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September 24, 2023 | Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## Migrant Accompaniment Program

Certain chance encounters linger in my head long after the people have left my life. This is especially true with migrants. My thoughts keep wandering back to some migrants who told me their stories at Catholic Charities Legal Clinics and to some whom I welcomed at St. Francis of Assisi's Migrant Center. Thanks to the Jesuits at the Border, I came in contact with Milagros, Sophia, and a few others who touched my heart. I don't know what happened to them after we said goodbye. Are they all right? Does anyone look after them? I've seen migrants at every step of their acclimation to a new life, but I've never walked with one migrant as they take each step.

I'm not alone in wondering what happens to a specific migrant or migrant family as they walk away from us. Jesuit organizations not only wondered about that, but they created the Migrant Accompaniment Network for Catholics to welcome and accompany recently arrived individuals in their transition to a new environment. A group of us in Ignatian Social Justice thought, prayed, and decided to see if we could accompany migrants on a personal level. Accepting a family from the Jesuit Relief Services, we walk with them on their journey, welcoming them to the City and helping them navigate both Catholic and City organizations that do so much good.

I'd like to tell you about one family we are personally accompanying: Clara, Jose, Antonella (10), and Dylan (5). Using the Migrant Accompaniment Program terminology, Anne Melanson, Christine Meyer, and I are the family's mentors. We accompany them, befriend them, and help them access local organizations. On July 5th, our first day together, we enjoyed a leisurely time getting acquainted and sharing a meal in friendship. They needed clothing. On our second day together, we went to the Little Shop of Kindness, where they chose a set of clothing, and we shared another meal.

When Clara was a child in Venezuela, she was deeply moved by the news coverage of 9/11 and wanted to see ground zero. Anne, a docent at the 9/11 Museum, planned a trip. We learned that the family migrated to Colombia after Venezuela became too dangerous for them. Five years later, Colombia became too perilous as well. At one of the museum exhibits, Clara wrote "God Bless Venezuela". They wish they had been safe at home and are so grateful to America for offering them a chance to live here in safety.

At a picnic in August, Clara told me how they reached the border. They walked most of the way from Colombia with their dog. Border Patrol admitted them to the country but not the dog. Fun-loving, skinny Antonella was too brokenhearted to eat for two days. But they are here now in the safety of our City. We all prepared the children for school. On her way to school on the first day, Antonella was scared, but she came home happy. She had befriended a girl who spoke only English. The two overcame the language barrier with gestures, smiles, and goodwill.

Anne and I brought the family to the Jackson Heights Legal Clinic to learn how to apply for asylum. After the parents complete the required documentation, we will bring them to The Migrant Center to file the application. The family gives us the privilege of walking with people whose faith, courage, and fortitude are a blessing to us. When they came to our church, Fr. Hilbert, the migrants, and some St. Ignatius parishioners prayed the Our Father together, mainly in Spanish. Clara, Jose, Antonella, and Dylan have told us many times how blessed they are to have us and St. Ignatius Loyola Parish in their lives. Together we feel God's love for each other and for ourselves. These are not chance encounters at important Catholic institutions but are dates with friends who share laughter, food, sorrow, and joy, working together toward a common goal.

In April, we started the Migrant Accompaniment Program with two families. In July, we expanded to six. We'd like to be able to welcome more families and hope you would like to join us. You could help families by being a mentor with direct family contact. You could be part of a support team in a particular subject area. You could be part of a recurring or ad hoc support group. There are so many ways to get involved. For more information, please contact Laura de Boisblanc at [socialjustice@stignatiusloyola.org](mailto:socialjustice@stignatiusloyola.org).

— Laura de Boisblanc  
Chair, Ignatian Social Justice Ministry

## This Week at a Glance

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th

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

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th

Ranger Rosary.  
1:30 PM. Gonzaga Meeting Room.

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th

Emmaus Bereavement Support Group.  
7 PM. Parish House.  
*Details on page 3.*

**The Sage and the Skeptic – Proverbs and Ecclesiastes.**  
7 PM. Parish House & Zoom.  
*Details at right.*

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th

Meeting Christ in Prayer.  
7 PM. Zoom.  
*Details on page 3.*

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th

Finding Your Inner Peace:  
Lessons from Zen (Soto) Buddhism.  
7 PM. Wallace Hall.  
*Details on page 3.*

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th

Viewing of the Film *Threads* | Part 1.  
7 PM. Parish Lounge.  
*Details on page 3.*

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th

The Amazing Race.  
Noon. McKinnon Hall. *Details on page 3.*

## Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 1st at 1 PM  
Outside the Parish House

Pet owners are invited to bring their leashed dog, cat, reptile or caged birds and bunnies for a blessing in celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

## 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](mailto: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](https://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](https://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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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*

#### About the Speaker

**Lisa Miller, Ph.D.**, is *The New York Times* bestselling author of *The Spiritual Child* and her new book *The Awakened Brain*.



### 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).

## 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](http://ignatius.nyc/amazingrace).

## 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](mailto:EmmausBereavementGroup@gmail.com) or call the Parish House at (212) 288-3588 and leave your name and telephone number with the receptionist.

## 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 following a confrontation between nuclear powers subsequent to fighting in a third country which flares up into full-scale war.

## Thank You!

High school senior Lucas G. del Rosario, a 17-year-old parishioner here at St Ignatius, thanks the members of the parish community who supported his Eagle Service Project for Scouts BSA, raising \$1,025 to benefit our Music Ministry and indigenous people in the Philippines.

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## PARISH STAFF

### Pastor

Rev. Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J.

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Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.

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Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J.

### Assisting Priest

Rev. James Martin, S.J.

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Rev. James A. Casciotti, 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 October 1st

Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM Fr. Yesalonia

Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Bergen

9:30 AM Fr. Hilbert

Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Hallinan

Wallace Hall Family 11:00 AM Fr. Yesalonia

7:30 PM Fr. Ferus

## Religious Education for Children

Ms. Kate Noonan, Director

(212) 288-3588 x609

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## 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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(PreK-3 through Kindergarten)

Ms. Mary Larkin, Head of School

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(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, September 25th

(25th Monday in Ordinary Time)

Ezra 1:1–6 Psalm 126

Luke 8:16–18

**8:30 MEM** Martin Philip  
Murphy

**12:10 MEM** Robert L. Cahill, Jr.

**5:30 MEM** Bill Hassett

### Tuesday, September 26th

(25th Tuesday in Ordinary Time)

Ezra 6:7–8, 12b, 14–20 Psalm 122

Luke 8:19–21

**8:30 MEM** Alex Magocsi

**12:10 MEM** Joseph V. & Gert  
Hamilton

**5:30 MEM** Anita Murray

### Wednesday, September 27th

(St. Vincent de Paul)

Ezra 9:5–9 Tobit 13 Luke 9:1–6

**8:30 MEM** Robert L. Cahill, Jr.

**12:10 MEM** Robert L. Cahill, Jr.

**5:30 MEM** Alessandra Simon

### Thursday, September 28th

(25th Thursday in Ordinary Time)

Haggai 1:1–8 Psalm 149

Luke 9:7–9

**8:30 MEM** Monsignor George  
L. Deas

**12:10 MEM** Daniella Gad

**5:30 MEM** Living & Deceased

Members of the Wallace Family

### Friday, September 29th

(Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael)

Daniel 7:9–10, 13–14 Psalm 138

John 1:47–51

**8:30 MEM** Barbara Murphy

**12:10 MEM** John F. Shea

**5:30 MEM** William Powers

### Saturday, September 30th

(St. Jerome)

Zechariah 2:5–9, 14–15a Jerome 31

Luke 9:43b–45

**8:30 MEM** Mona Wylie

### Sunday, October 1st

(26th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Ezekiel 18:25–28 Psalm 25

Philippians 2:1–11

Matthew 21:28–32