. Gonzaga Meeting Room.

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

THURSDAY, MAY 12th

New Parishioners Reception. 7 PM. Wallace Hall.

Community Coffee Hour

Sunday, May 8th
Following the 11 AM Masses
Outside the Parish House

Join us on Park Avenue for a new season of our Community Coffee Hour.

We will have coffee as well as an opportunity to mix & mingle with your fellow parishioners.

Ignatian Discernment for Everyday Life

Monday, May 9th at 7:30 PM Wallace Hall

PRESENTER

Rev. Kevin O'Brien S.J.

Author of the best-selling guide to Ignatian Spirituality,
The Ignatian Adventure: Experiencing the Spiritual
Exercises of Saint Ignatius in Daily Life

Reception to follow.

To RSVP, email IgnatianDiscernmentDiscussion@gmail.com.

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Parish Ministries Appreciation Dinner

Tuesday, May 24th
7 PM
Wallace Hall

Fr. Dennis Yesalonia, S.J., Pastor, cordially invites those who have participated this year in the various ministries of the parish to our *Parish Ministries Appreciation Dinner*.



To RSVP, visit ignatius.nyc/parish-ministries-dinner-2022 or scan the QR code at left.

The RSVP deadline is May 13th.

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.

IGNATIAN SOCIAL JUSTICE

Volunteer Opportunities at the New York Common Pantry

The New York Common Pantry is seeking volunteers from St. Ignatius Loyola to help at the Pantry.

They have a new mobile pantry on East 108th. Their "Help 365" Program offers social services. Their "Project Dignity" is for homeless people, offering showers, haircuts, mailing addresses, etc. The Pantry needs a pipeline of volunteers, especially Wednesdays. If you'd like to volunteer, please identify yourself as a St. Ignatius Loyola parishioner.

Their website is nycommonpantry.org and volunteers can sign up for times on the website.

For more information, contact Alan Pardee, parishioner and member of the Ignatian Social Justice ministry, at *alanpardee123@gmail.com*.



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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 May 15th

Saturday Vigil 5:30 рм Fr. Hilbert Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Hilbert 9:30 AM Fr. Hallinan Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Gustafson Wallace Hall Family 11:00 AM Fr. Yesalonia

7:30 PM Fr. Gustafson

Religious Education for Children

Ms. Kate Noonan, Director (212) 288-3588 x609

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

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(*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, May 9th

(4th Monday of Easter)

Acts 11:1–18 Psalm 42 John 10:1–10 8:30 MEM Simona Saracino Fendi 12:10 MEM Peter & Margaret Voorhies

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

Tuesday, May 10th

(4th Tuesday of Easter)

Acts 11:19-26 Psalm 87 John 10:22-30

8:30 MEM Donald Hess 12:10 MEM Valentino Mazzia

5:30 MEM Mercedes Gerona

Velarde

Wednesday, May 11th

(4th Wednesday of Easter) Acts 12:24-13:5a Psalm 67 John 12:44-50

8:30 MEM The Meehan Family **12:10 MEM** The Family of Enis

Kusevic

5:30 MEM Margaret (Teri) Magel

Thursday, May 12th

(4th Thursday of Easter) Acts 13:13-25 Psalm 89 John 13:16-20

8:30 MEM Living & Deceased Members of the Brenninkmeijer Family

12:10 MEM Victor Handal 5:30 MEM Living & Deceased Members of the Wallace Family

Friday, May 13th (4th Friday of Easter) Acts 13:26-33 Psalm 2 John 14:1-6

8:30 MEM John & Nora Reilly

12:10 MEM Erma Bastas

5:30 MEM Daniel Maloney

Saturday, May 14th (St. Matthias)

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Psalm 113 John 15:9-17

8:30 MEM Jack O'Leary

Sunday, May 15th

(5th Sunday of Easter)

Acts 14:21-27 Psalm 145 Revelation 21:1-5a

John 13:31-33a, 34-35