

May 28, 2023 | Pentecost

Notes From Our New Catholics

The RCIA experience was unlike anything I have ever participated in; it allowed me to look inward and connect with my fellow Catechumens. It was both a spiritual and an educational journey for me to learn about Catholicism and build upon my relationship with God through the bible, sessions, and attending Sunday Mass with my RCIA group. I also gained valuable relationships with those involved in the St. Ignatius community. Ultimately, I am grateful that I was able to partake in such a beautiful journey, which I know will continue to impact every aspect of my life positively. — Naomi Minato



My spiritual journey has finally put me on the right track to the Catholic Church! Some of it is thanks to my interest in history and theology, yes, but in a deeper sense, I found warmth in the Gospels, the teaching of Christ, and its uniqueness compared to other faiths. I'd also have to give credit to the late Pope Benedict XVI and his speeches, along with his beautiful writings, as they drew me closer to the Church. One of them is his Apostolic letter "Porta Fidei," which brilliantly illustrates how we must feel it in our hearts while also having knowledge of faith. Doing so "opens a door into the fullness of the saving mystery revealed by God".

— Tayyab M

For the past ten years or so, I have been struggling with depression and anxiety. Having tried everything else, I resolved to investigate the Christian faith further. As I began to research Christianity, I found the most reasonable path to be the Catholic one. I was recommended the St. Ignatius RCIA because of its reputation as being a rigorous program. What I found was a wonderful class full of like-minded individuals. Being able to participate fully in the liturgy gives me hope. When I have hope, I feel like all things are possible. — **Anonymous**

After being baptized, the shadow that lingered left me. My energy is light and alive. I move about with more freedom and fullness, with comfort and vulnerability. The divine shield that has protected me slackens so that I may enjoy God's presence not only interiorly but externally as well. Light consumes all, and my courtship with Christ has ended in my Union with the church. — **Courtney Loftin**

Catholicism was something that was always a part of my life. Growing up in a Vietnamese community, I was baptized Catholic and attended church, but was never able to truly understand the Scripture passages. Thus, I was never able to connect spiritually. As I matured, I thought about my life as a future husband and father. I realized that my sense of spirituality was missing, and I needed to be in touch with my faith — not only to be the best version of myself but also the best version of myself to my family. I am truly grateful that I was able to find this church and was able to connect to my faith. My family and I have a faith community to attend for generations to come.

— Jonathan Le

After being connected to Father Yesalonia by a family friend, who is a priest and officiated at my wedding, I was inspired to explore Catholicism further. Seeking to develop a closer relationship with God and unite my family, I pursued baptism and have found a deep sense of peace and purpose in my newfound faith. I'm grateful for the guidance and support of the RCIA and church community, and I look forward to continuing on my journey of faith with an open heart and mind. — **Ken Chang**

This Week at a Glance

SUNDAY, MAY 28th

Community Coffee Hour.
Following the 11 AM Masses.
Outside the Parish House. Details below.

MONDAY, MAY 29th

Memorial Day.

The Parish House will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.

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

Community Coffee Hour

Sunday, May 28th Following the 11 AM Masses Outside the Parish House

Join us on Park Avenue for our Community Coffee Hour.

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

Eucharistic Ministers Needed

We are in need of additional Eucharistic Ministers for all of our Masses. This is especially true as we return to offering the chalice at each Mass. Young persons who have received the sacrament of confirmation are eligible to serve.

If you are interested in serving as a Eucharistic Minister, please contact Fr. Hallinan who will schedule a simple, easy training: hallinanm@saintignatiusloyola.org or call the Parish House.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve!

Livestream Viewing Recommendation

For a consistently more reliable viewing of livestreamed Masses, we encourage you to use our parish YouTube channel, rather than Facebook.



You can find us on YouTube at youtube.com/c/ChurchofStIgnatiusLoyolaNYC or by scanning the QR code at left.

Lost & Found

If you have lost an item while visiting the church, please stop by the Parish House to check if your misplaced article has been turned in.

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!

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.

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.

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.

Low-Gluten Hosts

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

Religious Education

Support the Interparish Religious Education Program



Please consider making a gift to the Interparish Religious Education Program in support of our program and our families.

Your gift would alleviate financial worry from our families in need of assistance and help us provide the best faith formation possible to our students.

A gift of any amount is greatly appreciated. A gift of \$400 will cover tuition for one student.



To contribute, visit ignatius.nyc/donate-now (or scan the QR code at left) and note "IREP Gift" in the "Reason for Donation" box.

Ignatian Social Justice

New York Common Pantry Volunteer Opportunity

There is an urgent need for volunteers to help at the New York Common Pantry (NYCP)'s Hub in the Bronx at 1290 Hoe Avenue.

Volunteers are needed on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays; NYCP can accommodate up to 125 volunteers from 10 AM to 1:30 PM on any of those days. While there is parking, it is limited street parking.



To volunteer, scan the QR code at left and select "sign up" beside an opportunity that interests you.

All volunteers are required to show proof of vaccination (2 doses for Pfizer or Moderna or 1 dose of Johnson & Johnson), consistent with organization-wide policy.

Please note that due to COVID-19, all volunteers must wear masks at all times in the Pantry.

Join Our Email Mailing List!

We invite you to sign-up for our e-newsletter to receive regular updates on parish news and events.



To sign-up, scan the QR code at left or visit *ignatius.nyc*.

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook at stignatiusnyc.

Ignatian Interfaith Ministry

Bread-Making and Faith-Sharing Sunday, June 4th 2 PM to 4 PM Wallace Hall

Join the Ignatian Interfaith Ministry as we share in an interfaith community building, bread-baking activity during which we will share our sacred stories of where we have found meaning in our lives that refresh our souls.

Rabbi Joel Mosbacher of Temple Shaaray Tefila will be leading us in a 90-minute program. During this time, we will make dough from scratch, braid the dough, and then take it home with instructions about how to bake it either immediately or at a later time. This is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and learning a new skill.

Registration is required. Space is limited.

To register, visit ignatius.nyc/breadandfaith.

The registration deadline is Wednesday, May 31st.

Tuesday Night Book Group

Saturday Midday Retreat: Talk on Saint Faustina Kowalska Saturday, June 17th at Noon

This "Secretary of Mercy" received a message of Divine Mercy from Jesus that has continued to transform lives, from St. John Paul II (which will be emphasized in the talk) to our own day. At 1 PM, we will be led in a guided meditation based on passages from Saint Faustina's Diary of Divine Mercy. At 3 PM, there will be an informal social hour with light refreshments.

To register to attend (there is no cost) and to receive details, email tuesdaynightbookgroup@gmail.com with "June 17th Retreat" in the subject line.

Ignatian Volunteer Corps



Join the Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) and become a contemplative in action in the spirit of St. Ignatius Loyola and the Jesuits!

IVC volunteers are adults over 50 years of age who offer their life skills and experience one to two days a week to directly serve those in need.

Interested? Contact Maureen Fullam, Regional Director, at 917-859-0928 or email mfullam@ivcusa.org, and visit us at ivcusa.org.

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PARISH STAFF

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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.

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Pastoral Associates

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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 June 4th

Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM Fr. Hallinan Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Bergen

9:30 ам Fr. Yesalonia

Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Martin Wallace Hall Family 11:00 AM Fr. Hallinan

7:30 PM Fr. Martin

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
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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, May 29th

(The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church) Genesis 3:9–15, 20 Psalm 87 John 19:25–34

8:30 MEM Dick Gaffney

Tuesday, May 30th

(Eighth Tuesday in Ordinary Time) Sirach 35:1–12 Psalm 50 Mark 10:28–31

8:30 MEM Joseph Coates 12:10 MEM John Timlin

5:30 MEM William Powers

Wednesday, May 31st

(The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

Zephaniah 3:14–18a Isaiah 12 Luke 1:39–56

8:30 MEM Mary Flynn

12:10 MEM Jane Shicking Cabes

5:30 MEM Joyce Nass

Thursday, June 1st

(St. Justin)

Sirach 42:15–25 Psalm 33 Mark 10:46–52

8:30 MEM Ciro Saracino

12:10 MEM Marie Ashdown

5:30 MEM Martha Allen

Friday, June 2nd

(Eighth Friday in Ordinary Time) Sirach 44:1, 9–13 Psalm 149 Mark 11:11–26

8:30 MEM Edward Dugan

12:10 MEM William Burns

5:30 MEM Angy Stark

Saturday, June 3rd

(St. Charles Lwanga & comps.) Sirach 51:12cd-20 Psalm 19 Mark 11:27-33

8:30 MEM Rosaleen Grimwood

Sunday, June 4th

(The Most Holy Trinity)

Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9 Daniel 3 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 John 3:16-18