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January 15, 2023 | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## Thank You, St. Ignatius, for Welcoming Me Back to God and Prayer

I am a cradle Catholic, from a perfectly average American Catholic family. Having drifted off Sunday Mass in college more than 45 years ago, I had tried to come back to the fold a few times through the years in the many cities my family and I lived in. Maybe it was me, but the message from the pulpit never resonated. I did not quite get what prompted adults to attend Mass, other than obligation.

Then, one Saturday afternoon, I entered our beautiful Church and found myself waiting in the confessional. It was time.

I came into St. Ignatius wanting to deliberately discover Catholicism anew, how it all fits together and captivated millions of minds over the ages. Once in, I was moved to go to confession. I did not realize how much I had forgotten: the only saint I could relate to was Thomas, and I couldn't even recite the Act of Contrition. Without judgment, Father Danny suggested that I dispense with my palpable guilt and make a fresh start right there. When he handed me a cellophane-wrapped printed version of the Act of Contrition, it felt as though God had been waiting there for me all along.

The next few months were filled with early Sunday morning Masses and sermons like I had never heard before. I felt a connection to my now-deceased family that I hadn't ever felt. For the first time in my life, I was leaving Sunday Mass feeling much better than I had entered, wanting to learn more. I can't tell you how relieving that thought was for me. That there is so much here, that all my questions were answered enthusiastically by priests and fellow parishioners in ministries alike.

All the ministries I participated in were outstanding, but *Meeting Christ in Prayer* was truly game-changing for me.

*Meeting Christ in Prayer* (MCIP) is an 8-week spiritual renewal (developing in my case) program fostered by daily guided prayer. Based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, I was guided to pray over Scripture readings on God's love for all of us, Jesus' life and ministry for others, and our response. I felt I was personally invited to meet God every day and share my concrete experiences with other participants; we created a community by sharing how the readings touched us in our daily life.

But my first week was a personal low—I completely whiffed! My MCIP book and newly purchased Bible sat there unopened, and my journey might have ended the second session. However, the facilitators invited me to start again that night (sound familiar?), and let the Holy Spirit transform what I could offer then—the fact that I showed up and was willing to listen and perhaps share.

What did I learn through the eight weeks? That prayer is becoming the heart of my relationship with God. That through prayer, I can experience the guidance of the Holy Spirit. That in prayer, I do meet Jesus and allow Christ's love to transform me.

I learned that all of this is life-changing to me and that, like everything that is so primary in my life, I want to nurture it. I learned to pray every day . . . not out of obligation but in response to God's invitation, a privilege to me now.

Thank you to all at St. Ignatius.

**With love and appreciation,**

**Mike Tierney, Parishioner & Meeting Christ in Prayer Participant**

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*Please join us at MCIP by registering at [mcip@saintignatiusloyola.org](mailto:mcip@saintignatiusloyola.org) before February 5, 2023.*

*To learn more about the upcoming session of Meeting Christ in Prayer, see page 3.*

## This Week at a Glance

### MONDAY, JANUARY 16th

The Parish House will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day.

One Daily Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 AM in the Church.

There will be no 12:10 PM or 5:30 PM Masses.

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 17th

Tuesday Night Book Group:

*I Believe in Love: A Personal Retreat Based On the Teachings of St. Therese of Lisieux.*

7 PM. Zoom.

To receive the Zoom link for this series, email [TuesdayNightBookGroup@gmail.com](mailto:TuesdayNightBookGroup@gmail.com).

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18th

Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

7 PM. Gonzaga Meeting Room.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 19th

LGBT Catholics & Friends Meeting.

7 PM. Zoom.

For more information, email [join.lgbt.caf@gmail.com](mailto:join.lgbt.caf@gmail.com).

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 21st

Tuesday Night Book Group:

Saturday Midday Field Trip | Talk on William of St. Thierry. 1 PM. Details on page 3.

## Lay Ministers' Enrichment Ministry

### Day of Reflection - Spring 2023

Saturday, January 28th in Wallace Hall

You are invited to join the St. Ignatius Lay Ministers' Enrichment Ministry for a day of personal and group reflection led by Fr. Walter Modrys, S.J.

Doors open at 8:15 AM for registration and breakfast.

The day's activities will comprise two presentations by Father Modrys, each followed by time for personal reflection and group faith-sharing. There will be a Q&A session following the last group session.



To register, scan the QR code at left or visit [ignatius.nyc/lmespring2023](http://ignatius.nyc/lmespring2023).



## Low-Gluten Hosts

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

## Our Parish, Our Home Festival Mass

Sunday, January 22nd at 11 AM

Church

Join us as our Solemn Mass and Wallace Hall Family Mass communities gather together to celebrate *Our Parish, Our Home Festival Mass*.

This is an opportunity for all of us to celebrate being one parish family.

## Venue Change

### Daily Mass Temporarily Moved to the Lady Chapel

Due to the filming of an HBO production in the Church, the 12:10 PM and 5:30 PM Daily Masses will be in the Lady Chapel through Friday, January 20th.

During this time, there will be no access into the Church, except for the Lady Chapel.

## Parish Art Show

Calling all artists! We are holding our first ever Parish Art Show.

When? May 11th to 13th. Mark your calendar. And, start readying your work *now!*

What media can be submitted? Paintings, Drawings, Photographs, Collage, Watercolors, Linocuts, Lithographs, Mixed Media, Sculpture

Who can take part? All parishioners over the age of 18.

All sale proceeds will benefit our parish.

More details to come later.

Questions? Email [silartshow@gmail.com](mailto:silartshow@gmail.com).

## Giving

Church of St. Ignatius Loyola is confidently planning its future and your help is needed

Register today for regular electronic giving and support your parish.

Donations can be made on a weekly, monthly, or annual basis directly from your bank account, debit card, or credit card.



Scan the QR code at left or register online at [ignatius.nyc/giving](http://ignatius.nyc/giving).

## Lectures at St. Ignatius

### When the Wave Knows It's the Ocean: Apostolic Wholeness and the Kinship of God

Monday, January 30th at 7 PM  
Wallace Hall & Livestreamed

**SPEAKER: FR. GREG BOYLE, S.J.**

Fr. Boyle will explore the marks of authentic discipleship: flourishing, joy, and fearlessness.

#### About the Speaker

Fr. Boyle is the founder and director of Homeboy Industries, the world's largest gang intervention and rehabilitation program. His latest book is *Barking to the Choir: The Power of Radical Kinship*.



## A Panel Discussion of Prevalent Mental Health Issues

Thursday, February 16th at 7 PM  
Wallace Hall

— PANELISTS —



**DR. ELIZABETH FITELSON, M.D.**  
Director of the Women's Program,  
Department of Psychiatry at Columbia  
University Irving Medical Center/  
Neurological Institute of New York



**DR. ERIN ENGLE, PSY.D.**  
Clinical Director of Columbia  
University Psychiatry Specialty Services,  
Neurological Institute at Columbia  
University Medical Center



**DR. MARY SCIUTTO, M.D.**  
Associate Clinical Professor of Psychiatry  
at Columbia University & Medical  
Director of the Columbia University  
Psychiatry Specialty Services

## Tuesday Night Book Group

### Saturday Midday Field Trip

Saturday, January 21st at Noon

Join the Tuesday Night Book Group to hear a one-hour talk on William of St. Thierry (1085–1148), who was the best friend of St. Bernard of Clairvaux and is the most quoted author in Statutes of the Carthusian Order. He wrote much on contemplation and love, and will help us do what he so aspired to: “May I love Him whom to love is to live indeed.”

After the Noon talk by a former Carthusian monk, there will be an optional 1 PM to 3 PM guided meditation to allow William of St. Thierry's writings to take us deeper into the interior life.

**To register to attend, and to receive details regarding the Upper East Side location, please email [tuesdaynightbookgroup@gmail.com](mailto:tuesdaynightbookgroup@gmail.com).**

## Emmaus Bereavement Support Group

Begins Tuesday, January 24th  
7 PM to 8:30 PM in the Parish House

A six-session support group for those who have experienced the death of a loved one. The sessions, both educational and supportive, are run by experienced facilitators.

**To register, email [EmmausBereavementGroup@gmail.com](mailto:EmmausBereavementGroup@gmail.com) or call the Parish House at (212) 288-3588 and leave your name and telephone number with the receptionist.**

Registration is required.

## Meeting Christ in Prayer

Wednesdays, February 8th to March 29th  
7 PM to 8:30 PM on Zoom

Are you longing for a deeper relationship with God through Christ? Is your childhood way of relating to God insufficient now that you are an adult? 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) by Sunday, February 5th.**

## Join Our Email Mailing List

We invite you to join our email mailing list to receive updates on parish news and events.



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

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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.

### Assisting Priest

Rev. James Martin, S.J.

### In Residence

Rev. James A. Casciotti, S.J.

### Pastoral Associates

Kate Noonan Brian Pinter Jean Santopatre

### Pastoral Assistant

Maureen Haley

### Music Ministries

Daniel Beckwith Douglas Purcell  
Robert Reuter Elizabeth Van Os  
Michael Sheetz

Scott Warren, *Director*

Danya Katok, *Director of Concerts*

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Rebecca Brucas

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Patricia Schneider

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Elizabeth O'Sullivan

### Director of Facilities

Robert Cisternino

### Facilities Coordinator

Caroline Fernandes

### 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 January 22nd

Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM Fr. Yesalonia

Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Tunney

9:30 AM Fr. Casciotti

Festival Mass 11:00 AM Fr. Bergen

Wallace Hall Family 11:00 AM N/A

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 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.

## Ignatian Young Adults (IYA)

For more information about our IYA  
ministry, email Jean Santopatre at  
santopatrej@saintignatiusloyola.org

## Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

### Monday, January 16th

(Second Monday in Ordinary Time)

Hebrews 5:1-10 Psalm 110

Mark 2:18-22

**8:30 MEM** Jack O'Leary

### Tuesday, January 17th

(St. Anthony)

Hebrews 6:10-20 Psalm 111

Mark 2:23-28

**8:30 MEM** Estellita Gamuza

**12:10 MEM** Mary F. Gray

**5:30 MEM** Jack Dorrian

### Wednesday, January 18th

(Second Wednesday in Ordinary Time)

Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17 Psalm 110

Mark 3:1-6

**8:30 MEM** Kelly Reilly-Gillebaard

**12:10 MEM** Jean D. Gallagher

**5:30 MEM** Aidan Charles Fudge

### Thursday, January 19th

(Second Thursday in Ordinary Time)

Hebrews 7:25-8:6 Psalm 40

Mark 3:7-12

**8:30 MEM** Carla Fendi

**12:10 MEM** Patty Ann Stackpole

**5:30 MEM** Owen Trivell

### Friday, January 20th

(Second Friday in Ordinary Time)

Hebrews 8:6-13 Psalm 85

Mark 3:13-19

**8:30 MEM** Anthony Canning

**12:10 MEM** Luz del Carmen Reyes

**5:30 MEM** Nathan Davidson

### Saturday, January 21st

(St. Agnes)

Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14 Psalm 47

Mark 3:20-21

**8:30 MEM** Eugene M. Jones

### Sunday, January 22nd

(Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Isaiah 8:23-9:3 Psalm 27

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Matthew 4:12-23