



## CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA

The Parish Council is delighted to announce twelve (12) new initiatives as part of the Parish's Vision Statement Implementation project. The twelve initiatives will be launched over the next several months, with many beginning in Fall 2024. Additional details about each exciting program will follow, including how you can participate.

The initiatives are the result of the outstanding efforts of many individuals who worked tirelessly on the Vision Statement Implementation project and its four Working Groups. The four Working Groups – (1) We Welcome All, (2) We Worship with Joy, (3) We Walk Together with Those in Need, and (4) We Reverence God in the Wonder of Creation – are grounded in the Parish's Mission Statement, whose beautiful words are the very foundation upon which our future will be built.

The 12 initiatives of our Vision Implementation project are:

### We Welcome All

1. **Community Themed Holiday Gatherings** – fostering fellowship, celebration, and service at key holiday celebrations.
2. **Buddy System for our Senior Community** – promoting greater connectivity with our senior members and those who are homebound.
3. **FaithQuest: Journeying into Catholic Identity** – learning about our beautiful Church via monthly tours and about our fellow parishioners through online testimonials.

### We Worship with Joy

4. **Lay Leadership in Services of Reconciliation and Days of Reflection** – expanding the Parish's program of and commitment to lay leadership.
5. **Ignatian Spirituality and Bible Study** – deepening our knowledge and appreciation of the Bible, the Spiritual Exercises, and the Church's liturgical season.
6. **Monthly Jazz Mass** – incorporating enriching jazz music at a monthly 7:30 pm Sunday Mass.

### We Walk Together with Those in Need

7. **Pen Pals** – matching parishioners with seniors in our community to exchange written correspondence and to help alleviate loneliness.
8. **Lenten Week of Service** – expanding the opportunities to engage in enriching Lenten Service.
9. **English Conversation Hour** – offering our migrant community and monolingual Spanish speakers a chance to reduce the English language barrier.

## We Reverence God in the Wonder of Creation

10. **Partnership with NYC Environmental Justice Alliance (EJA) and New York Restoration Project (NYRP)** – collaborating with EJA and NYRP through advocacy and community participation to advance environment justice and rectify existing environmental disparities.
11. **Awareness Campaign: Adoption of a Simple Lifestyle** – learning concrete ways to promote a lifestyle aligned with ecological harmony.
12. **Care of Creation Ministry** – expanding the team of parishioners eager to make our Parish and our community more environmentally friendly.

Please stay tuned for additional announcements about these opportunities to serve others, to expand our community, and to enrich the vibrancy of our Catholic Jesuit faith.

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