



November 5, 2023 | Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Remembering the Dead

November has traditionally been the month when the Church remembers in a special way all the dead—all those *who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face* (from the second Eucharistic Prayer of the Mass).

Last Wednesday, on the Feast of All Saints, we honored what scripture calls “*the great multitude which no one can count*”—all the dead, canonized or not—who have reached human fulfillment and who live now in the face-to-face vision of God. Surely, that great multitude includes people we have known—some of our own deceased relatives and friends.

Last Thursday, we celebrated the feast we used to call the Feast of All Souls. In recent years, All Souls Day has come to be known as the “Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed.” There was good reason for the change in name.



We remember complete persons that day, not just their souls. These were individuals not quite prepared at the time of their death to come into the presence of God. They left this world with “unfinished business,” so to speak, and require some purgation and growth to fully participate in the glorious life God has prepared for us.

The Church has given the name of Purgatory to this final stage of preparation for ultimate union with God. This is not a place of punishment for sin, a kind of hell, but rather a state of completion and healing. From its earliest days, the Church has encouraged prayers for the dead in the belief that our prayers can be efficacious in helping to bring the dead to the bliss of heaven.

These two days that begin the month of November are among the best reminders we have of the Church’s consoling teaching on the communion of saints—one of the articles of faith mentioned in the Nicene Creed that we

profess at every Sunday Mass. Our Christian belief in the communion of saints holds that there is a vital connection between the living and the dead.

All of us who make up the Church on earth, all the saints in heaven, and all the dead who have not yet come to complete fulfillment in heaven are intimately related to one another. And death does not, and cannot, sever this connection.

Just as death is not the end of life, death is not the end of a relationship with a loved one who has died. Let me quote a letter I received from a parishioner whose mother had died: “*We Christians have the astonishing belief that our dead are not cut off from us and from life. But that doesn’t take away the grieving. How great is the void death creates! Yet I am aware of the continuing presence of my mother, be it ever so subtle and gentle like the softest light, but consoling and strengthening.*”

This daughter’s experience is an example of Catholicity in its greater extension: our communion with loved ones, deceased as well as living. Hopefully, the month of November, with its longer and darker nights, will serve to unite us more closely with all the dead—with the saints and the not-yet saints who have gone before us into the dark night of death, believing in life everlasting.

— Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J.
Senior Priest

This Week at a Glance

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5th

Jesuit Friends & Alumni Mass.
7:30 PM. Church. *Details below.*

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8th

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting.
7 PM. Gonzaga Meeting Room.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9th

Back to Basics 2.0 Class:
The Mass, explained from the altar.
7 PM. Church. *Details on page 3.*

Jesuit Friends & Alumni Mass

Sunday, November 5th at 7:30 PM
Church

Join us for this opportunity for alumni and friends of Jesuit schools to share their common bonds through the celebration of liturgy.

The Mass will be followed by a reception in Wallace Hall.

Annual Appeal

As you consider your end-of-year giving, please remember to include your contribution to the Annual Appeal on your to-do list.



If you have not yet made a donation, you can do so by visiting ignatius.nyc/annual-appeal or scanning the QR code at left.

Thank you for your support!

Book of Remembrance

During the month of November, we remember our loved ones who have died.

The Book of Remembrance is located on the altar of the Jesuit Boy Saints (at the back of the church, on the East 84th Street side).

Individuals are invited to write the names of deceased loved ones in this book.

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.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Thanksgiving Food Drive Through Sunday, November 19th

*Benefiting the Church of the Ascension
on the Upper West Side*

We're collecting canned goods and non-perishable items to help those in need during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Items may be dropped off daily at the Parish House.

Snow Ball Dance

Saturday, December 2nd at 7 PM
Wallace Hall

Come eat, drink, and dance to live music by The Morris Brothers Band with your friends and fellow adult (21+) parishioners.

Tickets are \$75 per person/\$65 for seniors (age 60+). Premium Tables for 10 guests (featuring a VIP package) are available for \$1,000.



To purchase, visit ignatius.nyc/snow-ball-dance or scan the QR code at left.

LGBT Catholics & Friends

All Hearts Together: A Mass of Remembrance Thursday, November 30th at 7 PM Church

The LGBT Catholics & Friends ministry invites all parishioners to a Mass in observance of World AIDS Day.

Reception to follow in Wallace Hall.

All are welcome.

Annual Memorial Liturgy Tuesday, November 14th at 7 PM in the Church

In remembrance of deceased parishioners and/or their family members who have died since November 2022.

We invite you to submit the names of your deceased loved ones by Noon on Friday, November 10th either by **email to silmemorialmass@gmail.com** or by **calling the Parish House at 212-288-3588.**

Discovering Women of Our Faith Tradition: The Scriptures and the Saints

Thursday, November 16th
6:30 PM
Wallace Hall

*Join us for dinner & dialogue with
Dr. Teresa Berger and Dr. Paul Lakeland*

Women have played profound roles in our Church's development over the centuries. Their gifts have enriched the faith of generations. They have been acknowledged as saints as well as cast in roles of influence throughout the scriptures. Have we been faithful in continuing their roles as saints, prophets, leaders, voices of courage?

To register, visit
ignatius.nyc/women-of-our-faith-tradition.

*The RSVP deadline is
Friday, November 10th.*

Roundtable Discussion on Loneliness

Tuesday, November 21st
7 PM
Parish Lounge

Sponsored by the Parish Council

Let's come together for a roundtable discussion on the issue of loneliness and how it affects our lives and those of our loved ones, regardless of age.

"Loneliness stands out to me as an epidemic in the West; so many wear veneers of joy, to mask and cover their true state as peoples living lives of quiet desperation," a quote taken from Lewis Connelly's commentary of Henri Nouwen's *The Wounded Healer*. Recommended reading would be Lewis Connelly's full commentary and the *Notre Dame Magazine* article "Age of Anxiety."

Antonio del Rosario and Kenn Kern will lead this discussion, providing a space for all parishioners and friends to come together to share their thoughts and learn from one another.

Please RSVP at Adelrosario@bhsusa.com
to secure your spot.

Space is limited.

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We invite you to join our email mailing list to receive updates on parish news and events.



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Back to Basics 2.0: What It Means to Be Catholic

Beginning on Thursday, November 9th, the priests of the parish will offer an opportunity to learn more about what it means to be Catholic.

The five topic areas that will be covered are:

THE MASS, *explained from the altar*

Thursday, November 9th at 7 PM | Church
Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J.

DEVOTIONAL PRACTICES, *praying the rosary, novenas, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, veneration of the saints, etc.*

Thursday, December 7th at 7 PM | Wallace Hall
Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J.

THE CHURCH'S GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE AND THE ROLE OF THE LAITY

Thursday, February 22nd at 7 PM | Wallace Hall
Fr. Michael Hilbert, S.J.

RELIGIOUS ORDERS OF THE CHURCH

Monday, March 18th at 7 PM | Wallace Hall
Fr. James Casciotti, S.J.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL ENCYCLICALS

Monday, April 15th at 7 PM | Wallace Hall
Fr. Dennis Yesalonia, S.J.

The Amazing Race

Sunday, November 12th, 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.

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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 November 12th

Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM Fr. Yesalonia

Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Hallinan

9:30 AM Fr. Hallinan

Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Hilbert

Wallace Hall Family 11:00 AM Fr. Yesalonia

7:30 PM Fr. Hilbert

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Saint Ignatius Loyola School

Upper Campus

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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, November 6th

(31st Monday in Ordinary Time)

Romans 11:29–36 Psalm 69

Luke 14:12–14

8:30 MEM The Meehan Family

12:10 MEM James Joseph Walsh

5:30 MEM Palconit Family

Tuesday, November 7th

(31st Tuesday in Ordinary Time)

Romans 12:5–16ab Psalm 131

Luke 14:15–24

8:30 MEM Birgit Siegwarth

12:10 MEM John Maguire

5:30 MEM Jill Reppert

Wednesday, November 8th

(31st Wednesday in Ordinary Time)

Romans 13:8–10 Psalm 112

Luke 14:25–33

8:30 MEM The Choix & Gordon
Families

12:10 MEM Janice Lang

5:30 MEM Ann Nawn

Thursday, November 9th

(The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica)

Ezekiel 47:1–2, 8–9, 12 Psalm 46

1 Corinthians 3:9c–11, 16–17

John 2:13–22

8:30 MEM Simona Saracino
Fendi

12:10 MEM Noel Sumulong

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

Friday, November 10th

(St. Leo the Great)

Romans 15:14–21 Psalm 98

Luke 16:1–8

8:30 MEM Living & Deceased
Members of the Brenninkmeijer
Family

12:10 MEM Valentino Mazzia

5:30 MEM Gene Terribery

Saturday, November 11th

(St. Martin of Tours)

Romans 16:3–9, 16, 22–27

Psalm 145 Luke 16:9–15

8:30 MEM Gordon D. Vaughan

Sunday, November 12th

(32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Wisdom 6:12–16 Psalm 63

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

Matthew 25:1–13