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June 19, 2022 | The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

As we enter the lazy days of summer, I want to provide an update on our parish planning process. This process began in early 2019 when I invited a group of parishioners and parish staff members to work with me to develop our parish's statement of mission. This working group included Teresa Cariño, Holly Curp, Rose DiMartino, Natalie Fiedler, Grace Gorman, Mary Larkin, John O'Brien, Dr. Ray Pastore, Brian Pinter, Mary Rutherford, Fr. Vincent Sullivan, S.J., and Eric Van Nostrand. These individuals represented a wide cross-section of parishioners and parish ministries. By the end of 2019 the final version of the parish's mission statement was published. It reads as follows:

*The love of Christ impels us to welcome all,  
to worship joyfully and pray fervently,  
to walk together with those in need,  
and to reverence God in the wonder of Creation.*

Our mission statement, like all other mission statements, is a snapshot of how we perceive ourselves in the moment and who we aspire to be. It is a lens through which we look at ourselves and plan our future.

It was my hope to initiate a strategic planning process early in 2020 whose purpose would have been the development of concrete action plans that would animate in new ways our statement of mission. Then COVID-19 reared its ugly head, and everything was put on hold as the world sheltered in place. It was during this time that I recognized the need for us to re-imagine ourselves "as church" and confidently enter a post-pandemic world. We would still use our mission statement as the lens through which we would do our planning, but our context needed a wider worldview so that we could be responsive to the glaring needs that manifested themselves through the early onslaught of the pandemic. To fail to do this would, in my opinion, diminish the relevance of the Church (big "C") in a post-pandemic world. Or, in the words of St. Paul, as referenced in our mission statement, "the love of Christ impels us" to do nothing less.

In September 2020 I wrote an essay that was published in the parish's e-newsletter and reflected on the need for a new paradigm of Church in a post-pandemic world. I wrote about the need to bring hope and healing to the wounds inflicted through the pandemic—the wounds of indifference, intolerance, and abject injustice. I wrote, "I believe we are at a defining moment of what it means to be Church as well as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. To return to the routine of the past would mean that we failed to learn from our tortured experiences of the pandemic." I further wrote that we should look at our mission statement as "both a mirror and a compass," helping us to envision this new reality of church.

Early in 2021 the next phase of the parish planning process was initiated. As with the mission statement group, the planning committee represented a cross-section of parishioners and parish staff members. Those who generously accepted my invitation to this working group were Ivan Briggiler, Rosario Conde Johaneck, Holly Curp, Adele Gallo, Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J., Patti Hogan, Kathy Murnion, *co-chair*, Brian Pinter, Jean Santopatre, Jacques Torchon, Eric Van Nostrand, *co-chair*, and Scott Warren. Early in their deliberations, this working group acknowledged the need for input from parishioners. To that end, The Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) designed a survey instrument that was distributed to all registered members of the parish. CARA collated, evaluated, and summarized the 790 survey forms that were submitted and delivered its report in November 2021 to the planning committee. You can review that report at [ignatius.nyc/surveyresults](https://www.ignatius.nyc/surveyresults). The CARA Report supplemented the input members of the planning committee received in the course of their conversations and interviews with parishioners. Then in December 2021, the planning committee delivered to me a *Vision Statement* that was distributed to parishioners in February of this year. You may view it online at [ignatius.nyc/vision-statement](https://www.ignatius.nyc/vision-statement).

In March of this year, parishioners were invited to “listening sessions” in the church on the weekend of March 19-20 and a virtual town hall meeting on the evening of March 30 to share their comments about the *Vision Statement* and their views on what they would like to see accomplished in the course of the parish’s planning process. 143 parishioners attended the listening sessions and 28 parishioners participated in the virtual town hall meeting.

What both the CARA Report and the remarks that were made at the listening sessions and the virtual town hall meeting corroborated was a general contentment with the parish as it now is as well as an openness to what was articulated in the *Vision Statement*. I am also obliged to report that there was a not unexpected sentiment expressed by several who participated in these meetings that we should not tinker with the status quo. In my opinion that approach would lead us to a path of irrelevance in a post-pandemic world that hungers for hope and healing.

Now is the time to initiate the next, and final, phase of our parish planning process. The *Vision Statement* provides us a blueprint for the future. What is now needed are its building blocks, or, as I will refer to them, action plans that will implement what was articulated in outline form in the *Vision Statement*.

In the Fall of this year I will invite you to participate in one of the implementation working groups that will be charged with the responsibility of drafting action plans for each of the four categories identified in the *Vision Statement*: 1. *We Welcome All*. 2. *We Worship With Joy*. 3. *We Walk Together With Those In Need*. 4. *We Reverence God In The Wonder Of Creation*. For the moment, I ask that you pray for the continued success of our parish planning process and to consider participating in one of these working groups so that your voice will be heard as we plan our shared future as disciples of Jesus Christ and parishioners of the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola.

May the Holy Spirit continue to guide us through this planning process so that all that we do now and in the future may redound to the greater glory of God and the salvation of souls.

Sincerely in the Lord,

*Fr. Gesalonia*

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Registration Now Open for the 2022-2023 Session of IREP

Register now for the next session of our  
Interparish Religious Education Program (IREP).

IREP is an ongoing formation process for  
Kindergarten to 8th-grade students.



To register, visit  
[ignatius.nyc/irep-registration](http://ignatius.nyc/irep-registration)  
or scan the QR code at left.

## Farewell Reception

Sunday, June 19th

Following the 11 AM Masses  
McKinnon Hall (Grammar School)

Join us as we honor Philip Anderson and  
Maureen Haley, who are retiring after  
more than thirty years each at St. Ignatius.

## Hour Children Donation Truck

Sunday, June 26th

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.*

## Farewell to Fr. Gustafson

Sunday, June 26th, following the 11 AM Masses  
Gonzaga Meeting Room

Join us for a farewell reception for Fr. Danny Gustafson,  
S.J., as we thank him for his service to our parish.

We will have a guest book present. We invite you to  
sign it, share a favorite memory of Fr. Gustafson,  
and wish him well in his next chapter.

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### SUNDAY, JUNE 19th

**Farewell Reception.**  
Following the 11 AM Masses.  
McKinnon Hall (Grammar School).  
*Details on page 2.*

### MONDAY, JUNE 20th

**Juneteenth.**  
The Parish House will be closed  
in observance of Juneteenth.

One Mass will be celebrated in the Church at 8:30 AM.  
There will be no 12:10 PM or 5:30 PM Mass.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 21st

**Tuesday Night Book Group | The Pilgrim's Story:  
The Life and Spirituality of St. Ignatius Loyola.**  
7 PM. Zoom.  
*Details at right.*

## LGBT CATHOLICS & FRIENDS

### March with LGBT Catholics & Friends

LGBT Catholics & Friends invites all parishioners  
to march with them in the NYC Pride Parade  
on **Sunday, June 26th.**

They will be joining marchers from other  
Catholic parishes in the tristate area.  
*Check-in time: 2 PM*

*Section #: 5*

*Order #: 31*

*Marcher Formation Block:*  
26th Street between 6th & 5th Avenues

## 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).

## 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  
**through end-of-day today.**

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](http://ignatius.nyc/annual-appeal)  
or scan the QR code at left.

## 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).



## Sign-up for Our Weekly E-Newsletter!

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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*

### Assistants to the Pastor

Diane M. Boyle

Rebecca Brucas

### 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 26th

Saturday Vigil

5:30 PM Fr. Bergen

Sunday:

8:00 AM Fr. Hilbert

9:30 AM Fr. Hilbert

Solemn

11:00 AM Fr. Gustafson

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

### 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

Resumes in September

### 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 20th

(*12th Monday in Ordinary Time*)

2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18 Psalm 60  
Matthew 7:1-5

**8:30 MEM** Carla Fendi

### Tuesday, June 21st

(*St. Aloysius Gonzaga*)

2 Kings 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36  
Psalm 48 Matthew 7:6, 12-14

**8:30 MEM** Martin Philip Murphy

**12:10 MEM** Sabino & Brenda  
Berardino

**5:30 MEM** Nathan Davidson

### Wednesday, June 22nd

(*12th Wednesday in Ordinary Time*)

2 Kings 22:8-13; 23:1-3 Psalm 119  
Matthew 7:15-20

**8:30 MEM** Jane Diaks

**12:10 MEM** Jonathan Bradley

**5:30 MEM** Destiny Penix

### Thursday, June 23rd

(*The Nativity of St. John the Baptist*)

Isaiah 49:1-6 Psalm 139

Acts 13:22-26 Luke 1:57-66, 80

**8:30 MEM** Kathleen

Rommelsbacher

**12:10 MEM** Robert Malin

**5:30 MEM** Dr. & Mrs. Edward  
Brennan

### Friday, June 24th

(*The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*)

Ezekiel 34:11-16 Psalm 23

Romans 5:5b-11 Luke 15:3-7

**8:30 MEM** Walter Ayotte

**12:10 MEM** Helen Regan

**5:30 MEM** Frank Maher

### Saturday, June 25th

(*The Immaculate Heart of Mary*)

Lamentations 2:2, 10-14, 18-19

Psalm 74 Luke 2:41-51

**8:30 MEM** Richard Garbutt

### Sunday, June 26th

(*13th Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21 Psalm 16

Galatians 5:1, 13-18 Luke 9:51-62