



September 17, 2023 | Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Without Windows or Doors”

“Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall because it had its foundation on the rock.” (Mt. 7:24-25)

Saint Ignatius, who loved to refer to himself as “the pilgrim,” lived in many houses: the Loyola ancestral castle, hostels for the poor, a cave in Manresa, under the porticos of St. Mark’s in Venice, college dormitories in Paris, prisons of the Inquisition.

The first “official” house was in Vicenza, Italy, an abandoned cottage, “without windows or doors,” as Ignatius described it. (I put “official” in quotation marks because that house was where they first called themselves “Companions of Jesus.”) The poverty and openness of that first house have always inspired me. Without windows and doors, it is not a safe place. Anyone can enter. There’s no privacy, making one’s life public, demanding a life that is decent and upright, where the deeds must match the words. It can’t keep out the cries of the poor, the noise of injustice. There’s no insulation from the chaos of the world. A good place to hear, to speak, and to live the word of life.

Then they went to Rome and found another house in the heart of the city: next to the papal palace, up the street from city hall, near the Jewish ghetto and the red-light district. People thought the house was haunted, so they were able to live there on the cheap. They weren’t afraid of ghosts, or politicians or Popes or prostitutes or Jews. Ignatius wanted his house in the middle of the conversation of the city, not in a mountaintop monastery or a hermitage in the forest. They placed themselves at the service of the Pope. They were bursting with happiness.

For the past fifty years, I have lived as a Companion of Jesus in many houses around the world, and I find myself bursting with happiness and gratitude.

- The novitiate in Syracuse, where I felt God’s invitation, undeniable and loving. It is God’s freely offered gracious love that took hold of my heart and mind.
- Xavier School in Manila, where I taught religion to 17-year-olds and (believe it or not) coached the track team.
- The Japanese-style house in Taiwan where I studied Mandarin and fell in love with the Chinese people.
- The houses in Rome—three of them, where I studied theology and canon law, and was sent to teach at the Gregorian University (the first Jesuit university) and then to take responsibility for the academic programs of the university and as dean of the canon law faculty.
- The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola in New York, where I have been given what I consider a second priesthood, serving in a vibrant parish with outstanding Jesuits and colleagues, witnessing remarkable faith in parishioners who are facing all sorts of challenges, delighting in accompanying engaged couples as they prepare for marriage, sharing Ignatian discernment in spiritual direction, and celebrating the Eucharist that nourishes and unites us in mercy and love.

Our church has many windows and doors (stained glass and bronze, respectively), but the windows and doors of my heart have been flung open by the affection and support of so many! I try every day to live my vocation ever more joyously and wholeheartedly.

There could be for me no life, no work, more fulfilling than that of walking with, and sometimes leading, men and women, young and old, through knowledge and understanding, into the life of the heart and the Heart of Life. It has its joys and its challenges. I associate the joys with you, who are the company I keep. You have shared your hearts, your minds, your homes with me.

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

This Week at a Glance

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th

11 AM Festival Mass &

Fr. Hilbert's 50th Jubilee Celebration. *Details below.*

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th

The Ultimate (Catholic!) Insider's Guide to the Metropolitan Museum of Art: Part II.

6:30 PM. Wallace Hall. *Details below.*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd

Friends of the Poor Walk.

9:45 AM. St. Patrick's Cathedral. *Details on page 3.*

Festival Mass &

Fr. Hilbert's 50th Jubilee Celebration

Sunday, September 17th

The Wallace Hall Family Mass and 11 AM Solemn Mass communities will join together for our Festival Mass in the Church.

Following the Mass, join us in the Grammar School's McKinnon Hall for a reception as we celebrate Fr. Hilbert's 50th Jubilee as a Jesuit.

The Ultimate (Catholic!) Insider's Guide to the Metropolitan Museum of Art: Part II

Wednesday, September 20th at 6:30 PM
Wallace Hall

Presented by Steve and Evelyn Auth, authors of Pilgrimage to the Museum

Take an *all-new* journey through a dozen masterpieces—spanning Caravaggio to Rembrandt, "Corpus Hypercubus" to "The Ecstasy of St. Teresa"—as we explore underlying themes of spiritual communion and the divine union that is the aim of every Christian life. Featuring talk, slide presentation, and wine reception.

To register, email
TuesdayNightBookGroup@gmail.com.

Registration is required.

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.

For more information, contact Maureen Fullam at 212-288-3588 or email church@stignatiusloyola.org.

Courageous Women of Faith

Thursday, October 12th at 7 PM
Church

Join us as we present our second annual *Courageous Women of Faith: Celebrating Catholic Laywomen*, where we will honor environmental activist **Molly Burhans**, human rights activist **Sr. Jeannine Gramick**, civil rights activist **Diane Nash**, and immigration advocate **Sr. Norma Pimentel**.

We will commemorate their extraordinary work with the conferral of the Mary Magdalene Award to each honoree and the unveiling of large-scale banners of the women, created by artist Julie Lonneman.

But we're not content with just these four stories—your voice matters as well! We're eager to learn about the women who inspire you with their remarkable lives.



Share their stories with us at
ignatius.nyc/courageouswomen
or by scanning the code at left.

Religious Education

Registration Open for the 2023-2024 Session of IREP

Register 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.

The Sage and the Skeptic – Proverbs and Ecclesiastes

Tuesdays, September 26th to October 24th at 7 PM
Parish House & Zoom

How does one live well while finding peace, meaning, and contentment? Ancient Israel's wisdom handbook, Proverbs, sought to answer these questions, while the book of Ecclesiastes articulated skepticism about Proverbs' traditional theology. Course presentations and discussions will explore the history, interpretation, and wisdom in these divergent, fascinating texts.

Brian B. Pinter, Pastoral Associate, will present.

To register, email brianbpinter@protonmail.com.

Ignatian Interfaith Ministry

Finding Your Inner Peace: Lessons from Zen (Soto) Buddhism

Thursday, September 28th at 7 PM
Wallace Hall

Presenter Hajime Issan Koyama, a Buddhist priest and disciple of Shōhaku Okumura Rōshi will enlighten us on Buddhism and what it can teach us.

A reception will follow in Wallace Hall.



To register, visit ignatius.nyc or scan the QR code at left.

Meeting Christ in Prayer

Wednesdays, September 27th to November 15th
7 PM to 8:30 PM on Zoom

Are you longing for a deeper relationship with God through Christ? 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.

To register, email MCIP@saintignatiusloyola.org and pick up the MCIP book from the Parish House by Monday, September 25th.

Family Ministry

The Science of Spirituality in Mental Health and Flourishing: The Foremost Work for Parents and Schools

Monday, October 2nd at 6:30 PM
Wallace Hall

PRESENTER: Lisa Miller, Ph.D.
*Professor, Columbia University, Teachers College
Founder, The Spirituality Mind Body Institute*

War & Peace Discussion Group

Viewing of the Film *Threads* | Part 1 Friday, September 29th at 7 PM Parish Lounge

This powerful 1983 movie explores the events leading up to and the aftermath of a nuclear attack on the UK after a confrontation between nuclear powers after fighting in a third country flares up into full-scale war.

The Amazing Race

Saturday, September 30th, from Noon to 2:30 PM
Starting Point: McKinnon Hall
(48 East 84th Street)

Hosted by LGBT Catholics & Friends, Interparish Religious Education Program, Ignatian Social Justice & the Family Ministry

The Amazing Race returns to St. Ignatius! Part race, part scavenger hunt, this year, the event starts and ends in McKinnon Hall, with the route covering the Upper East Side. It's open to all parishioners and friends, adults and children. Sign up with your team, or be assigned to a team the day of the race and meet some fellow parishioners.

Fee: \$10/adult, \$5/child



To register individually or as a team, scan the QR code at left or visit ignatius.nyc/amazingrace.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Friends of the Poor Walk

Saturday, September 23rd at 9:45 AM

Help raise funds for and awareness about our neighbors in need! Register as a Walker, and get friends & family to sponsor you with their donations— or just walk with us!

Walkers will meet at 9:45 AM at St. Patrick's Cathedral (51st Street & Fifth Avenue). At 10 AM, participants will walk together to Ascension Church (221 West 107th Street) for Mass at 12 PM and lunch.



To register, scan the QR code at left or visit ignatius.nyc/fopwalk.

When registering, please note *St. Lawrence O'Toole* in the Conference box.

Emmaus Bereavement Support Group

Begins Tuesday, September 26th at 7 PM
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.

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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 September 24th

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

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Saint Ignatius Loyola School

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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, September 18th

(24th Monday in Ordinary Time)

1 Timothy 2:1–8 Psalm 28

Luke 7:1–10

8:30 MEM Rita Dilva Chiappa

12:10 MEM John Lawler

5:30 MEM Shane O'Reilly

Tuesday, September 19th

(24th Tuesday in Ordinary Time)

1 Timothy 3:1–13 Psalm 101

Luke 7:11–17

8:30 MEM Carla Fendi

12:10 MEM Mary Pollis

5:30 MEM George Vitaliano

Wednesday, September 20th

(*Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Paul
Chông Ha-sang & comps.*)

1 Timothy 3:14–16 Psalm 111

Luke 7:31–35

8:30 MEM Mary Ellen Resch

12:10 MEM Joseph V. & Gert
Hamilton

5:30 MEM Scott Stearns

Thursday, September 21st

(*St. Matthew*)

Ephesians 4:1–7, 11–13 Psalm 19

Matthew 9:9–13

8:30 MEM Betty Ann Thoma

12:10 MEM George Dirner

5:30 MEM Nathan Davidson

Friday, September 22nd

(24th Friday in Ordinary Time)

1 Timothy 6:2c–12 Psalm 49

Luke 8:1–3

8:30 MEM Lou Martinez

12:10 MEM Margaret Hogarty

5:30 ANN Joyce Flammer

Saturday, September 23rd

(*St. Pius of Pietrelcina*)

1 Timothy 6:13–16 Psalm 100

Luke 8:4–15

8:30 MEM Living & Deceased

Members of the Regan & Burke

Families

Sunday, September 24th

(25th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Isaiah 55:6–9 Psalm 145

Philippians 1:20c–24, 27a

Matthew 20:1–16a