



October 20, 2024 | Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mary Sightings

Have you noticed that the press has recently been reporting on alleged sightings of Mary the Mother of God? The alleged appearances have occurred in different parts of the world—for instance, in Marlboro, New Jersey; Trevignano, Italy; and in Velankani, India. The Vatican has not yet weighed in on the supernaturalness of these sightings. What the Vatican has done is to acknowledge that the locations have become popular centers of devotion to Mary and sources of grace for many.

Thus far, the only apparitions the Roman Catholic Church has endorsed are the 19th-century apparitions of the Virgin Mary in Lourdes, France, and those in the early 20th century in Fatima, Portugal. At both sites, the Church has declared that something miraculous had indeed occurred.

More recently, the sightings that have captured the most attention began to occur in 1981 at Medjugorje, Yugoslavia—now Bosnia and Herzegovina. This past August, the Vatican issued its latest report on these sightings. The report acknowledged the spiritual fruits many have received from their visit to the shrine but concluded that no declaration can be made on the supernatural character of the apparitions.

The reaction of the institutional Church to alleged sightings has always been one of deliberate caution. The Church is like a wise old mother, wily as a serpent and simple as a dove, with centuries of rich, sometimes bitter, experience. She knows that at the end of the first millennium much superstition and something like hysteria swept through Europe with wild predictions about the end of the world.

So the institutional Church acts slowly. Usually, she ignores or opposes these phenomena, knowing most of the alleged apparitions will quickly be forgotten. If they refuse to go away, she scrutinizes them with great care. If they pass all the scientific tests, the Church may say—not that Mary appeared on earth and delivered a message—but that it is a good thing to make a pilgrimage to this place and pray there for healing and conversion and world peace in accordance with the Gospel.

The Church has to help and protect religious-minded people from an innocent attachment to extraordinary religious phenomena: miracles, vision, prophecies, private revelations—even spiritual “highs”. These have a perennial fascination for us. But attachment to them can retard growth rather than advance it.

To paraphrase Jesus in the Gospels, why should people look for spectacular signs? They have Moses and the prophets. If they do not believe Moses and the prophets, neither will they believe the spinning sun or an apparition from heaven. “A wicked and adulterous generation looks for a sign. Blessed are they who have not seen and have believed.”

Authentic religion is always a call to the world of pure faith. This is the dark world of the unseen where we face the God who is mystery of mysteries. In the world of pure faith, there are no voices, no visions, no miraculous healings—nothing that the senses can cling to. There is God and only God.

Nothing more. Nothing less. And God is enough. Authentic religion has little to do with flashes of light in the sky or with rosary beads changing color. It has everything to do with deep faith.



Aranjuez Immaculate Conception.
Bartolomé Esteban Murillo. c. 1675.

— Fr. William J. Bergen, S.J.
Senior Priest

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 20th

Fall Blood Drive.

9 AM. Grammar School's McKinnon Hall.

Details at right.

Community Coffee Hour.

Following the 11 AM Masses. Outside the Parish House.

Sandwich-Making Event Benefiting the New York
Common Pantry.

Following the 11 AM Masses. Wallace Hall Stage.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23rd

Celebrating Courageous Women of Faith.

7 PM. Church.

Details on page 3.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting.

7 PM. Parish House.

The Solemnity of All Saints

Thursday, October 31st

Mass of Anticipation at 5:30 PM
in the Church

Friday, November 1st is the Solemnity of
All Saints, a Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses at 8:30 AM, 12:10 PM,
5:30 PM, and 7:30 PM.

All Masses will be celebrated
in the Church.

All Souls Day Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, November 2nd, from 9 AM to 4 PM
Church

On November 2nd, All Souls Day, immediately
following the 8:30 AM Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will
be exposed in a monstrance for prayer and adoration.
The Book of Remembrance will be at the head of the
main aisle so that you can inscribe the names of your
deceased loved ones. There will be benediction at 4 PM.



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*

Annual Memorial Liturgy

Wednesday, November 6th at 7 PM

Church & Livestreamed

In remembrance of deceased parishioners and/or their
family members who have died since November 2023.

We invite you to submit the names of your deceased
loved ones by Noon on Friday, November 1st.

This can be done via email at silmemorialmass@gmail.com
or by calling the Parish House at 212-288-3588
and leaving a message with Reception. Please also bring
photographs of your deceased loved ones to be placed
near the altar that evening.

Refreshments following in Wallace Hall.

If you are unable to join us in person, a livestream
of the Memorial Mass may be viewed on
our parish YouTube channel.

Training for New Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, November 9th

10 AM to 11 AM in the Church

Our parish needs additional Eucharistic Ministers,
especially at the 11 AM Solemn Mass and the 7:30 PM Mass.

If you would be interested in serving as a Eucharistic
Minister, please come to the training.

The need is great. The training is not arduous. Your
service to the parish should prove fulfilling. So, join us!

To RSVP, email hallinanm@saintignatiusloyola.org.

[If you are interested in serving at the
Wallace Hall Family Mass, email
Fr. Hallinan who will arrange a training.]

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



Snow Ball Dance

Saturday, December 7th at 7 PM
Wallace Hall

Join us for what promises to be a very merry evening! Come eat, drink, and dance to live music by The Morris Brothers Band with your friends and fellow adult (21+)



Tickets are \$75 per person/\$65 for seniors (age 60+). Premium Tables for 8 guests are available for \$1,000.

To purchase, visit ignatius.nyc/snowballdance or scan the QR code at left.

LGBT Catholics & Friends

Movie Night: Cabrini

Monday, October 28th at 6 PM
(Movie begins at 6:30 PM)
Wallace Hall

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

Popcorn, beverages, and light snacks will be provided.

A Good Death

Wednesday, October 30th at 7 PM
Parish House and Zoom

Facing death with our "house in order" is the final gift and blessing we can give to our loved ones.

Our presentation and discussion will explore end-of-life questions including how we can take steps toward downsizing and simplifying our possessions, funeral/burial planning, and spiritual reflections on preparing for a peaceful and holy death.

Brian B. Pinter, Pastoral Associate, will present.

To RSVP, email pinterb@saintignatiusloyola.org.

The Annual Appeal is Underway!

The Annual Appeal is an important source of funds for the many ministries and ordinary operations of the parish.

Please support your parish and contribute to the *Annual Appeal*.



To give online, visit ignatius.nyc/annual-appeal or scan the QR code above.

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

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/makepayment and note "Courageous Women" in the 'Reason for Donation' box.

Guided Church Tours

Beginning Sunday, October 27th at 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.

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 23rd—and all are welcome!

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

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PARISH STAFF

Pastor

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Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J.

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Rev. James Martin, S.J.

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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 27th

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

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

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48 East 84th Street

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(PreK-3 through Kindergarten)

Ms. Mary Larkin, Head of School

240 East 84th Street

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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, October 21st

(29th Monday in Ordinary Time)

Ephesians 2:1–10 Psalm 100

Luke 12:13–21

8:30 MEM Leslie & Walter Kernan

12:10 MEM James Johnson

5:30 MEM Nathan Davidson

Tuesday, October 22nd

(29th Tuesday in Ordinary Time)

Ephesians 2:12–22 Psalm 85

Luke 12:35–38

8:30 MEM Patricia Redmond

12:10 MEM For All Priests

5:30 MEM Bill Hassett

Wednesday, October 23rd

(29th Wednesday in Ordinary Time)

Ephesians 3:2–12 Isaiah 12

Luke 12:39–48

8:30 MEM For All Priests

12:10 MEM Maria Breton

5:30 MEM Joseph Glenn

Thursday, October 24th

(29th Thursday in Ordinary Time)

Ephesians 3:14–21 Psalm 33

Luke 12:49–53

8:30 ANN Joan Gordon

12:10 MEM Richard Joseph Rocco

5:30 MEM Donald Melanson

Friday, October 25th

(29th Friday in Ordinary Time)

Ephesians 4:1–6 Psalm 24

Luke 12:54–59

8:30 MEM For All Priests

12:10 MEM James & Mildred
Perrotta

5:30 MEM Living & Deceased
Members of the Wallace Family

Saturday, October 26th

(29th Saturday in Ordinary Time)

Ephesians 4:7–16 Psalm 122

Luke 13:1–9

8:30 ANN Mary Cecilia Sullivan

Sunday, October 27th

(30th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Jeremiah 31:7–9 Psalm 126

Hebrews 5:1–6 Mark 10:46–52