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

My wife and daughter are “cradle Catholics.” My daughter attends Marymount School. At one of her school Masses at St. Ignatius, she noticed that everyone knelt in prayer except me. She wondered why I was different. That was the impetus for me to convert to Catholicism. The homilies I heard while attending her Mass were inspiring, so it seemed like the perfect place. I had no idea that what would follow was a robust, powerful spiritual journey in the hands of the St. Ignatius RCIA, culminating in the amazing religious experience of Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. The washing of the feet, touching the simple wood cross, stripping the altar, the singing, chanting, homilies, my Baptism, the oil of Confirmation, and First Communion, experiencing the applause of the entire congregation, are all images and feelings still vibrant in my mind. I completed my task of uniting myself spiritually with my wife and daughter and in doing so discovered a wonderful community, and most important, a stronger connection to Jesus Christ.
— Richard Charles Willis

I was an atheist for the longest time. I could not believe in a good God in a world where horrible injustices kept happening to innocent people. Everything seemed random. As a result, I was always anxious about the future and bitter about the past. I felt cynical and helpless. Yet I never gave up looking for an answer, so I wanted to give religion another chance. My spiritual journey through the RCIA changed this. It opened my eyes and clarified things through open discussions and studies of the Gospels.
The story of the Passion, the concept of Faith, the Trinity…held the answers to the very questions that had been tormenting me and had turned me into a nonbeliever. This has brought me peace and serenity. It has allowed me to become a stronger and better person. For that I am eternally grateful.
— Name Withheld

I started thinking more about faith after the 2016 election. It was a dark time and I did not know where to turn for guidance. I started praying. I had not prayed since I was a child. That led me to take a chance and walk into St. Ignatius Loyola. I was pleasantly surprised and impressed by the response I received. I was amazed at how many participants there were in the RCIA! We may have had different reasons for inquiring into Catholic faith, but I realized that I was not alone in my search. I appreciate the Parish, the team and their dedication to the mission of the Church, all of us and our journeys. They truly exemplify faith, hope and love. It is now my honor to be able to raise my children in the Catholic faith and try to give them the same gifts that St. Ignatius Loyola Parish has given me.
— Phyllis Pei

Last year I was looking for a church with my Mom and saw a Facebook post by Father James Martin. His authenticity and modern approach to Christian teachings stood out. It turned out that my Mom was reading a book by Father Martin! I felt this was a sign from God. I did some internet research. I spoke to a priest and decided that I would join RCIA at his parish. Toward the end of the conversation he said, “Based on what you have told me, I think you should go to St. Ignatius.” Once again, I decided to listen to God’s voice and called St. Ignatius. Here I am now, several months later, a newly baptized Catholic—the way I always wanted to be—in the best parish I could never have even imagined!
— Michelle Lederer
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

**SUNDAY, APRIL 29th**
Offering of Letters Campaign for Bread for the World.
Following all Masses. Narthex. Details at lower right.
Ignatian Young Adults Sunday Social.
8:30 PM. Wallace Hall. Details on page 3.

**MONDAY, APRIL 30th**
Moms, Pops & Tots.
10:00 AM. Meeting Room. Details on page 3.
The Jesuits and Dorothy Day.
7:00 PM. Wallace Hall. Details on page 5.

**TUESDAY, MAY 1st**
New Ministry Organizational Meeting.
7:00 PM. Conference Room. Details below.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 2nd**
Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting.
7:00 PM. Conference Room.

**THURSDAY, MAY 3rd**
Ignatian Social Justice.
7:00 PM. Conference Room.

**SATURDAY, MAY 5th**
First Holy Communion.
Grammar School Students.
10:00 AM. Church.
IGNITE! Teen Ministry.
6:30 PM. Parish Lounge.
Details on page 3.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

**Your Parish, Your Home**

**CAMPAIGN FOR THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA**

At the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, we warmly welcome those who seek to be a part of a vibrant worshipping community, to grow in faith, to be nurtured in mind and spirit, and to be joyful disciples of Jesus Christ in today's world.

We are always open to where God is calling us. But our magnificent church buildings don't reflect the welcome we extend to everyone.

You can help change that by making a gift to this important capital campaign.

**CAMPAIGN GOAL: $7,500,000**

To learn more about the Your Parish, Your Home Capital Campaign, visit stignatiusloyola.org/index.php/capitalcampaign or scan the QR code at left.

IGNATIAN SOCIAL JUSTICE

**Offering of Letters Campaign for Bread for the World**

**THIS WEEKEND**

In the Narthex after all Masses

Help provide hope and opportunity for people living with hunger. Sign a letter to our legislators urging them to make public investments that will provide needed resources in our community, and move us toward the end of hunger worldwide.

Members of ISJ will be in the Narthex after each Mass to assist parishioners with their letters.

**NEW MINISTRY**

If you are interested in joining a new parish ministry that will take the responsibility of providing refreshments and pastries in McKinnon Hall after the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass on a once monthly basis so parishioners may linger longer for fellowship and conversation, please join us for an organizational meeting on **Tuesday, May 1st at 7:00 PM** in the Parish House Conference Room.

If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like to help, call the Parish House at 212-288-3588 and leave a message for Fr. Yesalonia.

**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.
**MOMS, POPS & TOTS**
Monday, April 30th at 10:00 AM  
Meeting Room
This weekly gathering provides parents with young children the opportunity to make friends and develop community while strengthening their own spiritual lives. Coffee and treats are available for the parents.

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**RANGER ROSARY MINISTRY**
Monday, May 7th  
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. 
New members are always welcome!

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**MORE THAN A BOOK CLUB**

**MAY SELECTION BOOK DISCUSSION**
Thursday, May 17th  
2:00 PM  
Meeting Room

**MAY BOOK SELECTION**

*Dorothy Day: The World Will Be Saved By Beauty* by Kate Hennessy  
*Dorothy Day: The World Will Be Saved By Beauty* is a frank and reflective, heartfelt and humorous portrayal written by her granddaughter, Kate Hennessy.

*Dorothy Day: The World Will Be Saved By Beauty* will be available for purchase at the Monday, April 30th lecture *The Jesuits and Dorothy Day* held in Wallace Hall.  
For details, see page 5.

To register for the May 17th book discussion, email MoreThanABookClubSIL@gmail.com

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**IGNATIAN YOUNG ADULTS**

**Sunday Social 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 29  May 6  May 20

**Magis Night**

**Salvation in the 21st Century**
Speaker: Fr. Brett McLaughlin, S.J.

Wednesday, May 2nd at 7:30 PM  
Wallace Hall
What does salvation mean for us in the 21st century? Young adults are invited to join Fr. Brett McLaughlin on Wednesday, May 2 as he unpacks aspects of salvation and what it means for us today.

To RSVP, visit  

**Where’d You Go, God? A Half Day Retreat**
Saturday, May 5th at 12:00 PM  
Wallace Hall
As we grow and mature in our friendship with God, our old ways of relating to and imagining God begin to change and fall away. It can seem like God is absent, that we have doubts, that we’re in a “dark night”. Our presentation and conversation will explore this experience and what it means for our ever deepening relationship with God.

Lunch at 12 PM  |  Program from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

To RSVP, visit  
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/whered-you-go-god-tickets-45112032303

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**IGNITE! TEEN MINISTRY**

Saturday, May 5th  
6:30 PM in the Parish Lounge  

*Ignite* is a community of high school students guided by Ignatian spirituality though Saturday sessions, small groups, retreats, and more.

Parents can register their teens by visiting  
https://form.jotform.com/7157544498166

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Please don't forget to notify us!  
This information helps us to keep our database current.
The Hour Children truck is coming!

Sunday, May 6th, 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.

Sponsored by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

**Monday, April 30th** (Fifth Monday of Easter)
Acts 14:5–18    Psalm 115    John 14:21–26
8:30 MEM Laura Regalado
12:10 MEM John & Rose Leonard
5:30 MEM William Powers

**Tuesday, May 1st** (Fifth Tuesday of Easter)
8:30 MEM Diane Judge
12:10 MEM Michaelina Rabasco
5:30 ANN Rebecca Strittmatter

**Wednesday, May 2nd** (St. Athanasius)
Acts 15:1–6    Psalm 122    John 15:1–8
8:30 MEM The Choix & Gordon Families
12:10 MEM Margaret Sullivan
5:30 MEM Donald Mancuso

**Thursday, May 3rd** (Ss. Philip & James)
1 Corinthians 15:1–8    Psalm 19     John 14:6–14
8:30 MEM Ciro Saracino
12:10 MEM Phyllis Terker
5:30 MEM Julia Surkorski

**Friday, May 4th** (Fifth Friday of Easter)
8:30 MEM John & Nora Reilly
12:10 MEM Jack Kehoe
5:30 MEM Living & Deceased Members of the Brenninkmeijer Family

**Saturday, May 5th** (Fifth Saturday of Easter)
Acts 6:1–10    Psalm 100    John 15:18–21
8:30 MEM Mary Moran

**Sunday, May 6th** (Sixth Sunday of Easter)
1 John 4:7–10    John 15:9–17

### 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 mobile devices.

**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.
**LECTURES**

**The Jesuits and Dorothy Day**

**Presenter**
Kate Hennessy

**Monday, April 30th**
7:00 PM in Wallace Hall

Kate Hennessy, the youngest of Dorothy Day’s nine grandchildren, will discuss her book *Dorothy Day: The World Will Be Saved By Beauty: An Intimate Portrait of My Grandmother*. The book examines the life and work of her grandmother, and the relationship between Day and her only child, Tamar Hennessy.

Copies of *Dorothy Day: The World Will Be Saved By Beauty* will be available for purchase.

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**MUSIC**

**POULENC GLORIA & ORGAN CONCERTO**

**Wednesday, May 23rd**
8:00 PM

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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**LGBT CATHOLICS & FRIENDS**

**THE AMAZING RACE**

**Saturday, May 19th**
12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

All parishioners, friends and ministries of St. Ignatius Loyola Church are invited to participate in the Amazing Race: Ignatian Edition.

Hosted by LGBT Catholics and Friends, the Amazing Race is part race and part scavenger hunt. A series of clues, road blocks, and detours will take you around the Upper East Side, Central Park and museums, where you will learn insider secrets, weird facts, and fascinating history about the neighborhood.

**Who:** Enter individually and be teamed up on the day, team up with friends, or form teams within your ministry. Team size is between 2-4 people.

**Cost:** $10/person

**What you’ll need:** Comfortable shoes. Plus, at least one member of each team should have a smartphone to download the ScanQuest app. If you don’t have one, we will pair you with someone who does.


For more information, email join.lgbt.caf@gmail.com

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**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 here 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.

For more information, contact Maureen Fullam at 212-288-3588 or email church@stignatiusloyola.org
PARISH STAFF
Pastor
Rev. Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J.
Associate Pastors
Rev. Thomas H. Feely, S.J.
Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.
Assistant Pastor
Rev. Brett B. McLaughlin, S.J.
Senior Priest
Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J.
Pastoral Associates
Teresa Marie Cariño
Carly-Anne Gannon

Pastoral Assistant
Maureen Haley
Assisting Priests
Rev. Philip G. Judge, S.J.
Rev. James Martin, S.J.

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

Assistant to the Pastor
Diane M. Boyle
Administrative Assistant
Patricia Schneider
Communications Coordinator
Elizabeth O’Sullivan
Director of Facilities
Robert Cisternino
Asst. to the Director of Facilities
Caroline Fernandes
Treasurer
Fernando Castro

Weekday Masses (Monday to 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. Yesalonia
Sunday:
8:00 AM Fr. Bergen
9:30 AM Fr. Hilbert
Wallace Hall Family
11:00 AM Fr. McLaughlin
Solemn
11:00 AM Fr. Judge
7:30 PM Fr. Feely

Religious Education for Children
Ms. Carly-Anne Gannon, Director
M.Phil., M.Ed.
(212) 861-4764

St. Ignatius Loyola Grammar School
Ms. Mary Larkin, Principal
M.S. Ed. (Admin.), M.S. Ed. (Literacy)
48 East 84th Street
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Ms. Theodora Crist, M.S.
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240 East 84th Street
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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 Maureen Haley at the Parish House (212-288-3588 x636) 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 Maureen Haley at the Parish House (212-288-3588 x636) 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.

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 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.

Lecture: Religion in America: Transitions in the Methodist Church. Sunday, May 6th, 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM. Christ Church Methodist, 524 Park Avenue. Rev. Stephen Bauman will provide an overview and update on pressing issues impacting the Methodist denomination. For more details, email brian@christchurchnyc.org

Theater: The Rainmaker. Through Sunday, May 20th. The Sheen Center for Thought & Culture, 18 Bleecker Street. A stage classic by N. Richard Nash from the golden age of American theater, The Rainmaker is the story of a charismatic stranger who arrives in town on a hot summer day, bringing hope to a drought-stricken town as well as a lonely spinster in this deeply romantic fable of love, longing, hope, and fulfillment set in the American West of the 1920s. Tickets: $25. For more information, visit sheencenter.org

We pray for the faithful departed
Vincent McConnell
Mary McDermott
May they rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

Music Information: (212) 288-2520 Email: music@stignatiusloyola.org