



May 22, 2022 | Sixth Sunday of Easter

From Peru to Mars: New Worlds and Jesuit Science

What has been the particular Jesuit mark on science? The connection between Ignatian spirituality and my own scientific work is clear, at least to me. “Finding God in all things” means studying “things.”; finding God in the Universe. Seeing how the universe works tells us something about its Creator. But are there more practical effects of being a Jesuit in science?

One thing that is striking when you look at the history of Jesuit scientists is how entering the Jesuit order has given young men the chance to be a scientist regardless of family wealth or status. Athanasius Kircher, the youngest of nine children from a clerk’s family, became one of the most educated men of the 17th century. James Macelwane dropped out of high school to work on the family farm, but as a Jesuit, he became a key figure in modern geophysics.



New Almagest.

Giovanni Battista Riccioli. 1651.

These well-trained men were often missioned to exotic frontiers. In the late 1500s Fr. José de Acosta was able to write the first detailed study of the natural and social history of South America because he had been sent there—a trip as rare then as traveling into space today. And being a Jesuit provided instant credibility to a scientist, opening doors in certain circles that other contemporaries could not access. That is how, in the mid-1700s, Fr. Roger Boscovich was to change the Church’s stance on the heliocentric system.

But every advantage has its matching cost. The education of a Jesuit is quite lengthy, taking more than 12 years toward ordination, not counting the time needed for a Ph.D. Likewise, while a Jesuit scientist may be sent to wonderful places, he is also under obedience to leave them behind; after his pioneering work in South America, Fr. Acosta wound up sent back to Spain as the rector of a Jesuit university community.

A Jesuit scientist, supported by the order, is often not tied to a three-year funding cycle or a six-year tenure review. Thus we have the time—it may take decades—to catalog double stars, seismic velocities, or patterns in climate or terrestrial magnetic fields. Jesuits, for instance, invented the basic taxonomy of the plants of India.

But this sort of science often means that their work is unappreciated by their immediate peers. Famously in the 19th century, the Whig historian and politician

Thomas Macaulay sneered that the Jesuits “appear to have discovered the precise point to which intellectual culture can be carried without risk of intellectual emancipation” and that being a Jesuit “has a tendency to suffocate, rather than to develop, original genius.”

Even as Macaulay was writing those words, in Rome, the Jesuit astronomer Angelo Secchi was revolutionizing astrophysics. Of course, Secchi’s work, well known and translated across the Continent, was never published in England. But more to the point, Macaulay’s idea of “original genius” misrepresents both the nature and the motivation of science. The unspoken assumption of someone like Macaulay is that one does science for the glory it brings upon the scientist. But Jesuits do science (or at least, we ought to) not for personal advancement, but for the love of the truth that science can reveal.

The glory that comes from science ought to be reflected on the Author of creation, not on the person who happens to have revealed some detail of that creation. Our scientific scholarship contributes to the good reputation of the Jesuit order in particular and the Church in general.

— Br. Guy Consolmagno, S.J.
Director of the Vatican Observatory

Join us on Monday, May 23rd at 7 PM in the Church and by livestream for *From Peru to Mars: New Worlds and Jesuit Science*, presented by Br. Consolmagno. For more information, please see page 2.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, MAY 22nd

Community Coffee Hour.

Following the 11 AM Masses. Outside the Parish House.

Details below.

Concert | Sing & Celebrate.

3 PM. Wallace Hall. *Details below.*

MONDAY, MAY 23rd

Lecture | From Peru to Mars:

New Worlds and Jesuit Science.

7 PM. Church & Livestreamed. *Details at right.*

TUESDAY, MAY 24th

Tuesday Night Book Group | The Pilgrim's Story:

The Life & Spirituality of St. Ignatius Loyola.

7 PM. Zoom. *Details on page 3.*

ASCENSION THURSDAY

MAY 26th

Vigil Mass at 5:30 PM on *Wednesday, May 25th*
in the Church.

Masses at 8:30 AM, 12:10 PM, 5:30 PM & 7:30 PM
on *Thursday, May 26th* in the Church.

SATURDAY, MAY 28th

Tuesday Night Book Group: Saturday Midday Field Trip.

Noon. *Details on page 3.*

Community Coffee Hour

**Sunday, May 22nd, following the 11 AM Masses
Outside the Parish House**

Join us on Park Avenue for our Community Coffee Hour.

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

MUSIC AT ST. IGNATIUS

Sing and Celebrate

**Sunday, May 22nd at 3 PM
Wallace Hall**

Join us for our annual *Sing and Celebrate* concert,
featuring the Children's Choirs, the Wallace Hall Choir,
Canticum Sacrum, and the Parish Community Choir.

All are welcome and admission is free.



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LECTURE

From Peru to Mars: New Worlds and Jesuit Science

Monday, May 23rd at 7 PM

Church & Livestreamed

PRESENTER

Br. Guy Consolmagno, S.J.

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

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*.



To view the livestream, scan the QR
code at right or visit [youtube.com/c/
ChurchofStIgnatiusLoyolaNYC](https://youtube.com/c/ChurchofStIgnatiusLoyolaNYC).

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Lady Chapel Open for Private Prayer

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

Hour Children Donation Truck

Sunday, June 26th, from 9 AM to 1 PM

The Hour Children truck will be parked outside the Grammar School on East 84th Street (between Park & Madison Avenues) to receive donations of:

- Clothing/accessories for
 - women, men, babies & children
- Small appliances (nothing larger than a microwave)
 - Kitchenware (pots, pans, dishes, flatware, etc.)
 - Linens

They will not accept donations of books, toys, stuffed animals, puzzles, games, or furniture.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Children's Choirs Audition

The St. Ignatius Loyola Children's Choir is auditioning rising 1st through 8th graders on **Thursday, June 2nd from 3 PM to 5 PM** in the Parish House's Gonzaga Meeting Room.

Choristers participate in the liturgy, serve their parish and community, and sing at festivals while enjoying the company of children from 15 surrounding schools. No prior experience is necessary. A parent or guardian must be present to fill out the registration materials.

Please contact **Maureen Haley, Director of Children's Choirs**, at haleym@saintignatiusloyola.org for an audition time.

Altar Servers

Young people currently in grade 5 through the first year of high school are eligible to serve as altar servers.

If your child is interested, please contact Fr. Hallinan by calling the Parish House or via email at hallinanm@saintignatiusloyola.org.



HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

In Search of Hospitality Ministers

The Hospitality Ministry is seeking parishioners interested in serving at the 7:30 PM Sunday Mass.

If you are interested in serving, email siloyolanyhospitality@gmail.com.

TUESDAY NIGHT BOOK GROUP

The Pilgrim's Story: The Life and Spirituality of St. Ignatius Loyola

Weekly, through Tuesday, August 9th

7 PM to 8:15 PM

On Zoom

The Pilgrim's Story goes beyond a simple biography to explain how the life of St. Ignatius affected his *Spiritual Exercises* and describe how Ignatian spirituality can help each of us understand our own spiritual longings and experiences.

Leading the discussion will be Bob Giugliano, Ph.D., a licensed psychologist, spiritual director, and adjunct faculty member in the Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education at Fordham University with extensive experience in Ignatian Spirituality including leading the *Spiritual Exercises*.

To receive the Zoom link for this discussion, email TuesdayNightBookGroup@gmail.com.

Saturday Midday Field Trip

Saturday, May 28th

Noon to 3 PM

Join members of the Tuesday Night Book Group for a Saturday Midday Field Trip to hear a one-hour lecture on St. Catherine of Siena. The talk will be followed by a 1 PM to 3 PM guided prayer (based on St. Catherine's writings)/silent meditation session.

To register and your free copy of the book *The Dialogue of St. Catherine of Siena*, email Karen Page at TuesdayNightBookGroup@gmail.com.

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 & to prepare for the Easter Sacraments.

For more information, contact Maureen Fullam at 212-288-3588 or email church@stignatiusloyola.org.



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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 29th

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

Religious Education for Children

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

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 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 23rd

(6th Monday of Easter)

Acts 16:11–15 Psalm 149

John 15:26–16:4a

8:30 MEM Angelina Filak

12:10 MEM Frederick L. Hehn, Jr.

5:30 MEM Richard Nolan

Tuesday, May 24th

(6th Tuesday of Easter)

Acts 16:22–34 Psalm 138

John 16:5–11

8:30 MEM Charles Denihan

12:10 MEM Teri Magel

5:30 MEM Charles Denihan

Wednesday, May 25th

(6th Wednesday of Easter)

Acts 17:15, 22–18:1 Psalm 148

John 16:12–15

8:30 MEM Michael Leahy

12:10 MEM Sose & Mark Prekelezaj

Thursday, May 26th

(The Ascension of the Lord)

Acts 1:1–11 Psalm 47

Hebrews 9:24–28; 10:19–23

Luke 24:46–53

Friday, May 27th

(6th Friday of Easter)

Acts 18:9–18 Psalm 47

John 16:20–23

8:30 MEM Indelisa Mauricio

12:10 MEM Maryhelen Hopkins

5:30 MEM William Powers

Saturday, May 28th

(6th Saturday of Easter)

Acts 18:23–28 Psalm 47

John 16:23b–28

8:30 MEM Daniel C. O'Sullivan

Sunday, May 29th

(7th Sunday of Easter)

Acts 7:55–60 Psalm 97

Revelation 22:12–14, 16–17, 20