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June 4, 2023 | The Most Holy Trinity

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## Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

For centuries theologians have been trying to explain how the great One God can be Three Persons at the same time, and how being truly three persons that same God can be One. The explanations have gone from the simple (the three-leaf clover of St. Patrick) to the sophisticated if abstruse (the consubstantial Son proceeding from the eternal Father, and the Spirit proceeding from the Father and Son) to the aesthetic (three separate musical notes in one divine chord). The Greeks had the word *Perichoresis*—“peri” as in “perimeter,” “choresis” as in choreography: The three persons of the Trinity dance around each other all day! Undignified, perhaps, but very cheerful!

It reminds me of how the poet T.S. Eliot described it in “Burnt Norton”:

At the still point of the turning world. Neither flesh nor fleshless;

Neither from nor towards; at the still point, there the dance is,  
But neither arrest nor movement. And do not call it fixity,  
Where past and future are gathered. Neither movement from nor towards,  
Neither ascent nor decline. Except for the point, the still point,  
There would be no dance, and there is only the dance.

Let me share with you what the Holy Trinity means to me, how I understand this mystery. It comes to me in three revelations, three names.

The first revelation is when God says to Moses, from the midst of fire, “I AM” (Exodus 3:14). The first revelation, the primordial statement of God, God’s name: Yahweh, four Hebrew consonants (tetragrammaton) so sacred the Jews don’t vocalize them. “I am, I am who am.” The first name, the first person of the Most Holy Trinity.

The second manifestation, the second name: “Emmanuel: I am WITH YOU.” The angel says to Saint Joseph in a dream, “Behold the Virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Emmanuel, which means ‘God with us’” (Matthew 1:23). The name ‘Emmanuel’ takes in the whole mystery of Jesus, who took on our nature and shared our flesh, who shows us the merciful face of God. “I am with you.” Not just the tremendous voice of God from the blazing fire, Jesus tells us that God visits a sick friend, helps the poor, steps out into the new, the unsettling, the unfamiliar, feels the pain of a dear friend departing, feels the joy of a returning friend. The second person.

The third name of this wonderful revelation we hear is when Jesus promises the Spirit of Truth (John 16:7, 13-14). In effect, Jesus says, “I am with you ALWAYS” (Matthew 28:20). The Holy Spirit is the Comforter, the Advocate, the one who showers us with gifts all through our lives, gifts like wisdom, fortitude, counsel, and understanding. Jesus tells his disciples: “I will send you the Spirit of Truth who will guide you, and remember, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

In the course of our lifetime the Paraclete dwells in us and we come to know the God who is, and who is with us, and who is with us always.

This is something to dance about. We who walk together ploddingly on the earth are invited to live for each other, giving more of ourselves and thereby entering more into the life of God and the glory of God. This is why today is so central to our daily lives. What goes on inside God—shrouded in mystery—is the most relevant, the most pertinent, the most convincing key to the way we should live our own lives as Christians.

Behold, I AM. Behold, I AM WITH YOU. Behold, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS. The cheerful, eternal, sublime dance we call God!

— Rev. Michael Hilbert, S.J.  
Associate Pastor

## This Week at a Glance

**SUNDAY, JUNE 4th**  
**Community Coffee Hour.**  
**Following the 11 AM Masses.**  
**Outside the Parish House.**  
*Details below.*

**MONDAY, JUNE 5th**  
**Ranger Rosary.**  
**1:30 PM. Gonzaga Meeting Room.**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7th**  
**Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting.**  
**7 PM. Gonzaga Meeting Room.**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 8th**  
**Ignatian Social Justice Meeting.**  
**7 PM. Parish House & Zoom.**  
*For more information,*  
*email [santopatrej@saintignatiusloyola.org](mailto:santopatrej@saintignatiusloyola.org).*

## Snow Ball Dance

Saturday, December 2nd  
Wallace Hall

Mark your calendars and get ready to dance the night away at our annual Snow Ball Dance as we kick off the joyous holiday season!

Grab a pen and make sure to save the date so you don't miss out on this opportunity to celebrate the holidays with friends and loved ones.

We can't wait to see you there!

## Community Coffee Hour

Sunday, June 4th  
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.

## 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](https://youtube.com/c/ChurchofStIgnatiusLoyolaNYC) or by scanning the QR code at left.

## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

I am delighted to inform you that two recently ordained Jesuit priests will be assisting us for the summer months.

Father Matt Cortese, SJ, is currently in doctoral studies at the University of Notre Dame. He will be joining us for the months of June and July. Father Mathew Bomki, SJ, a native of Rwanda, is currently in doctoral studies at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. He will be with us for the month of August.

Please join me in extending to them a very warm welcome and a word of gratitude for their lending us a hand during the summer months while the priests of the parish are on well-deserved vacations.

God bless you!

Sincerely in the Lord,

*Fr. Gjesalonia*

## 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](https://ignatius.nyc/annual-appeal) or scan the QR code at left.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

## 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](mailto:church@stignatiusloyola.org).

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook at *stignatiusnyc*.

## 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](https://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.*



### Ignatian Volunteer Corps

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](mailto:mfullam@ivcusa.org), and visit us at [ivcusa.org](http://ivcusa.org).

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

### Hour Children Donation Truck Sunday, June 11th, from 9 AM to 12:30 PM

The Hour Children truck will be at St. Ignatius on Sunday, June 11th, from 9 AM to 12:30 PM to accept donations of the following items—all must be clean and in good condition:

- Clothing – new or gently used in good condition, clean, with no stains, tears, etc.
- Kitchen appliances in good working condition
- Cookware, dishes, and other kitchen items in good condition
- Towels, sheets, and other housewares

**No books, toys, games or puzzles, stuffed toys, devices such as cellphones, tablets, computers, or furniture.**

Note: The Hour Children trucks may be parked on East 84th Street rather than in front of the Church.

#### About Hour Children

Hour Children is a nonprofit provider of services to help women who are incarcerated and formerly incarcerated and their children to reunify with their families, rejoin the community, and rebuild their lives. Items you donate will be given to their clients or sold in their thrift shops to support their many programs.

*If you have any questions, email Liz Martucci, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, at [svdpmembership980@gmail.com](mailto:svdpmembership980@gmail.com).*

## 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](mailto:tuesdaynightbookgroup@gmail.com) with "June 17th Retreat" in the subject line.

## Sign-up for Our Weekly E-Newsletter!



To receive regular updates on parish news and events, scan the QR code or visit [ignatius.nyc](http://ignatius.nyc).

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Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.

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Rev. James Martin, S.J.

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### Facilities Coordinator

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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 June 11th

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

## 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, June 5th (St. Boniface)

Tobit 1:3; 2:1a-8 Psalm 112

Mark 12:1-12

**8:30 LVG** JoAnn Ruggiero

**12:10 MEM** Laura Mireya Vasquez

**5:30 MEM** Michael Melore

### Tuesday, June 6th

(Ninth Tuesday in Ordinary Time)

Tobit 2:9-14 Psalm 112

Mark 12:13-17

**8:30 MEM** The Meehan Family

**12:10 ANN** Toni Brown

**5:30 MEM** Paul Trieu Doan &  
Thomas Jermyn

### Wednesday, June 7th

(Ninth Wednesday in Ordinary Time)

Tobit 3:1-11a, 16-17a Psalm 25

Mark 12:18-27

**8:30 MEM** The Choix & Gordon  
Families

**12:10 MEM** Ursula Mahoney

**5:30 MEM** Marie Dinnocenzio

### Thursday, June 8th

(St. James Berthieu)

Tobit 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a

Psalm 128 Mark 12:28-34

**8:30 MEM** Kay Carolyn  
Calcagnini

**12:10 MEM** Ernest Vogliano, Jr.

**5:30 MEM** Catherine Rey

### Friday, June 9th

(Ninth Friday in Ordinary Time)

Tobit 11:5-17 Psalm 146

Mark 12:35-37

**8:30 MEM** Simona Saracino  
Fendi

**12:10 MEM** Valentino Mazzia

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

### Saturday, June 10th

(Ninth Saturday in Ordinary Time)

Tobit 12:1, 5-15, 20 Tobit 13

Mark 12:38-44

**8:30 MEM** Harry Wang

### Sunday, June 11th

(The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ)

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a

Psalm 147 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

John 6:51-58