



September 22, 2024 | Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Journeying Together: Taizé Community

Kate Noonan: We enjoyed a retreat at the Taizé Community, an ecumenical retreat center in Southern France. Why were you drawn to Taizé?

Adele Gallo: I was actually interested in the music of Taizé, their community being renowned for their chant. The chants are brief and focused. The chants appeal to me because I'm very attracted to sacred music, particularly liturgical music. The Taizé chant really, if you'll pardon the pun, sings to me.

K: Did you know what to expect at the retreat center?

A: Knowing that their mission is retreats for student groups, I expected to see lots of dorm buildings, but that proved to be wrong. We were truly in an idyllic country setting with little evidence that over 2000 people were at the retreat center with us. It was a very peaceful place, as charming as anything you'd see in a picture, yet it was serving all these young people.

K: How were the retreat days structured?

A: Each day, in a sense, followed a contemporary version of monastic prayer. We met three times a day, morning, noon, and night for prayer, extensive periods of silent prayer and chant. Our all-adult group met each morning after breakfast. Brother Pedro provided—in his charming Spanish accent—a meditation on a scripture reading, breaking open the Word in a thoughtful and challenging way to consider and pray about. He left us to focus on two or three questions to take up later in the day.

K: Each afternoon we met in a smaller English-speaking group to address the questions Br. Pedro had offered in the morning. Can you describe our faith-sharing groups?

A: Oh, I thought they were spectacular from the beginning. Just for starters, the group consisted of people with children of school age, a retiree, a woman whose husband was in another group, a Brother, and a female Methodist pastor. The commonality was we were all there to get closer to God and to do so together. I found the groups really heartwarming. And the biggest surprise was that some of these people had been coming back to Taizé every year for 20-some years!

K: It was during the very intimate, faith-focused discussions our group really blossomed. It was truly a joyful experience.

A: Our facilitator was excellent. He knew when to push and when to step back. It was noteworthy how he drew information, not just as information, but as reflections of our personal spirituality. It was clear that we all revered the confidentiality of these conversations.

K: I was introduced to the Taizé community and chants at Yale Divinity School, but I didn't know much about the Taizé experience. Could you talk about that a little?

A: The ultimate structure was that every week ended in the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus. Throughout our exercises, we were always headed there. I thought it was significant that, unlike other retreats I've been on, there was no daily Mass. As we approached Thursday, reading again Jesus' address to his apostles at the Last Supper, and moving on to when these very apostles abandoned him, handed him over to the executioners, it all came as a new affront to our Savior. Friday evening, we had the opportunity to venerate the Holy Cross. And so it was that the Resurrection surprised us, like a rewrite of the final episode. I thought I knew the story so well...turns out I didn't. Alleluia!

K: On Sunday our week concluded with a Catholic Mass. One of our new retreat friends made it clear it was not to be ►

▶ missed. Please tell me your impressions of the Catholic Mass.

A: Well, I was happy to be back on familiar territory. The week without Mass reminded me of the days when our parishes were closed down during COVID. I remember crying because we couldn't receive Communion, only watch the Mass online. We could see the Mass being celebrated, but we couldn't be there. It created a terrible sense of hunger. When we had Mass on Sunday morning, I recognized the feeling. We were finally being fed. That was a really joyous experience.

K: When I received Communion that Sunday, it brought me to tears. I too was hungry for the Eucharist.

A: I am in awe of the structure of the retreat week. It's really well thought out, and yet you're not aware of, you know, go do this at such and such a time, go do that. Day by day, scripture reading by reading, we were always moving through salvation history, always hearing the call of God to come closer. The invitation does not limit, does not discriminate, but is offered in the freedom of God's love for each individual.

— Kate Noonan, Director, Interparish Religious Education & Adele Gallo, Teacher, Convent of the Sacred Heart

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.

This Week at a Glance

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd

Community Coffee Hour.
Following the 11 AM Masses.
Outside the Parish House.

**IGNATIUS SOCIAL JUSTICE | Crossing the Line:
Finding America in the Borderland.**

1:30 PM. Wallace Hall. *Details on page 3.*

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th

**The Immigrant, Radical Notorious Women of
Washington Square.** 1 PM. Wallace Hall. *Details on page 3.*

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

7 PM. Parish House & Zoom.

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th

Ignatian Social Justice Meeting.
7 PM. Parish House.

**WAR & PEACE DISCUSSION GROUP |
Screening of the Documentary "Why We Fight."**
7 PM. Parish House.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL |
Friends of the Poor Walk.**
10 AM. St. Patrick's Cathedral. *Details on page 3.*

Meeting Christ in Prayer

**Beginning Tuesday, October 1st in the Parish House
& Wednesday, October 2nd on Zoom
7 PM to 8:30 PM**

Are you longing for a deeper relationship with God through Christ? Is your childhood way of relating to God insufficient now that you are an adult? Are you curious to learn what your Jesuit-educated friends mean by Ignatian Spirituality? If you answered yes, please join us in MCIP either in person or Zoom.

Meeting Christ in Prayer is an interactive 8-week guided prayer experience for small groups. Based on the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius Loyola, it introduces participants to various ways of praying and provides an opportunity to support one another through faith sharing.

**In Person Sessions | Tuesdays, October 1st to
November 12th, from 7 PM to 8:30 PM
(Final Session on Wednesday, November 20th)**

**Zoom Sessions | Wednesdays, October 2nd to
November 20th, from 7 PM– 8:30 PM**

The cost of materials is a sliding scale of \$30-\$50 and a good faith offering will be appreciated.

To register, email MCIP@saintignatiusloyola.org.

Blessing of the Animals

**Sunday, October 6th at 1 PM
Outside the Parish House**

Pet owners are invited to bring their leashed dog, cat, reptile or caged birds and bunnies for a blessing in celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

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scan the QR code or visit ignatius.nyc.



Circle of Friends

The Immigrant, Radical Notorious Women of Washington Square

Tuesday, September 24th at 1 PM in Wallace Hall

PRESENTER

Joyce Gold, Historian, and Lecturer at The
New School and New York University

For 150 years, Greenwich Village has been home to many of the political, creative, and intellectual movements in New York City's rich history. Its amazing female population accounts for much of that vitality. It has been home to such renowned women as Mae West, Edith Wharton, Emma Goldman, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney.

To register, visit ignatius.nyc/theimmigrant.

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.

To register and/or donate to our parish SVdP conference, visit events.idonate.com/fopwalk-24.

For more information,
email 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.

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To download our app, visit
parishsolutionsco.com/ignatiusnewyork.html
or scan the QR code at left.

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.

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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Weekday Masses (Monday – Friday)

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

Saturday: 8:30 AM

Masses for the Weekend of September 29th

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

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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, September 23rd

(*St. Pius of Pietrelcina*)
Proverbs 3:27-34 Psalm 15
Luke 8:16-18

8:30 MEM Living & Deceased
Members of the Regan & Burke
Families

12:10 MEM James Meade
5:30 MEM Joyce Flammer

Tuesday, September 24th

(*25th Tuesday in Ordinary Time*)
Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13 Psalm 119
Luke 8:19-21

8:30 MEM Martin Philip Murphy
12:10 MEM Robert L. Cahill, Jr.
5:30 MEM Helen Glenn

Wednesday, September 25th

(*25th Wednesday in Ordinary Time*)
Proverbs 30:5-9 Psalm 119
Luke 9:1-6

8:30 MEM Mario Sumberac
12:10 MEM David Basinger
5:30 MEM Eugenie Jones

Thursday, September 26th

(*25th Thursday in Ordinary Time*)
Ecclesiastes 1:2-11 Psalm 90
Luke 9:7-9

8:30 ANN Catherine Duffy
12:10 MEM Jay Moyer
5:30 MEM Living & Deceased
Members of the Wallace Family

Friday, September 27th

(*St. Vincent de Paul*)
Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 Psalm 144
Luke 9:18-22

8:30 MEM Elias Atticus
Giangrande
12:10 MEM Christine Hennigan
5:30 ANN Alessandra Simon

Saturday, September 28th

(*25th Saturday in Ordinary Time*)
Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8 Psalm 90
Luke 9:43b-45

8:30 MEM Hernando Perez

Sunday, September 29th

(*26th Sunday in Ordinary Time*)
Numbers 11:25-29 Psalm 19
James 5:1-6 Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48