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April 6, 2025 | Fifth Sunday of Lent

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## A Vocational Journey

In my mid-20s, I had everything I could have possibly imagined. It was basically my dream life of working in corporate sports marketing, living in my own rent-controlled apartment, and making the rounds where my friends bartended. But I noticed a recurring feeling that seemed to happen each week after the Sunday evening Mass at Epiphany Parish.

What was it? I wanted to be like the priest up in the sanctuary. I didn't know that priest, but I thought about the two people in my life who lived their lives with meaning, purpose, and joy—both Jesuits: my uncle, Fr. Jim Dolan, SJ, and Fr. Tim Brown, SJ, my Jesuit class moderator and business law professor at Loyola University Maryland.

I decided to do something that Lent that I feared. In Fr. James Martin's book, *In Good Company*, I read about how Jesuit novices in their first year serve as hospital orderlies. When I saw a bulletin ad for volunteers needed at Cabrini Nursing Home in the East Village, I thought that could possibly be a way for me to think more about the Jesuits, since everything else in my life wasn't necessarily leading me down the path of a Jesuit vocation.

Little by little, that service—attending Saturday morning Mass with nursing home residents—became part of my routine. After a detour to a Hamptons share house and training for the New York City Marathon that fall, I found myself the next Lent more seriously considering the Jesuits. By then, I was no longer living in Stuyvesant Town—my four years of rent control were over. I had moved with two roommates to 95th Street and started attending Mass at St. Ignatius.

Almost parallel to quietly beginning Jesuit discernment, I also got more involved in the parish. I returned to the Sacrament of Reconciliation after a long time, with the newly ordained Fr. George Witt, SJ. When I shared my vocation journey with the pastor, Fr. Gerry Blaszcak, SJ, he said, "I'm going to put you to work!" and I became a lector, a Eucharistic minister, and more active in Ignatian Young Adults, helping with spirituality programming. Looking back, I see that period as my own "hidden life," much like Jesus' years before his public ministry—a time of growth and waiting as my call became clearer.

Now, after almost 17 years as a Jesuit, I find myself living in New York City again. My formation brought me to Syracuse, Chicago, Boston, and South Africa. I taught and served at high schools in Micronesia, Boston, and Washington, D.C. Now I work in the USA East Province office on 83rd Street as the Provincial Assistant and Director of Vocations, while living at the Xavier Jesuit Community on 16th Street.

On the last leg of my commute from the 86th Street subway station to my office, I look at the façade of St. Ignatius and think back to all the people who encouraged me during my time here. Marissa Blackett, who, during a parish capital campaign, noticed me and asked if I had ever considered becoming a priest. I was encouraged by the witness and friendship of Carlos Cuartas. The priests at St. Ignatius—Fr. Bergen, Fr. Witt, Fr. Blaszcak—their inspiring homilies and their willingness to let young adults get involved helped confirm my next steps.

When I first came back and celebrated the 7:30 PM Mass—the one where I often found myself in the pews—I was filled with gratitude, praying once again with the parish community who welcomed me and formed me.

So many young people pass through these doors. Give them a mission. If you notice a good quality in them that would make them a good Jesuit brother, priest, religious sister, or diocesan priest—tell them. One of the best things we can do if we want vocations in the Church is to notice and invite. It means so much to a young person when an adult sees something in them and shares it with them.

We might be afraid to invite. Jesus wasn't. He invited all sorts of people to come, follow him. St. Ignatius did too. Thus, Saint Peter Faber and Saint Francis Xavier. Marissa and Carlos weren't afraid to invite the young man they noticed around the parish.

I'm consoled—especially during this Jubilee Year of Hope—to journey once again with such faithful pilgrims.

— Rev. Patrick Nolan, SJ

*If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Jesuit life of mission, community, and prayer, please visit [BeAJesuit.org](http://BeAJesuit.org).*

## 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, APRIL 6th

**CONCERT | Westminster Cathedral Choir, London.**  
4 PM. Church.

*Details on page 3.*

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 8th

**In the Age of Titanic: Immigration Versus  
Travel Aboard the Great Ocean Liners.**

1 PM. Wallace Hall.

*Details on page 3.*

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.**

7 PM. Church.

*Details below.*

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9th

**Back to Basics 3.0:**

**Catholic Beliefs Concerning the Afterlife.**

7 PM. Wallace Hall.

*Details on page 3.*

**Sustaining Hope Through Forgiveness.**

7 PM. Parish House & Zoom.

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 12th

**Stations of the Cross.**

9 AM. Church.

*Details on page 3.*

### Change for Change

Donations this year will be forwarded to  
the Society of Jesus in Southern Africa.

The collection period runs to the end of Lent.  
Loose change, bills, and checks (made out to  
“Church of St. Ignatius Loyola”) are welcome.  
Please bring donations to the Parish House.

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Tuesdays, through April 15th**

**6 PM to 8 PM**

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 6 PM.  
The Church will be open for private adoration until  
shortly before 8 PM, when the exposition concludes  
with Benediction. The Blessed Sacrament will then be  
reposed, and the church will close.

## Second Annual Parish Art Show

**Thursday, May 8th to Saturday, May 10th**  
**Wallace Hall**

Are you ready to unleash your inner Picasso or Ansel Adams and dazzle the parish community with your artistic flair? Then, grab your pencils, your paintbrushes, or your finest lens, for it's your time to shine. Be they masterpieces or happy accidents, we invite you to submit your work to our second annual Parish Art Show.

Any non-digital media can be submitted: photographs, paintings, drawings, pastels, watercolors, etchings, linocuts, lithographs, collages, mixed media, sculpture. All artists aged 18 and over are invited to submit.

You can submit up to two pieces (more if we have the space). All submissions (except sculptures) must be framed and ready to hang. Maximum size is limited to 3 feet by 3 feet; sculptures are limited to 25 pounds.

Pre-registration is required. **Sign up online at [ignatius.nyc/artshowreg](http://ignatius.nyc/artshowreg).** *The last day to register is Wednesday, April 30th.* Don't miss out!

**Submissions are to be dropped off at the Parish House on Thursday, May 1st (6 PM to 9 PM), Friday, May 2nd (6 PM to 9 PM), and Saturday, May 3rd (10 AM to 2 PM).**

You can offer the work for sale or display it. If your work is sold, all sale proceeds will go to the parish. All art must be family-friendly.

The Art Show will open in Wallace Hall on Thursday, May 8th, at 6:30 PM. The art will remain on display until Saturday, May 10th, at 2 PM.

**For more information, email [silartshow@gmail.com](mailto:silartshow@gmail.com).**

### Palm Sunday & Holy Week Mass Schedule

#### **Palm Sunday**

##### **April 13th Masses**

5:30 PM Saturday Vigil, 8 AM, 9:30 AM, 11 AM (*Church/livestreamed*), 11 AM Wallace Hall Family Mass & 7:30 PM

#### **HOLY WEEK MASSES**

##### **Holy Thursday/April 17th**

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 PM (*Church/livestreamed*)

##### **Good Friday**

##### **April 18th**

Three Hours Devotion, from Noon to 3 PM (*Church*)  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion Liturgy at 7 PM  
(*Church/livestreamed*)

##### **Holy Saturday/April 19th**

Easter Vigil Mass at 8 PM (*Church/livestreamed*)

##### **Easter Sunday**

##### **April 20th**

8 AM, 10 AM (*Church*), 10 AM Wallace Hall Family Mass, and 12 PM Noon (*Church/livestreamed*)

**Stations of the Cross: Saturdays in Lent**  
Through April 12th at 9 AM  
Church

Led by Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J.

Join us for this traditional devotion as we draw closer to Jesus through a prayerful reflection on his passion and death.

Note: There will be Stations of the Cross on Wednesday, April 16th, at 7:30 PM in the Church.

**Lenten/Easter Food Drive**  
Through Sunday, April 13th

*Benefiting the Church of the Ascension*

Society of St. Vincent de Paul, the Interparish Religious Education Program, and Saint Ignatius Loyola Grammar School are collecting canned goods and non-perishable items to help our neighbors in need during this Lenten season. Your contribution matters!

**Suggested Food Donations**

**Canned:** beans, corn, green beans, yams, tomatoes, other canned vegetables & fruits, chili, stew, soup, tuna and other canned fish & meat, condensed milk

**Boxed, Bags, Plastic Jars, Shelf-Stable Packages:** rice, pasta, dried beans, cornbread mix, baking/pancake mix (e.g., Bisquick), shelf-stable milk, hot or cold cereal, instant soups, brown sugar, cake or brownie mix with frosting,

**Other:** seasonings, olive oil or avocado oil in plastic bottles or cans

**NO glass jars or bottles.**

*Items may be dropped off daily at the Parish House.*

**Circle of Friends**

**In the Age of Titanic:  
Immigration Versus Travel Aboard  
the Great Ocean Liners**

Tuesday, April 8th at 1 PM in Wallace Hall

William Roka, the Director of Programs at Village Preservation, will discuss the fascinating history of this ship. Titanic was built in an era when ships of her class were designed to accommodate mass immigration and the world's wealthiest travelers. From what inspired her construction to the profoundly tragic sinking of this most famous ocean liner, Titanic's life perfectly encapsulated the fascinating and complex transatlantic world of the early 20th century.

*Advance registration is required.*

To RSVP, email [silcircleoffriends@gmail.com](mailto:silcircleoffriends@gmail.com).

**Back to Basics 3.0**

**Catholic Beliefs Concerning the Afterlife**  
Wednesday, April 9th  
7 PM  
Wallace Hall

**PRESENTER**  
Fr. James Casciotti, S.J.

Join us for this presentation on Catholic beliefs concerning the afterlife as part of our annual series on what it means to be Catholic.

**Concert**

**Westminster Cathedral Choir, London**  
Sunday, April 6th  
4 PM  
Church

Westminster Cathedral Choir is widely considered to be one of the finest choirs in the world. Since its foundation in 1901, it has occupied a unique and enviable position at the forefront of English church music, not least because of the ground-breaking work of its first Master of Music, Sir Richard Terry, who revived the great works of the English and continental Renaissance composers.

The choir's fame grew under Terry as it presented this forgotten music, transforming attitudes to the repertoire.

Innovation continued under George Malcolm who pioneered the development of the choir's sound along continental lines, resulting in a choir that was truly revolutionary in both what and how it sang. The choir continues these traditions today, and it remains the only Catholic Cathedral choir in the world to sing daily Mass and Vespers. More recent holders of the post have included Colin Mawby, Stephen Cleobury, David Hill, James O'Donnell, and Martin Baker. Since September 2021, the choir has been directed by Simon Johnson.

For tickets, visit [ignatius.nyc/concerts](http://ignatius.nyc/concerts).

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Sock Hop**  
Saturday, May 17th  
7 PM  
Wallace Hall

It's time to have some fun and dance.

So, ladies, get the bobby socks and poodle skirts out of the mothballs. Gents, get those white socks washed and the penny loafers polished. In the meantime, practice your jitterbug routines.

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## PARISH STAFF

### Pastor

Rev. Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J.

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Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.

### 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

Maureen Haley

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Jen Arvay Kefalas Robert Reuter  
Daniel Beckwith Michael Sheetz  
Christina Kay Elizabeth Van Os  
Douglas Purcell  
Scott Warren, *Director*

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Patricia Schneider

### Director of Communications

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### Director of Facilities

Robert Cisternino

### Facilities Coordinator

Pattie Hughes

### 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 April 13th

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

## 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  
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48 East 84th Street  
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### 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, April 7th

(5th Monday of Lent)

Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62  
Psalm 23 John 8:12-20

**8:30 MEM** Michael & Owen  
Murphy

**12:10 MEM** Sose & Mark  
Prekelezaj

**5:30 MEM** Shirley Goodingham

### Tuesday, April 8th

(5th Tuesday of Lent)

Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 102  
John 8:21-30

**8:30 MEM** Steve Hagrovich

**12:10 MEM** Robert Malin

**5:30 MEM** James Shea

### Wednesday, April 9th

(5th Wednesday of Lent)

Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 Daniel 3  
John 8:31-42

**8:30 MEM** Simona Saracino  
Fendi

**12:10 MEM** Peter J. Burke

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

### Thursday, April 10th

(5th Thursday of Lent)

Genesis 17:3-9 Psalm 105  
John 8:51-59

**8:30 MEM** John G. Lindenthal

**12:10 MEM** Stratford C. Wallace

**5:30 MEM** Living & Deceased  
Members of the Brenninkmeijer  
Family

### Friday, April 11th

(5th Friday of Lent)

Jeremiah 20:10-13 Psalm 18  
John 10:31-42

**8:30 MEM** The Meehan Family

**12:10 MEM** Cecil Spadafora

**5:30 MEM** Marge Hefferon

### Saturday, April 12th

(5th Saturday of Lent)

Ezekiel 37:21-28 Jeremiah 31  
John 11:45-56

**8:30 MEM** Antonio Eugene  
Chiappa

### Sunday, April 13th

(Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord)

Isaiah 50:4-7 Psalm 22  
Philippians 2:6-11 Luke 22:14-23:56