



January 15, 2023 | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Please join us at MCIP by registering at 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.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18th

Society of St. Vincent de Paul.
7 PM. Gonzaga Meeting Room.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19th

LGBT Catholics & Friends Meeting.
7 PM. Zoom.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21st

Tuesday Night Book Group:
Saturday Midday Field Trip | Talk on William of St. Thierry. 1 PM.

Ignatian Social Justice

Shoelace & Coloring Book/Crayon Drive

Ignatian Social Justice invites you to donate in support of the upcoming "Friends of the Border" trip to McAllen, Texas, and Reynosa, Mexico.

We could use your help collecting two sets of items.

Shoelaces, mainly for adult sneakers, are needed, because shoelaces are taken from migrants when they cross the border. However, migrants expelled back to Mexico without shoelaces are a prime target for criminal gangs and cartels. So, giving them shoelaces can save their lives. Also, we are collecting coloring books and crayons, to share with the many children journeying far from home with no toys or books to while away the long days on the road.

Coloring book, crayon, and shoelace donations will be accepted at the Parish House from **Tuesday, January 17th to Friday, January 20th.**

Donation tables will be in the Narthex on **Saturday, January 21st**, at the 5:30 PM Mass and **Sunday, January 22nd**, after the 9:30 AM, 11 AM, and 7:30 PM Masses.

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.

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.

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

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.

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 by Sunday, February 5th.

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 or call the Parish House at (212) 288-3588 and leave your name and telephone number with the receptionist.

Registration is required.

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.



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Rev. Mark C. Hallinan, S.J.

Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.

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Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J.

Assisting Priest

Rev. James Martin, S.J.

In Residence

Rev. James A. Casciotti, S.J.

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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 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

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Ms. Mary Larkin, Head of School

240 East 84th Street

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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.

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