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September 15, 2024 | Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## Experience the Wonder of Accompaniment

There is much discussion in our culture today about loneliness. Last year, the surgeon general even issued an advisory about this nation's crisis of loneliness, isolation, and lack of connection. But is not only secular leaders who are calling on us to come together and be present to one another. Pope Francis, writing on what he calls accompaniment in *The Joy of the Gospel*, says "We need to practice the art of listening, which is more than simply hearing. Listening, in communication, is an openness of heart which makes possible that closeness without which genuine spiritual encounter cannot occur."

Each time I participate in faith sharing with the St. Ignatius community, I am amazed at the depth of reflection, vulnerability, and sincere desire to grapple with the mysteries of faith: the earnest efforts to untangle the ways that the very meaning of the universe intertwine with the quotidian duties of our daily life. What is our purpose? How does that interact with our daily tasks? How should we respond to job losses, illnesses, crises of faith or the routine of our lives—and how should we speak to God about these experiences? What comfort and hope can Jesus offer? What solace can we offer one another? As Pope Francis says, "Our personal experience of being accompanied and assisted, and of openness to those who accompany us, will teach us to be patient and compassionate with others."



In these moments of sharing, I feel the opposite of loneliness. If we believe the Ignatian precept that God is in all things, we know that we are never alone, but it can be easy to mistake that we are. If you are hungry to make connections as you deepen your prayer life and to experience the wonder of accompaniment, Meeting Christ in Prayer (MCIP) is for you. MCIP is an eight-week opportunity to explore and develop our relationship with Christ, through introduction to prayer practices and faith sharing. As faith sharers, we listen attentively to each other's experiences of prayer and Christ, understanding that these enrich our own connection to our savior. We may discover a new insight that we can apply to our prayer practice or hear a story that resonates with the same struggles that we have, whether they be with family, work or another aspect of contemporary life.

We all come to MCIP with different challenges that we are coping with; through the program, we learn how to turn to Christ for strength. Participants have joined the program on journeys of coming to faith as older Catholics, discerning their direction in life as young Catholics, and everything in between. You can ask for God's grace, discover or develop patterns in your prayer life, and above all, create a relationship with Christ through a greater understanding of his incredible and unique journey on Earth. During the week, you will commit to reading and praying in solitude, preparing for the weekly sessions when you are together with other participants.

In *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis writes that, "One who accompanies others has to realize that each person's situation before God and their life in grace are mysteries which no one can fully know from without." Celebrate the mystery of having a spiritual experience that is at once fully your own and at the same time deeply shared with others. In MCIP, you can accompany others by being present to their sharing—and at the same time, feel the power of being accompanied by a generous, thoughtful community. Quoting Blessed Peter Faber, Pope Francis reflects that time is God's messenger. Give yourself the gift of time devoted to your spiritual life. Come take the MCIP journey—a path you'll travel with Christ, but also with the other retreatants. All you need is an open heart and a listening ear.

— Cynthia-Marie Marmo O'Brien  
Member, Meeting Christ in Prayer

## Parish Mission Statement

The love of Christ impels us to welcome all, to worship joyfully and pray fervently, to walk together with those in need, and to reverence God in the wonder of Creation.



## Fr. Yesalonia's 75th Birthday Celebration Sunday, September 15th at Noon Grammar School's McKinnon Hall

Please join us in celebrating Fr. Yesalonia's 75th birthday, following the 11 AM Masses.

## This Week at a Glance

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th

Fr. Yesalonia's 75th Birthday Celebration.  
Following the 11 AM Masses.  
Grammar School's McKinnon Hall. *Details at right.*

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th

#### Emmaus Bereavement Group.

7 PM. Parish House.

*Details below.*

**SCRIPTURE CLASS | When Bad Things Happen to Good People: The Book of Job.**

7 PM. Parish House & Zoom.

*Details on page 3.*

## Parish Retreat

Friday, October 18th to Sunday, October 20th  
Jogues Retreat House, Cornwall, NY

The LGBT Catholics and Friends Ministry of the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola announces a parish retreat, "The Creator Communicates with Us."

This weekend retreat, open to all parishioners, will be held at the Jesuit retreat house in Cornwall, NY, and facilitated by Ivan Briggiler, Hector Montoya, and Fr. Michael Hilbert, S.J.

The retreat will include four conferences, shared prayer, and time for reflection. The retreat will conclude with the celebration of the Eucharist on Sunday.

There are 17 single rooms and 4 double rooms.

The donation for the weekend is \$150, to be paid at the time of the retreat. The parish will partially subsidize the costs.

**If you are interested, please send your name, cell phone number, and preference for a single or double room to [silparishretreat@gmail.com](mailto:silparishretreat@gmail.com). In the latter case, indicate the name of your roommate.**

## Emmaus Bereavement Group

Begins Tuesday, September 17th  
7 PM to 8:30 PM  
Parish House

A six-session support group for those who have experienced the death of a loved one. The sessions, both educational and supportive, are led by experienced facilitators.

Registration is required.

To register, email

[EmmausBereavementGroup@gmail.com](mailto:EmmausBereavementGroup@gmail.com) or call the Parish House at 212-288-3588 and leave your name, phone number and email address with the receptionist.

## Offertory



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

## 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](mailto:church@stignatiusloyola.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](http://ignatius.nyc).



## From the Archdiocese

The Good Newsroom is the digital newsroom of the Archdiocese of New York.

Stay informed about the happenings and initiatives of the archdiocese by visiting [TheGoodNewsroom.org](http://TheGoodNewsroom.org).

## Scripture Class

### When Bad Things Happen to Good People: The Book of Job

Four Tuesdays, beginning September 17th at 7 PM  
Parish House & Zoom

The book of Job ponders essential, timeless questions such as why do the righteous suffer? Is suffering a punishment for sin? How should humans respond to suffering? Is there a place for questioning or defying God? Is it possible to understand the plans and workings of the Divine? Our class gatherings will offer a historical introduction to the book and analysis of selected texts.

Brian B. Pinter, Pastoral Associate, will present.

To RSVP, email [pinterb@saintignatiusloyola.org](mailto:pinterb@saintignatiusloyola.org).

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

### 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](mailto:svdpmembership980@gmail.com).

### Fall Blood Drive

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

Your donations save lives!

To schedule an appointment, visit [tinyurl.com/SILBloodDrive](http://tinyurl.com/SILBloodDrive).

## St. Ignatius Has an 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](http://parishsolutionsco.com/ignatiusnewyork.html) or scan the QR code at left.

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook at [stignatiusnyc](https://www.instagram.com/stignatiusnyc).

## Ignatian Social Justice

### Crossing the Line: Finding America in the Borderland

Sunday, September 22nd at 1:30 PM  
Wallace Hall

#### PRESENTER

Sarah Towle, Author

Sarah Towle, author of *Crossing the Line: Finding America in the Borderlands*, will be visiting Regis and making a special appearance here at St. Ignatius.

*Crossing the Line: Finding America in the Borderlands* charts Sarah's journey from outrage to activism to abolition as she exposes, layer by "broken" layer, the global deterrence to detention to deportation complex that is failing everyone—save the profiteers and demagogues who benefit from it.

Deftly weaving together oral storytelling, history, and memoir, Sarah illustrates how the US has led the retreat from post-WWII commitments to protecting human rights. Yet within the web of normalized cruelty, she finds hope and inspiration in the extraordinary acts of ordinary people who prove, every day, there is a better way. By amplifying their voices and celebrating their efforts, Sarah reveals that we can welcome with dignity those most in need of safety and compassion.

In unmasking the real root causes of the so-called "crisis" in human migration, she urges us to act before we travel much farther down our current course—one which history will not soon forgive or forget.

## Concerts at St. Ignatius

### Cappella Romana: Lost Voices of Hagia Sophia

Sunday, September 29th at 4 PM  
Church

*Pre-concert talk with Music Director & Founder Dr. Alexander Lingas at 3 PM in Wallace Hall, presented with the Ignatian Interfaith Ministry.*

Lost Voices of Hagia Sophia will transport you back in time to medieval sound and ritual in Constantinople.

The program features medieval Byzantine chant in Greek for the Elevation of the Holy Cross, celebrated on September 14th every year in both East and West.

Tickets are available at [ignatius.nyc/concerts](http://ignatius.nyc/concerts)

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.

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## PARISH STAFF

### Pastor

Rev. Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J.

### Associate Pastors

Rev. Mark C. Hallinan, S.J.

Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.

### Senior Priest

Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J.

### Assisting Priest

Rev. James Martin, S.J.

### In Residence

Rev. James A. Casciotti, S.J.

### Pastoral Associates

Kate Noonan Brian Pinter Jean Santopatre

### Pastoral Assistant

Maureen Haley

### Music Ministries

Jen Arvay Kefalas Douglas Purcell  
Daniel Beckwith Michael Sheetz  
Christina Kay Elizabeth Van Os  
Robert Reuter

Scott Warren, *Director*

### Assistant to the Pastor

Rebecca Brucas

### Administrative Assistant

Patricia Schneider

### Director of Communications

Elizabeth O'Sullivan

### Director of Facilities

Robert Cisternino

### Facilities Coordinator

Caroline Fernandes

### Treasurer

Fernando Castro

### Weekday Masses (Monday – Friday)

8:30 AM, 12:10 PM, and 5:30 PM

**Saturday:** 8:30 AM

### Masses for the Weekend of September 22nd

Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM Fr. Hallinan

Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Hallinan

9:30 AM Fr. Bergen

Wallace Hall Family 11:00 AM Fr. Hilbert

Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Casciotti

7:30 PM Fr. Casciotti

## Religious Education for Children

Ms. Kate Noonan, Director

(212) 288-3588 x609

noonank@saintignatiusloyola.org

## Saint Ignatius Loyola School

### Upper Campus

(First Grade through Eighth Grade)

Ms. Mary Larkin, Head of School

M.S. Ed. (Admin.), M.S. Ed. (Literacy)

48 East 84th Street

(212) 861-3820 | Fax: (212) 879-8248

### Lower Campus

(PreK-3 through Kindergarten)

Ms. Mary Larkin, Head of School

240 East 84th Street

(212) 734-6427 | Fax: (212) 734-6972

## 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, September 16th

(Ss. *Cornelius & Cyprian*)

1 Corinthians 11:17–26, 33 Psalm 40

Luke 7:1–10

**8:30 MEM** Paul Choix

**12:10 MEM** Charles A. Spadafora

**5:30 MEM** Renato C. de  
Vasconcellos

### Tuesday, September 17th

(St. *Robert Bellarmine*)

1 Corinthians 12:12–14, 27–31a

Psalm 100 Luke 7:11–17

**8:30 MEM** Living & Deceased

Members of the Henderson Family

**12:10 MEM** Donna Gentile

**5:30 MEM** John Noble, Sr.

### Wednesday, September 18th

(24th Wednesday in Ordinary Time)

1 Corinthians 12:31–13:13 Psalm 33

Luke 7:31–35

**8:30 MEM** Rita Dilva Chiappa

**12:10 MEM** Mary Meagher

**5:30 MEM** Shane O'Reilly

### Thursday, September 19th

(24th Thursday in Ordinary Time)

1 Corinthians 15:1–11 Psalm 118

Luke 7:36–50

**8:30 MEM** Carla Fendi

**12:10 MEM** Sarah Gentle

**5:30 MEM** Bill Hassett

### Friday, September 20th

(Ss. *Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Paul*

*Chông Ha-sang & comps.*)

1 Corinthians 15:12–20 Psalm 17

Luke 8:1–3

**8:30 MEM** John Sloan

**12:10 MEM** Jan Moyer

**5:30 MEM** Nathan Davidson

### Saturday, September 21st

(St. *Matthew*)

Ephesians 4:1–7, 11–13 Psalm 19

Matthew 9:9–13

**8:30 MEM** Edwyna Anne Parks

Strain

### Sunday, September 22nd

(25th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Wisdom 2:12, 17–20 Psalm 54

James 3:16–4:3

Mark 9:30–37