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

Born in Communist Cuba in the late 80s, I was supposed to believe and obey only “Revolutionary Ideals.” Religion, family, and culture were unimportant. Being baptized, going to church—this was out of the question. My Mom taught me about God and the saints and how to venerate them privately, especially La Virgencita de la Caridad del Cobre (Our Lady of Charity). My mother assured me that as the Patroness of Cuba, Mary would always look after me as a second mother.

As time passed, I wanted to belong rightfully to God’s Kingdom; to adore God in private was not enough. Far from home and family, challenges of a new life in a foreign country made “getting baptized” something to do “later.” Then God put in my life a wonderful person, whose faith and support made everything easier. I decided to look for an RCIA program and the one at St. Ignatius suited me just fine. At the Easter Vigil, everything made perfect sense. I felt the presence of God as the holy water ran down my forehead, when I received the light of Christ, and especially when I was reborn as Romy de la Caridad, who 30 years later is free to believe, worship and love. — Romy de la Caridad Rabell

Initially, ’twas the music. Many including myself considered SMSS to be the epicenter of Choral Music performance in the city. I decided to seek admission to the Catholic Church after attending a three-hour Good Friday Service at St. Ignatius Loyola in 2016. I was profoundly moved by the ecumenical nature of the service; the meditations were led by ministers of different denominations.

I was also encouraged to join RCIA by friends whose sons attend Loyola School and serve as altar servers at the Parish. The program was thorough and ably conducted by a dedicated team who guided us with incredible understanding and patience through to the glorious moments of Baptism, Confirmation, First Eucharist and Reception at the Easter Vigil. There were 23 of us who had not known each other. At the end, the love and support among us was tangible; no longer strangers, but brothers and sisters in the Risen Christ. The reception by the Parish will remain an everlasting joy! — Wylton James

I had been thinking about becoming Catholic for a while but decided to do so when a close friend asked me to be godmother to her son. I could not have imagined the impact it would have on my life. Having struggled with anxiety and depression, faith in Christ has made me a calmer, more content person. Additionally, now that my husband and I share the same faith, it has brought us closer and deepened our marriage. The team have lovingly shepherded us through this program. I look forward to seeking out new ways to be involved in the parish. Thank you! — Sarah A.

For many years now I wanted to learn more about the Catholic faith into which I was baptized. I always felt like there was some reason it wasn’t the right time. I know now it was because I was waiting for St. Ignatius. I have been blown away by how welcoming and supportive the entire parish community has been. I truly believe that God led me here to strengthen my faith and I am forever grateful! — Sara Francis

Please visit stignatiusloyola.org to read reflections from Jolien Bekkering, Eva, Nathalie Kallon, Ashley Smith and one other person.
Dear Parishioners,

I am very happy to inform you that we will have a newly ordained Jesuit priest joining the parish staff for one year. Brett McLaughlin, SJ, will be ordained at the Chapel of Fordham University on Saturday, June 10, at 10:30 AM. As part of his continuing Jesuit formation, he will spend his “pastoral year” with us.

Soon to be “Father” McLaughlin will officially begin his responsibilities at the parish on Monday, June 19. However, he has already arrived and will be in residence in the Parish House while he is with us. Please give him a hearty welcome when you see him.

You will learn more about Father McLaughlin in his own words in the essay which will be featured in the parish bulletin of June 18.

Let us remember Brett in our prayers as he prepares for his ordination. And let us also pray that God bless the church with an increase in vocations to the priesthood and the religious life.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Fr. Yesalonia
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 28 June 18

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/fUpawgmEXNRGJjc53

RANGER ROSARY MINISTRY

Monday, June 5th
7:00 PM in the Meeting Room

Over 17,550 rosaries and counting!

The Ranger Rosary ministry meets twice a month to make rosaries for Catholics who are serving in the armed services. New members are always welcome!

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

Join choristers from local schools and sing with our St. Ignatius 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 haley@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.

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SPRING APPEAL

2017 Spring Appeal

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Please support your parish and contribute to the Spring Appeal.

To give online, visit https://donate.stignatiusloyola.org/church/spring

St. Ignatius is Now on Facebook!

To stay up-to-date on upcoming events, follow us at churchofstignatiusloyolanyc
SAINT IGNAKIUS LOYOLA SCHOOL
ANNUAL STREET FAIR!

Friday, June 2nd
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Please join us at our Annual Street Fair, rain or shine!
   Enjoy games, rides and food, both on 84th Street and in McKinnon Hall.
   Tickets may be purchased in McKinnon Hall upon arrival.
   Start your weekend with some great family fun!

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The Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) makes a difference in the lives of people in need through service and prayerful reflection.

Relying on their experience, IVC volunteers are older adults who serve in community agencies and schools as tutors, counselors, legal advisors, business consultants, nurses and teachers. They are men and women who seek to develop and enrich their own spiritual lives through individual and communal reflection in the tradition of St. Ignatius Loyola.

For more information about IVC, visit JVCUSA.org or contact Mary Ellen O’Driscoll, Metro New York Area Director, at 917-609-8163.

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THE CARDINAL’S APPEAL

Sharing God’s Gifts

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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.

Special Collection

Next weekend, our Parish will take up the annual collection for the Catholic Missions Among Black and Indian People.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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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

**Tuesday, May 30th at 7:00 PM**
Wallace Hall

**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.
To register, visit http://bit.ly/2lKjtal

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**The Parish Ministry Council cordially invites those St. Ignatius Parishioners who have served this year to**

**The Ministers’ Night Annual Supper Social**

**Thursday, June 1st**
7:00 PM
Wallace Hall

RSVP by **the end of today:**
212-288-3588 or silministrydinner@gmail.com
Please leave both your name and your ministry.
We look forward to sharing a meal together!

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**MUSIC**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 4th**
11 AM SOLEMN MASS

Duruflé
Prelude on Veni Creator

Lauridsen
Lux aeterna: Veni, Sancte Spiritus

Martinson
O Spirit all-embracing

Demessieux
Toccata on Veni Creator

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**BOOK LAUNCH**

Building a Bridge
by Fr. James Martin, S.J.

**Tuesday, June 13th**
7:00 PM
Wallace Hall

Building a Bridge provides a roadmap for repairing and strengthening the bonds that unite all of us as God’s children.

Fr. Martin uses the image of a two-way bridge to enable LGBT Catholics and the Church to come together in a call to end the “us” versus “them” mentality.

Turning to the Catechism, he draws on the three criteria at the heart of the Christian ministry—“respect, compassion, and sensitivity”—as a model for building a relationship between the Catholic Church and the LGBT community.

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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
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.

After-School Tutors Needed. The Little Sisters of the Assumption Family Health Service is in need of after-school tutors to assist low-academic performing East Harlem children. Three tutors are needed for Mondays from 4:45 PM to 5:45 PM; one tutor for Wednesdays, also from 4:45 PM to 5:45 PM. The one-on-one tutoring sessions are held at the Center, 333 East 115th Street (between First and Second Avenues). For more information, email tgough@lsafhs.org or visit www.littlesistersfamily.org

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Art Exhibit: Corpus Mysticum: reEncountering the Church, Thursday, June 15 – Sunday, July 30. Sheen Center Gallery, 18 Bleecker Street. This exhibit by collage artist and architectural designer Timothy Matthew Collins is a response to the Church’s call for artists to engage in renewed evangelization through contemporary visual forms. For more details, visit sheencenter.org/shows/corpus-mysticum

ArchCare Care Navigation Center: Resources for Seniors. Need help caring for yourself or someone else but not sure where to turn? ArchCare, the healthcare system of the Archdiocese of New York has a Care Navigation Center staffed by health and social service professionals dedicated to helping people better understand and access the services for which they are eligible. Call 855-951-2273 between 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM seven days a week.