



May 4, 2025 | Third Sunday of Easter

The Shame of Our Nation

There is a genuine moral crisis in our nation today. In our name, migrants resident in this country have been sent to a foreign prison without a proper process for vetting who they are and the threat they pose. This not only violates fundamental principles that have long defined us as a nation, but also fundamental moral principles that define us as Christians.

Writing to the bishops of the United States, Pope Francis reminded them, and us, that “the infinite and transcendent dignity of every human person” is the foundation stone upon which we build a just social order. When we speak of “infinite and transcendent dignity,” Pope Francis tells us, “we want to emphasize that the most decisive value possessed by the human person surpasses and sustains every other juridical consideration that can be made to regulate life in society. Thus, all the Christian faithful and people of good will are called upon to consider the legitimacy of norms and public policies in the light of the dignity of the human person and his or her fundamental rights.”



Using this standard, it is clear that the policy of mass deportations is a gross violation of human rights. Invoking the Alien Enemies Act provided the current administration a pretext for the swift removal of Venezuelans and El Salvadorans to a prison in El Salvador. The administration argued that those who were deported were members of either the El Salvadoran gang, MS-13, or the Venezuelan gang, Tren de Aragua whose presence in the United States represented a “predatory incursion” that threatened national security. What we have now discovered is that the designation of individuals as members of either gang was done in a way that was deeply flawed and provided no opportunity for individuals to dispute the charges made against them.

A case that currently dominates the news is that of Kilmar Abrego Garcia who is a 29-year-old El Salvadoran who has been living in this country since 2019 under “a withholding from removal order” intended to prevent his deportation to his homeland. With that order, Garcia obtained a work permit from the Department of Homeland Security under the first Trump administration that allowed him to become a union sheet-metal worker. Designating Garcia a member of MS-13, he was sent to the terrorist confinement center in El Salvador. The failure of the administration to take action to return him to the United States led to a stinging rebuke by federal appellate justice J. Harvie Wilkinson, a Reagan appointee: “It is difficult in some cases to get to the very heart of the matter. But in this case, it is not hard at all. The government is asserting a right to stash away residents of this country in foreign prisons without the semblance of due process that is the foundation of our constitutional order. Further, it claims in essence that because it has rid itself of custody there is nothing that can be done. This should be shocking not only to judges, but to the intuitive sense of liberty that Americans far removed from courthouses still hold dear.”

Rendition of persons to a foreign prison without fair adjudication of facts is not only a shocking breach of the constitutional principles that are the foundation of our democracy, but, more importantly, a shocking breach of our obligation to protect “the infinite and transcendent dignity of every human person.” How can we live with ourselves knowing that there are persons unjustly deprived of their liberty, languishing in inhumane conditions, and that they suffer this fate due to actions of our government taken in our name?

I suspect there will come a day when persons will look back to this time and ask, “Why didn’t they act?” I know with certainty that if we don’t act, God will one day ask us, “Why didn’t you?”

— 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

SUNDAY, MAY 4th

Community Coffee Hour.
12 PM. Outside the Parish House.

CONCERT | Sing & Celebrate.

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

MONDAY, MAY 5th

**The Harlem Family Institute and
Its Coming Family & Child Development Center.**
7 PM. Wallace Hall. *Details at right.*

TUESDAY, MAY 6th

Ranger Rosary.
1:30 PM. Parish House. *Details on page 3.*

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7th

**Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation and
Anointing of the Sick.**
7 PM. Grammar School's McKinnon Hall.
Details on page 3.

The "Overlooked Books" of the New Testament.
7 PM. Parish House & Zoom.
Details on page 3.

THURSDAY, MAY 8th to SATURDAY, MAY 10th

Third Annual Parish Art Show.
Wallace Hall. *Details on page 3.*

Low-Gluten Hosts

For parishioners wishing to receive a low-gluten host at the distribution of Holy Communion, please speak with a Hospitality Minister.

Sign-up for Our Weekly E-Newsletter!



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

Electronic Methods to Donate to the Parish

A Donation Kiosk has been installed at the back of the church. Using it is quite simple—just select a fixed amount or an amount of your choosing and tap with your mobile device.

To learn more about the parish or to donate while sitting in a pew, signs have been affixed to the backs of the pews. Simply point your mobile device on the QR code under the heading, *Monetary Contribution*. The other QR codes may be used to access information about the parish.

The Harlem Family Institute and Its Coming Family & Child Development Center

Monday, May 5th at 7 PM
Wallace Hall

Join us as three of the Institute's leaders will offer a panel discussion about this institute unique among New York's many psychoanalytic training institutes, unique because of its focus on taking affordable training and treatment out to underserved communities.

Panelists are Michael Connolly, parishioner, Dr. Paula Kliger, principal strategic consultant to the Institute, and Rev. Sheila Johnson, who leads the Institute's clinical subsidiary as it establishes the new clinic. All three are psychoanalysts who are taking a lead in what is coming to be called community psychoanalysis.

The Spring Appeal is Underway!

The Spring 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 2025 Spring Appeal.



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

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Lady Chapel Open for Private Prayer

The Lady Chapel is open daily for private prayer from 1 PM to 4 PM.

During those hours, the Church will be closed.

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

Third Annual Parish Art Show
Thursday, May 8th to Saturday, May 10th
Wallace Hall

Join us to see the hidden talents of your fellow parishioners! And perhaps buy a piece of art for your home or as a gift.

Join us for the opening reception on Thursday, May 8th, from 6:30 PM to 9 PM, in Wallace Hall. Light refreshments will be served.

Art will be on display in Wallace Hall on Friday, May 9th, from Noon to 5 PM, and Saturday, May 10th, from 10 AM to 2 PM.

For more information, email silartshow@gmail.com.

**Clothing Michelangelo's David:
Sculpture as Political Power**

Tuesday, May 13th
1 PM
Wallace Hall

PRESENTER

**John Paoletti, Emeritus Professor of Art History,
Wesleyan University**

Michelangelo Buonarroti (1475-1564) was in his early twenties when he was commissioned to create a statue representing the Biblical hero, David. However, Michelangelo's David is unlike other depictions of this Biblical hero. What is different about Michelangelo's depiction of David? What does this statue really mean? To whom was it addressed? Is this David really who we think he is?

Come join Circle of Friends and learn about the backstory of this brilliant and controversial masterpiece.

Registration is required. Please register at silcircleoffriends@gmail.com.

Ranger Rosary

Tuesday, May 6th
1:30 PM
Parish House

Ranger Rosary serves deployed members of our Armed Services. We make rosaries by hand and since August 2009, our group has made over 23,000 rosaries for servicewomen and servicemen.

Supplies and instructions are provided.

Please contact Marilyn Esposito at Esposito218@verizon.net if you are interested.

Concert

Sing & Celebrate
Sunday, May 4th at 3 PM
Wallace Hall

Join us for an afternoon of singing and celebration of our yearlong liturgical music program! Featuring the volunteer choir members of St. Ignatius and accompanied by our Director of Music Ministries, K. Scott Warren, this annual event will showcase the talent within our parish through a joyous performance of choral favorites.

Free and open to the public. No tickets needed.

Back to Basics 3.0

**Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation
and Anointing of the Sick**

Wednesday, May 7th at 7 PM
Grammar School's McKinnon Hall

PRESENTER

Fr. Dennis Yesalonia, S.J.

Join us for this presentation on sacraments of healing as part of our series on what it means to be Catholic.

Ignatian Interfaith Ministry

Visit to Sikh Gurdwara
Sunday, June 8th at 11:30 AM
Sikh Cultural Society, 9530 118th Street
South Richmond Hill, New York

Join the Ignatian Interfaith Ministry for their first "field trip" to Queens.

We will be guests of the Sikh Gurdwara (temple) in Richmond Hill Queens for a tour and the ability to observe a service. Transportation is not provided. We plan to gather at the Gurdwara around 11:30 AM.

Please RSVP to ignatianinterfaithministry@gmail.com so we can let our hosts know how many to expect.

**The "Overlooked Books"
of the New Testament**

Four Wednesdays, beginning May 7th at 7 PM
Parish House & Zoom

Join us as we explore a selection of less familiar New Testament documents that nonetheless carry deep theological and spiritual wisdom. Our presentations and discussions will focus on the letters of John, Jude, and James. Brian B. Pinter, Pastoral Associate, will present.

To RSVP, email pinterb@saintignatiusloyola.org.

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Weekday Masses (Monday to Friday)

8:30 AM, 12:10 PM, and 5:30 PM

Saturday: 8:30 AM

Masses for Next Weekend:

Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM Fr. Hallinan
Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Casciotti
9:30 AM Fr. Hilbert
Festival Mass 11:00 AM Fr. Yesalonia
7:30 PM Fr. Yesalonia

Religious Education for Children

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Saint Ignatius Loyola School

Upper Campus

(First Grade through Eighth Grade)

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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, May 5th

(3rd Monday of Easter)

Acts 6:8-15 Psalm 119

John 6:22-29

8:30 MEM Franca Fendi

12:10 MEM Mary H. Butler

5:30 MEM Caroline McCall

Tuesday, May 6th

(3rd Tuesday of Easter)

Acts 7:51-8:1a Psalm 31

John 6:30-35

8:30 MEM Theodor Sofleta

12:10 MEM Susan Handville

5:30 MEM Charles Tantillo &
Paula Fudge Tantillo

Wednesday, May 7th

(3rd Wednesday of Easter)

Acts 8:1b-8 Psalm 66 John 6:35-40

8:30 MEM The Choix & Gordon
Families

12:10 ANN Julia Ann O'Donnell

5:30 ANN Arthur Levine

Thursday, May 8th

(3rd Thursday of Easter)

Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 66

John 6:44-51

8:30 MEM

12:10 MEM Tricia L. Crowley

5:30 MEM Kevin Sullivan

Friday, May 9th

(3rd Friday of Easter)

Acts 9:1-20 Psalm 117

John 6:52-59

8:30 MEM Simona Saracino
Fendi

12:10 MEM Margaret & Peter
Voorhies

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

Saturday, May 10th

(3rd Saturday of Easter)

Acts 9:31-42 Psalm 116

John 6:60-69

8:30 MEM The Meehan Family

Sunday, May 11th

(4th Sunday of Easter)

Acts 13:14, 43-52

Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

Psalm 100 John 10:27-30