



April 19, 2026 | Third Sunday of Easter

## Religious Bigotry

We should all be alarmed and galvanized into action by the rise in antisemitism and a concurrent outpouring of hatred directed toward Muslims. There can be no tolerance for any expression of antisemitism or expressions of hatred or disdain for Muslims.

Sixty years ago, the Second Vatican Council issued a document, *Nostra Aetate*, in which the Church broke new ground in its understanding of our relationship to other faith traditions. This document reflects the definitive teaching of our Church as evident in the fact that Pope Leo XIV offered a catechesis on this document on the occasion of its sixtieth anniversary in 2025. Pope Leo reminded us of what that document taught us: "...the Church, 'mindful of the patrimony she shares with the Jews and not moved by political reasons but by the Gospel's spiritual love, decries hatred, persecutions, displays of antisemitism, directed against Jews at any time and by anyone.'" Pope Leo went on to declare: "...All my predecessors have condemned antisemitism with clear words. And so I too confirm that the Church does not tolerate antisemitism and fights against it, on the basis of the Gospel itself."



There is no disputing the rise of antisemitism in the United States. In January of this year, Beth Israel Synagogue in Jackson, Mississippi, was firebombed. The library and administrative offices were destroyed along with five torahs—the sacred texts of the Jewish people. In March, a man drove his truck into Temple Israel in Bloomfield, Michigan. The temple has a school that was in session at the time of the attack. Only the presence of armed guards prevented a catastrophe. The NYPD reports that in 2025 there were 330 antisemitic incidents out of a total of 576 suspected hate crimes—a suspected anti-Jewish incident every 26 hours.

What does our Church teach us with regard to the Muslim people? Return to *Nostra Aetate*: "The Church has a high regard for the Muslims. They worship God, who is one, living and subsistent, merciful and almighty, the Creator of Heaven and earth... They strive to submit themselves without reserve to the hidden decrees of God... Although not acknowledging him as God, they venerate Jesus as a prophet, his Virgin Mother they also honor, and even at times devoutly invoke. Further, they await the day of judgment and the reward of God following the resurrection of the dead. For this reason they highly esteem an upright life and worship God, especially by way of prayer, almsgiving, and fasting."

Unfortunately, it has become advantageous politically to target Muslims for the vilest attacks imaginable. Rep Randy Ogles, Republican of Tennessee, has stated: "Islam is a religion of violence, abuse of women and ruthless conquest. Its laws and practices have no place in American society." He represents a district with a sizeable Muslim population that includes membership in an Islamic center that was destroyed because of a hate crime in 2008. In Texas, state and federal campaigns are striving to outdo themselves in their anti-Islamic rhetoric. One candidate launched her campaign with the burning of a Quran while declaring: "your daughters will be raped and your sons beheaded, unless we stop Islam once and for all." Remember that Sid Rosenberg recently referred to Mayor Mamdani as a "Radical Islam cockroach" and a "jihadist, America-hating mayor." This is the ugly reality of American discourse today.

Returning for a final time to *Nostra Aetate*, hear this clear, unequivocal teaching of our Church: "...the Church reproveth, as foreign to the mind of Christ, any discrimination against people or any harassment of them on the basis of their race, color, condition in life or religion." Always remember that silence is complicity. We must speak out when we hear any derogatory words, or see any acts of hatred, directed toward others because of their religion. Bigotry should find no home in our hearts or in our society.

— 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, APRIL 19th

**Earth Day Walk in Central Park with George.**  
12 PM. Meeting Point: Wallace Hall. *Details at right.*

**IGNITE Tech Support for Seniors Program.**  
12:30 PM. Parish House. *Details on page 3.*

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22nd

**The Overlooked Books of the New Testament.**  
7 PM. Parish House & Zoom. *Details at right.*

### **The Sisters of St. Joseph Brentwood: Spirituality, Ecology, and Justice in Action**

Thursday, April 30th at 6:30 PM  
Wallace Hall

Christine Massi and Nico Carl of the Ecology Department will offer an overview of sustainability, setting the stage for a deeper conversation. Following the presentation, Fr. Hallinan will interview Sister Karen Burke, CSJ, EdD, Director of the Sisters of St. Joseph Sustainability Department, who will reflect on the passion, commitment, and perseverance that guide efforts in preservation and conservation.

### **Interfaith Trip to Spain** October 10th to 18th

Please join us on a tour of sacred Christian, Muslim, and Jewish heritage sites in Spain. The tour is co-sponsored by the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, Temple Emanu-El, and Peace Islands Institute New York. To express your interest, scan the QR code at left.



*- Fr. Gesalonia*

### **Join Our Email Mailing List!**

We invite you to sign-up for our e-newsletter to receive updates on parish news and events.

To sign-up, scan the QR code at right  
or visit [ignatius.nyc](http://ignatius.nyc).



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

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

Wednesdays, April 22nd to May 13th at 7 PM  
Parish House & Zoom

What are the qualifications to be a leader in the church? How should Christians handle wealth? How do we find meaning in suffering? How do we challenge unjust social structures? The letters to Philemon, Timothy, and Titus contemplate these still-relevant questions. Our gatherings will explore historical and spiritual interpretations of these often overlooked yet deeply fascinating texts. Brian B. Pinter, Pastoral Associate, will present.

To register, email [pinterb@nycignatius.org](mailto:pinterb@nycignatius.org).

### **Laudato Si'/Care of Creation Ministry**

#### **Earth Day Walk in Central Park with George**

Sunday, April 19th  
Following the 11 AM Masses  
Meeting Point: Wallace Hall

We'll gather in Wallace Hall following the 11 AM Masses for a brief introduction, then head into Central Park to explore select highlights, including the Conservatory Garden and the North Woods.

Along the way, we'll step away from the pace of city life and immerse ourselves in two distinct yet equally inspiring landscapes—from the formal beauty of the Gardens to the rustic, woodland serenity of the deep Woods. all while reflecting on the glory of God's creation! Designed to evoke the Adirondacks, the 40-acre North Woods offers a peaceful retreat of soaring trees, winding paths, and natural water features. We'll encounter historic arches, listen to cascading streams, observe birdlife at the Pool, and experience the quiet majesty of this urban oasis—God's gift to us!

Put on your walking shoes and join us for a Spring Sunday in the Park with George! Following the success of our Fall Walk, we're delighted to continue what is quickly becoming a cherished St. Ignatius Loyola tradition.

Feel free to bring a brown bag lunch to enjoy before or during the walk. The tour will last about 90 minutes.

Please RSVP to Jean Santopatre, Pastoral Associate,  
at [santopatrej@nycignatius.org](mailto:santopatrej@nycignatius.org).

### **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.

## Circle of Friends

### Michelangelo's Dark Night of the Soul: The Last Judgment

Tuesday, May 12th at 1 PM  
Wallace Hall

#### PRESENTER

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

Michelangelo is back for an encore! At our final program of this season, Circle of Friends again will be talking about Michelangelo Buonarroti (1475-1564), one of the most famous artists in the history of the world and the art he created after his sculpture of David. Michelangelo's *The Last Judgment* in the Sistine Chapel represents the biblical Second Coming of Christ and the final separation of humanity into heaven or hell. It is a dramatic, massive painting that evokes emotions of fear, awe and terror regarding the soul's destiny.

Professor John Paoletti, Emeritus Chair of the Art History Department at Wesleyan University, will decode for us the hidden imagery and meanings in this important painting and its connection to the Protestant Reformation and Michelangelo's final sculptures of the Dead Christ. Professor Paoletti also will briefly consider Michelangelo's contemporary poetry as a searing personal reflection of the uncertainties of the Church and its doctrines at the time.

Come join Circle of Friends for coffee, cookies and conversation and learn about the backstory of this brilliant and controversial masterpiece.

**There is no charge for the program, though a free-will donation is appreciated. Registration is required at [silcircleoffriends@gmail.com](mailto:silcircleoffriends@gmail.com).**

### Bread for the World 2026 Annual Offering of Letters

Please join us in signing letters to our Senators and Representatives after all Masses on **Saturday and Sunday, April 18th and 19th** to support "Bread for the World's" 2026 campaign to continue to promote policies that provide vital food assistance to working families and school lunch programs that are currently under threat of vast reductions in funding. Our faith calls us to stand alongside impacted people in our community and around the world.

To download our app, visit  
[parishsolutionsco.com/ignatiusnewyork.html](http://parishsolutionsco.com/ignatiusnewyork.html)  
or scan the QR code at right.



### From Generation to Generation: An Ethical Will Workshop

Saturday, May 9th, from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM  
Wallace Hall

#### PRESENTER

**Brian Pinter, Pastoral Associate**

Some of your greatest wealth resides within you—your wisdom, your experience, your values—and is too valuable to be lost. While a legal will defines what you want your heirs to have, an ethical will, also called a legacy letter, articulates what you want them to know. Our gathering will explore the ancient biblical roots of ethical wills, guidance on themes to consider, and provide workshop time to get started writing. To write a legacy letter is to share the wealth of your life, while creating an invaluable family heirloom.

Continental breakfast will be served starting at 8:30 AM. The program will commence shortly thereafter.

To register, scan the QR code.



### Film Screening and Conversation with Dan Corrou, S.J.

Sunday, April 26th, from 1 PM to 3 PM  
Wallace Hall

Fr. Dan Corrou, S.J., Regional Director for JRS Middle East & North Africa, will show a film and moderate a conversation on the work of Jesuit Refugee Services in the Middle East. He will also offer a personal reflection on refugee accompaniment in Jordan and Lebanon.

### Guided Church Tour

Sunday, April 26th at 12:30 PM  
Church (Meeting Point: Narthex)



We invite you to explore and learn more about our beautiful church through our monthly tours.

To register, click the QR code above.

### IGNITE Tech Support for Seniors Program

Sunday, April 19th, from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM  
Parish House

This program brings high school students together with senior parishioners for one-on-one technology support. Seniors are invited to bring phones, tablets, or laptops for help with everyday tech questions.

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### Pastoral Year Priest

Rev. Jonathan P. Pennacchia, S.J.

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### Weekday Masses (Monday – 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. Hilbert
Sunday:	8:00 AM Fr. Pennacchia
	9:30 AM Fr. Hallinan
Wallace Hall Mass	11:00 AM Fr. Casciotti
Solemn Mass	11:00 AM Fr. Yesalonia
	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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(PreK-3 through Kindergarten)

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, 6:30 PM Sunday,  
or by appointment.

## Baptisms

Please contact Maureen Haley at  
baptisms@nycignatius.org  
to arrange for a Baptism and  
the preparation given prior to Baptism.

## Order 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@nycignatius.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@nycignatius.org.

## Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

### Monday, April 20th

(3rd Monday of Easter)

Acts 6:8–15 Psalm 119

John 6:22–29

**8:30 MEM** Carla Fendi

**12:10 LVG** Miriam Forte

**5:30 MEM** Robert Terrero

### Tuesday, April 21st

(3rd Tuesday of Easter)

Acts 7:51–8:1a Psalm 31

John 6:30–35

**8:30 MEM** Barbara Belknap

**12:10 MEM** Veronica Juliana

**5:30 MEM** Nathan Davidson

### Wednesday, April 22nd

(3rd Wednesday of Easter)

Acts 8:1b–8 Psalm 66

John 6:35–40

**8:30 MEM** Daniel Burdick

**12:10 MEM** Audie William  
Serrano

**5:30 MEM** Thomas A. Glatthaar

### Thursday, April 23rd

(3rd Thursday of Easter)

Acts 8:26–40 Psalm 66

John 6:44–51

**8:30 MEM** Michael J. Leahy

**12:10 MEM** Maureen  
Fitzsimmons

**5:30 MEM** Phoebe McCarthy  
Carey

### Friday, April 24th

(3rd Friday of Easter)

Acts 9:1–20 Psalm 117

John 6:52–59

**8:30 MEM** Harry Maybury

**12:10 MEM** John Casaly

**5:30 MEM** Gary Gozzo

### Saturday, April 25th

(St. Mark)

1 Peter 5:5b–14 Psalm 89

Mark 16:15–20

**8:30 MEM** Thomas Flammer

### Sunday, April 26th

(4th Sunday of Easter)

Acts 2:14a, 36–41

1 Peter 2:20b–25

Psalm 23 John 10:1–10