



May 3, 2026 | Fifth Sunday of Easter

Notes From Our New Catholics

We at St. Ignatius are grateful that twenty nine adults were received into the Catholic Church at the April 4 Easter Vigil. Here are a few highlights of their journeys to the Catholic faith.

My path to becoming Catholic started with my older brother, Thomas. His guidance first introduced me to the beauty of the faith. After graduating from college, I found myself looking for ways to confront the troubles and brokenness of the world. When I first came into St. Ignatius, I immediately knew it was the place for me. The beauty of the church and warmth of the community resonated with me deeply and aligned perfectly with what I was seeking. During difficult times, the OCIA program provided a constant source of strength and support. It has deepened my spirituality and given me a lasting sense of belonging and peace. — **Charles Dewey**



Many assume I became Catholic because I am marrying one, but my call to conversion was shaped most profoundly by losing one. In my grief, I found my greatest comfort in God. Through Mass and scripture, I came to know more deeply the unconditional love of God, a true light and consolation. What began as sorrow became, through faith, a source of peace: the assurance that those we love are with Christ, and that we will see them again in the life of the world to come. Through love and grace, God drew me to His Church, and I am blessed to keep growing closer to Christ at St. Ignatius Loyola. — **Cierra Taylor**

I was drawn to the Catholic faith over many years, especially through my experience working in a Jesuit school, where I first encountered the depth and beauty of Catholic life. Over time, I felt a growing call to enter more fully into the faith and to continue my vocation in Catholic education.

At the Easter Vigil, I was grateful to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion, taking the name Sophie, inspired by Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat and her dedication to education and love for Christ. I am deeply thankful to have found a parish community at St. Ignatius Loyola, where I feel truly welcomed and at home. This journey has been filled with grace, and I look forward to continuing to grow in faith. — **Qihui**

I married my husband 25 years ago this July. So I have been part of a Catholic family but felt a little separated because I was not Catholic. When I heard God calling to me last year, I chose the Catholic Church because it is a beautiful religion. I also hoped my husband would be brought closer to God as my sponsor. God answered my prayers in abundance. The OCIA and St Ignatius Church guided me on a path that not only brought God's light to shine on us individually and as a couple, but it also brought me a community for which I never realized I was searching. Thank you all for illuminating my journey back to God! — **Shannon Molina**

My journey toward the Catholic faith has been shaped by powerful witnesses and a longing to grow closer to Jesus Christ. My Aunt Elaine, who became a nun in Jamaica, inspired me deeply—her dedication challenged me to take my own faith further. In Fall 2024, I attempted OCIA, but a difficult season of depression caused me to step back. Through that time, my Parish sponsor Sabrina and Jenn from IYA never stopped encouraging me. I feel blessed to have friends who called me back to Christ. I found St. Ignatius online, and though the travel distance from my home gave me pause, I brought the decision to the Lord in prayer and received a peaceful affirmation to move forward. — **Onika (Nikki) Palmer**

To read more *Notes From Our New Catholics*, visit tinyurl.com/silnewcatholics2026.

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 3rd

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

**Informal Coffee & Bagels Social and Information
Meeting for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.**
12:30 PM. Parish House.

Sing & Celebrate.

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6th

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

SATURDAY, MAY 9th

**From Generation to Generation:
An Ethical Will Workshop.**
8:30 AM. Wallace Hall. *Details on page 3.*

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 2026 Spring Appeal.



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

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Perfectly Paired

**Sunday, May 17th following the 7:30 PM Mass
Wallace Hall**

Calling all young couples, especially those newly engaged, newly wed, still in your early years of married life, or those dating & discerning marriage. You're invited to join us for Perfectly Paired, an evening to get to know other young couples of the parish over wine & cheese.

To RSVP, scan the QR code at right.



Laudato Si'/Care of Creation Ministry

Earth Day Walk in Central Park with George

Sunday, May 3rd

Following the 11 AM Masses

Meeting Point: Wallace Hall

After the 11 AM Masses, we'll gather in Wallace Hall for a brief introduction before heading into Central Park to explore the Conservatory Garden and North Woods.

Together, we'll step away from city life and enter two inspiring landscapes—from the formal beauty of the Gardens to the rustic serenity of this Adirondack-inspired woodland retreat—while reflecting on the glory of God's creation.

Put on your walking shoes and join us for a Spring Sunday in the Park with George!

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.**

The Overlooked Books of the New Testament

**Wednesdays through 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.

Community Coffee Hour

**Sunday, May 10th, following the 11 AM Masses
Outside the Parish House**

Join us on Park Avenue for a new season of our Community Coffee Hour.

We will have coffee as well as an opportunity to mix & mingle with fellow parishioners.



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

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.**

Sing & Celebrate

Sunday, May 3rd
3 PM
Wallace Hall

*Featuring the St. Ignatius Loyola Children's Choirs,
Parish Community Choir, Wallace Hall Choir and
Orchestra, & Canticum Sacrum*

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 joyous performance of choral favorites. Join us in Wallace Hall for Sing & Celebrate!

Free and open to the public. No tickets needed.

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.



Retreat Day for Families

Saturday, May 16th at 12:30 PM
Wallace Hall

Stuck in a cycle of school drop-offs, PowerPoint presentations, band & soccer practices, bills, and seemingly endless chores?

Is "family-time" harder and harder to come by as the kids get older? Carve out part of your weekend and join Fr. Jonathan Pennacchia, SJ, and Pastoral Associate Roxanne De La Torre for a Retreat Day for Families.

Spend a few hours with us in prayer, fellowship, and intentional time together with your family. The day will conclude with Mass at 4:30 PM (which counts for your Sunday obligation). Families with children aged 10-16 encouraged to attend with any number of accompanying adults (parents, guardians, grandparents, etc are all welcome)!

For more information, please contact Roxanne De La Torre, Pastoral Associate, at delatorreR@nycignatius.org.

Registration is open through Wednesday, May 13th.



To register, scan the QR code at left.

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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. Hallinan

Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Yesalonia

9:30 AM Fr. Casciotti

Festival Mass 11:00 AM Fr. Pennacchia

7:30 PM Fr. Pennacchia

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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, May 4th

(5th Monday of Easter)

Acts 14:5–18 Psalm 115

John 14:21–26

8:30 LVG Nadyne Gerard

12:10 MEM Emalie Feerick

5:30 MEM Melanie O'Neil

Tuesday, May 5th

(5th Tuesday of Easter)

Acts 14:19–28 Psalm 145

John 14:27–31a

8:30 MEM Edward Sullivan

12:10 MEM John & Nora Reilly

5:30 MEM Roberto Borton

Wednesday, May 6th

(5th Wednesday of Easter)

Acts 15:1–6 Psalm 122 John 15:1–8

8:30 MEM Elizabeth Ann

Yesalonia

12:10 MEM Richard Leverone

5:30 LVG Anna & Peter Disbrey

Thursday, May 7th

(5th Thursday of Easter)

Acts 15:7–21 Psalm 96

John 15:9–11

8:30 MEM Ron Guida

12:10 MEM Kelly Reilly Gillebaard

5:30 MEM Charles Tantillo &

Paula Tantillo Fudge

Friday, May 8th

(5th Friday of Easter)

Acts 15:22–31 Psalm 57

John 15:12–17

8:30 MEM Arthur Levine

12:10 ANN Julia Anne O'Donnell

5:30 MEM Roberto Borton

Saturday, May 9th

(5th Saturday of Easter)

Acts 16:1–10 Psalm 100

John 15:18–21

8:30 MEM Simona Saracino Fendi

Sunday, May 10th

(6th Sunday of Easter)

Acts 8:5–8, 14–17 1 Peter 3:15–18

Psalm 66 John 14:15–21