



April 9, 2023 | Easter Sunday

The Joy of Easter

Cowering at the abyss of darkness and awash in the whirlwind of conflicting emotions, Mary of Magdala, Joanna, and Mary, the mother of James, awoke from their restless sleep as the eerily unfamiliar fingers of dawn began to pierce the ebony stillness of early morning. The laments of the preceding day were undoubtedly a dirge ringing in their ears, finding cadence with their heartbeats as they walked along a path that they believed would lead them to the brutalized body of someone they loved. Although weighted down by sorrow, they continued forward despite what they feared, that despair would assault them when they arrived at their destination. And when they reached the tomb—oh, when they reached the tomb—there was a blinding flash of light that radiated hope at that moment and for all time. Their long and wearisome journey of faith, sparked by a vigilant ember of longing, would be set ablaze by what they discovered at an empty tomb. Joy became their lifeblood as they raced back to release the painful shackles of bondage from those who hid in darkness and fear.

Hearts pounding with excitement, faces glowing with the brilliant light of that morning, and memories flooding their souls, these three women ran like the wind to tell their companions of what their eyes had seen. The thrill of that signature moment in history could not be contained. The joy of Easter had to be shared and proclaimed in their every action and word. Shouting, singing, and dancing with merriment, they were the first to herald the news that Jesus was true to his word; he had risen from the dead.

That joy of Easter was a wellspring of hope and courage in the lives of those first disciples. What they had seen with their own eyes or through the eyes of others changed their lives forever. They fearlessly navigated the turbulent waters that ceaselessly overwhelmed the world they knew. They boldly ran into the marketplace to be messengers of hope to those who lived on the margins, whether of faith, or poverty, or indifference. Their joy filled the vacuum created by despair that, for all too many, made the world seem dark, uncaring, and forgotten by God.

What is our experience of the joy of Easter? It can be all too ephemeral if we allow it to be. We will have attended Mass and celebrated the day with families and friends gathered to enjoy the bonds of love. The real reason for the need to celebrate is often buried under the weight of the mundane. Such things as the treats the Easter Bunny brings, the traditional meals to be served, and how many jellybeans to eat overshadow the real meaning of Easter, resulting in the dissipation of joy and a return to a routine of insouciance.

There is a lesson to be learned from the first disciples of Jesus Christ. Their joy was contagious and was the foundation of the early church. We need to put on our running shoes on Easter Day and run from the church into our marketplaces, whether we identify them in our homes, our city, or that private place within us that we think is impenetrable to light. The world we know is the same one experienced by the first disciples. Our words and our actions are also capable of emulating theirs if we allow the joy of Easter to penetrate our hearts. Only then will we authentically live what we believe, that Jesus Christ has risen from the dead.

There are people in our communities who live on the margins of society, who shutter in fear and face each day with dread. It is the joy of Easter that will restore their hope if we follow the example of Mary of Magdala, Joanna, and Mary, the mother of James, if we run to where they are to be found and tell them what our eyes have seen and our hearts believe. The joy of Easter must be shared. It is the fuel that shatters the darkness and ignites the flame of hope.

May your celebration of Easter be filled with joy, and may you be tireless in your marathon of faith!

Happy Easter!

— Rev. Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J.
Pastor

This Week at a Glance

MONDAY, APRIL 10th

The Parish House will be closed.

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 11th

TUESDAY NIGHT BOOK GROUP | *Proclaiming the Power of Christ* by Bishop Robert Barron.
7 PM. Zoom.

For more information and to register, email
TuesdayNightBookGroup@gmail.com,
with "Bishop Barron" in the subject line.

MEETING CHRIST IN PRAYER | Holy Listening.
7 PM. Zoom. Details at right.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12th

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

Ignatian Social Justice Meeting.
7 PM. Parish House & Zoom.

For more information,
email_santopatrej@saintignatiusloyola.org.

The Spring Appeal is Underway!

The Spring Appeal is an important source of funds for the many ministries and ordinary operations of the parish.

Please support your parish and contribute to the 2023 *Spring Appeal*.



To give online, visit
ignatius.nyc/annual-appeal
or scan the QR code at left.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Ignatian Social Justice

Bread for the World 2023 Offering of Letters

Saturday, April 15th & Sunday, April 16th
In the Narthex, following all Masses

Join us in signing letters to our Senators and Representatives in support of *Bread for the World's* campaign to enact legislation that builds healthy, equitable, and sustainable food systems. The farm bill is our country's most important national food system legislation.

Community Coffee Hour

Sunday, April 16th
Following the 11 AM Masses
Outside the Parish House

Join us on Park Avenue for a new season of our Community Coffee Hour.

We will have coffee as well as an opportunity to mix & mingle with fellow parishioners.

LGBT Catholics & Friends

Our Stories: Being LGBT & Catholic
| Volume 2 |
Wednesday, April 26th at 7 PM
Wallace Hall

Please join us as members of LGBT Catholics and Friends share their stories and experiences!

Home Communion Call



If you or a loved one is confined to home and would like to receive Communion on a periodic or regular basis, someone from the parish's Compassionate Care Ministry will come to your home and bring Communion.

If interested, email Fr. Hilbert at
hilbertm@saintignatiusloyola.org or leave your name and phone number at the Parish House for Fr. Hilbert, and someone will be scheduled to visit.

Meeting Christ in Prayer

Holy Listening
Tuesday, April 11th to Tuesday, May 2nd
7 PM on Zoom

If you treasured the faith sharing experiences of Meeting Christ in Prayer and long to deepen your relationship with Christ, we invite you to continue the journey and join us for four sessions of Holy Listening.

Based on Easter readings, this program provides new opportunities for spiritual conversation as you share your prayer experience with spiritual friends.

To register, email MCIP@saintignatiusloyola.org.

Low-Gluten Hosts

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

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook at [stignatiusnyc](https://www.instagram.com/stignatiusnyc).

Lectures at St. Ignatius

Inspiration, Aspiration, and Imagination: Using the Arts in the Jesuit Tradition

Monday, April 24th at 7 PM
Wallace Hall & Livestreamed

SPEAKER: FRIDA BERRIGAN

Peacemaking is sidelined, disparaged, and mocked as naive. Or worse, it is worshiped as a saintly ideal. Even so, in a war-steeped nation, we must be "All In" as peacemakers. How?

About the Speaker



Frida Berrigan is a community activist and urban gardener living in New London, CT, with her husband, three kids, and four chickens. She is the author of *It Runs in the Family: On Being Raised by Radicals and Growing Into Rebellious Motherhood*. The book recounts her upbringing at Jonah House, the Christian resistance community founded by her parents Phil Berrigan and Liz McAlister.

Back to Basics Class: What It Means to Be Catholic

Beginning on Wednesday, April 19th, in the Grammar School's McKinnon Hall, the priests of the parish will offer an opportunity to learn more about what it means to be Catholic.

The four topic areas that will be covered are:

***Faith and Religion 101* | Wednesday, April 19th | 7 PM**

An overview of faith and how it is manifested in religion. (Fr. Yesalonia)

***Catholicism 101* | Wednesday, April 26th | 7 PM**

What distinguishes Catholicism from other religions. (Fr. Casciotti)

***Ignatian Spirituality 101* | Wednesday, May 3rd | 7 PM**

Fundamental principles. *The Examen*. Discernment. The meaning and significance of AMDG. (Fr. Hilbert)

***Liturgy of the Mass 101* | Wednesday, May 10th | 7 PM**

Each part of the Mass will be explained, along with its accompanying prayers. (Fr. Hallinan)



To register (registration is required), visit ignatius.nyc/back-to-basics-class-registration or scan the QR code at left.



Sign-up for Our Weekly E-Newsletter!

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Family Ministry

Potluck and Silent Auction In Support of the Cheyenne River Reservation Project

Saturday, April 29th at 5:30 PM
Wallace Hall

WAYS TO PARTICIPATE:

- Bring appetizer, side dish, or dessert
 - Bring a \$25 check per person
- Bring a \$100 check for a family of four or more

*Please note: This is a BYOB (Wine and beer only).
Water, coffee and tea will be provided.*

To RSVP, email

parentcommittee.familyministry@gmail.com.

**When registering, please include your head count,
and whether you are planning to
bring a dish or donate.**

*Volunteers are also needed to help with
preparation/food serving or activities.*

*We are also in need of items for our silent auction.
Please let us know if you can help!*

Inaugural Parish Art Show

Calling all artists! We are having our first Parish Art Show!

Now is the time to ready your submissions.

Any non-digital media can be submitted: photographs, paintings, drawings, pastels, watercolors, etchings, linocuts, lithographs, collage, mixed media, sculpture.

All artists aged 18 and over are invited to submit.

You can submit up to two pieces (more if we have the space). All submissions (except sculptures) must be framed and ready-to-hang. Maximum size is limited to 3 feet by 3 feet, sculptures are limited to 25 pounds.

Pre-registration is required. **Sign up online at ignatius.nyc/artshowreg.** *The last day to register is Thursday, April 27th. Don't miss out!*

Submissions are to be dropped off at the Parish House between Friday, May 5th and Sunday, May 7th, from 9 AM to Noon, and 6 PM to 8 PM.

You can offer the work for sale, or just display it. If your work is sold, all sale proceeds will go to the parish.

All art must be family-friendly.

The Art Show will open in Wallace Hall on Thursday, May 11th at 7 PM. The art will remain on display until Saturday, May 13th at 4 PM.

For more information, email silartshow@gmail.com.

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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 April 16th

Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM Fr. Casciotti
Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Casciotti
9:30 AM Fr. Yesalonia
Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Bergen
Wallace Hall Family 11:00 AM Fr. Hallinan
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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48 East 84th Street
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(PreK-3 through Kindergarten)

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, April 10th

(Easter Monday)

Acts 2:14, 22–33 Psalm 16

Matthew 28:8–15

8:30 MEM Peter J. Burke

Tuesday, April 11th

(Easter Tuesday)

Acts 2:36–41 Psalm 33

John 20:11–18

8:30 MEM The Meehan Family

12:10 MEM Cecil Spadafora

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

Wednesday, April 12th

(Easter Wednesday)

Acts 3:1–10 Psalm 105

Luke 24:13–35

8:30 MEM Simona Saracino
Fendi

12:10 MEM Valentino Mazzia

5:30 MEM Bill Hassett

Thursday, April 13th

(Easter Thursday)

Acts 3:11–26 Psalm 8

Luke 24:35–48

8:30 MEM Antonio Eugene
Chiappa

12:10 MEM Elba Santiago

5:30 MEM Joyce Flammer

Friday, April 14th (Easter Friday)

Acts 4:1–12 Psalm 118

John 21:1–14

8:30 MEM Michael & Owen
Murphy

12:10 MEM Dominick Rodini

5:30 MEM Shirley Anne
Goodingham

Saturday, April 15th

(Easter Saturday)

Acts 4:13–21 Psalm 118

Mark 16:9–15

8:30 MEM Jack O'Leary

Sunday, April 16th

(Second Sunday of Easter)

Acts 2:42–47 Psalm 118

1 Peter 1:3–9 John 20:19–31