



April 7, 2024 | Second Sunday of Easter

Called to Serve: The Role of Women in Our Church

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. This is Pope Francis's intention for April: "We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of our world." This is a particularly apt intention during the Easter season, in which we recall the critical role of the women disciples in the proclamation of the resurrection of Jesus.

In every gospel, the women disciples are the first to receive the good news of Jesus' resurrection from the dead. There is, therefore, a strong affirmation of the central role of the women disciples. A striking feature of the resurrection accounts is how women are commissioned to be apostles, ones who are sent to proclaim the good news of the resurrection. In Matthew's gospel, it is an angel who commissions the two Marys to report the resurrection of Jesus to the other disciples. In John's gospel, it is Jesus himself who tells Mary Magdalene: "...Go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" The foundational texts of our faith underscore the important role of women in the community of faith that would evolve into the church.

Reflecting on the centrality of women in the scriptures, we should not overlook Mary. Before we made of her a plaster saint, she was a real woman who is, for us, a model of discipleship. On one occasion, when crowds were pressing in upon Jesus, a message was brought to him that his mother and brothers and sisters were there and wanted to speak to him. To which Jesus replied, "Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." (Mk. 3:31-35; Mt. 12:46-49; Lk. 8:19-21). Mary's whole life was a radical assent to the will of God for her. In the annunciation,

she heard the call of God to her, wrestled with that call, and ultimately gave her assent to what God was asking of her. She then persevered in that "Yes" through the many trials that were hers. The last time we see Mary in the scriptures, she is at prayer with the other disciples during the Jewish feast of Pentecost. Only a woman of deep prayer could have been as faithful to her "Yes" as Mary was. Mary is the model of discipleship. She is a person of discernment, a person with a profound trust in God, a person who gave all of herself to God in her "Yes," and who persevered in her self-gift to God through a life of prayer.

Pope Francis has sought to elevate the role of women in our church. He has made significant efforts to bring women into positions of real leadership in the Church. In early 2023, the Vatican News

Service reported that during his pontificate, the percentage of women working at the Vatican increased from 19.3% to 23.4%. In the Curia alone—the Holy See offices that actually run the universal Catholic Church—the percentage of women has now risen to 26%, such that one in four employees is female. It is interesting to note that the Vatican News Service candidly admits that while there has been an increase in the Vatican's female workforce, including in high-ranking positions, "women face continued resistance from the all-male Catholic hierarchy." Perhaps they need a refresher course in scripture!

Let us do as the Pope asks us to do and pray for a recognition of the dignity and immense value of women and for an end to discrimination against them. We can also pray that the Church itself will model for the world what it means to truly value women.

— Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J.
Associate Pastor



This Week at a Glance

MONDAY, APRIL 8th

Lecture | Fulfilling America's Promise:
Delivering on FDR's Vision of Freedom From Want.
7 PM. Wallace Hall.
Details on page 3.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9th

Tuesday Night Book Group |
Discovering Our Home in the Trinity.
7 PM. Zoom.

To register and receive the Zoom link for this discussion series, please email "Trinity" to TuesdayNightBookGroup@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10th

Society of St. Vincent de Paul.
7 PM. Parish House.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11th

Ignatian Social Justice Meeting.
7 PM. Parish House.

Study and Reflection Series

Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World
Starting Tuesday, April 23rd at 1 PM
Parish House

Continuing the reflection on our environment that we began in Lent, Jean Santopatre and Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J., will lead a discussion on this book by Katharine Hayhoe, Ph.D.

The group will meet on *April 23rd, May 7th, May 28th, June 4th, and June 25th* as we work our way through this thoughtful consideration of the current state of our environment and what we can do to mitigate the harm we have caused.

To register, email Jean Santopatre at santopatrej@saintignatiusloyola.org or you may call the Parish House.

You will need to purchase a copy of this book which is readily available. Please read Section 1 prior to our meeting on April 23rd.

Scripture Course

An Introduction to the Acts of the Apostles
Four Tuesdays, from April 16th to May 7th
7 PM in the Parish House & on Zoom

The Acts of the Apostles is among the most exciting, engaging, inspiring texts of the New Testament.

Our four-session course will explore the Sunday lectionary readings from Acts we encounter in the Easter season.

Brian B. Pinter, Pastoral Associate, will present.

To register, email brianbpinter@protonmail.com.

Back to Basics 2.0: What It Means to Be Catholic

Through next month, the priests of the parish will offer a chance to learn more about what it means to be Catholic.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL ENCYCLICALS
Monday, April 15th at 7 PM in Wallace Hall
Fr. Dennis Yesalonia, S.J.

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 2024 Spring Appeal.



To give online, visit ignatius.nyc/annual-appeal or scan the QR code at left.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

St. Ignatius Now Has an App!

Stay connected to St. Ignatius with our new mobile app.

It has never been easier to find current information on parish programming, participate in online giving, learn about our ministries, and more.



To download our app, visit parishsolutionsco.com/ignatiusnewyork.html or scan the QR code at left.

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, and visit us at [ivcusa.org](https://www.ivcusa.org).

Registered Households for March

Last month, 29 new households registered with our parish.

If you would like to register as a parishioner, visit ignatius.nyc/join-our-parish.

Lectures at St. Ignatius

Fulfilling America's Promise: Delivering on FDR's Vision of Freedom From Want

Monday, April 8th at 7 PM
Wallace Hall

PRESENTER

Anne Williams-Isom

New York City Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services

This lecture will discuss the foundations, challenges, opportunities, and lessons for leaders as America works to deliver on FDR's "Freedom from Want."

Deputy Mayor Williams-Isom will delve into areas including poverty, equity issues, the ongoing asylum humanitarian crisis, and how we, as leaders of faith, can advance the well-being of New Yorkers and the people we serve.

ABOUT THE PRESENTER



Anne Williams-Isom is a nonprofit executive, attorney, and educator with more than 25 years of leadership and management experience in large, complex organizations. Ms. Williams-Isom currently serves as Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services and has been a proponent of children's rights and advocate for underserved Americans her entire professional life. She currently serves as the James R. Dumpson Chair in Child Welfare Studies at the Graduate School of Social Service at Fordham University.

Eucharistic Minister Training Session

Saturday, April 20th at 10 AM
Church

Have you recently attended a Mass where you were unable to receive from the cup because there were not sufficient ministers of the Eucharist?

This happens far too frequently.

Now is your chance to be part of the solution, and join us for a Eucharistic Minister training session.

Attendance is without obligation!

If, after the training, you decide the ministry is not for you, then you are free to explore other ministries in the parish.

To RSVP,

email hallinanm@saintignatiusloyola.org.



Sign-up for Our Weekly E-Newsletter!

To receive regular updates on parish news and events, scan the QR code or visit ignatius.nyc.

Second Annual Parish Art Show Thursday, June 20th to Saturday, June 22nd Wallace Hall

Are you ready to unleash your inner Picasso or Ansel Adams and dazzle the parish community with your artistic flair? Then, grab your pencils, your paintbrushes, or your finest lens, for it's your time to shine. Be they masterpieces or happy accidents, we invite you to submit your work to our second annual Parish Art Show.

Any non-digital media can be submitted: photographs, paintings, drawings, pastels, watercolors, etchings, linocuts, lithographs, collages, mixed media, sculpture. All artists aged 18 and over are invited to submit.

You can submit up to two pieces (more if we have the space). All submissions (except sculptures) must be framed and ready to hang. Maximum size is limited to 3 feet by 3 feet; sculptures are limited to 25 pounds.

Pre-registration is required. **Sign up online at ignatius.nyc/artshowreg.** *The last day to register is Thursday, May 9th. Don't miss out!*

Submissions are to be dropped off at the Parish House on Thursday, June 13th (6 PM to 8 PM), Friday, June 14th (2 PM to 4 PM), and Saturday, June 15th (9 AM to 11 AM).

You can offer the work for sale or display it. If your work is sold, all sale proceeds will go to the parish. All art must be family-friendly.

The Art Show will open in Wallace Hall on Thursday, June 20th, at 6:30 PM. The art will remain on display until Saturday, June 22nd, at 2:30 PM.

For more information, email silartshow@gmail.com.

Ignatian Interfaith Ministry

13 Drivers' Licenses

Tuesday, May 7th at 7 PM
Wallace Hall

Join us as we commemorate Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) with an extraordinary story of discovery, exploration, reflection and reconciliation.

In February 2017, a cache of 13 driver's licenses, confiscated by Nazi authorities from Jewish citizens in 1938, was found in an envelope in a government office in the small Bavarian town of Lichtenfels, Germany.

Student researchers were able to locate relatives of many of these individuals who assisted in filling in the missing details. Among the descendants was Lisa Salko, who will be leading this presentation, taking us on an emotional journey of hope.

To register,

email ignatianinterfaithministry@gmail.com.

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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 April 14th

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

Religious Education for Children

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Saint Ignatius Loyola School

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(First Grade through Eighth Grade)

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Ms. Mary Larkin, Head of 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, April 8th

(The Annunciation of the Lord)

Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10 Psalm 40

Hebrews 10:4-10 Luke 1:26-38

8:30 MEM Michael & Owen
Murphy

12:10 MEM Sose & Mark Prekelezaj

5:30 MEM Donato Montano

Tuesday, April 9th

(Second Tuesday of Easter)

Acts 4:32-37 Psalm 93

John 3:7b-15

8:30 MEM Simona Saracino
Fendi

12:10 MEM Peter J. Burke

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

Wednesday, April 10th

(St. Stanislaus)

Acts 5:17-26 Psalm 34

John 3:16-21

8:30 MEM Kenneth Joseph

12:10 MEM Anthony Robert D'Uva

5:30 MEM Gerrin M. Hagen

Thursday, April 11th

(Second Thursday of Easter)

Acts 5:27-33 Psalm 34

John 3:31-36

8:30 MEM The Meehan Family

12:10 MEM Cecil Spadafora

5:30 MEM Carol & Bob Foley

Friday, April 12th

(Second Friday of Easter)

Acts 5:34-42 Psalm 27

John 6:1-15

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

12:10 MEM Carolyn Smith Rocco

5:30 MEM Joyce Flammer

Saturday, April 13th

(Second Saturday of Easter)

Acts 6:1-7 Psalm 33 John 6:16-21

8:30 MEM Antonio Eugene Chiappa

Sunday, April 14th

(Third Sunday of Easter)

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 Psalm 4

1 John 2:1-5a Luke 24:35-48