Since becoming a mother three years ago, I’m overcome with how fulfilling so demanding a role can be. It is equal parts pride and humility, joy and anxiety, confidence and insecurity, small successes and embarrassing failures (more often coming in public like at Mass). I routinely seek advice from other, more experienced moms: my own mother, my sister, my friends, even other mommies on Facebook. This community of “counselors” provides me with perspective and reassurance when I’m struggling and their tactical advice is invaluable. They’re not my only source of guidance, however. When discerning how best to raise my children to be kind and compassionate people and faithful followers of Christ, I supplement this circle—to the entire communion of saints.

The Blessed Virgin Mary, after all, is the epitome of motherhood and a perfect model for anyone blessed with children. As mother of our Savior and our mother, she demonstrates unfailing love, devotion and faithfulness. Her beautiful and serene countenance as I lay my concerns at her feet motivates me to be the best mother—patient, selfless, hopeful—that I can be.

But I’d be dishonest if I told you that I followed her example with ease. I more often find myself struggling to maintain my composure, resisting the urge to raise my voice, and bribing or nagging my toddler to stop doing the things that toddlers do. At times like these, I look to other mothers in the communion of saints for intercession and instruction.

Constantly scolding my children? I talk it over with Saint Monica, a woman who pleaded with her wayward son so intently that he literally ran away from his home in North Africa to Italy. She followed him, and her persistent prayer and motherly pestering was so effective that it brought her son, the great Saint Augustine, to Christ, His Church, and eventually his own path to sainthood. Monica’s perseverance and piety inspires me to turn to prayer in shaping the behaviors of my children.

Overburdened by work and motherhood? I look to Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton. A mother of five children, a widow, and a convert to Catholicism, she founded a religious community dedicated to the care of poor children and established schools and orphanages, all before age 40. Her stamina encourages me to find the energy to balance my own personal and professional priorities.

Unconditional love being tested by the terrible twos? Some wonderful examples of motherly love come from holy women who helped those who most in need. Saint Mother Teresa saw the face of Jesus in the “poorest of the poor,” the destitute children, elderly and suffering in the slums of Calcutta. Her religious order continues to demonstrate the wholehearted love of others to which every mother is called. Saint Clare of Assisi eschewed a noble marriage to pursue a life of poverty as a follower of St. Francis, and was mother to the women who joined her in the second order of Franciscans, the Poor Clares. Saint Katharine Drexel, a wealthy heiress from Philadelphia, gave herself to God by foregoing marriage and an inherited fortune in favor of becoming a missionary to Native American Indians and African-Americans.

The call to motherhood is heard and answered in different ways but one thing is certain: we as Catholics have no shortage of wonderful role models to help us demonstrate the motherly love that all children deserve.

— Cindy Caruso Aquila
RCIA Team Member, Parishioner, and Mother to Francesco and Chiara
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, MAY 14th
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 15th
Family Ministry Community Meeting.
7:00 PM. Wallace Hall. Details below.

TUESDAY, MAY 16th
Taking Hold: Creative Planning
for Retirement and Beyond.
7:00 PM. Wallace Hall.
Details on page 5.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17th
Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting.
7:00 PM. Conference Room.

FAMILY MINISTRY

Family Ministry Community Meeting
Monday, May 15th at 7:00 PM
Wallace Hall

Have you ever wondered how cookies appear after Mass in Wallace Hall? Do you have ideas about what activities you would like to see at the next potluck dinner? If the answer is yes, please join the Family Ministry for a Community Meeting.

The meeting is open to parishioners who want to share ideas for future events. We would love to hear your thoughts and dreams for the Family Ministry.

Adults only please.

RSVP to parentcommittee.familyministry@gmail.com

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.

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

On behalf of Rev. Dennis Yesalonia, S.J., and the Staff of Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, best wishes for a blessed Mother’s Day.

JOB OPENING

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT
Church of St. Ignatius Loyola

The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola is seeking an experienced fundraiser to assist in the development of a comprehensive fundraising program.

Preferred candidates will have 10 years of experience in all aspects of fundraising for a non-profit—preferably Church-related or religious—organization.

Please submit résumé and professional references to Diane Boyle, Assistant to the Pastor, at boyled@saintignatiusloyola.org

St. Ignatius is Now on Facebook!

To stay up-to-date on upcoming events, follow us at churchofstignatiusloyolany
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
May 14  May 28  June 18

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/i7UWe8 or email omega@omegadancecompany.org

RANGER ROSARY MINISTRY

Monday, May 22nd
7:00 PM in the Meeting Room

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!

IGNITE! TEEN MINISTRY

Saturday, June 10th
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/jUpawgmEXNRGJjc53

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

Do you have a child who loves to sing? Have them become a member of the St. Ignatius Loyola Children’s Choir!

Rising 1st through 8th graders may ‘audition’ on Tuesday, June 6th, 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM, and Wednesday, June 7th, 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM, in the Parish House Meeting Room.

Please contact Maureen Haley, Director of Children’s Choirs, at haleyem@stignatiusloyola.org for an audition time.

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, under “Music” then “Join Our Choirs” for additional information.

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.

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

Moving? Please don’t forget to notify your church. This information helps us to keep our database current.
Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

**Monday, May 15th** (Fifth Monday of Easter)
- Acts 14:5–18
- Psalm 115
- John 14:21–26
  - 8:30 MEM Winifred Buno Aterbery
  - 12:10 MEM Jack O’Leary
  - 5:30 MEM Marianne T. Bogunovich

**Tuesday, May 16th** (Fifth Tuesday of Easter)
- Acts 14:19–28
- Psalm 145
- John 14:27–31a
  - 8:30 MEM Eugene F. Kelly
  - 12:10 MEM Alfred V. Tracey, Jr.
  - 5:30 MEM Janice Bracken

**Wednesday, May 17th** (Fifth Wednesday of Easter)
- Acts 15:1–6
- Psalm 122
- John 15:1–8
  - 8:30 MEM Giro & Elina Zullo
  - 12:10 MEM Eileen M. Lynch
  - 5:30 MEM Vincent E. Marino

**Thursday, May 18th** (Fifth Thursday of Easter)
- Acts 15:7–21
- Psalm 96
- John 15:9–11
  - 8:30 MEM Alice & Winthrop Rutherfurd
  - 12:10 MEM Gary Griffith
  - 5:30 MEM Cono Pasqua

**Friday, May 19th** (Fifth Friday of Easter)
- Acts 15:22–31
- Psalm 57
- John 15:12–17
  - 8:30 MEM Arthur Levine
  - 12:10 MEM Gerard Salvatore
  - 5:30 MEM Nathan Davidson

**Saturday, May 20th** (Fifth Saturday of Easter)
- Acts 6:1–10
- Psalm 100
- John 15:18–21
  - 8:30 MEM Alice & Winthrop Rutherfurd

**Sunday, May 21st** (Sixth Sunday of Easter)
- Acts 8:5–8, 14–17
- 1 Peter 3:15–18
- Psalm 66
- John 14:15–21

**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 18th 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 19th.

Sponsored by the Archdiocesan Family Life/Respect Life Office
**MUSIC**

**SUNDAY, MAY 22nd**

11 AM SOLEMN MASS

Bridge  
*Adagio*

Titcomb  
*I will not leave you comfortless*

Tallis  
*If ye love me*

Willan  
*Prelude on Hyfrydol*

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**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*.

**FEATURING**

Danya Katok, soprano  
Matthew Anderson, tenor  
Jeremy Galyon, bass  
Choir and Orchestra of St. Ignatius Loyola  
K. Scott Warren, conductor

Tickets: $25 – $80

Tickets are available online at [www.smssconcerts.org](http://www.smssconcerts.org) or by calling 212-288-2520.

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**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. Different challenges and opportunities will confront them every day, yet nothing has prepared them for these massive changes in their lives.

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.

For more information, call 800-697-2858 or email ecf@episcopalfoundation.org

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**Harmony Farm**

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](http://harmonyfarmny.com) or email harmonyfarmcsa@gmail.com

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY NOW PLEASE REMEMBER US LATER!**

**Remember St. Ignatius in Your Estate Plan**

Over the years, it has been the gifts left to the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola in wills, bequests, and memorials that have helped us to continue to flourish as a place of worship, as a place to protect and teach our children, and as a caring and generous parish where area residents may come for spiritual guidance.

If you would like information about planned giving, contact Fernando Castro, Treasurer, or visit our website at [www.stignatiusloyola.org](http://www.stignatiusloyola.org)
We pray for the faithful departed

Richard McKeever
May he rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.