How many of our favorite Gospel stories begin with Jesus’ arrival or return? After numerous appearances by the Risen Jesus, the Ascension marks his final farewell. Former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams writes that the Easter event is best symbolized by an absence. For this reason, the Eastern Orthodox tradition has never illustrated the Resurrection event itself. Instead, it is the empty tomb which is the perfect iconic representation. The tomb without a body is often shown between two Cherubim angels, like the seat of the Ark of the Covenant. As with the act of Creation, the Resurrection cannot be fully depicted or mapped; it is a mysterious divine act of generativity.

The risen Christ likewise cannot be fixed spatially, can no longer be “nailed down” to a territory. With the Ascension, Christ’s body becomes, not another item in the cosmos, nor a presence that compels belief. Even with the Resurrection appearances, the Lord often first shows himself as a stranger. Mary Magdalene is cautioned not to hold on to Jesus; there is no complete return to the Jesus that is humanly familiar. Archbishop Williams reads the end of Mark’s Gospel as a chastening absence, suggesting that Jesus’ narrative cannot be concluded. Christ becomes the *creative non-presence*, that cannot be made explicit in texts or performances. This *non-presence* becomes the manner in which Christ is the “Last Word” to us, drawing us forward to continual growth. Williams notes, “A theology of the risen Jesus will always be, to a greater or lesser degree, a negative theology, obliged to confess its conceptual and imaginative poverty—as is any theology which takes seriously the truth that God is not a determinate object in the world.” The offer of intimacy with God through Christ is the same, but no longer merely in 1st century Palestine.

Since the Easter event occurred before our lifetime, it is not easy to discern and ascertain its effects upon all humanity. A political election or snowstorm would certainly change many lives and leave decipherable traces in our world. But where is the data for a salvific event occurring two millennia ago, where is its legacy to be found?

Perhaps we should look at the people who remained at the scene of the Ascension. How strikingly different they were from when they left Galilee! Three years ago, Andrew would not have comprehended the way his brother Simon Peter now talked! A bewildered Zebedee would have questioned what Jesus had told his two sons! Levi found an entirely new community and place within the people of Israel. And the first chapter of The Acts of the Apostles is only the prologue to the mighty works they are about to do in Jesus’ name. These people are the proof that Christ is the creative non-presence that engenders their personal growth—and the spread of the Church. The bodyless Christ now spreads the Good News, through the disciples, to the farthest reaches of the Roman Empire.

Can we recognize and support the “Easter Christians” and Church-builders among us? Is there someone like Peter who has explained the mysteries of the faith to us? Has someone like Andrew introduced us to the presence of divine consolation? Have we met Barnabas in the encouragement of one of our friends when we face life’s challenges? Do we know someone like Paul who can bring confidence and conviction to any situation or setting? These people are discernable signs to us that Easter is *the necessary condition for living as we live.*

— Rev. Brett B. McLaughlin, S.J.
Assistant Pastor
**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**SUNDAY, MAY 6th**  
Hour Children Truck.  
9:00 AM. Outside the Church.  
Details below.

Ignatian Young Adults Sunday Social.  
8:30 PM. Wallace Hall.  
Details on page 3.

**MONDAY, MAY 7th**  
Moms, Pops & Tots.  
10:00 AM. Meeting Room. Details on page 3.

Our Damaged Democracy:  
We the People Must Act.  
7:00 PM. Wallace Hall. Details on page 5.

Ranger Rosary Ministry.  
7:00 PM. Meeting Room. Details on page 3.

**ASCENSION THURSDAY**  
MAY 10th  
Anticipated Mass at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, May 9th in the Church.  
Masses at 8:30 AM, 12:10 PM, 5:30 PM, and 7:30 PM on Thursday, May 10th in the Church.

**FRIDAY, MAY 11th**  
Shabbat Service at Park Avenue Synagogue.  
6:15 PM. Park Avenue Synagogue. Details at right.

**SATURDAY, MAY 12th**  
IGNITE! Teen Ministry.  
6:30 PM. Parish Lounge.

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**IGNATIAN INTERFAITH MINISTRY**

**Shabbat Service at**  
Park Avenue Synagogue  
Friday, May 11th at 6:15 PM  
Park Avenue Synagogue  
50 East 87th Street  
(Between Park & Madison)

Rabbi Neil Zuckerman has invited the Ignatian Interfaith Ministry and parishioners of St. Ignatius Loyola to join Park Avenue Synagogue for their weekly Shabbat Service.

Space will be set aside so that our group can be seated together. Please plan to arrive by 5:45 PM.  
Dress code is Sunday best.

RSVP to silatpas@gmail.com by Thursday, May 10th.

**Breaking Bread, Breaking the Fast:**  
Ramadan Iftar Dinner  
Tuesday, May 22nd at 7:15 PM  
Wallace Hall

Ramadan is the holy month when Muslims step back from daily routines to focus on spiritual renewal, learning, and personal reformation. The disciplined fasting of each day is broken with a festive meal at sundown.

The Turkish Cultural Center along with the Ignatian Interfaith Ministry will host a Ramadan Iftar dinner open to all in Wallace Hall to mark the end of that day’s fast. The evening will include live traditional sufí music by the group Amir Vahab.

This will be an opportunity for us to experience this wonderful feast while also learning more about Islam from our Muslim neighbors. While there is no charge, advanced registration is required.

Please RSVP by Friday, May 18th to iftaratsil@gmail.com

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The **Hour Children truck is here!**

**TODAY**  
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

The HOUR CHILDREN truck will be parked outside St. Ignatius Church today, 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.

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**St. Ignatius is on Facebook!**

To stay up-to-date on upcoming events here at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, follow us at churchofstignatiusloyolanyc
MOMS, POPS & TOTS
Monday, May 7th 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.

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!

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.

To register for the May 17th book discussion, email MoreThanaBookClubSIL@gmail.com
Registration required.

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**
May 6 May 20 June 3

BOOMERS & BEYOND
SHARED SACRED SITES
Tuesday, May 15th at 6:00 PM
New York Public Library
Please join us and discover some of the rarest and most beautiful holdings in this exhibition exploring the figures and locations common to Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.

We are scheduled to visit 2 free exhibits of this collaboration at the New York Public Library and the James Gallery of the CUNY Graduate Center.

The New York Public Library provides a historical view of several major shared holy figures and the interpretations they inspire across faiths, while items on display at CUNY’s James Gallery depict contemporary instances of believers practicing their faiths in shared spaces.

To RSVP, email boomersandbeyond.st.ignatius@gmail.com. _Space is limited._

We will meet at The James Gallery (365 Fifth Avenue) at 6:00 PM and go to the New York Public Library from there. Cocktails at Bryant Park Café afterwards.

SAVE THE DATE
Sunday Brunch
Sunday, May 20th at 1:00 PM
Doc Watson's Outdoor Garden (1490 2nd Avenue)
Price: $20 per person (includes tip and 2 complimentary drinks)
Space is limited.

_Boomers & Beyond offers social, educational, cultural, spiritual, and community service opportunities to men and women 50 and older._

Available at the Parish House
The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola: A Walking Tour
The updated Walking Tour—with all-new photographs—provides a detailed overview of the rich architectural history of the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola. **Cost: $8**
Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

**Monday, May 7th**  
*(Sixth Monday of Easter)*  
Acts 16:11–15  Psalm 149  John 15:26–16:4a  
8:30 MEM  Simone Saracino Fendi  
12:10 MEM  Emilio Dancel  
5:30 MEM  Ronald Donacik

**Tuesday, May 8th**  
*(Sixth Tuesday of Easter)*  
8:30 ANN  Arthur Levine  
12:10 ANN  Julia Ann O'Donnell  
5:30 MEM  Deceased Members of the Scanlon & McLoughlin Family

**Wednesday, May 9th**  
*(Sixth Wednesday of Easter)*  
Acts 17:15, 22–18:1  Psalm 148  John 16:12–15  
8:30 MEM  James Johnson  
12:10 MEM  Peter & Margaret Voorhies

**Thursday, May 10th**  
*(The Ascension of the Lord)*  

**Friday, May 11th**  
*(Sixth Friday of Easter)*  
8:30 MEM  Valentino Mazzia  
12:10 MEM  The Meehan Family  
5:30 MEM  Ambrose Dwyer

**Saturday, May 12th**  
*(Sixth Saturday of Easter)*  
8:30 MEM  Eileen T. Suermann

**Sunday, May 13th**  
*(Seventh Sunday of Easter)*  
Acts 1:15–17, 20a, 20c–26  John 4:11–16  Psalm 103

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**PRAYER RESOURCES**

**Pray as You Go**

[www.pray-as-you-go.org](http://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](http://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.

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We welcome new parishioners and invite you to fill out a Parishioner Registration Card located in the pew racks, at the Parish House, and online at [www.stignatiusloyola.org](http://www.stignatiusloyola.org)

Registration is our only means of certifying membership in the Parish.
MUSIC

SUNDAY, MAY 13th
11 AM SOLEMN MASS

Bairstow
Sonata in E-flat Major: III. Maestoso

Lassus
Benedic anima mea

Duruflé
Ubi caritas

Duruflé
Fugue on the name Alain

Rejoice in the Lord!
A Music Ministry Celebration

Sunday, May 13th
3:00 PM

The Parish Community Choir, Wallace Hall Choir, Canticum Sacrum, and Children's Choirs join forces for an eclectic concert of celebration and song.

FREE WILL OFFERING.
NO TICKETS NECESSARY.

LECTURES

Our Damaged Democracy: We the People Must Act

Presenter
Joseph A. Califano Jr.

Monday, May 7th
7:00 PM in Wallace Hall

Author Joseph Califano will discuss his recent book Our Damaged Democracy: We The People Must Act.

In the book, Califano explores the changes—political, cultural, constitutional, technological, institutional—that damage our government and the urgent need to fix our democracy. The book includes anecdotes and examples featuring every modern president and actions of both parties.

Copies of Our Damaged Democracy: We the People Must Act will be available for purchase.

The Jesuits and International Work

Monday, May 14th
7:00 PM in Wallace Hall

Archbishop Bernardito Auza,
Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations, will speak on The Global Compact on Migration.

Fr. Leo O’Donovan, S.J.,
Director of Mission for the Jesuit Refugee Service/USA, will respond with a reflection on refugees.

Fr. James Croghan, S.J.,
Missionary, will moderate and speak on other Jesuit works around the world.

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

To register, visit http://bit.ly/amazing-race-2018

Interested in 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

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Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.
Assistant Pastor
Rev. Brett B. McLaughlin, S.J.

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Caroline Fernandes

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

Religious Education
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Ms. Carly-Anne Gannon, Director
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(212) 861-4764

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Ms. Theodora Crist, M.S.
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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.

We pray for the faithful departed
Mary Singleton
May She rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

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