



June 25, 2023 | Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

I Didn't Go to Church Today

You may have recognized the title of one of Ogden Nash's whimsical poems. It reads:

I didn't go to church today,
I trust the Lord to understand.
The surf was swirling blue and white,
The children swirling in the sand.
He knows, he knows how brief my stay.
How brief this spell of summer weather.
He knows when I am said and done,
We'll have plenty of time together.

How beguiling the thought of a summer without the worry of getting out of bed early in the morning or searching for a church when far from home! The call of the rhythmic lapping of the waves on a sandy beach can be intoxicating. It begins to synchronize with the beating of your heart and beckons you closer. The allure of a picture-perfect, carefree day is difficult to resist. After all, there are only so many days of summer, and even fewer where all the stars align to offer you the best that summer has to offer. *I didn't go to church today, I trust the Lord to understand.*



Let's face it. There is nothing quite like a summer's day. Poets have celebrated it since the beginning of time. Painters have tried to capture it on canvas. Songwriters have married melodies to the whispering sound of willows swaying in the breeze. Ah, summertime! The din of laughter as children frolic in the fields, the sound of the crack of their bats on sandlots, and chores finished in record time, so they run outside and revel in the newfound freedom of no homework. Our steps are lighter, our worries a million miles away, our spirits lifted beyond the azure blue sky that only summer reveals. You can envision it clearly. *The surf was swirling blue and white, The children swirling in the sand.*

And in the quiet of a balmy night, we reminisce to the cadence of the porch's swing and are embraced by our memories of summers past—the innocence of youth, the sweetness of that first kiss, our loved ones whose summer days and lives have run their course. *He knows, he knows how brief my stay. How brief this spell of summer weather.*

There is a beauty to summer that no writer's pen, no painter's brush, no composer's score can truly capture. The radiance of life is arrayed in all its glory. The majesty of nature is reflected in the gaze of those who look in wonder. It is as though we are transported to another realm. Time ceases; warmth embraces; and joy is rapturous. It is a season we long for, for a period filled with sensations and experiences that hold the promise of our heart's desire, to feel alive to the world around us and savor a foretaste of what is to come. *He knows when I am said and done, We'll have plenty of time together.*

There is a wisdom to the whimsy of Nash's verses. A superficial reading of his poem would miss the underlying relevance that I believe he sees in the importance of going to church, whether it be summer, winter, spring, or fall. To fail at this betrays the significance of what he wrote. In four uncomplicated verses Nash has given his readers the reasons to want to go to church each day—the wonder and beauty of nature, the glow of youth, the treasure chest of memories, and the preciousness of life itself. These are God's gifts to each one of us.

Perhaps during the summer months, we can compose verses to *I Happily Went To Church On A Summer's Day*.

Happy Summer! Happy Writing!

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

This Week at a Glance

SUNDAY, JUNE 25th

Olivewood Sale.

Following all Masses. Narthex.

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MONDAY, JUNE 26th

Ranger Rosary.

1:30 PM. Gonzaga Meeting Room.

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Giving

At this time of the year, the weekly collection decreases, while parish expenses remain constant.

As you enjoy your warm-weather respite, please remain connected to St. Ignatius through your financial support of parish operations during the summer months.



To contribute, visit
ignatius.nyc/virtual-offertory
or scan the QR code at left.

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!

Job Opportunity

USA East Province of the Society of Jesus: Provincial Office Administrative Assistant

The USA East Province of the Society of Jesus is seeking a full-time Provincial Office Administrative Assistant to provide administrative support to the Office of the Provincial and Office of the Socius.

The position requires the following:

- 2+ years of office/administrative assistant experience
- High School Diploma or GED required; Bachelor's degree preferred
- Strong PC skills, with proficient knowledge of Microsoft Office 365 services (including MS Teams, Word, Excel, and PowerPoint); experience with scheduling and facilitating Zoom meetings; and experience with Salesforce software preferred
- Maintaining a high level of confidentiality

For a complete job description and to apply, visit jesuitseast.org/job-opportunities/.

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.

Sign-up for Our Weekly E-Newsletter!

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.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Your support is needed for our Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to assist them in all the good work they do.



To contribute online, scan the QR code at left (or visit ignatius.nyc/giving) and note 'St. Vincent de Paul Society' in the Reason for Donation box.

To contribute by check, send a check payable to the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola (with 'St. Vincent de Paul Society' in the memo line) to Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, 980 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10028.

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

Registration Now Open for the 2023-2024 Session of IREP

Register now for the next session of our Interparish Religious Education Program (IREP). IREP is an ongoing formation process for Kindergarten to 8th-grade students.

IREP is intended for children who do not attend Catholic School but would like to be guided in the Catholic Faith.



To register, visit ignatius.nyc/irep-registration or scan the QR code at left.

Olivewood Sale

Sunday, June 25th

In the Narthex, following all Masses

Representatives of Gifts From Bethlehem will be selling religious articles carved from olivewood, a handicrafts trade that evolved as a cultural tradition of Christians in the Holy Land and as an industry of great importance to the local people of the Holy Land who rely on it for their livelihood.

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.

Ranger Rosary Ministry

Monday, June 26th

1:30 PM

Gonzaga Meeting Room

The Ranger Rosary ministry meets twice a month to make rosaries for Catholics who are serving in the armed services.

Since August 2009, Ranger Rosary members have made over 23,000 rosaries for servicewomen and servicemen.

New members are always welcome!

For more information, email Esposito218@verizon.net.

From the Archdiocese

New York State Eucharistic Congress

October 20th to 22nd

Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine,
Auriesville, New York

Join 10,000 Catholics to worship at the spot where the North American Martyrs gave their lives for Christ and where St. Kateri Tekakwitha was born.

Events include Mass with Cardinal Dolan and New York bishops, confessions, and Eucharistic Adoration & Procession.

For more information and to register, visit nyseucharisticcongress.org.

Energy Collection

It's Cool for the Summer at St. Ignatius!

Please help us defray the increasing cost of providing cooling and electricity to the parish.



To contribute, visit ignatius.nyc/makeapayment (or scan the QR code at left) and note "Energy Collection" in the Reason for Donation box.

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.

Join the Knights of Columbus for Free

Are you a man looking for a meaningful way to serve your community and live out your faith? Look no further than the Knights of Columbus, a fraternal organization that offers men the opportunity to make a difference in the world while deepening their spiritual journey. You can now join the Knights of Columbus for free using the promo code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY.

For more information, including how to join, visit kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-kofc.html.

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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 July 2nd

Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM Fr. Yesalonia
Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Cortese
9:30 AM Fr. Cortese
Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Hallinan
7:30 PM Fr. Hallinan

Religious Education for Children

Ms. Kate Noonan, Director
(212) 288-3588 x609
noonank@saintignatiusloyola.org

Saint Ignatius Loyola School

Upper Campus

(First Grade through Eighth Grade)
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Children's Liturgy of the Word

Resumes in September.

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 26th

(12th Monday in Ordinary Time)

Genesis 12:1-9 Psalm 33

Matthew 7:1-5

8:30 MEM Antonio Magliocci

12:10 MEM Joseph O'Connell

5:30 MEM Eileen Cregan
Slobotkin

Tuesday, June 27th

(12th Tuesday in Ordinary Time)

Genesis 13:2, 5-18 Psalm 15

Matthew 7:6, 12-14

8:30 MEM Patricia Snyder

12:10 MEM Christine Ross

5:30 MEM Jack Kehoe

Wednesday, June 28th (St. Irenaeus)

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Psalm 105

Matthew 7:15-20

8:30 MEM Ilsa Abood

12:10 MEM Marcia Acconci
Fazzori

5:30 MEM Denise Bekiaris

Thursday, June 29th

(Ss. Peter & Paul)

Acts 12:1-11 Psalm 34

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

Matthew 16:13-19

8:30 MEM Dorothy Casey

12:10 MEM Teany Drakos

5:30 MEM Frances Colie

Friday, June 30th

(12th Friday in Ordinary Time)

Genesis 17:1, 9-10, 15-22 Psalm 128

Matthew 8:1-4

8:30 MEM John & Mae Rooney

12:10 MEM Christian Ambrose
Valero DeVera

5:30 MEM William Powers

Saturday, July 1st

(12th Saturday in Ordinary Time)

Genesis 18:1-15 Luke 1

Matthew 8:5-17

8:30 MEM Ciro Saracino

Sunday, July 2nd

(13th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a Psalm 89

Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Matthew 10:37-42