



June 30, 2024 | Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wildflowers

Have you ever walked through a field of wildflowers? It is like a riotous palette of colors that stretches to the horizon, a carpet bedazzled with precious gemstones. The illusion is one of a gateway that leads to another reality, one of tranquil beauty or a field of dreams, where nature itself is a gracious host. Planted in mystery on knolls, in crags, and untilled soil, they grow with wild abandon, watered by no effort of their own. *Arrayed in splendor beyond even that of Solomon, they neither toil nor spin* – Matthew 6:28-29. Their rapture of contentment seduces the eyes of all who gaze upon their radiance. And in that glance, we are invited to reflect upon who we are in the vast expanse of God's creation.

In the humdrum or hectic pace of our lives we often fail to see the field of wildflowers in which we live. Preoccupied with a myriad of concerns, we are reluctant to let go of what blinds our vision to be fully aware of God's abiding care for us in each moment of our lives. For you see, each of us is a wildflower in God's eyes. We are that field planted and nurtured by God. The question that we often struggle with is whether we truly believe this.

In her poem, *Wildflowers*, Gaby Comprés, a poet from Santo Domingo, invites her readers to see themselves as wildflowers who are transported to places where, without effort on their part, beauty is waiting to burst forth and create an endless field of wildflowers. She writes:

*Let's be wildflowers;
let our souls be scattered by the wind.
Let us grow, wild and free, tall and brave,
in the places we dream,
in the places where our longings are filled.
Let us grow between the cracks of brokenness,
and we will make everything beautiful.*



The summer months are now upon us. Many of us will scatter far and near to find places of respite.

Many will remain in the canyons of New York City. And for some, a summer vacation is a fanciful dream. No matter where we may find ourselves during the lazy or frenetic days of summer, we will experience a field of wildflowers if we are but open to it and allow God to be both the sower and cultivator of our lives.

In gazing upon the beauty of a field of wildflowers, whether we do it in person or in our mind's eye, we take delight in the willingness of wildflowers simply to bask in the sunshine of a summer's day. Let our prayer be that we revel in God's gaze upon us so we may fill the cracks of brokenness and become for others a vision of hope and love.

Happy gazing! Happy summer!

— Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J.
Pastor

This Week at a Glance

SUNDAY, JUNE 30th

Community Coffee Hour.
12 PM. Outside the Parish House.
Details at right.

TUESDAY, JULY 2nd

Tuesday Night Book Group:
Manresa Ignatian Online Retreat.
7 PM. Zoom.

To receive supplemental emails and the Zoom link for this series, please email "Ignatian Retreat" to TuesdayNightBookGroup@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3rd

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

THURSDAY, JULY 4th & FRIDAY, JULY 5th

INDEPENDENCE DAY

The Parish House is closed in observance of Independence Day.

One Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 AM in the Church. There will be no 5:30 PM Mass.

Summer Daily Mass Schedule

Our summer Daily Mass Schedule begins Monday, July 1st, and runs through Monday, September 2nd.

During this time, the 12:10 PM Daily Mass is discontinued. The 8:30 AM and 5:30 PM Masses will be celebrated in the Church.

Join Our Email Mailing List!

We invite you to sign-up for our e-newsletter to receive regular updates on parish news and events.



To sign-up, scan the QR code at left or visit ignatius.nyc.

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.

Mission Appeal

Bishop Matthew Yitiereh, of Yendi, Ghana, will be speaking at all Masses this weekend in support of the Propagation of the Faith Mission Appeal.

Community Coffee Hour

Sunday, June 30th

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.

Giving

At this time of the year, the weekly collection decreases, while parish expenses remain constant.

As you enjoy your warm-weather respite, please remain connected to St. Ignatius through your financial support of parish operations during the summer months.



To contribute, visit ignatius.nyc/virtual-offertory or scan the QR code at left.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

SAVE THE DATE!

Friends of the Poor Walk

Saturday, September 28th

This is the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's chief fundraising and awareness-raising event for the year and supports their charitable efforts to help those in need and grow in faith and friendship.

Participants will meet at St. Patrick's Cathedral at 10 AM and walk to St. Ignatius for Mass at Noon followed by lunch.

Registration will be open soon! For more information, email svdpmembership980@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE!

Fall Blood Drive

Sunday, October 20th, from 9 AM to 3 PM
St. Ignatius Loyola School's McKinnon Hall
48 East 84th Street

Your donations save lives!
Appointment information is coming soon.

Sponsored by the New York Blood Center and Society of St. Vincent de Paul

SVdP's regular meetings occur every other Wednesday at 7 PM year-round in the Parish House. Their next meeting will be Wednesday, July 3rd. All are welcome!

2025 Pilgrimage of Hope

In commemoration of the Jubilee year—a time for pilgrims to journey to Rome to visit the tombs of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to walk through the Holy Doors of the four major basilicas, and to gain abundant blessings—our parish intends to **organize a 10-day “Pilgrimage of Hope” to Rome in November 2025**

While Fr. Hilbert, who will be taking charge of the planning for this extraordinary parish undertaking, develops the program, would you please indicate, without any obligation, whether a parish pilgrimage draws your attention and appeals to you.

A dedicated email account has been set up: SILpilgrim2025@gmail.com. Please write to Fr. Hilbert at the above address before Monday, July 1st with your likely intention to participate in the pilgrimage.

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.

A group will meet here during the year to inquire into the Catholic faith, to come to know Jesus through the Gospels, and to pray & to prepare for the Easter Sacraments.

For more information, contact Maureen Fullam at 212-288-3588 or email church@stignatiusloyola.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.

Offertory



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

Ignatian Social Justice

The Migrant Accompaniment Program has two immediate needs that we hope you can fill.

NEEDED: Spanish-Speaking Doctor.

We are working with a family experiencing a complicated medical issue. The doctor treating the family doesn't speak Spanish, and some of the documents the family receives are in English. Are you a bilingual Spanish/English-speaking doctor who is willing to help out on an ad hoc basis?

NEEDED: Interpreter.

We are starting to help one of our families prepare their legal asylum case. We need the assistance of several people with strong bilingual speaking abilities in Spanish and English to serve as interpreters. We estimate that up to 10 meetings with the family may be necessary over several months, and the conversation may run about 60-90 minutes. It would be helpful, although not required, for the same individual to participate in all sessions with the family.

If you can help our families, please email Laura de Boisblanc at socialjustice@stignatiusloyola.org.

Livestream Viewing Recommendation

For a consistently more reliable viewing of livestreamed Masses, we encourage you to use our parish YouTube channel, rather than Facebook.



You can find us on YouTube at youtube.com/c/ChurchofStIgnatiusLoyolaNYC or by scanning 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.

St. Ignatius Has an App!

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Weekday Masses (Monday – Friday)

8:30 AM and 5:30 PM

Saturday: 8:30 AM

Masses for the Weekend of July 7th

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

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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240 East 84th Street
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Children's Liturgy of the Word

Resumes in September.

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, July 1st

(13th Monday in Ordinary Time)

Amos 2:6–10, 13–16

Psalms 50

Matthew 8:18–22

8:30 MEM Ciro Saracino

5:30 MEM Silas Gonzalez
Mesquita

Tuesday, July 2nd

(13th Tuesday in Ordinary Time)

Amos 3:1–8, 4:11–12

Psalms 5

Matthew 8:23–27

8:30 MEM Stephanie Krieger

5:30 MEM Frances Uszakiewicz

Wednesday, July 3rd

(St. Thomas)

Ephesians 2:19–22

Psalms 117

John 20:24–29

8:30 MEM Edward Dugan

5:30 MEM Francisco Nicolas

Thursday, July 4th

(13th Thursday in Ordinary Time)

Amos 7:10–17

Psalms 19

Matthew 9:1–8

8:30 MEM Bridget Burke

Friday, July 5th

(13th Friday in Ordinary Time)

Amos 8:4–6, 9–12

Psalms 119

Matthew 9:9–13

Saturday, July 6th

(13th Saturday in Ordinary Time)

Amos 9:11–15

Psalms 85

Matthew 9:14–17

8:30 MEM David F. Kelly

Sunday, July 7th

(14th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Ezekiel 2:2–5

Psalms 123

2 Corinthians 12:7–10

Mark 6:1–6