



September 29, 2024 | Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Humanitarian Crises Facing the Palestinians

As the war in Gaza approaches its first anniversary, the nation of Israel continues to confront significant threats to its security while the Palestinian people are suffering through three humanitarian crises.

The scale of the humanitarian crisis in Gaza is difficult to capture. Before the war, 2.2 million persons lived in the 140 square miles that is Gaza—an area roughly the size of Las Vegas. Of these 2.2 million persons, just under half were children. More than 1.3 million Gazans, including some 600,000 children, have been displaced. Clean water, food, medical supplies and medical services, and housing are all now inadequate to meet the needs of the civilian population. In addition, health crises are multiplying due to the lack of proper sanitation, the conditions in which persons are forced to live, and the inability to secure adequate food. Responding to the humanitarian crisis has been made difficult by the fact that Hamas operates within the civilian population and infrastructure which often results in Israeli military actions that exacerbate the humanitarian crisis. Israel has also not prioritized provision of aid to the civilian population. Its stringent inspection requirements of humanitarian aid, the limited access points for such aid, and attacks on aid convoys transiting the West Bank, have all made it extraordinarily difficult for international relief organizations to assist the people of Gaza.



A second humanitarian crisis impacting the Palestinians is the treatment of Palestinians in detention. Israeli Defense Forces established a detention center at its Sde Teiman base, near Be'er-Sheva in the southern Israeli desert, to hold captured militants as well as civilians they had taken into investigative custody. These civilians, ranging in age from teenagers to persons in their seventies, are held at this facility until they are either released or transferred to Israeli prisons. Numerous reports, including a whistleblower report from an Israeli doctor, have revealed harsh and abusive conditions that have led to the deaths of some of the civilian detainees. In Israel itself, civilian prisons are now overpopulated largely due to the influx of Palestinian detainees. The National Security Minister, Itamar Ben-Gvir, boasts of having worsened the conditions for Palestinians in custody. In response to criticism of these

conditions, Ben-Gvir replied, “Everything published about the abominable conditions of Palestinians in Israeli jails was true.” It has to be noted that not all the Palestinians in Israeli prisons have been convicted of crimes. Some are administrative detainees who have neither been charged with a crime nor granted a trial. They and their lawyers are prevented from seeing evidence against them. The conditions of Palestinian detainees in the military and civilian systems have contributed to a rise in militancy among the Palestinians.

A third humanitarian crisis facing the Palestinians is the worsening conditions in the West Bank. While Palestinians there have long had to deal with attacks from Israelis living in West Bank settlements, the scope and the violence of those attacks has increased dramatically since the October 7th assault on Israel by Hamas. In addition, Israeli and Palestinian human rights organizations report that under Israeli Finance Minister, Bezalel Smotrich, who also holds a portfolio in the Defense Ministry, land seizures, building permits for Israeli settlers, and illegal settlements have all increased. Smotrich has declared publicly, “We will continue to fight the dangerous idea of a Palestinian state.”

Israel has the right to defend itself against terrorist organizations including Hamas and Hezbollah. The United States rightly supports Israel in its efforts to defend itself against these organizations both of which have shown a callous indifference to civilian suffering and death—both among Israelis and within their own populations. Yet, we also have an obligation to hold the Israeli government to account when it violates fundamental human rights. To do otherwise, is to contribute to the crises impacting the Palestinians that serve to further destabilize an already volatile region.

— Rev. Mark C. Hallinan, S.J.
Associate Pastor

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 29th

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

CONCERT | Cappella Romana:
Lost Voices of Hagia Sophia.
4 PM. Church.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1st

Meeting Christ in Prayer.
7 PM. Parish House. *Details at right.*

SCRIPTURE CLASS | When Bad Things Happen
to Good People: The Book of Job.
7 PM. Parish House & Zoom.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2nd

Meeting Christ in Prayer.
7 PM. Zoom. *Details at right.*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5th

Season of Change: A Day of Reflection.
11 AM. Wallace Hall.

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.

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.

St. Ignatius Has an App!

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



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.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Fall Blood Drive

Sunday, October 20th

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.

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

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul welcomes all St.
Ignatius parishioners to volunteer with us—and join us
at our meetings for prayer, reflection, spiritual growth,
fellowship, and community service year-round. All
levels of involvement are appreciated.

Our regular meetings take place every other Wednesday
at 7 PM in the Parish House. Our next meeting is
scheduled for Wednesday, October 9th—
and all are welcome!

For more information, please contact us at
svdpmembership980@gmail.com.

Parish Ministries Appreciation Dinner

Tuesday, October 22nd at 7 PM
Wallace Hall

Fr. Dennis Yesalonia, S.J., Pastor, cordially invites those who have participated this year in the various ministries of the parish to the Parish Ministries Appreciation Dinner.



To RSVP, visit [ignatius.nyc/pmdinner2024](https://www.ignatius.nyc/pmdinner2024) or scan the QR code at left.

The RSVP deadline is Tuesday, October 15th.

Retreat

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 the email below. In the latter case, indicate the name of your roommate.

To register, email silparishretreat@gmail.com.

LGBT Catholics & Friends

Movie Night: Cabrini
Monday, October 28th at 6 PM
Wallace Hall

After witnessing disease and poverty in the slums of New York, Italian immigrant Francesca Cabrini embarks on a daring journey to persuade the hostile mayor to provide housing and healthcare for hundreds of orphaned children.

Popcorn, beverages, and light snacks will be provided.

The movie begins at 6:30 PM.

Celebrating Courageous Women of Faith

Wednesday, October 23rd at 7 PM
Church

Join us for an inspiring evening at our third annual Celebrating Courageous Women of Faith program. This year, we are honored to celebrate two remarkable Catholic women whose dedication and leadership have made a profound impact on our community.

Rosanne Haggerty, founder of Community Solutions, an organization with the mission to end homelessness, and **Stacey Hengsterman**, President and CEO of Special Olympics New York, will be recognized for their extraordinary contributions and unwavering commitment to helping others.

Don't miss this opportunity to be inspired by their stories of courage, faith, and service.

We invite you to consider making a financial contribution to support the Celebrating Courageous Women of Faith Project. Your donation will help cover the costs involved in making this program possible.

To contribute, visit [ignatius.nyc/makeapayment](https://www.ignatius.nyc/makeapayment) and note "Courageous Women" in the 'Reason for Donation' box.

Guided Church Tours

Monthly, beginning Sunday, October 27th
12:30 PM

Church (Meeting Point: Narthex)

The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola is a vibrant parish community whose foundation rests on the faith life and commitment of all who worship here.

We invite you to explore and learn more about our beautiful church through our monthly tours.

To register, visit [ignatius.nyc/guidedtours](https://www.ignatius.nyc/guidedtours) or scan the QR code at left.



Group size will be limited, so registration is required.

New Parishioners Reception

Thursday, October 17th, from 7 PM to 9 PM
Wallace Hall

Fr. Dennis Yesalonia, S.J., and the staff of the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola cordially invite you to a reception to welcome our newest parishioners.

Meet new friends, enjoy refreshments, and learn about parish ministries and activities.

RSVP by Sunday, October 13th to
Lou Csabay at lou@csabayconsulting.com
or (908) 581-4580.

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PARISH STAFF

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Rev. Mark C. Hallinan, S.J.

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Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J.

Assisting Priest

Rev. James Martin, S.J.

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Rev. James A. Casciotti, S.J.

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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 October 6th

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

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
M.S. Ed. (Admin.), M.S. Ed. (Literacy)
48 East 84th Street
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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 30th

(St. Jerome)

Job 1:6–22 Psalm 17 Luke 9:46–50

8:30 LVG William Duffy

12:10 MEM Elenore Coppola

5:30 MEM William Powers

Tuesday, October 1st

(St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus)

Job 3:1–3, 11–17, 20–23 Psalm 88

Luke 9:51–56

8:30 MEM Ciro Saracino

12:10 LVG Jo Ann Ruggiero

5:30 MEM Ann Dinger McKenna

Wednesday, October 2nd

(The Holy Guardian Angels)

Job 9:1–12, 14–16 Psalm 88

Luke 9:57–62

8:30 MEM The Choix & Gordon
Families

12:10 MEM Marisa DiMaggio

5:30 MEM Trieu Doan

Thursday, October 3rd

(St. Francis Borgia)

Job 19:21–27 Psalm 27 Luke 10:1–12

8:30 MEM Vera de Rham

12:10 MEM Sose & Mark
Prekelezaj

5:30 MEM Ellen Regan
McCluskey

Friday, October 4th

(St. Francis of Assisi)

Job 38:1, 12–21; 40:3–5 Psalm 139

Luke 10:13–16

8:30 MEM Luisa & Maria Luisa
Cacanindin

12:10 MEM Trish Farrugia

5:30 MEM Jack Kehoe

Saturday, October 5th

(26th Saturday in Ordinary Time)

Job 42:1–3, 5–6, 12–17 Psalm 119

Luke 10:17–24

8:30 MEM Franca Fendi

Sunday, October 6th

(27th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Genesis 2:18–24 Psalm 128

Hebrews 2:9–11 Mark 10:2–16