



April 21, 2024 | Fourth Sunday of Easter

Faces Without Names

I write this essay for people who identify St. Ignatius Loyola Church as their parish church and who come here to celebrate the Eucharist with some regularity. If you come to St. Ignatius only occasionally, or if you are a visitor, of course, you are invited to continue reading. But the people I wish to address primarily are those I see here at church with some frequency.

Let me not beat around the bush. I'm making an appeal. It is not an appeal for your financial help (though we certainly need that). It is not even an appeal for your volunteer help. We need that, too, for the important, worthwhile services we offer as a Christian community. It truly is impossible to function as a vital parish without a coalition of men and women who generously donate their financial resources and offer their time and talent to the myriad ways we follow Christ's bidding to serve the needs of others. Some of these generous volunteers teach Christian doctrine to grade school children in our afterschool religious education program for public and private school children. Others act as lectors and Eucharistic ministers and ministers of hospitality at our liturgies. Others help to run toy, food, and blood drives. Throughout the year, we will be soliciting your volunteer services for a wide range of activities and interests.



But today, my appeal to you is much more modest and basic. It is an appeal to register as a parishioner of St. Ignatius, to stand up and be counted, as it were, as one who identifies with this parish and with our community. For registering as a parishioner is more than putting your name on a mailing list. It is more than signing up for Sunday offertory collection envelopes. Registering is really a statement about how you see yourself as a Catholic in New York City. It is about your sense of belonging and connectedness to a particular parish church. It is about ownership and about your endorsement of what this local church is attempting to do.

Sometimes I wonder why some people who regularly attend our church never become members. What does it mean when you don't want to put your name to something? I can answer only for myself. For me, it means I don't want to be involved. I don't want to go on record as a supporter of a particular organization or group. I may enjoy receiving benefits from the organization now and then but don't ask me to give anything, not even my name. It is all very safe and sanitary. It allows me to feel part of something from a safe distance and quite anonymously.

If you react the way I do, maybe it is time you thought through the decision to register. As a priest on the staff of a large church in a very large city, it is a great help in my ministry to know, as best I can, the people I am called to serve in a special way: the parishioners of St. Ignatius Loyola. I wish never to exclude anyone from my ministry as a priest, but I can't claim to serve the entire Catholic population of New York City. I am most strongly committed to the people who make up St. Ignatius Parish. But some of you remain anonymous. How am I to know who you are if you won't give your name to a list of parish members? How can any organization function with members it cannot identify?

I am reminded of the invitation John Daly used to give every Sunday night during the twenty-five years he hosted the popular TV show "What's My Line?" The panelists on the show would try to guess the occupations of several guest contestants during the evening. At the end of the show, the panelists would be blindfolded, and a celebrity would make a guest appearance amid howls and applause. And gesturing to the blackboard, John Daly would say: "Will the mystery guest sign in, please?" So how about it, you mystery guests out there, would you sign in, please!

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

This Week at a Glance

TUESDAY, APRIL 23rd

Study and Reflection Series |

Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World.

1 PM. Parish House. *Details at right.*

Scripture Class |

An Introduction to the Acts of the Apostles.

7 PM. Parish House & Zoom. *Details below.*

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 24th

Society of St. Vincent de Paul 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

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.

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.

Concert

Stephen Hamilton, organ

Sunday, April 28th

4 PM

Church

Stephen Hamilton has been prominent on the American organ scene for over forty years. Throughout his distinguished career, Hamilton has earned acclaim as a thoroughly engaging and popular personality and has firmly established his reputation as a leading and much sought-after virtuoso. Hamilton's program will feature music by Marcel Dupré, Olivier Messiaen, J. S. Bach, and others.

To purchase tickets, visit ignatius.nyc/concerts.

Scripture Course

An Introduction to the Acts of the Apostles

Tuesdays, through 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.

Low-Gluten Hosts

For parishioners wishing to receive a low-gluten host at the distribution of Holy Communion, please speak with a Hospitality Minister.

Offertory



You may contribute to today's Offertory collection by using the QR code made available here. Please designate your donation as "Offertory."

Thank you for your generosity.

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Lectures at St. Ignatius

Freedom from Fear
Monday, May 6th at 7 PM
Wallace Hall

PRESENTER
Angus King
United States Senator from Maine

ABOUT THE PRESENTER



In January 2013, **Angus King** was sworn in as Maine's first Independent United States Senator. Senator King is a member of the Armed Services Committee, the Select Committee on Intelligence, the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Prior to taking office, Senator King served two terms as the Governor of Maine.

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 located 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.

To register,
email ignatianinterfaithministry@gmail.com.

The Mary Project
Sunday, May 19th at 2 PM
Wallace Hall

Join the Ignatian Interfaith Ministry as they partner with our Muslim friends from the Peace Islands Institute for this final session exploring Mary in both faith traditions.

Registration is required. To register,
email ignatianinterfaithministry@gmail.com.

To receive our weekly email newsletter,
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.

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.

Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary any time during 2024 are invited to attend the Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, June 2nd at 2:30 PM.

Pre-registration is required.

To register, contact Rebecca Brucas at 212-288-3588 or brucasr@saintignatiusloyola.org.

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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 28th

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

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

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48 East 84th Street

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Ms. Mary Larkin, Head of School

240 East 84th Street

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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 22nd

(The Blessed Virgin Mary)

Revelation 21:1-5a Judith 13

John 19:25-27

8:30 MEM Leon Teesdale &

Juliet Teesdale-Smith

12:10 MEM Henry Zapata

5:30 MEM Nathan Davidson

Tuesday, April 23rd

(Fourth Tuesday of Easter)

Acts 11:19-26 Psalm 87

John 10:22-30

8:30 MEM Janice Stanton

12:10 MEM Monty Zullo

5:30 MEM Timothy O'Leary

Wednesday, April 24th

(Fourth Wednesday of Easter)

Acts 12:24-13:5a Psalm 67

John 12:44-50

8:30 MEM Joan Sokolski

12:10 MEM Madeline McCarthy

5:30 MEM Raymond Vera

Thursday, April 25th

(St. Mark)

1 Peter 5:5b-14 Psalm 89

Mark 16:15-20

8:30 MEM Joan Sokolski

12:10 MEM Joyce Merendino

5:30 MEM Thomas Flammer

Friday, April 26th

(Fourth Friday of Easter)

Acts 13:26-33 Psalm 2 John 14:1-6

8:30 MEM Nora Blackstock

12:10 MEM Cindy Hernandez

5:30 MEM Olga & Gaby Vidal

Saturday, April 27th

(St. Peter Canisius)

Acts 13:44-52 Psalm 98

John 14:7-14

8:30 MEM Living & Deceased

Members of the Regan & Burke

Families

Sunday, April 28th

(Fifth Sunday of Easter)

Acts 9:26-31 Psalm 22

1 John 3:18-24 John 15:1-8