“It’s a Whole New Life!”

Twenty-four adults were received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Here are some of their stories!

– Maureen Fullam, Director
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

In 1549, St. Francis Xavier landed in Japan as the first Christian missionary and 465 years later, across the Pacific, I was received into the Church in a parish named after his colleague. Japan has seen numerous courageous missionaries and, sadly, its share of martyrs over the years. My own path has seen a series of “coincidences” over the course of the past twelve years that have led to my becoming Catholic. As self-conscious as this may sound, I feel I am responding to St. Francis’ missionary work and of those who continue to follow in his footsteps.

– Akiko Maeda

I grew up in an interesting, yet well-divided household — Buddhist and Catholic. I did not attend church or temple as a child nor was I interested in doing so. It was curiosity and persuasion from college classmates that reeled me in and I slowly started learning more about Christ. However, I still chose to distance myself.

I eventually moved to the city, close to St. Ignatius. After passing the church for about the millionth time, I attended Mass and was deeply impressed by everything I saw, heard, and felt. But, most importantly, I experienced God’s presence. I had gone through a rough period in my life and needed faith and guidance. It was simply that spiritual connection and energy from Mass that sparked my initial desire to get closer to Christ. I contacted the parish and the rest is history. It is by far the best spiritual journey I decided to undertake and I sincerely thank the entire RCIA group and the community.

– Christina Wong

What drew me initially to the Church was observing my partner’s faith. We never discussed it nor did she proselytize. The effect on me was profound, so I decided to step into the church quietly, returning weekly. At first, I felt like a voyeur. Then one day, I decided to transition from observer to participant. God and the Church give me a spiritual foundation that I never had. This fulfills a longing: something I could not define, but knew was missing in my life.

– Peter Ligeti

I first went to Mass at St. Ignatius six years ago and had no intention of becoming Catholic. I had no religion, but felt like going to church. It was a bit like trying a new identity, but I liked the woman who I was pretending to be, and every so often I went back.

I did not anticipate then how hard the coming years would be — so full of futile prayers that I would try to extinguish the belief in God I had carried with me since childhood. As I began to heal, my desire for Church returned and grew. This craving led me to RCIA though I knew I was too doubting and confused to ever receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Yet with the guidance of the RCIA team, a moment arrived when I understood I could step forward, exactly as I am, and become Catholic. Christ’s love embraces us as we are; it is useless to wait to understand or deserve it. I also now know that the woman I was pretending to be when I attended my first Mass is actually the person I am.

– Anonymous

When I came to the city, I experienced the stress of a new career, strained relationships, and a pace of living only New Yorkers can understand. I felt disoriented and lost. To find my bearings, I explored churches, seeking the familiarity I had known in my childhood. I had not attended church in years and thought my skepticism of Christianity was a sign of sophistication. Yet I felt a growing hunger for a church I could call home. As a Jesuit university graduate, I respected their intellectual and spiritual energy. An Internet search led me to St. Ignatius. At the 7:30 PM Mass, I found something special. The homily was uplifting, the parishioners seemed loving and engaged. I was warmly welcomed by a parishioner who introduced me to the Ignatian Young Adults and eventually became my RCIA parish sponsor. The incredible RCIA process expanded my knowledge of the Church and its teachings.

Thank you, St. Ignatius Parish, for welcoming us new Catholics so warmly, for your small acts of kindness and generosity that are really not so small, and for helping foster in me a new and better relationship with Jesus Christ. I feel truly blessed to be a part of this community. As one parishioner said to me with a wink right before my Confirmation: “It’s a whole new life!”

– Joe Van Brussel
**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**SUNDAY, MAY 18th**
Rejoice in the Lord! A Music Ministry Celebration. 3:00 PM. Church. Details on page 4.

Sunday Social. 8:30 PM. Wallace Hall. Hosted by the Ignatian Young Adults. Follows the 7:30 PM Mass. Details on page 3.

**MONDAY, MAY 19th**
Ranger Rosary Ministry. 7:00 PM. Meeting Room. Join us in making rosaries to send to our military. New members are welcome!

**TUESDAY, MAY 20th**
Global Poverty: What Everyone Needs to Know. 7:00 PM. Wallace Hall. Sponsored by Ignatian Social Justice. Details on page 5.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 21st**

**THURSDAY, MAY 22nd**
Catholic Social Thought & Public Policy. Part of The Faith That Does Justice Lecture Series. 7:00 PM. Wallace Hall. Details on page 5.

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Meet the parishioners and invite you to fill out a Parishioner Registration Card located in the pew racks, at the Parish House, and online at stignatiusloyola.org. Registration is our only means of certifying membership in the Parish.

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**Join choristers from local schools and sing with our St. Ignatius Children's Choirs next season!**

Rising 1st through 12th graders may 'audition' on Tuesday, May 27th, 3:15 PM – 4:15 PM, and Thursday, May 29th, 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM, in the Parish House Meeting Room. All parish children are welcome and no prior experience is necessary. A parent or guardian must be present to fill out the registration materials.

Please see the brochure in the Narthex or on our website, stignatiusloyola.org, for additional information.

Contact Maureen Haley, Director of Children's Choirs, at haleym@stignatiusloyola.org for an audition time.

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**For your convenience...**
To reach the Giving page on the parish website, scan the QR Code at left with your smartphone's camera.

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**New Parishioners**
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Please support the Appeal by making your pledge today.

Gifts can be made online at www.cardinalsappeal.org

Thank you for prayerfully considering an Appeal commitment!
Parishioners and Friends of St. Ignatius Loyola Parish are cordially invited to attend LifeWay Network’s Spring Fundraiser Event Towards New Life: An Expanding Community of Change Wednesday, May 21st 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM in Wallace Hall Wine and hors d’oeuvres will be served.

This event supports LifeWay Network, which collaborates to combat human trafficking through safe housing and education. LifeWay is supported by thirty Religious Congregations, including the Society of Jesus, the Franciscan Sisters of Peace, and the Presentation Sisters.

Tickets: $150
Visit www.lifewaynetwork.org to register and pay online, or mail payment to: LifeWay Network, Inc., PO Box 754215, Forest Hills, NY 11375

BOOMERS & BEYOND

Boomers & Beyond believes there is untapped potential for serving our active, older adults who have a wide variety of interests, are not limited by age, and whose schedules favor daytime events. We would like to know what kinds of daytime activities would be of interest.

Please complete a brief survey at https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7KBCT53 or at stignatiusloyola.org
Print copies of the survey can be found in the Narthex and at the Parish House. Completed forms should be returned to the Parish House.
Deadline is tomorrow.

IYA Women’s Fellowship Group
6:00 PM – 7:15 PM in Hoefner Lounge
Next meeting: Sunday, May 25th
A discussion group for women in their 20s & 30s to discuss the delicate balance between work and faith. Email faithiya@gmail.com for more information.

IGNATIAN YOUNG ADULTS

Sunday Socials Spring Schedule
The Sunday Socials are held in Wallace Hall at 8:30 PM, following the 7:30 PM Mass. They are hosted by the Ignatian Young Adults. All young adults (ages 21-39) are welcome. To receive updates on IYA events and other opportunities, you can follow us on Facebook at “Ignatian Young Adults (NYC).”

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SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

THANK YOU!

Our May 4th SVdP Blood Drive was very successful! Thirty-eight individuals came to give blood, and thirty of them were successfully able to donate. Twenty-eight donors contributed pints of whole blood. Two donors were automated red cell donors, which means they contributed two pints each instead of one. We collected a total of 32 pints of blood, which is 30% more than the January 12th drive!

Thank you to all of our generous parishioners who donated!

Teresa Abruzzo
President, Society of St. Vincent de Paul
St. Lawrence O’Toole Conference

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We have the privilege at St. Ignatius of welcoming many visitors and new parishioners. We especially welcome those who may be thinking of becoming Catholic.

If you feel attracted to the Catholic faith, we want you to know about a program at the Parish which will begin in September. A group will meet here during the year to inquire into the Catholic faith, to come to know Jesus through the Gospels, and to pray and to prepare for the Easter Sacraments. This process is also open to those Catholic adults who have not received the Sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation.

For more information about this process, which is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), contact Maureen Fullam at 212-288-3588 or email church@stignatiusloyola.org

Interested in Becoming Catholic?
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SUNDAY, MAY 25TH
Sixth Sunday of Easter
11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS
J.S. Bach Passacaglia and Fugue in C Minor, BWV 582
Biery Ubi caritas
Tallis If ye love me
Buxtehude Praeludium in D Minor

REJOICE IN THE LORD!
A MUSIC MINISTRY CELEBRATION
TODAY at 3:00 PM
Members of the Choir of St. Ignatius Loyola, Parish Community Choir, Wallace Hall Choir, Canticum Sacrum, the High School Choir and Children’s Choirs join forces in gratitude and joy.

FREE WILL OFFERING. NO TICKETS NECESSARY.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY NOW
PLEASE REMEMBER US LATER!
Remember St. Ignatius in Your Estate Plan.

Leave a legacy to the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola by including a bequest in your will.

Please contact Fernando Castro, Treasurer, at 212-606-3476 x276 or castrof@stignatiusloyola.org

Ready to try a 500-year-old workout regimen with proven results?
The Jesuit Collaborative invites you to share the gift of Ignatian spirituality and the opportunity to meet interesting people who are ready to further develop their spiritual lives.

Just like exercise for the physical body, St. Ignatius believed that we need spiritual exercise, as well. We invite you to find God in all things through our rewarding and unique programs.

Please visit us at www.jesuitcollaborative.org or email pmcdonough@jesuitcollaborative.org

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, May 19th (Fifth Monday of Easter)
8:30 MEM Jennifer Colon
12:10 MEM Margaret Croasdale
5:30 MEM Cono Pasqua

Tuesday, May 20th (Fifth Tuesday of Easter)
8:30 MEM Alice & Winthrop Rutherfurd
12:10 MEM Fr. Charles Gallagher, S.J.
5:30 MEM Paul Szilard

Wednesday, May 21st (Fifth Wednesday of Easter)
8:30 MEM Living & Deceased Members of the Whelan & Wisloft Families
12:10 MEM Margaret Hopkins
5:30 ANN Nathan Davidson

Thursday, May 22nd (Fifth Thursday of Easter)
8:30 MEM Carmen P. Vito
12:10 MEM James Gallacher
5:30 MEM Richard Nolan

Friday, May 23rd (Fifth Friday of Easter)
8:30 MEM Michael T. Carr
12:10 MEM Sose & Mark Prekelezaj
5:30 MEM Richard & Audrey Stehlik

Saturday, May 24th (Fifth Saturday of Easter)
8:30 MEM John B., John A., & Elizabeth Rooney

Sunday, May 25th (Sixth Sunday of Easter)
Acts of the Apostles 8:5–8, 14–17 1 Peter 3:15–18
Psalm 66 John 14:15–21

We pray for the faithful departed
Timothy Breen
May he rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

WALLACE HALL AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL
The space is available for a variety of events including fundraisers, lectures, receptions, parties, and formal banquet-style dinners.

For more information, contact Caroline Fernandes at 212-288-3588 or fernandesc@saintignatiusloyola.org

You’ve notified your friends, you’ve notified your credit cards, you’ve notified your magazines.
Please don’t forget to notify your church.
The Parish Ministry Council cordially invites those St. Ignatius Parishioners who are active in Ministry to the

Ministers’ Night Annual Supper Social
Gathering with Grateful Hearts
Tuesday, June 3rd
7:00 PM
Wallace Hall
RSVP by Sunday, June 1st:
212-288-3588 or ministrydinner@gmail.com
Please leave both your name and your ministry.
We look forward to sharing a meal together!

GLOBAL POVERTY: WHAT EVERYONE NEEDS TO KNOW
Tuesday, May 20th at 7:00 PM
Wallace Hall
One in six people in the world live on less than a dollar a day and one in three earn only two dollars a day.
Thomas Nazario will share what he discovered about global poverty during his travels and in the writing of his book, Living on a Dollar a Day: The Lives and Faces of the World’s Poor.
Please RSVP to ignatiansocialjustice@gmail.com

Thomas Nazario is the founder and president of The Forgotten International. Nazario is an attorney, child advocate, and law professor. His expertise in children’s legal issues has led him all over the world documenting human rights violations involving women and children.

THE FAITH THAT DOES JUSTICE LECTURE SERIES
CATHOLIC SOCIAL THOUGHT & PUBLIC POLICY
Thursday, May 22nd
7:00 PM
Wallace Hall
Presented by
John Carr, Director of the Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life at Georgetown University
Catholic social teaching is built on a commitment to the poor. One way the faithful are called to respond is through the legislative process. This lecture will examine the Church’s role in creating compassionate public policy that is not only ethical but also promotes respect for life and justice.

John Carr is the director of the Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life at Georgetown University. He is also Washington correspondent for America magazine. He previously served as director of the Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, providing guidance for the bishops’ public policy and advocacy initiatives.
Sponsored by Ignatian Social Justice

Ignatian 40s Speaker Series:
Ignatian Spirituality
Ignatian 40s invites all parishioners to its second Annual Speaker Series led by the pastoral staff of St. Ignatius and external speakers.

Sunday, June 8th – Natural Law & Sexual Ethics
Presenter: Fr. Thomas Feely, S.J., Associate Pastor, Church of St. Ignatius Loyola
The final lecture of the season will be in held in Wallace Hall from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM.
Email ignatian40s@gmail.com to register.
Resume Clinic: Tuesday, May 20th. Free private sessions will be held at St. Francis House, 135 West 31st Street, to assist unemployed individuals, as well as others facing possible layoffs, or career transitions. Volunteers will be available to assist in updating/editing resumes. Call 212-736-8500, x357 for an individual appointment. Participants should email a rough draft to resume@stfrancisnyc.org No walk-ins can be accepted.

Careers in Ministry. Hosted by the Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education at Fordham University. Thursday, May 22nd. 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM. Fordham University, Lincoln Center Campus (113 West 60th Street), Lowenstein Room 520. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, visit fordham.edu/gre/events, call 718-817-4800, or email gre@fordham.edu

Xavier Society for the Blind Award Dinner. Friday, June 13th. 6:30 PM – 11:00 PM. New York Athletic Club, 7th Avenue and Central Park South. The Xavier Award will be presented to Mr. Victor Gainor and to the National Braille Press. Tickets: $150, which includes open bar for the cocktail hour, dinner, and dancing. Reservations may be made by visiting xavierocietyfortheblind.org or calling 212-473-7800.

DOCUMENTARY SCREENING

Walking the Camino: Six Ways to Santiago

Come embark on a journey with six strangers as they attempt to travel 500 miles across Spain on foot.

Dates: Friday, June 6th – Thursday, June 12th
Location: The Quad Cinema, 34 West 13th Street
Q&As with the filmmakers at every show except the 9:40 PM.
Tickets available at the Quad box office, quadcinema.com, and movietickets.com
Visit caminodocumentary.com for more information.

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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. Witt
Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Ugo
9:30 AM Fr. Witt
Wallace Hall 11:00 AM Fr. Martin
Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Bergen
7:30 PM Fr. Bergen

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Children’s Liturgy of the Word:
Sundays at the 9:30 AM Mass and the 11:00 AM Mass in Wallace Hall.

Centering Prayer:
Mondays at 6:30 PM

Confessions:
5:00 PM Saturday or by appointment. Communal Penance Services are celebrated during Advent and Lent.

Baptisms: Please call Joanne Cunneen at the Parish House 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 call Joanne Cunneen at the Parish House 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.

Music Information: (212) 288-2520 Email: music@stignatiusloyola.org