



October 6, 2024 | Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Has the Time of Fraternity Arrived?

An “Amber Alert” for our world this October might notify us of the following soul-searching events: October 2nd-29th, Toward a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission; October 4th, the Feast of St. Francis; October 7th, Commemoration of Terrorist attack on Israel leading to horrific attacks and loss of life among Palestinians; and the endless angst of the election season. What is the connection among these events? How is Christ present? Where are our faith, hope, compassion?

In June, I discovered an article in a quarterly, “OFM Fraternitas”. It has had the effect of stirring my own hope and conviction that Christ is indeed at work in and with us in our struggles for human decency. On February 4, 2019, Pope Francis and Sheikh Ahmed El-Tayyeb, Grand Imam of Al-Azhar signed a joint agreement, “The Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together.” This historic agreement was signed on the 800th anniversary of the meeting between St. Francis of Assisi and the sultan Malik El-Kamil during the 5th Crusade. Born from the dialog between Tayyeb and Francis, the document declares a “Culture of **Dialog as the Path; Mutual Cooperation as the Code of Conduct;** and, **Reciprocal Understanding as the Method and Standard** for different faiths to live in solidarity and peace.” They asked world leaders to re-discover the values of peace, justice, goodness, beauty, human fraternity and co-existence in order to stop the bloodshed, environmental decay, moral and cultural decline in the world. Panic terror and pessimism are instrumentalized by the absence of these values as well as incorrect interpretations of religious texts and inadequate policies linked to poverty, hunger, and injustices.

On October 4, 2020, Pope Francis followed up on this agreement by releasing his Encyclical Letter *Fratelli Tutti*, which expanded and deepened the concept of fraternity for all people. On October 4, 2023, Francis opened the first session of a Synod on Synodality intending it to be a laboratory for learning skills of communion: respect for the other, listening, discernment, actualizing the dialogs, and inculcating an approach of Church as a communion of brothers and sisters both internally and externally.



In February 2023, “The Abrahamic Family House” was blessed and inaugurated in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. Designed by Nigerian-British Architect David Adjaye, the Abrahamic Family House is a concrete expression of the ideals of both the Abu Dhabi Agreement and *Fratelli Tutti*. It consists of a campus with three worship spaces all in cubic, equal size design: Ahmed Al-Tayeb Mosque facing Mecca; Moses Ben Maimon Synagogue facing Jerusalem; and St. Francis of Assisi Church facing east toward the Rising Sun. A fourth structure, The Forum, serves as a welcome place for convening ecumenical programs and a space for other religious communities of the world to practice their faith. An internal garden with symbolism from the three faiths links these structures. Residences for the pastoral leaders of each group are attached to their worship space so that the sense of “neighbor” can become real. Plans for an interfaith outreach for migrants and refugees, an orphanage and a school are underway.

Rev. Stefan Luca, OFM CAP, the Pastor of St. Francis Church, believes that the Abrahamic Family House reflects the deepening commitment of the Church to the future horizon of human communion through interfaith relationships. Bishop Paolo Martinelli, Apostolic Vicar of Southern Arabia, notes that the Vicariate, with over 200 ethnic groups is a migrant community. Most exciting, both men see this experiment as a stronghold for establishing a new ecclesiology, a migrant ecclesiology where a theological Pentecost can find space and expression through fraternity and experience, learned through dialog and conversation.

The witness of a dual path to human communion based on interfaith relationships, is both theological/spiritual as well as concrete. With the spiritual and human challenges of today, we are all “migrants” in the sense of standing on the borders of unknown landscapes. Perhaps our Christian call is to embrace a new social location as “migrant” with its potential to create fraternal communion for our ecclesial journey.

— Sr. Kathryn King, FSP

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, OCTOBER 6th

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

Blessing of the Animals.

1 PM. Outside the Parish House. *Details below.*

Season of Creation Closing Prayer Service.

3 PM. Church. *Details below.*

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8th

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

7 PM. Parish House & Zoom.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9th

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting.

7 PM. Parish House. *Details at right.*

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.

Season of Creation Closing Prayer Service

Sunday, October 6th at 3 PM
Church

The theme of this year's Season of Creation is
To Hope and Act with Creation.

Our celebration of the Season of Creation will conclude
on Sunday, October 6th, with the Blessing of the
Animals at 1 PM and a Season of Creation Prayer
Service at 3 PM in the church.

The Prayer Service will be led by our Music Ministry
and concludes with a video meditation reflecting
the theme, To Hope and Act with Creation.

Sign-up for Our Weekly E-Newsletter

To receive regular updates on parish news and
events, scan the QR code or visit ignatius.nyc.



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.

Circle of Friends

Adventures in Looking at Art

Tuesday, October 15th at 1 PM
Wallace Hall

PRESENTER

Mara Williams

Chief Curator Emerita, Brattleboro Museum & Art
Center, Brattleboro, Vermont

Join us for a discussion analyzing the works of modern
and contemporary art. Artists invest a considerable
amount of their intellect, emotions, senses, and
spirituality to give outward form to their inner voice.

One of the great joys of viewing art is tussling the
meaning out of an object made by another human
being. Central to this effort is the object's physicality.
Exploring how surface texture, formal relationships,
gestural nuance, palette, or patina support the
content of the artwork is a rewarding endeavor.

From the Archdiocese

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Archdiocese of New York.

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the archdiocese by visiting TheGoodNewsroom.org.

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 or scan the QR code at left.

The RSVP deadline is Tuesday, October 15th.

Ignatian Social Justice

Winter Shoes, Boots, and Coat Drive for Migrant Families

Drop off through Sunday, October 13th at the Parish House

Needs: New or gently used shoes, boots, and coats—infant to adult sizes.

Any monetary donations will be used to buy necessities, including socks and undergarments.

Note: Checks payable to St. Ignatius Loyola should have Migrant Accompaniment on the memo line.

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.

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 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 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

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

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Pastoral Assistant

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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 October 13th

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

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, October 7th

(Our Lady of the Rosary)

Galatians 1:6–12 Psalm 111

Luke 10:25–37

8:30 MEM Carol Ann Canter

12:10 MEM Charles Regan

5:30 MEM Bill Terriberly

Tuesday, October 8th

(27th Tuesday in Ordinary Time)

Galatians 1:13–24 Psalm 139

Luke 10:38–42

8:30 MEM Living & Deceased

Members of the Brenninkmeijer
Family

12:10 LVG Alexander Daniel

5:30 MEM Charles Tantillo

Wednesday, October 9th

(27th Wednesday in Ordinary Time)

Galatians 2:1–2, 7–14 Psalm 117

Luke 11:1–4

8:30 MEM Paul Choix

12:10 MEM Simona Saracino
Fendi

5:30 MEM Ann Marie Renois

Thursday, October 10th

(27th Thursday in Ordinary Time)

Galatians 3:1–5 Luke 1 Luke 11:5–13

8:30 MEM Arthur Murphy

12:10 MEM Stratford C. Wallace

5:30 MEM Deceased Members of
the Scanlon & McLoughlin Families

Friday, October 11th

(27th Friday in Ordinary Time)

Galatians 3:7–14 Psalm 111

Luke 11:15–26

8:30 MEM For All Priests

12:10 MEM Gerald Quinn

5:30 MEM Danny Calise

Saturday, October 12th

(27th Saturday in Ordinary Time)

Galatians 3:22–29 Psalm 105

Luke 11:27–28

8:30 MEM The Meehan Family

Sunday, October 13th

(28th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Wisdom 7:7–11 Psalm 90

Hebrews 4:12–13 Mark 10:17–30