

# November 3, 2024 | Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

# A Collage of Saints

A few months ago, I created a Communion of Saints prayer collage. I pasted onto a large poster board icons of my favorite canonized saints, along with photos of family and friends—my personal saints—who have gone to their heavenly place. Next to Ignatius and Martin de Porres are my godparents, Marie and Jack Mulligan. With Julian of Norwich and John XXIII are our fellow parishioners Jean Junker, Carlos Cuartas, and Nicolás Nuño as well as my dear friend Fr. Michael Sehler, S.J., longtime teacher at Loyola School. Every morning, as I begin my day, I spend some time in quiet prayer with all of them. I ask for their blessing and inspiration, I thank them for loving me into the person I have become, and I pray for them as they continue their journey on the other side of life and death. The prayer collage is like a window into heaven; we all come to the glass and enjoy a few moments with each other, sharing a loving gaze.



I have noticed that as I age, the ranks of those I know on the other side are steadily filling. The generation that came before me are, one by one, departing. Now and then, a peer crosses over as well, a reminder that my time here is limited. Each death deepens my devotion to the Communion of Saints, a beautiful but underappreciated dogma of our church. And I am grateful that our tradition dedicates this month of All Souls to remembering and praying with them.

It is a blessing to be able to say to our loved ones all that needs to be said before we are parted from each other, words like, "I love you." "I forgive you." "I apologize." "I am grateful for all you have done for me." I feel blessed that I was able to have a long and enjoyable conversation with Jean Junker the last time I saw her, that I was able to

tell Carlos how much I appreciated his friendship, and that the last thing Mike Sehler said to me before he died was, "I love you." This is how it should be, but sometimes unforeseen circumstances or emotional obstacles or breakdowns in relationships might leave important things unsaid before death comes. Often, when someone dies, we are left with a lot of "if only…"

The Communion of Saints affirms that our relationships with the dead continue, that love is stronger than death. God's infinite mercy and creativity allow us another opportunity to tend to unfinished business. Moreover, I have found that death has the power to strip away barriers to communicating about what is important; we are more able to speak and listen from the heart. The defenses and defensiveness that we so carefully curated in life around certain relationships are dismantled. As the years pass, we might come to better understand those who have gone before us – their stories, their gifts, their wounds. Compassion can begin to flow—and perhaps, over time, in relationships where it is needed, reconciliation occurs.

Near the end of his life, the great spiritual writer Henri Nouwen reflected more deeply on death and dying, and what becomes of our love and connection to those who go before us. "You have to trust that every true friendship has no end," Nouwen wrote, "that a communion of saints exists among all those, living and dead, who have truly loved God and one another. You know from experience how real this is. Those you have loved deeply and who have died live on in you, not just as memories but as real presences." This month of All Souls offers us an invitation to renew our connection with loved ones who have taken their places among the saints. May we pray for and bless them as they do us!

## **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, NOVEMBER 3rd

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

> Jesuit Friends & Alumni Mass. 7:30 PM. Church. Details on page 3.

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6th

Annual Memorial Liturgy. 7 PM. Church & Livestreamed. Details at right.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting. 7 PM. Parish House. Details on page 3.

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7th

Caritas Concerts: Mexamorphosis. 7:30 PM. Wallace Hall. Details on page 3.

# SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9th

Training for New Eucharistic Ministers. 10 AM. Church. Details at right.

> Celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. 5:30 PM. Church. Details below.

# 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.

# Celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick Saturday, November 9th at 5:30 PM Church

This liturgy is designed so that the community can support our brothers and sisters who are ill or aging.

During the course of the Mass, all those who feel the need of healing and strength because of illness, physical weakness or spiritual distress will be invited to come forward to receive the Sacrament of Anointing.

# **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.

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, from 10 AM to 11 AM 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.]

# **Ignatian Interfaith Ministry**

# **Enter the Temple** Thursday, November 21st

7 PM (Doors open at 6:40 PM) Wallace Hall

Join the Ignatian Interfaith Ministry as we welcome V. Rev Archimandrite Chrysostomos Gilbert, Dean of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity.

Fr. Chrysostomos will be speaking to us on the Orthodox Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos (Mother of God) into the Temple in Jerusalem as a young girl. While not recorded in the Gospels, this fireside chat discussion will explore the Feast and what we can learn from it as we prepare our hearts in Advent to "Enter the Temple" at Christmas.

Light reception to follow at 8 PM.

To register, email ignatianinterfaithministry@gmail.com.

# St. Ignatius Has an App!

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



# Snow Ball Dance Saturday, December 7th 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 10 guests are available for \$1,000.

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

# Jesuit Friends & Alumni Mass Sunday, November 3rd 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.

# Panel Discussion: Death & Dying Monday, November 11th at 7 PM Wallace Hall

#### **PANELISTS**

Fr. Dennis Yesalonia, Pastor Brian Pinter, Pastoral Associate Rich Miller-Murphy, Chaplain Dr. Amir Shahid, Hospice/Palliative Physician Ellen Long Stilwell, RN CHPN

To register and/or send in your questions for the panelists, contact lovedeathlove.els@gmail.com.

# Helping Our Teens Nurture Healthy Relationships Tuesday, November 12th at 7 PM Zoom

Good relationship skills do not always come naturally for teens. We can help them learn to foster healthy relationships while becoming aware of what is unhealthy.

Our presentation and discussion will explore the foundations for healthy relationships

Brian B. Pinter, Pastoral Associate and Teacher of Religious Studies at Fordham Prep, will present.

To register, 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.

# A Canine Saint? 'Saint' Guinefort, Dogs and Medieval Christians Monday, November 18th at 7 PM Wallace Hall

Speaker: Steve Molvarec, S.J., Boston College

Join us as we explore one of the most unusual stories of medieval spirituality. Discover the legend of 'Saint' Guinefort, a greyhound revered as a folk saint by French villagers during the Middle Ages.

This lecture, sponsored by The Bollandist Society, delves into the intersection of faith, folklore, and animals, exploring how the faithful came to venerate a dog as a protector of infants and healer of the sick.

# 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, November 6th—and all are welcome!

For more information, please contact us at sydpmembership980@gmail.com.

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# **PARISH STAFF**

#### **Pastor**

Rev. Dennis I. Yesalonia, S.I.

#### **Associate Pastors**

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# **Assisting Priest**

Rev. James Martin, S.J.

#### In Residence

Rev. James A. Casciotti, S.J.

#### Pastoral Associates

Kate Noonan Brian Pinter Jean Santopatre

# **Pastoral Assistant**

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Caroline Fernandes

#### Treasurer

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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 November 10th

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. 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 Halev at weddings@saintignatiuslovola.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, November 4th

(St. Charles Borromeo) Philippians 2:1–4 Psalm 131 Luke 14:12-14

8:30 MEM Ciro Saracino 12:10 MEM Francis Ennis McCollum 5:30 MEM David F. Kelly

#### Tuesday, November 5th

(All Saints of the Society of Jesus) Deuteronomy 30:11–14 Psalm 16 John 12:23-26

8:30 MEM Franca Fendi 12:10 MEM Esperanza C. Valero 5:30 MEM Mae Tantillo

#### Wednesday, November 6th

(31st Wednesday in Ordinary Time) Philippians 2:12–18 Psalm 27 Luke 14:25-33

**8:30 MEM** The Meehan Family 12:10 MEM For All Priests 5:30 MEM Shirley Goodingham

## Thursday, November 7th

(31st Thursday in Ordinary Time) Philippians 3:3–8a Psalm 105 Luke 15:1-10

8:30 MEM Andy Lott 12:10 MEM John Maguire 5:30 MEM Noel Sumulong

#### Friday, November 8th

(31st Friday in Ordinary Time) Philippians 3:17–4:1 Psalm 122 Luke 16:1-8

8:30 MEM For All Priests 12:10 MEM Clifford Iones 5:30 MEM Deceased Members of the Scanlon & McLoughlin Families

#### Saturday, November 9th

(The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica) Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 Psalm 46

1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17 John 2:13-22

8:30 MEM Simona Saracino Fendi

#### Sunday, November 10th

(32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time) 1 Kings 17:10-16 Psalm 146 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44