



September 25, 2022 | Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## The Mystical Experience

What is mysticism? What constitutes a mystic or a mystical experience? I have been trying to understand this better as I prepare for the Ignatian Interfaith event on October 6th. I certainly am no expert—so I have “Googled it”, read a little and even asked a few friends and family. My husband, Kevin, says we need look no further than our mysteriously overcrowded bedroom closet for a perfect example, because “we literally don’t know what’s really in there!”



*The Sainthly Throng in the Shape of a Rose.*  
Gustave Doré. c. 1868.

While this lack of knowledge is certainly true, entering our closet is most definitely NOT a mystical experience. It seems there are two sorts of mysticism: one that appears to be esoteric and shrouded in mystery. Looking at mysticism from this lens, there is a good deal of emphasis on “secret knowledge” that supposedly can be uncovered through things like astrology, crystals, and tarot cards. I have never been drawn to this world—it seems too close to the Biblical exhortation against “divination.”

On the other hand, mysticism also can be interpreted as the search for and experience of union with the Divine. Christianity, Judaism and Islam, in fact all major world religions, have their mystical practitioners. Some Catholic mystics have had ecstatic experiences and while others’ are quieter. This experience is a gift and cannot be created or conjured. It is also beyond knowing—a bit like a miracle—hard to explain but you know it when you have had one. It is not something you can prove or easily explain, but once you try to describe it, odds are that others will smile and share their own inexplicable experience. These incidents, however, give you a sense that you know, beyond all knowing that God is here, and you are deeply loved by God. It is a little glimpse into the joy of being united with God—a sort of view of Heaven on earth.

Fr. Yesalonia’s September 11th bulletin essay, *Merely a Puddle or Something More?*, touched on this as he watched a child’s joy at a puddle. These glimpses come in grand moments—like when we hear our fabulous Choir of St. Ignatius Loyola sing at the Solemn Mass, or the joy of singing gospel music with the Wallace Hall Choir. But it can also be in quiet moments—watching a sunset or going to sacred spaces, like the Western Wall in Jerusalem, the timeless peace of Assisi at dusk or the crisp air and beautiful foliage on a Fall New England day.

The mystical can also break through in the presence of others—that family gathering where there is so much joy at being together or maybe even a smile or word or two from a stranger on the subway. Something just “clicks”, and you think—wait, what just happened here?

I like to think of these mystical experiences as being mini miracles. Since God is the God of All, we are not alone in experiencing them as Catholic Christians. I hope you will join me in learning more about the mystics in our Catholic and the Muslim faith traditions on Thursday, October 6th in Wallace Hall. We will be welcoming Fr. Boniface Endorf, OP, Pastor of St. Joseph’s Parish and Dr. Zuleyha Colak, Lecturer and the Coordinator of the Turkish program at Columbia University to help us demystify the mystics. Please RSVP to [ignatianinterfaithministry@gmail.com](mailto:ignatianinterfaithministry@gmail.com). In the meantime, be on the lookout for the mystical experiences in your own life!

— Simone McKeever  
Chair, Ignatian Interfaith Ministry

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Join us on Thursday, October 6th at 7 PM in Wallace Hall for *Demystifying the Mystics*, presented by Fr. Boniface Endorf, OP, and Dr. Zuleyha Colak, Ph.D. For more information, please see page 2.

## This Week at a Glance

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th

Welcome Home Sunday.

Following the 11 AM Masses. Park Avenue & 84th Street.

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th

Ranger Rosary.

1:30 PM. Gonzaga Meeting Room.

Lector Training Workshop.

7 PM. Church (Enter through the Parish House).

To register, email [hallinanm@saintignatiusloyola.org](mailto:hallinanm@saintignatiusloyola.org).

War & Peace Discussion Group: Viewing of the Documentary Film *Rise of the Drones*.

7 PM. Parish Lounge.

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th

Tuesday Night Book Group: *Union With God*:

*Living the Christ Life* by Fr. David Vincent Meconi, S.J.

7 PM. Zoom. Details on page 3.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th

Panel Discussion:

Faith-Based Response to the Refugee Crisis.

7 PM. Wallace Hall. Details at right.

God Said What?! Interpreting Difficult Scripture Passages.

7 PM. Zoom.

To register, email [brianbpinter@protonmail.com](mailto:brianbpinter@protonmail.com).

Meeting Christ in Prayer.

7 PM. Zoom. Details on page 3.

## Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 2nd at 1 PM

Outside the Parish House

Pet owners are invited to bring their leashed dog, cat, reptile or caged birds and bunnies for a blessing in celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

## Parish Ministries Appreciation Dinner

Tuesday, October 18th

7 PM in Wallace Hall

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



To RSVP, visit [ignatius.nyc/pmdinner2022](http://ignatius.nyc/pmdinner2022) or scan the QR code at left.

The RSVP deadline is October 10th.

## Panel Discussion: Faith-Based Response to the Refugee Crisis

Wednesday, September 28th at 7 PM  
Wallace Hall

With the current refugee crisis, as people of faith, we ask ourselves: Are we doing enough as a parish and as an individual? Jesus teaches us to go out in love and serve our neighbors in need. Catholic Social Teaching also propels us to care for those most in need.

— PANELISTS —

**MARIO RUSSELL**

Director of Immigration Service,  
Catholic Charities New York

**FR. ERIC CRUZ**

Catholic Charities of the Bronx and  
Pastor of St. Luke's Church

**JACQUELYN PAVILON**

Deputy Director, Center for Migration Studies

For more information, contact Christine Meyer  
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Jean Santopatre, Pastoral Associate, at  
[santopatrej@saintignatiusloyola.org](mailto:santopatrej@saintignatiusloyola.org).

## Demystifying the Mystics: Who are they and what can they teach us from a Catholic and Muslim perspective?

Thursday, October 6th at 7 PM  
Wallace Hall

— SPEAKERS —

**FR. BONIFACE ENDORF, OP**

Pastor, St. Joseph's Church, Greenwich Village

**DR. ZULEYHA COLAK, PH.D.**

Lecturer and Coordinator, Turkish Language  
Program, Columbia University

The Ignatian Interfaith Ministry, together with our Muslim friends from Peace Islands Institute New York, invite you for an evening discussion on *Demystifying the Mystics: Who are they and what can they teach us from a Catholic and Muslim perspective?*

A light reception will follow the discussion.



To register, email  
[ignatianinterfaithministry@gmail.com](mailto:ignatianinterfaithministry@gmail.com)  
or scan the QR code at left.

## Film Screening: Monsieur Vincent

Friday, October 21st

6:30 PM to 10 PM in Wallace Hall

6:30 PM – 7 PM: Reception

7 PM – 7:30 PM: Reflection on the Life  
of St. Vincent de Paul

7:30 PM – 10 PM: Screening of *Monsieur Vincent*

**Sponsored by Lay Ministers' Enrichment (LME)  
and The Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

In their first program of 2022-2023, LME will join with the St. Lawrence O'Toole Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to present a screening of the internationally acclaimed 1947 film, *Monsieur Vincent*, which received an honorary Academy Award in 1949 for Best Foreign Language film.

The film, starring Pierre Fresnay, depicts the life and ministry of Vincent de Paul, a 17th-century French cleric, who dedicated his ministry to "hearing the cry of the poor," but who also became the spiritual advisor to the Queen of France and the nobility.

Join LME and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for an evening of fellowship and reflection on how we can "preach the Gospel" through "loving the poor."



To register, visit  
[tinyurl.com/LME-SDVP-FALL-2022-2](https://tinyurl.com/LME-SDVP-FALL-2022-2)  
or scan the QR code at left.

The registration deadline is Monday, October 17th.

## Tuesday Night Book Group

### *Union With God: Living the Christ Life*

Tuesdays, September 27th to October 18th at 7 PM  
Zoom

Join the Tuesday Night Book Group as we read and discuss the short but powerful 60-page book *Union With God: Living the Christ Life* by Fr. David Meconi, S.J.

Author Fr. David V. Meconi, S.J., serves as Assistant Professor of Early Christianity at Saint Louis University in Missouri.

We will be inviting active participation from Book Group members.



To receive the Zoom link for this discussion, email  
[TuesdayNightBookGroup@gmail.com](mailto:TuesdayNightBookGroup@gmail.com)  
or scan the QR code at left.

## Concerts at St. Ignatius

### David Briggs: Vaughan Williams' Fifth Symphony

Wednesday, October 12th at 7 PM  
Church & Livestreamed

We continue our celebration of Ralph Vaughan Williams' 150th birthday with his serene masterpiece, penned at the height of the Second World War.

World-renowned concert organist David Briggs brings the ravishing colors of the Mander organ to his transcription of the Fifth Symphony on the very anniversary of the composer's birth.



To purchase tickets, visit [ignatius.nyc/concerts](http://ignatius.nyc/concerts) or scan the QR code at left.

## Meeting Christ in Prayer

Wednesdays, September 28th to November 16th  
7 PM to 8:30 PM on Zoom

Are you longing for a deeper relationship with God through Christ? If you answered yes, please join us in Meeting Christ in Prayer.

Meeting Christ in Prayer is an interactive 8-week guided prayer experience for small groups. Based on the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius Loyola, it introduces participants to various ways of praying and provides an opportunity to support one another through faith sharing, via Zoom.

A good faith offering will be appreciated, as the cost of materials ranges between \$30-\$50.

To register, email [MCIP@saintignatiusloyola.org](mailto:MCIP@saintignatiusloyola.org) and pick up the MCIP book from the Parish House by Monday, September 26th.

## Snow Ball Dance

Saturday, December 10th  
7 PM in Wallace Hall

Join us for what promises to be a very merry evening. Come eat, drink, and dance to live music by The Morris Brothers Band with your friends and fellow adult (21+) parishioners.

Tickets are \$75 per person/\$65 for seniors (age 60+). Premium Tables for 10 guests are available for \$1,000.



To purchase tickets, visit  
[ticketsource.us/StIgnatiusnyc](http://ticketsource.us/StIgnatiusnyc)  
or scan the QR code at left.



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## PARISH STAFF

### Pastor

Rev. Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J.

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Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.

### Senior Priest

Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J.

### Assisting Priest

Rev. James Martin, S.J.

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Rev. James A. Casciotti, S.J.

### Pastoral Associates

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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 October 2nd

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

## Religious Education for Children

Ms. Kate Noonan

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## Saint Ignatius Loyola School

### Upper Campus

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Head of 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 contact Maureen Haley at  
baptisms@saintignatiusloyola.org  
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  
contact Maureen Haley at  
weddings@saintignatiusloyola.org  
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, September 26th

(26th Monday in Ordinary Time)

Job 1:6–22 Psalm 17 Luke 9:46–50

**8:30 MEM** Sara Iglesias

**12:10 MEM** Marc Guilbault

**5:30 MEM** Mary Elizabeth Dee

### Tuesday, September 27th

(St. Vincent de Paul)

Job 3:1–3, 11–17, 20–23 Psalm 88

Luke 9:51–56

**8:30 MEM** Mary Delahunt

**12:10 ANN** Alessandra Simon

**5:30 MEM** Mary Lynn Kramer  
Mulholland

### Wednesday, September 28th

(26th Wednesday in Ordinary Time)

Job 9:1–12, 14–16 Psalm 88

Luke 9:57–62

**8:30 MEM** Michael Gleason

**12:10 MEM** Marguerite Winn

**5:30 MEM** Mary Elizabeth Dee

### Thursday, September 29th

(Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael)

Daniel 7:9–10, 13–14 Psalm 138

John 1:47–51

**8:30 MEM** Polly Cimino

**12:10 MEM** Luigi & Margherita  
Racanelli

**5:30 MEM** Living & Deceased  
Members of the Wallace Family

### Friday, September 30th (St. Jerome)

Job 38:1, 12–21; 40:3–5 Psalm 139

Luke 10:13–16

**8:30 MEM** Earl Neil Moore

**12:10 MEM** Robert Deloney

**5:30 MEM** William Powers

### Saturday, October 1st

(St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus)

Job 42:1–3, 5–6, 12–17 Psalm 119

Luke 10:17–24

**8:30 MEM** Ciro Saracino

### Sunday, October 2nd

(27th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Habakkuk 1:2–3, 2:2–4 Psalm 95

2 Timothy 1:6–8, 13–14 Luke 17:5–10