

June 5, 2022 | Pentecost

## Belonging

*The journey from being welcomed by the parish to feeling a real sense of belonging requires a spiritual and emotional openness to communion, participation, and mission.*

Each year at the beginning of June we see rainbow flags unfurling around restaurants, retail outlets, college campuses, and a host of public buildings. The flags represent “Pride Month,” which seeks to draw attention to, and support for, the LGBT Community and its citizens. We see many churches of all denominations expressing “welcome” to the LGBT Community and proclaiming inclusiveness for all. For many of us, the “welcome” is encouraging and signals the beginning of a journey of adventure and coming home, of truly belonging.

This journey for me and my husband Michael began during a trip in the summer of 2017 to Italy, at the Cathedral of Amalfi. It was there that we both reflected on our past, having grown up Catholic. We experienced a deep sense of separation from the Church we once knew, once belonged to and once loved. We had both left the Church many years beforehand and aside from a flirtation with Unitarian Universalism, we had no religious connection with any tradition. As we traveled on to the cathedrals of Assisi, Orvieto, Florence, Venice, and, of course, St. Peter’s in Rome, our yearning for a connection to the Church grew stronger, but it remained buried under the sorrows of the past.



While in Italy I was posting daily pictures on Facebook, and on the last day there, I noticed a post from a member of the parish of St. Francis Xavier, thanking Father Martin for his talk on his book *Building a Bridge*. I read the post and was shocked to learn the Church of my birth was actually engaged in a process to welcome me back, and that’s how we found St. Ignatius. The day after we returned from our trip, we attended the Sunday morning Solemn Mass. Aside from the grandeur of the architecture, the beauty of the music, and the inspiring homily, we were struck by the hospitality minister who walked down the aisle welcoming the faithful to Communion, each time motioning with a wave and a word: “come.” We smiled at her and each other, so moved by that simple action. It was that summer when Father Yesalonia wrote to the parishioners of our church advising them that a new LGBT ministry was going to be established, so we joined.

Reading the book *Building a Bridge* I became fascinated by the idea of Ignatian Spirituality and enrolled in an Ignatian Spiritual Retreat. The retreat introduced me to the Church’s liturgical calendar in an amazing way, focusing on the daily scripture readings, reflecting on them, and meditating in an experiential manner. The high point each week was the time spent with my new spiritual director, Father Hilbert, who taught me to pray for the first time in a personal way.

So when did I really feel that I BELONGED? Father Yesalonia met with our “LGBT Catholics and Friends” Ministry early on, and made it clear we were to “be an integral part of the parish community.” It was a terrific bit of advice and I truly believe it was that spirit that lead me to feel that I belonged.

The acknowledgment that LGBT members of the parish were encouraged to create a ministry was the beginning of the “welcome” for us. But the true sense of BELONGING came after I saw so many church parishioners attending our events, lectures, and activities. The sense of **communion** was strong because I felt I was seen as a gay man and as an integral part of the community. This led to greater **participation** in the life of the parish. Finally, I believed in and supported the **mission** of creating a spiritual home for all.

Living one’s life authentically here at St. Ignatius is a blessing. It brings to mind the words of Thomas Merton: “The way we would begin in prayer is that we belong to God...all prayer starts and unfolds out of that knowing.”

— Lou Csabay, Parishioner & Member of LGBT Catholics & Friends

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### SUNDAY, JUNE 5th

**Community Coffee Hour.**  
Following the 11 AM Masses.  
Outside the Parish House.  
*Details at right.*

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8th

**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.*

## The Rise of Extremism in the United States and the Violence It Has Fostered

Monday, June 13th

7 PM

Parish Lounge

In light of the latest attack by a white supremacist in Buffalo, the War & Peace Discussion Group will be looking at the rise of right-wing extremism in the United States. We will be viewing a documentary produced by PBS Frontline and ProPublica called "American Insurrection". Discussion to follow.



To view the documentary before the meeting, scan the QR code at left or visit [pbs.org/video/american-insurrection-ozor8y/](https://pbs.org/video/american-insurrection-ozor8y/).

## 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](mailto:hallinanm@saintignatiusloyola.org).

We would warmly welcome new volunteers!

## Join Our Email Mailing List!

We invite you to sign-up for our e-newsletter to receive regular updates on parish news and events.



To sign-up, scan the QR code at left or visit [ignatius.nyc](https://ignatius.nyc).

## Spring Appeal: June Matching Gift Challenge



Thanks to an anonymous donor, all gifts to *The Fund for St. Ignatius Loyola: Spring Appeal* will be matched from **June 5th through June 19th.**

For example, gifts of \$500 are doubled and become a donation of \$1000.

The *Spring Appeal* provides an important infusion of funds to support the operations of the parish during the summer months.



To contribute, visit [ignatius.nyc/annual-appeal](https://ignatius.nyc/annual-appeal) or scan the QR code at left.

## 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.

## Community Coffee Hour

Sunday, June 5th, 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.



## Low-Gluten Hosts

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

## 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.

## Interested in Becoming Catholic?



Do you have a friend, family member, or a loved one who is considering becoming Catholic? Encourage them to reach out to us to inquire about our parish program designed to initiate adults into the Catholic faith.

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](mailto:church@stignatiusloyola.org).

## TUESDAY NIGHT BOOK GROUP

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

Tuesday, June 21st to 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](mailto:TuesdayNightBookGroup@gmail.com).

## 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](mailto:siloyolanyhospitality@gmail.com).



To stay up-to-date on parish news, follow us on Instagram and Facebook at [stignatiusnyc](https://www.instagram.com/stignatiusnyc).

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Support the Interparish Religious Education Program



Please consider making a gift to the Interparish Religious Education Program in support of our program and our families.

Your gift would alleviate financial worry from our families in need of assistance and help us provide the best faith formation possible to our students.

A gift of any amount is greatly appreciated. A gift of \$400 will cover tuition for one student.



To contribute, visit [ignatius.nyc/donate-now](https://ignatius.nyc/donate-now) (or scan the QR code at left) and note "IREP Gift" in the "Reason for Donation" box.

## 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.

Volunteers can sign up for times at [nycommonpantry.org](https://nycommonpantry.org).

For more information, contact Alan Pardee, parishioner and member of the Ignatian Social Justice ministry, at [alanpardee123@gmail.com](mailto:alanpardee123@gmail.com).

## Ignatian Volunteer Corps



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](https://www.ivcusa.org).



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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

Danya Katok, *Director of Concerts*

### 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 June 12th

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

## 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

### 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, June 6th

*(The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of  
the Church)*

Genesis 3:9–15, 20 Psalm 87

John 19:25–34

**8:30 MEM** The Meehan Family

**12:10 ANN** Toni Brown

**5:30 MEM** Pedro Londoño

### Tuesday, June 7th

*(10th Tuesday in Ordinary Time)*

1 Kings 17:7–16 Psalm 4

Matthew 5:13–16

**8:30 MEM** Kay Carolyn  
Calcagnini

**12:10 MEM** Giuseppe Dursi

**5:30 MEM** William Fallon &  
Jane Eagan

### Wednesday, June 8th

*(St. James Berthieu)*

1 Kings 18:20–39 Psalm 16

Matthew 5:17–19

**8:30 MEM** The Choix & Gordon  
Families

**12:10 MEM** Eileen Morgon Horan

**5:30 MEM** Stephen Doran

### Thursday, June 9th

*(10th Thursday in Ordinary Time)*

1 Kings 18:41–46 Psalm 65

Matthew 5:20–26

**8:30 MEM** Simona Saracino Fendi

**12:10 MEM** Dorothea Dinapoli

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

### Friday, June 10th

*(10th Friday in Ordinary Time)*

1 Kings 19:9a, 11–16 Psalm 27

Matthew 5:27–32

**8:30 MEM** Arthur Calcagnini, Sr.

**12:10 MEM** Valentino Mazzia

**5:30 MEM** Bill Hassett

### Saturday, June 11th (St. Barnabas)

Acts 11:21b–26, 13:1–3 Psalm 98

Matthew 5:33–37

**8:30 MEM** Carla Bartels

### Sunday, June 12th

*(The Most Holy Trinity)*

Proverbs 8:22–31 Psalm 8

Romans 5:1–5 John 16:12–15