



November 17, 2024 | Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mary, Beacon of Hope

“We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision.” With these words, Pope Francis has introduced the Jubilee Year of 2025 whose theme is: “Pilgrims of Hope.” As we seek to understand how this Jubilee Year relates to our own personal lives of faith, we can look to Mary as a woman whose hope we can emulate.



Mary was a young woman whose Jewish faith was steeped in hope. She, and her people, had a profound trust that God would fulfill the promises of God to the people of God. Their trust in God was grounded in their history; a history which repeatedly demonstrated God’s fidelity to the people of God even when they were grossly unfaithful to God. God never wavered in God’s faithfulness to the people of God. This is why they knew deep within their hearts that their hope in God would not leave them disappointed.

Raised in this tradition of hope, Mary placed her trust in God when God reached out to her and invited her to be the mother of God’s Son. Mary’s response was not robotic. She wrestled with what God asked of her and questioned how she could be the mother of God’s Son. Her “Yes” to God was an act of tremendous faith in God and an expression of her hope that the promise of her son would be fulfilled for her and her people. Living in a spirit of hope, a spirit of confident trust in God, could not have been easy for Mary given what she faced in her life.

A devout Jew, she saw her son in open conflict with the religious leadership and saw that conflict grow in intensity to the point where she knew her son could face the fate of the prophets before him. How could he fulfill the hope he represented, if he were to die a prophet’s death?

Dying that death, one has to wonder if Mary’s hope did not falter. What did she ponder as she held the lifeless body of her only son in her lap, looking into the eyes that once filled her with joy?

While her faith may have faltered, we know her hope was not crushed because the last time we see Mary in the scriptures she is at prayer with the other disciples on the feast of Pentecost. She continued to be in relationship with the God to whom she had said “Yes” so many years before. Her “Yes” had brought her incalculable pain and sorrow, but it also brought her the joy of knowing that her son had vanquished death and was alive forever. The promise he represented had, indeed, been fulfilled. Her hope had not been in vain.

What lessons does Mary offer us, if we are to live in hope even in times that test our faith? To live in hope, we must be persons of prayer. We must cultivate a living relationship with God in which we consciously call to mind the many ways God has proven to be faithful to God’s people. We also have to call to mind our own personal experience of God’s fidelity to us and of God’s gratuitous love for us. Remembering our own lived experience of God’s fidelity and love, it makes sense for us to persevere in hope, even in the darkest moments of our lives, because we know that God will not disappoint us. If we remain faithful to God, God will prove to be our vindication. This is the hope in which we are all called to live our lives. Let us pray to Mary in this Jubilee year that by her intercession she will help “fan the flame of hope given to us.”

— 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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18th

**A Canine Saint? 'Saint' Guinefort,
Dogs and Medieval Christians.**

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19th

**CIRCLE OF FRIENDS | Bringing People Together: The
History and Pleasures of Our Thanksgiving Holiday.**

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20th

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting.

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21st

IGNATIAN INTERFAITH MINISTRY | Enter the Temple.

7 PM. Wallace Hall. *Details at right.*

LGBT Catholics & Friends Meeting.

7 PM. Parish House.

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](http://ignatius.nyc/annual-appeal) or scan the QR code above.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Service: An Evening of Prayers for Peace

Thursday, November 21st at 7 PM

Church of St. Monica, 413 East 79th Street

Please join the Church of St. Monica as they welcome
outside faith communities in the area to an evening
of togetherness in music, prayer, and reflection. All
are invited to give thanks for God's many blessings,
and to pray for peace in our world, our nation, our
communities, and in our hearts.

A reception with drinks and light bites will follow.

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.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Christmas Angels Gift Project

Saturday, November 23rd to Sunday, December 15th

*Benefiting Our Lady of Lourdes Church, the Church
of the Immaculate Conception, and the migrants
accompanied by the Ignatian Social Justice Ministry*

Angel Cards listing recipients' Christmas wishes will be
on the trees in the Narthex and Wallace Hall.

There will be volunteers to help parishioners with their
Angel registration at all Masses. It's very important to
register your Angel card(s) with one of the volunteers
so we can keep track of the hundreds of gifts.

Please bring your wrapped Angel gift(s) to the
Parish House by *Sunday, December 15th*.

We ask each person or family to limit their number of
Angel Cards to four.

Community Coffee Hour

With the nip of the impending winter bringing a
distinct crispness to the air, it's time to close the Fall
season of our Community Coffee Hour.

Please join us next season for coffee, camaraderie, and
the more clement climes of a New York spring.

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

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 10 guests are available for \$1,000.



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

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Thanksgiving Food Drive Through Wednesday, November 20th

*Benefiting the Church of the Ascension
on the Upper West Side*

We're collecting canned goods and non-perishable items
to help those in need during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Your contribution matters!

SUGGESTED FOOD DONATIONS

Canned: beans, corn, green beans, yams, turkey gravy,
cranberry sauce, tomatoes, chili, tuna, condensed milk

Boxed or Bags: rice, pasta, dried beans, stuffing,
cornbread mix, brown sugar, cake or brownie mix with
frosting, shelf-stable milk

Other: poultry seasoning,
olive oil in plastic bottles or cans

No glass bottles.

Items may be dropped off daily at the Parish House.

All Hearts Together:

**A Mass for the LGBTQ+ Community
Monday, December 2nd at 7 PM in the Church**

Presider: Fr. Bryan Massingale

Join us for a special Mass in observance of
World AIDS Day. Let's come together in
faith and solidarity, lifting up the LGBTQ+
community and all affected by HIV/AIDS.

Reception to follow in Wallace Hall.

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Archdiocese of New York.

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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,
dives 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.

Circle of Friends

Bringing People Together: The History and Pleasures of Our Thanksgiving Holiday

Tuesday, November 19th at 1 PM
Wallace Hall

*SPEAKER: Cathy Kaufman
Adjunct Professor, Food Studies Department,
The New School*

There is a backstory to our Thanksgiving holiday and
how it changed into the holiday we celebrate today.

Come join Circle of Friends for a "Friendsgiving" as
Cathy Kaufman shares with us the history and pleasures
of our Thanksgiving holiday.

A light lunch will be served.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is running a food
drive in November to support the food pantry of the
Church of the Ascension in East Harlem. We invite each
of our attendees to bring food staples (canned goods,
tomato sauce, dried pasta, rice, etc.) to the November
19th program to benefit the Church of the Ascension
in East Harlem.

**Pre-registration is required. To register, email
silcircleoffriends@gmail.com.**

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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 24th

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

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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, November 18th

(33rd Monday in Ordinary Time)

Revelation 1:1–4; 2:1–5 Psalm 1

Luke 18:35–43

8:30 MEM Alice Maloney

12:10 MEM For All Priests

5:30 MEM For All Priests

Tuesday, November 19th

(33rd Tuesday in Ordinary Time)

Revelation 3:1–6, 14–22 Psalm 15

Luke 19:1–10

8:30 MEM Carla Fendi

12:10 MEM Margaret Oswald
Manning

5:30 MEM Dr. & Mrs. Edward
Brennan

Wednesday, November 20th

(33rd Wednesday in Ordinary Time)

Revelation 4:1–11 Psalm 150

Luke 19:11–28

8:30 MEM Robert Blackstone, Jr.

12:10 MEM Suzanne Coleman

5:30 MEM Toni Brown

Thursday, November 21st

(The Presentation of the Blessed
Virgin Mary)

Revelation 5:1–10 Psalm 149

Luke 19:41–44

8:30 MEM P.J. Feerick

12:10 MEM Mary Ann Sinnott

5:30 MEM Nathan Davidson

Friday, November 22nd

(St. Cecilia)

Revelation 10:8–11 Psalm 119

Luke 19:45–48

8:30 MEM Mirbin Joseph

12:10 MEM Sose & Mark

Prekelezaj

5:30 MEM William Powers

Saturday, November 23rd

(33rd Saturday in Ordinary Time)

Revelation 11:4–12 Psalm 144

Luke 20:27–40

8:30 MEM Cecelia Fanelli

Sunday, November 24th

(Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the
Universe)

Daniel 7:13–14 Psalm 93

Revelation 1:5–8 John 18:33b–37