When I was preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, I had no clue as to what I was actually doing. I attended the classes, completed my service hours, went on retreat, and, most importantly, figured out what I was going to wear. I put in the work and all I had to do now was sit back and let God come to me. Then my Confirmation came and went and nothing happened. I received the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit that I had memorized but I was no wiser, nor more understanding, nor more knowledgeable than the day before. There was no big revelation, my mission wasn’t revealed to me, no Hogwarts letter with my name on it. What happened after Confirmation? Life went on.

I can empathize with the disciples on the road to Emmaus. Like the two on the road, I foolishly had my own expectations of who Jesus was and how he was going to act. After Confirmation, I thought God and I were going to be solid and all my problems would be ironed out. But like I said, life just went on. For Cleopas and his friend, Jesus was condemned to death and crucified and they just went on with their journey to Emmaus. Jesus is always bigger than our imagination and greater than our expectations because he rose from the dead and then met the disciples where they were as they were walking.

To answer what happens after Confirmation, we should look at what is happening during Confirmation. Simply put, you are saying 'yes' to a life in Christ, a life as a disciple of Christ. Your parents are not saying this for you. You get to choose this on your own. It is the first step in your adult journey of faith but it isn’t your last. What happens next is nothing short of miraculous: Life goes on and Jesus walks beside you, where you are, and is constantly making himself known through the Eucharist.

St. Ignatius of Loyola understood and taught that we are pilgrims on a spiritual journey and we find our way together. As Jesus walks with each one of us, we walk with each other. At Confirmation, when you choose a life in Christ, you are fully embraced into a global community of pilgrims that transcends space and time. Let us never forget that we are all created out of love in the image and likeness of God. We belong to one another. We care for one another. We walk the road together because life can be difficult.

I’d like to end with a special message for the Confirmation candidates.

Dear Confirmandi,

You are about to embark on the next stage of your pilgrim journey through your Confirmation. Through this sacrament, your life will be forever changed, though it may feel like nothing has happened at all. Through your faith, God has called you to be a messenger of hope and love. All you have to do is be authentically you, with all of your talents and skills and quirks. Jesus walks beside you always and the Holy Spirit will be your source of strength.

As you figure out how to live your faith, we invite you to join Ignite, a community dedicated completely to you as you navigate high school. We hang out together to figure out how to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God (Micah 6:8). We are here to walk this crazy, messy, beautiful, glorious journey together.

In faith,
Teresa Marie Cariño
Pastoral Associate
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, APRIL 30th
Sacred Music in a Sacred Space presents
Chanticleer: Washing of the Water.
4:00 PM. Church.
Details on page 5.

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3rd
Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting.
7:00 PM. Conference Room.

THURSDAY, MAY 4th
Sacrament of Confirmation.
Church.
2:00 PM – Grammar School Students
5:30 PM – IREP Students

SATURDAY, MAY 6th
First Holy Communion.
Grammar School Students.
10:00 AM. Church.

Become a member of the
Dominican Sisters’ Harmony Farm CSA!

You can purchase organic, biodynamic vegetables directly from the Sisters from June to November 2017. The cost of a share is $600 for 22 weeks. Each share feeds a family of 4 and the vegetables are delivered to St. Ignatius each week.

CSA members are invited to participate in two retreats at Harmony Farm on June 3rd & September 9th.

All members receive pictures from the farm each week as well as readings for reflection.

For more information, visit harmonyfarmny.com or email harmonyfarmcsa@gmail.com

**Special Collection**

This weekend our Parish will take up the annual collection for Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

Thank you for your generosity.

We extend a warm welcome to Archbishop Bernardito C. Auza, who will be presiding at the Confirmation of our Grammar School and IREP students on Thursday, May 4th at 2:00 PM and 5:30 PM.

**SPRING APPEAL**

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 2017 Spring Appeal.

To give online, visit https://donate.stignatiusloyola.org/church/spring or scan the QR code at left.

Thank you in advance for your continued generosity!

Dancing God’s Grace

A free sacred dance workshop for children ages 4–9

Presented by Omega Dance Company

Sunday, May 21st
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM
Wallace Hall

Space is limited. Advance registration required.

To register, visit https://goo.gl/i7Uue8 or email omega@omegadancecompany.org

For your convenience

To reach the Giving page on the parish website, scan the QR Code at left.
**IGNATIAN YOUNG ADULTS**

**Sunday Social 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.

**Sunday Social Dates**

April 30  May 14  May 28  June 18

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**IGNATIAN SOCIAL JUSTICE**

**Documentary Film Screening**

**THrive**

Thursday, May 4th at 6:30 PM

Xavier High School, Keenan Commons

31 West 15th Street — 3rd Floor

The Thrive for Life Prison Project is sponsoring a free screening and discussion of *13th*, a documentary that explores “the intersection of race, justice and mass incarceration in the United States.”

Doors will open at 6:00 PM.

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**RANGER ROSARY MINISTRY**

Monday, May 8th

7:00 PM in the Meeting Room

16,000 rosaries and counting!

The Ranger Rosary ministry meets twice a month to make rosaries for Catholics who are serving in the armed services. These rosaries are constructed from materials with no metal parts that might reflect light or make a rattling noise.

New members are always welcome!

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**IGNITE! TEEN MINISTRY**

Saturday, May 13th

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM in the Parish Lounge

All high school students are welcome!

Ignite is a Catholic community of high school students rooted in the Ignatian way of prayer, service, and community. We meet twice a month on Saturdays from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM.

To register, scan the QR code at left or visit https://goo.gl/forms/mFUpawgmEXNRCj53

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**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul provides confidential financial assistance to people in serious financial need.

If you are a parishioner in need, please leave a message for SVdP at the Parish House to request a consultation.

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**Interested in Becoming Catholic?**

If you feel attracted to the Catholic faith, we want you to know about a program at the Parish that will begin in the fall.

A group will meet 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, which is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is also open to those Catholic adults who have not received the Sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation.

For more information, contact Maureen Fullam at 212-288-3588 or email church@stignatiusloyola.org

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**THE ANNUAL CHANGE FOR CHANGE DRIVE**

Donations this year will be forwarded to Xavier High School, Chuuk, Micronesia.

The collection period runs to the end of this month.

Please bring donations to the Parish House in care of Carly-Anne Gannon.

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**Available at the Parish House**

The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola:

A Walking Tour

Updated in commemoration of our Sesquicentennial Celebration, the redesigned Walking Tour—with all-new photographs—provides a detailed overview of the rich architectural history of the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola. **Cost: $8**

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**St. Ignatius is Now on Facebook!**

To stay up-to-date on upcoming events here at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, follow us at churchofstignatiusloyolanyc
Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, May 1st (Third Monday of Easter)
8:30 MEM Mae Rooney
12:10 MEM Joan Argiro
5:30 MEM Lizanne Brooke

Tuesday, May 2nd (St. Athanasius)
8:30 MEM Marianne T. Bogunovich
12:10 MEM Susan McMahon
5:30 MEM Lauren Megias

Wednesday, May 3rd (Sts. Philip & James)
1 Corinthians 15:1–8 Psalm 19 John 14:6–1
8:30 MEM The Choix & Gordon Families
12:10 MEM Robert C. Higgins
5:30 LVG Julia Wallace

Thursday, May 4th (Third Thursday of Easter)
Acts 8:26–40 Psalm 66 John 6:44–51
8:30 MEM Mary-Ann Haran Quinn
12:10 MEM William Kelleher
5:30 MEM Marianne T. Bogunovich

Friday, May 5th (Third Friday of Easter)
8:30 MEM John & Nora Reilly
12:10 MEM Katie Cirillo
5:30 MEM Mary-Ann Haran Quinn

Saturday, May 6th (Third Saturday of Easter)
8:30 ANN Julia Anne O’Donnell

Sunday, May 7th (Fourth Sunday of Easter)
Acts 2:14a, 36–41 1 Peter 2:20b–25
Psalm 23 John 10:1–10

The Staff of the St. Ignatius Loyola Day Nursery cordially invites the members of the Parish Community to the 2017 Annual Spring Benefit

Friday, May 19th
7:00 PM to Midnight
New York Athletic Club
180 Central Park South
Cocktails, Dinner, Dancing, Raffle, Live and Silent Auctions
For ticket information, please call (212) 734-6427 x24.
Persons 21 years of age and over are welcome. Black tie optional.

Annual Golden Wedding Mass Celebration
Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2017 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass Celebration with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick on Sunday, June 11th at 2:00 PM.
Pre-registration is required.
To register, contact Teresa Marie Cariño at the Parish House (212-288-3588 x632 or carinot@stignatiusloyola.org) by Tuesday, May 12th.
Sponsored by the Archdiocesan Family Life/Respect Life Office

The Cardinal’s Appeal is one way in which we can respond to God’s generosity by sharing our gifts in the service of others.
Please share your gifts and support this year’s Cardinal’s Appeal by making your pledge today.
Gifts can be made online at cardinalsappeal.org or by using one of the envelopes found at the end of each pew.

You’ve notified your friends, you’ve notified your credit cards, you’ve notified your magazines. Please don’t forget to notify us!

PRAYER RESOURCES
Pray as You Go
www.pray-as-you-go.org
Pray as You Go is a daily prayer session designed for use on your iPod or other portable MP3 player.

3-Minute Retreats
www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer.htm
Take a short prayer break right at your computer. Spend some quiet time reflecting on a Scripture passage.
DANIEL BERRIGAN, S.J.:
The Man.
The Resister.
The Prophet.

Thursday, May 11th
7:00 PM
Wallace Hall

SPEAKERS

Frida Berrigan
• Columnist, WagingNonviolence.org
• Author, “It Runs in the Family: On Being Raised by Radicals and Growing into Rebellious Motherhood”
• Daughter of Philip Berrigan & niece of Daniel Berrigan

Rev. Mark Hallinan
• Pastor, Our Lady of Mount Carmel + St. Benedicta + St. Mary of the Assumption, Staten Island

Taking Hold:
Creative Planning for Retirement and Beyond

An interfaith adult education program sponsored by the Episcopal Church Foundation and organized by Rabbi Leonard Schoolman

Three Tuesday evenings beginning May 16th 7:00 PM in Wallace Hall

May 16th: Social Security, Medicare & You
May 23rd: Living Fully in Retirement and Estate Planning
May 30th: Ensuring Your Wishes are Fulfilled and Planning for the End of Life

Every day, ten thousand Americans turn sixty-five. This program will join individuals and experts from various faith traditions, ages, and backgrounds as an interfaith collaboration of congregations that seeks to answer common questions and provide guidance on the next steps in this exciting new stage of life.

Registration is required.
To register for any or all of the evenings, visit http://bit.ly/2lKjtal or scan the code at left.

MUSIC

SUNDAY, MAY 7th
11 AM SOLEMN MASS

Wright/Lasky
Two settings of Brother James's Air

Ives, Grayston
Faithful Shepherd

Schütz
Jauchzet dem Herrn, SWV 36

Johnson
Trumpet Tune in C Major

Chanticleer: Washing of the Water
TODAY at 4:00 PM

Washing of the Water will feature music of spiritual intensity by Palestrina, Gibbons, Tomkins, Cardoso, Victoria, Bryars, Gabriel, Simon & Cohen.

The GRAMMY® award-winning ensemble Chanticleer is known around the world as “an orchestra of voices” for the seamless blend of its twelve male voices.

Tickets: $35 – $85

Rejoice in the Lord!
A Music Ministry Celebration

Sunday, May 7th
3:00 PM

The Choir of St. Ignatius Loyola, Parish Community Choir, Wallace Hall Choir, Canticum Sacrum, and Children's Choirs join forces for an eclectic concert of celebration and song.

FREE WILL OFFERING. NO TICKETS NECESSARY.

Haydn’s The Creation
Wednesday, May 24th
7:00 PM

Performed in English, Franz Joseph Haydn's beloved oratorio depicts the creation of the world as told in the Book of Genesis and John Milton's Paradise Lost.

Tickets: $25 – $80

Tickets for all concerts are available online at www.smssconcerts.org or by calling 212-288-2520.
Sunday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Every Sunday from 3:15 PM to 5:30 PM.
Saint Joseph’s Church, 404 East 87th Street. An opportunity for quiet prayer and silent adoration. All are welcome.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor
Rev. Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J.

Associate Pastors
Rev. Thomas H. Feely, S.J.
Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.

Senior Priest
Rev. William J. Bergen, 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. Bergen
Sunday: 8:00 AM  Fr. Feely
9:30 AM  Fr. Feely
Wallace Hall Family 11:00 AM  Fr. Hilbert
Solemn 11:00 AM  Fr. Yesalonia
7:30 PM  Fr. Yesalonia

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Children’s Liturgy of the Word
Sundays at the 9:30 AM Mass.

Centering Prayer
Mondays at 6:30 PM.

Confessions
4:30 PM Saturday or by appointment.

Baptisms
Please call Teresa Cariño at the Parish House (212-288-3588 x632) 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 Teresa Cariño at the Parish House (212-288-3588 x632) 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.

Information Sessions for Lay Spirits: The Lay Spirituality Program of the Church of St. Francis Xavier. Church of St. Francis Xavier, 55 West 15th Street. Interested in growing closer to God? Lay Spirits, a 10-month spiritual formation program for lay persons, is hosting information sessions on Sunday, May 7 at 1:30 PM and Thursday, May 25 at 6:30 PM. The program is scheduled to start in September 2017. For more details, visit layspiritsnyc.org, email layspiritsnyc@gmail.com, or call 212-627-2100 x216.

Liturgy: 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima, Saturday, May 13, 12:00 PM–2:00 PM. St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Fifth Avenue between 50th and 51st Streets. In honor of the 100th anniversary of the first apparition of Our Lady of Fatima, this celebration will begin with a solemn Mass at 12:00 PM followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Rosary and the Fatima prayers, a recollection on the message of Fatima, Eucharistic Procession, and Benediction. For more information, visit https://archny.org/events/100th-anniversary-of-our-lady-of-fatima

Sunday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Every Sunday from 3:15 PM to 5:30 PM. Saint Joseph’s Church, 404 East 87th Street. An opportunity for quiet prayer and silent adoration. All are welcome.

We pray for the faithful departed
Renata Gallagher
Margherita Racanelli
May they rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.