



April 28, 2024 | Fifth Sunday of Easter

Betwixt and Between

The predominant themes of the Easter season are joy and new life, yet these 50 days between Easter and Pentecost can also teach us something about being in liminal space. Richard Rohr, the Franciscan spiritual writer and teacher, says of such times, “All transformation takes place here. There alone is our old world left behind, though we’re not yet sure of the new existence. That’s a good space where genuine newness can begin.”

To be in liminality is to be betwixt and between. These threshold moments require us to hold with integrity a variety of emotions—hope, joy, relief, anxiety, confusion, fear, grief, impatience, among many others. Change can be terrifying; it’s understandable that one would want to go back to the familiar, to the way it used to be. Consider Mary Magdalene: The Gospel of John reports that on Easter morning, Jesus had to tell her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to my Father.” I’m sure she wanted to believe that the Jesus she knew was back and everything would be as it was. God’s dream, however, was for something unimaginably greater. And this would require time and patience on the part of the disciples. Between resurrection and the coming of the Spirit, they had to go to the upper room.



Through these remaining days of Easter, I invite you to reflect on the liminal places in your life, your personal “upper room”. Perhaps there is a child who will be graduating next month, preparing to leave home for new adventures. Perhaps a loved one has died, and you are still navigating the stages of grief, waiting on a sense of acceptance and peace. Perhaps you are newly retired and still searching for a routine. For my family, our liminal space at this moment is the loss of family homes. The houses that belonged to my grandparents and to my wife’s grandparents are both being sold. Generations of memories were made in these special places, but now we must let them go. This transition has taught me to consider anew what it means to “come home” because the day inevitably arrives when you can’t come home anymore. I know,

however, that new memories in new places are waiting to be fashioned. A new chapter of our families’ stories is going to be written, but right now, we are on that blank page between the two.

The spiritual masters tell us that these liminal moments are spiritually rich times. I have found this to be true. I think this is because there is vulnerability in beholding new life, in coming to grips with a new reality. Oftentimes, when we’re off balance, when our defenses are down, when we’re feeling bewildered, God can do God’s best work! Again, think of the disciples—after the liminality that came with the first Easter, they were instilled with the courage, zeal, and resolve to carry the good news to “the ends of the earth.”

The lectionary readings this season, especially from the Acts of the Apostles, affirm that beyond liminal space awaits something new and life-giving. When Pentecost came, the Spirit moved the disciples from a place of waiting to a place of courageous journeying, witnesses, and ministering. They “left home”, whether it was the confines of the upper room, the precincts of the Temple, or the city of Jerusalem itself, and were sent to places they could never have imagined, to a future that was unknowable but ripe with hope and promise.

As we journey toward the close of the Easter season, my prayer is that God gives us the courage to attentively, hopefully behold the power of the resurrection, savoring the moments in our “upper rooms” of liminality, whatever and wherever they may be, as we prepare to follow the Spirit to a grace-filled future.

— Brian Pinter
Pastoral Associate

This Week at a Glance

SUNDAY, APRIL 28th

Concert | Stephen Hamilton, organ.
4 PM. Church.
Details at right

TUESDAY, APRIL 30th

Scripture Class |
An Introduction to the Acts of the Apostles.
7 PM. Parish House & Zoom.
Details at right.

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.

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.

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.

Community Coffee Hour

Sunday, May 5th
Following the 11 AM Masses
Outside the Parish House

Join us on Park Avenue for a new season of our Community Coffee Hour.

We will have coffee as well as an opportunity to mix & mingle with fellow parishioners.

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.

Home Communion Call

If you or a loved one is confined to home and would like to receive Communion on a periodic or regular basis, someone from the parish's Compassionate Care Ministry will come to your home and bring Communion.

If interested, email Fr. Hilbert at hilbertm@saintignatiusloyola.org or leave your name and phone number at the Parish House for Fr. Hilbert, and someone will be scheduled to visit.

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Lectures at St. Ignatius

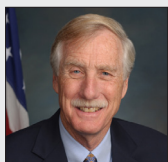
Freedom from Fear

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.

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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 May 5th

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

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Saint Ignatius Loyola School

Upper Campus

(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 29th

(St. Catherine of Siena)

Acts 14:5-18 Psalm 115

John 14:21-26

8:30 MEM John Doyle

12:10 MEM Arthur Solvang

5:30 MEM Trish Marx

Tuesday, April 30th

(Fifth Tuesday of Easter)

Acts 14:19-28 Psalm 145

John 14:27-31a

8:30 MEM E.J. Reinoso

12:10 MEM Matthew Sachman

5:30 MEM William Powers

Wednesday, May 1st

(Fifth Wednesday of Easter)

Acts 15:1-6 Psalm 122 John 15:1-8

8:30 MEM The Choix & Gordon
Families

12:10 MEM Simona Saracino
Fendi

5:30 MEM Sally Morris

Thursday, May 2nd (St. Athanasius)

Acts 15:7-21 Psalm 96

John 15:9-11

8:30 MEM Anthony Vestuto

12:10 MEM Edwyna Parks Strain

5:30 MEM Donna Leary

Friday, May 3rd (Ss. Philip & James)

1 Corinthians 15:1-8 Psalm 19

John 14:6-14

8:30 MEM Clark Joseph Harman

12:10 MEM Art Starrs

5:30 MEM Living & Deceased
Members of the Brenninkmeijer
Family

Saturday, May 4th

(Fifth Saturday of Easter)

Acts 16:1-10 Psalm 100

John 15:18-21

8:30 LVG Jaden Adan

Sunday, May 5th

(Sixth Sunday of Easter)

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

1 John 4:7-10 Psalm 98

John 15:9-17