Jesuits at St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish—Celebrating 150 Years!

It is exceedingly rare that parishes in the United States can claim two patron saints as founding guides for their future. Such is the good fortune and rich history of our parish.

The parish was originally founded in 1851 by Archbishop Hughes in response to the many needs of the Irish who settled in the “northern reaches of NYC” in the Yorkville area. It was named after a twelfth-century Bishop of Dublin, St. Lawrence O’Toole, and its first pastor was Rev. Eugene O’Reilly. The church was originally on the second floor of a commercial building on 86th Street near Park Avenue.

A founding principle of Jesuit spirituality is known as cura personalis or caring for the person. This commitment of Jesuits was faithfully on display in their ministering to the needy in Yorkville and the surrounding area, including those housed in shelters on Randall’s Island and Ward’s Island, and in a charity hospital and penitentiary on Blackwell’s (now Roosevelt) Island. Jesuits from Fordham University assisted in the early days at the parish masses. As a result of their active social ministry Archbishop McCloskey asked that a Jesuit be assigned to lead the parish of St. Lawrence. Fr. Victor Beaudevin, S.J., from Fordham University became the parish’s fourth pastor and first Jesuit pastor in 1866.

Yorkville quickly developed into a bustling community with a social fabric woven of the wealthy, the working class and those trapped in poverty. In the years following the founding of St. Lawrence O’Toole, the Irish parishioners were followed by an influx of Germans, Italians, Hungarians, and Slovaks. In time, the parish gave birth to nine “daughter-parishes” to serve the needs of the growing population. The first of these was St. Vincent Ferrer under the tutelage of the Dominican Fathers in 1868. The founding of additional parishes (i.e. St. Joseph’s and St. Francis de Sales) and schools followed.

It wasn’t until December 1898 that the parish church was re-named for St. Ignatius Loyola, when the thirteenth pastor, Fr. Neil McKinnon, S.J., led the rebuilding of the Church from its historical wood and brick origins to the current fabled marble structure that we know today. The Loyola School and grade school harken back to these days. The Day Nursery and Regis High School followed after the turn of the century.

Jesuit resilience and fortitude has led the parish in responding to the many needs of parishioners generated by wars, social changes, and economic ups and downs. For example, there were bond and savings stamp drives, vigorous Red Cross and United Services Organizations (USO) work, and assistance to the blind through the St. Francis Xavier Society. Today the parish hosts over two dozen service groups addressing the needs of young and old, including those serving in the armed forces.

Jesuit evangelization within the parish has implemented the instruction and direction of the First Vatican Council (1869–70) and the Second Vatican Council (1961–1965) and more recently the Synod on the Family and Pope Francis’s encyclical Laudato Si (On Care for Our Common Home).

The Jesuit spirit of inquiry and bold commitment to faith development has always been part of the fabric of the parish. Nowhere is this better exemplified than the emerging Ecumenical Movement led by Fr. William Wood, S.J., (the 29th pastor) after the Second Vatican Council. On January 20, 1966, St. Ignatius Church hosted a meeting of 23 churches (Catholic, Orthodox, Episcopal, and Protestant) for the first “Ecumenical Service.” This tradition has continued into our own era as reflected in the recent Good Friday meditation on the Last Words of Jesus, which includes clergy, religious, and lay speakers—Catholic and Protestant.

Lastly, it should be noted that the spiritual commitment of the parish has been augmented by an extraordinary liturgical music program. Under the leadership of Fr. Walter Modrys, S.J., (our longest serving pastor, 1986–2005) the creation of many choral groups and the building of a new church organ have ushered in an era of sacred music that bolsters the liturgical experience of all parishioners.

Over the past 150 years St. Ignatius Loyola parish has had 34 pastors or rectors to challenge, nurture, and encourage the faithful to bear witness to the Gospel. Our new pastor, Fr. Dennis Yesalonia, S.J., follows in this great faith tradition.

— Anthony Miserandino, Ph.D.
Parishioner
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30th

150th Sesquicentennial Mass.
11:00 AM Solemn Mass. Church.
Reception to follow in Wallace Hall.

SVdP Thanksgiving Food Drive begins this weekend. Details on page 5.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31st

Ranger Rosary Ministry.
7:00 PM. Meeting Room.
Details at bottom.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1st

Solemnity of All Saints.
Mass Schedule at upper right.
This year, the Solemnity is a holy day of obligation.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting.
7:00 PM. Conference Room.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd

Magis Night: Living in the Layers: Transformation and Wholeness in Relationship to God.
7:00 PM. Wallace Hall. Sponsored by Ignatian Young Adults.
Details on page 3.

FRIDAY – SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 4th – NOVEMBER 6th

Shelter Weekend. Wallace Hall.
For information on volunteering, see page 5.

The Solemnity of All Saints

Tuesday, November 1st is the Solemnity of All Saints, a Holy Day of Obligation.

Monday, October 31st
A Mass of Anticipation at 5:30 PM in the Church.

Tuesday, November 1st
Masses at 8:30 AM, 12:10 PM, 5:30 PM, and 7:30 PM. All Masses will be in the Church.

FAMILY MINISTRY

BIRTHDAY GIVING PARTY
Sunday, November 6th
Immediately following the 11:00 AM Wallace Hall Mass

Help us continue our 150th birthday celebration by giving a gift to others. Please join the Family Ministry for a Birthday Giving Party. Come as a family and help build a birthday bag to donate to an underprivileged child.

For thousands of underprivileged kids, the greatest birthday wish is not a toy or a bike or puppy, it’s simply the chance to celebrate a birthday. The suggested donation is $10 per bag. Supplies will be provided for the bag.

Please RSVP to parentcommittee.familyministry@gmail.com to reserve your space.

All are welcome.

The Hour Children truck is coming!

Sunday, November 13th, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
The HOUR CHILDREN truck will be parked outside St. Ignatius Church, ready to receive donations of clothing, toys, kitchenware, knick-knacks, household items, electronics, and small furniture.

HOUR CHILDREN:
A community of mothers and children where love makes the difference.
Sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul & Ignatian Social Justice

New Parishioners Welcome Reception
Monday, November 14th
7:00 PM in Wallace Hall

An informal gathering to welcome parishioners who have registered during the past year.
Light hors d’oeuvres and refreshments will be served.

Call 212-288-3588 by Friday, November 11th to RSVP.
Hosted by the New Parishioners Committee
**PRAYER SUGGESTION — Sacred Space**
Spend 10 minutes in prayer, as you sit at your computer, with the help of on-screen guidance and scripture chosen specially every day. Visit [www.sacredspace.ie](http://www.sacredspace.ie)

**SAVE THE DATE**

**POVERTY SIMULATION**
Saturday, November 19th


Pope Francis calls us to recognize the poor among us, And to care for them as our sisters and brothers. *First we must understand their daily lives.*

Presented by:

- Bread for the World
- The Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- Ignatian Social Justice
- Xavier Peace & Justice Committee

Details to follow in an upcoming bulletin.

**RETREAT OPPORTUNITY**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Weekend Retreat at Jogues Retreat House**
Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY
March 24–26, 2017

Details to follow.

**Interested in Becoming Catholic?**

We have the privilege at St. Ignatius of welcoming 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.

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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**IGNATIAN YOUNG ADULTS**

**Sunday Social Fall 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**

Nov. 13 Dec. 11

**Magis Night: Living in the Layers: Transformation and Wholeness in Relationship to God**

**Part Talk, Part Faith Sharing, Part Social**

Thursday, November 3rd
7:30 PM in Wallace Hall

Join us for the first Magis Night of the season as Andrea Santoriello shares how her faith journey has led her to open herself up to a deeper relationship with God.

**IGNITE! TEEN MINISTRY**

**Saturday, November 12th**
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
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.

All are welcome to come and check us out.

To register, scan the QR code at left or visit [https://goo.gl/forms/fUpawgmEXNRGJjc53](https://goo.gl/forms/fUpawgmEXNRGJjc53)

**RANGER ROSARY MINISTRY**

**Monday, October 31st**
7:00 PM in the Meeting Room

The Ranger Rosary ministry, which started at St. Ignatius in August 2009, 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!
Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

**Monday, October 31st (St. Alphonsus Rodriguez)**
8:30   MEM    The O’Reilly Family
12:10   MEM    Melinda Sue Cottingham

**Tuesday, November 1st (All Saints)**
Revelation 7:2–4, 9–14           Psalm 24
John 3:1–3                                Matthew 5:1–12a

**Wednesday, November 2nd**
(The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed )
Readings will be taken from the Masses for the Dead

**Thursday, November 3rd**
(Thirty-first Thursday in Ordinary Time)
8:30   MEM    Frances Ennis McCollum
12:10   MEM    George Arcarola
5:30   MEM    Daniel F. Kelly

**Friday, November 4th (St. Charles Borromeo)**
8:30   MEM    John Baker
12:10   MEM    Linda Foa
5:30   MEM    Noel Sumulong

**Saturday, November 5th (All Saints of the Society of Jesus)**
Deuteronomy 30:11–14    Psalm 16    John 12:23–26
8:30   MEM    John Baker

**Sunday, November 6th**
(Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time)
2 Maccabees 7:1–2, 9–14    Psalm 17

**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

**For your convenience...**
To reach the Giving page on the parish website, scan the QR Code at left with your smartphone’s camera.
Thanksgiving Food Drive to benefit the New York Common Pantry
NYCP's Food Pantry Program is New York City's largest community-based food pantry. Throughout the holiday season NYCP will serve meals to over 2,000 low-income families.

Please bring your non-perishable food items to the Parish House between Sunday, October 30th and Wednesday, November 16th.

Requested items include:
stuffing mix, rice (1 lb.), and turkey gravy (No glass jars please.)
A flyer with a complete list of food items can be found in the Narthex.

Annual Turkey Drive to benefit the New York Common Pantry
A donation of $35 will help the Common Pantry to purchase a turkey plus plenty of delicious side dishes and dessert for one of the thousands of families who rely on their Choice Pantry services.

Please bring checks to the Parish House by Wednesday, November 16th, and make them payable to: Society of St. Vincent de Paul (note Turkey Drive in the memo section).

Volunteers Needed! Shelter Weekend Begins Friday, November 4th
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is in need of volunteers for the Women's Shelter, which is located in Wallace Hall every other weekend, from November through April.

If you would like to volunteer in the Shelter, please leave a message for Teresa Abruzzo at the Parish House or email svdp.shelter980@gmail.com

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6th
11 AM SOLEMN MASS with Middle School Choir
Callahan Partita in Ein Feste Burg
Harris In the heavenly kingdom
Handel, arr. Kihlken Give Thanks and Praise
Brewer Marche Héroïque

COMING IN NOVEMBER
Caritas Concert: Ávila & Fiacco - Violin and Cello
Monday, November 21st, 6:30 PM
Wallace Hall
Jorge Ávila and Arthur Fiacco are our beloved concertmaster and principal cellist of the Orchestra of St. Ignatius Loyola. For this evening, they offer a program of chamber music with celebrated pianist Adrienne Kim.

All proceeds will benefit the organization Hour Children.

Tickets: $50

December at Sacred Music in a Sacred Space
A Chanticleer Christmas
Friday, December 2nd & Sunday, December 4th
Heaven & Nature Sing: Annual Christmas Concerts
Sunday, December 11th & Sunday, December 18th
Combined Choirs & Orchestra of St. Ignatius Loyola.

Tickets for all concerts are available online at www.smssconcerts.org or by calling 212-288-2520.

OLIVEWOOD SALE
Sunday, November 13th
In the Narthex after all Masses
Representatives from Gifts From Bethlehem will be selling religious articles carved from olivewood after all Masses on Sunday, November 13th.

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Retreat: In Everything Mercy: Thomas Merton and Pope Francis on the Merciful Heart of God. Saturday, November 12, 9:30 AM. Corpus Christi Church, 529 West 121st Street. Sponsored by the Corpus Christi Chapter of the International Thomas Merton Society. Presenter: Dr. Christopher Pramuk, Professor of Theology and Spirituality, Xavier University. Dr. Pramuk will lead a meditation on mercy in Merton’s writings. Pre-registration required. To register, visit www.thomasmertonnyc.org/events

Film: For the Greater Glory of God: A Film Adaptation of the Dance/Theater Piece Inspired by the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola. Wednesday, November 16, 7:00 PM. Xavier High School Theater/Keenan Commons, 30 West 16th Street. The film is an adaptation of the dance/theater presentation, For the Greater Glory of God, created by Fr. Bob VerEecke, pastor at the Church of St. Francis Xavier. Fr. VerEecke portrays St. Ignatius Loyola in the film. For more details, email Fr. VerEecke at rvereecke@sfxavier.org

Nightfever NYC. Saturday, November 19, 7:00 PM. Saint Patrick’s Cathedral, East 50th Street and 5th Avenue. On the last night of the Year of Mercy, Nightfever NYC is hosting a night of praise, worship, and reconciliation. The evening of music and prayer will begin at 7:00 PM and end at 9:00 PM. Confessions will be heard. For more information, email nightfevernyc@gmail.com

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.

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. Hilbert
Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Hilbert
9:30 AM Fr. Feely
Wallace Hall 11:00 AM Fr. Yesalonia
Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Bergen
7:30 PM Fr. Bergen

Remember St. Ignatius in Your Estate Plan
If you would like information about planned giving, contact Fernando Castro, Treasurer, or visit our website at www.stignatiusloyola.org

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