



October 27, 2024 | Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Church and State: Despair and Hope

During my recent visit to Ireland, I visited Trinity College in Dublin and joined a long line of tourists to view *The Book of Kells*. More than catching a brief glimpse of this magnificent manuscript, what held my attention and, I dare say, inspired me was a copy of the 1916 *Proclamation of the Irish Republic* that is displayed in the same library. The *Proclamation* echoes the refrains of our *Declaration of Independence*. To be free from tyranny, to trust in Divine Providence, and to hope for a better and more just future for everyone are the aspirations for nationhood that are embedded in each word of both documents. In my reading of the *Proclamation* on that day, the din from the throng of visitors to the Long Hall could not dampen the passion, purpose, and pride that rang out from the words on a single page of faded paper in a glass enclosed display case. The meaning of what it must mean for someone to be Irish was palpable.

As we know from our own history, aspiring to be independent and free from tyranny comes at a cost. All seven signatories to the 1916 *Proclamation of the Irish Republic* were executed as traitors by the British. Conflict and the shedding of blood would ensue for three decades before the Republic of Ireland was established. As a nation, we, as Americans, are all too familiar with the reality that to establish and preserve the principles upon which our nation was founded requires vigilance and sacrifice. The words of the founding documents of both nations are not simply written in ink. They are embodied in our resolve to remain true to them and to live them each day as beacons of hope to others who yearn to be free—from fear, from want, from tyranny, from the shackles of injustice, discrimination, and violence.

As I reflected on my visit to the library of Trinity College, I appreciated the symbolic significance of the placement of *The Book of Kells* and the 1916 *Proclamation of the Irish Republic*, two documents that have anchored the Irish psyche. *The Book of Kells* is at the entrance to the Long Room, and the *Proclamation* at the far end of the room, a vivid display of the separation of church and state. However, it is more than the placement of these Irish treasures that was starkly represented. What is equally striking is their profound similarity. Both embody an awakening of hope out of the shedding of blood and the darkness of despair.

What underpins every democratic nation is faith in God, no matter how one worships God or by what religion one may be identified. The founding documents of both Ireland and the United States clearly articulate what we hold as the God given rights of all women and men and explicitly entrust the protection of these rights and of the nation to Divine Providence, the Most High God.

We, like the Irish, are striving to abide by the aspirations of who we are as a nation and people of faith. At times, our differences have the ability to overwhelm us and lead us to the darkness of despair. However, it is within our grasp to be guided by hope and trust in a brighter future. Our histories reveal that we are resilient and can overcome the ugliness of polarization and divisiveness, but it requires vigilance and courage to remain true to what we believe.

As we approach what is arguably the most consequential presidential election in our history, perhaps it is time for us to turn to what anchors us as a nation, our abiding trust in God and the democratic principles upon which our nation was founded. At Trinity College, one is led from *The Book of Kells* to the *Proclamation of the Irish Republic*. May our abiding trust in the provident care of God and our *Declaration of Independence* guide us in the decision to be made on November 5th.

Let us continue to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and for one another that we may be resolute as pilgrims of hope and joyful disciples of Jesus Christ.

— Rev. Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J.
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, OCTOBER 27th

Community Coffee Hour.

Following the 11 AM Masses. Outside the Parish House.

Guided Church Tour.

12:30 PM. Church. *Details on page 3.*

Jazz Mass.

7:30 PM. Church. *Details at right.*

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28th

Movie Night: Cabrini.

6 PM. Wallace Hall. *Details on page 3.*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30th

A Good Death.

7 PM. Parish House and Zoom. *Details on page 3.*

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1st

The Solemnity of All Saints.

Mass Schedule below.

This year, the Solemnity is a holy day of obligation.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd

All Souls Day Eucharistic Adoration.

9 AM to 4 PM. Church. *Details below.*

Blessing of the Sneakers.

5:30 PM. Church. *Details at right.*

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.

Dear Parishioners,

Earlier this year, for lack of hydration, I had three fainting spells while offering Mass. In late September, I tripped and fell in my room and sustained some bodily injuries although not requiring hospitalization.

As I approach my ninety-third birthday, it has been become quite clear to me that I can no longer function adequately as a priest in this parish. In early October, I transferred to our health care facility on the campus of Fordham University in the Bronx. I am settling in well but I know this transition will take time. In the meanwhile, know that I continue to keep you in my prayers and ask that you remember me in your own. It has been a wonderful thirty-five years with you.

— Fr. William Bergen, S.J.

Dear Parishioners,

I share with you a sense of loss now that Father Bergen has left the parish to reside in the Senior Jesuit Residence at Fordham University. He will be greatly missed. His homilies are legendary; his wisdom unquestionable; his demeanor inspirational; and his pastoral care consoling to legions of parishioners over a span of 35 years here at the parish. I will respect Father Bergen's wishes that we not have a reception for him. He admitted that it would be too emotional for him to say good-bye. We will honor him with our memories of his presence among us and in a more lasting way in the coming months. In the meantime, please express your farewell sentiments to him by mail. His address is: Murray-Weigel Hall, 515 E. Fordham Road, Bronx, NY 10458.

— Fr. Yesalonia

Blessing of the Sneakers

Saturday, November 2nd at 5:30 PM

Church

Before running the New York City Marathon on Sunday, November 3rd, join us the day before at our 5:30 PM Mass for a special blessing for runners and all who are participating in the Marathon.

Jazz Mass

Last Sunday of every month at 7:30 PM

Church

Join us on Sunday, October 27th, at our 7:30 PM liturgy for our next monthly Jazz Mass, which is celebrated on the last Sunday of every month.

This month will feature Roosevelt Credit's
God, I Thank You.

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.

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.

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, spiritual reflections on preparing for a peaceful & holy death, and funeral planning advice provided by Frank E. Campbell - The Funeral Chapel.

Brian B. Pinter, Pastoral Associate, will present.

To RSVP, email pinterb@saintignatiusloyola.org.

Concert

Caritas Concerts: Mexamorphosis

Thursday, November 7th at 7:30 PM
Wallace Hall

"Caritas" means "Christian love of humankind; charity."

It is with this spirit that we present our 2024 Caritas Concert: Mexamorphosis. Enjoy music, wine, food, and friendship for social justice. All ticket proceeds will benefit the Del Camino Jesuit Border Ministries and their work. If you'd like to learn more about support for this concert, please contact our Music Associate for Advancement, Christina Kay, at kayc@saintignatiusloyola.org.

"The mission of Del Camino Jesuit Border Ministries is to offer privileged and preferential religious care to the poor, with a focus on pastoral accompaniment and sacramental ministry with the migrant population on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border."

- Del Camino Border Ministries

For tickets, visit
ignatius.nyc/concerts.

Jesuit Friends & Alumni Mass

Sunday, November 3rd at 7:30 PM
Church

Join us for this opportunity for alumni and friends of Jesuit schools to share their common bonds through the celebration of liturgy.

The Mass will be followed by a reception in Wallace Hall.

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



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.

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PARISH STAFF

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Associate Pastors

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Rev. James Martin, S.J.

In Residence

Rev. James A. Casciotti, 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 November 3rd

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

Religious Education for Children

Ms. Kate Noonan, Director

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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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Ms. Mary Larkin, Head of School

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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 28th

(*Ss. Simon & Jude*)

Ephesians 2:19–22 Psalm 19

Luke 6:12–16

8:30 MEM Maude M. Belli

12:10 MEM Daniel Cronin

5:30 MEM Willie O'Shaughnessy

Tuesday, October 29th

(*30th Tuesday in Ordinary Time*)

Ephesians 5:21–33 Psalm 128

Luke 13:18–21

8:30 MEM Mimi Simon

12:10 MEM Jack Rogers

5:30 MEM William Powers

Wednesday, October 30th

(*30th Wednesday in Ordinary Time*)

Ephesians 6:1–9 Psalm 145

Luke 13:22–30

8:30 MEM For All Priests

12:10 MEM Luke LaValle

5:30 MEM Anna Marie Chen

Thursday, October 31st

(*St. Alphonsus Rodriguez*)

Ephesians 6:10–20 Psalm 144

Luke 13:31–35

8:30 MEM Joseph Romano

12:10 MEM Stephen P. Brunetti

Friday, November 1st

(*All Saints*)

Revelation 7:2–4, 9–14 Psalm 24

1 John 3:1–3 Matthew 5:1–12a

Saturday, November 2nd

(*The Commemoration of All the
Faithful Departed*)

Readings will be taken from the

Masses for the Dead

Sunday, November 3rd

(*31st Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

Deuteronomy 6:2–6 Psalm 18

Hebrews 7:23–28 Mark 12:28b–34