My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

By God’s grace, just 10 short days ago I survived my first year as Pastor. For me the experience has been exhilarating—exhausting at times, but always filled with joy and gratitude. I have been nourished by the faith life of our parish community whose love for the church and each other is palpable. We journey together as pilgrims who desire, each in his or her own way, a greater intimacy with Jesus Christ. Never alone or abandoned we are one in faith, a community where no one is a stranger, and one in heart striving to bring compassion and mercy to a broken world. And yet closer to home there are members of our parish who only experience this reality from a distance, who dream of a more accepting community.

I believe that the strength of our faith, the pervasiveness of the desire to be part of this community, and the depth of our love for one another as friends in the Lord propel us to acknowledge, accept, affirm, and nourish in their faith those members of our parish who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ). To that end, I have authorized the creation of a Parish LGBTQ Ministry whose mission will be to nurture the faith life of the entire parish through the unique perspective these sisters and brothers bring to being Catholic in an environment which in significant ways has banished them to second class status. The LGBTQ members of our parish have waited patiently for this day to come. We can delay no longer. Justice demands it; compassion and mercy accompany it.

My decision to form an LGBTQ ministry was made after having met with members of the parish who identify as LGBTQ, many of whom are actively engaged in other ministries of the parish or who are parents of our grammar school students or parents of LGBTQ children. I am compelled to relate to you what I learned during those meetings which led me to the only decision which could be made in considering such a ministry. For reasons unique to each person, our LGBTQ parishioners are firmly committed to being Catholics, despite how they are characterized by the official teaching of the church. They are nonetheless buoyed by their hope that the church’s teaching will change. More than anything, however, they want to feel accepted by this community, their parish, for who they are and to be affirmed, not simply vaguely known or tolerated as being LGBTQ. They yearn to be true to who they are, created out of love by God as gay, as lesbian, as bisexual, as transgendered, or as questioning of their identity. For you see, they want the same thing all of us desire who enter the doors of this church, to be accepted and loved for who we are, for we believe that there are no conditions or limitations on God’s love or on God’s commandment to love one another.

Undoubtedly, my decision will not be universally welcomed or accepted. An LGBTQ ministry may seem to some to be unsettling and inappropriate for this parish. Some may argue that it goes against the teaching of the Catholic Church. Others may view it as the unleashing of dark and sinister forces which will lead to the unravelling of our social order or of the church itself. In response to such sentiments I encourage each of us to be strengthened and made bold by the message of the Easter season which concluded last week with the celebration of the feast of Pentecost, Our Savior Lives! The shackles of ignorance, darkness, and fear have been destroyed forever. Jesus Christ with us, yesterday, today, and tomorrow! Our responsibility now, as has always been the mission of the church, is to proclaim that message in word and in deed.

As we begin the process of integrating this new LGBTQ ministry into the fabric of our parish, let us pray for the guidance of God’s Spirit so that all that we do in celebrating the diversity which exists in our community will be for the greater glory of God.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Fr. Yesalonia
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 Spring Appeal.

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

Summer Mass Schedule Changes
The final Wallace Hall Family Mass of the season will be Sunday, June 18th.
The Family Mass will resume on Sunday, September 10th.

Our summer Daily Mass Schedule begins on Wednesday, July 5th and runs through Friday, September 1st.
During this time, the 12:10 PM Daily Mass is discontinued. The 8:30 AM Mass will be celebrated in the Church and the 5:30 PM Mass will be celebrated in the Lady Chapel.

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Book Launch

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

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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.

Religious Education for Children

Online registration is now open!
To register for the 2017-2018 IREP program, visit:
http://stignatiusloyola.org/index.php/education/2017_2018_irep_registration

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a program of religious formation for children ages 3, 4, and (returning) 5 year olds.
The program draws on the scriptural and liturgical traditions of the Church.

Our meeting place is the Atrium, behind Wallace Hall, a space where children enjoy an environment that supports their spiritual development.

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Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

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12:10 MEM    James Gallacher
5:30 MEM    Magno Landas

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**Wednesday, June 14th** *(Tenth Wednesday in Ordinary Time)*
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**Warren**
- *Anima Christi*

**Dupré**
- *Fugue in B Major, Op. 7, No. 1*

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**IGNITE! TEEN MINISTRY**

*Saturday, June 17th*
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 & community.

**All are welcome to come and check us out.**

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**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**
June 18    June 25

To receive updates on IYA events and other opportunities, you can follow us on Facebook at [facebook.com/IgnatianYoungAdults](http://facebook.com/IgnatianYoungAdults)

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**Save the Date!**

*Tuesday, September 26, 2017*
Quaker Ridge Golf Club Scarsdale, N.Y.

**GOLF OUTING**

Recognizing Fr. James Keenan, SJ, on his 80th birthday and 60 years as a Jesuit!

Gary Goodenough - Golf Outing Chair

For more information: James Skurka · 212-774-5544

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PARISH STAFF

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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.

Pastoral Associates
Teresa Marie Cariño    Carly-Anne Gannon
Assisting Priests (Sunday)

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Scott Warren, Director
Daniel Beckwith
Robert Reuter
Michael Sheetz
Maureen Haley
Philip Anderson
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Executive Director of SMSS Concerts
Danya Katok, Administrator

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Administrative Assistant
Patricia Schneider

Communications Coordinator
Elizabeth O’Sullivan

Director of Facilities
Michael Gardiner

Asst. to the Director of Facilities
Caroline Fernandes

Treasurer
Fernando Castro

Weekday Masses
Monday – Friday
8:30 AM, 12:10 PM, and 5:30 PM
Saturday: 8:30 AM

Masses for Next Weekend:
Saturday Vigil  5:30PM  Fr. Hilbert
Sunday:  8:00 AM  Fr. Yesalonia
         9:30 AM  Fr. Judge
Wallace Hall Family  11:00 AM  Fr. Feely
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.

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.

We pray for the faithful departed
Toni Brown
Brendan Cryan
Paul Dooling
Sal Estrada
Carol A. O’Connor
May they rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.