Servant of God, Monsignor Luigi Giussani, educator and founder of the Communion and Liberation movement, claims that religious education is risky for two reasons.

“First of all, faith cannot be proven mathematically. While it is reasonable to believe, faith cannot be proven by reason, and attempts to help young people engage with the faith reasonably might backfire and cause them to lose their faith. Furthermore, to claim that religious experience is necessary is also risky. Religious experiences are notoriously subjective and fickle. They can be faked both by the educator and the student. The religious experience must be authentic, and this means it will be unpredictable. The religious educator must therefore be willing to accept the ‘quicksand of freedom’.

“If this risk is taken, religious education becomes an adventure of faith rather than simply the rote acceptance of religious dogma and practice. For Monsignor Giussani, religious education is a quest on which the educator and student embark together into the mystery of God.” (D. Longenecker, Teaching Teens: The Risk of Education).

Today is Catechetical Sunday, which this year has the theme “Living as Missionary Disciples.” I invite all parents and caregivers alike to take the risk of educating your children in the faith; dare to embark with them into the mystery of God. We at the Interparish Religious Education Program (IREP) are here to assist you, the parents, to pass on the Catholic faith to your child, which can be a difficult task in today’s society.

I am happy to have this opportunity to highlight our religious formation classes for 3- to 5-year-olds in the method of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. In 1954, Sofia Cavalletti founded the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd method along with her colleague Gianna Gobi, a former assistant to Maria Montessori. The women created what they called an atrium. In early church architecture, an atrium was a gathering place between the liturgical space and the street. Cavalletti and Gobi envisioned the atrium “not to be a children’s church separate from the adult church, but rather an aid to the fuller participation of children in the liturgical and communal life of the one church that includes baptized Christians of all ages.

“Fashioned after a Montessori educational environment, the atrium included hands-on materials that children could use: small models of various objects they would see inside the church, dioramas and figures to accompany the Scripture readings, prayer cards, maps of ancient Israel, timelines of the history of salvation and resources for further study of Scripture and liturgy.

“Over time, by watching children’s consistent attraction to certain materials, Cavalletti and Gobi began to discern a unique tenor to the children’s understanding of the Gospel, particular themes that captured their attention and ways of expressing the themes that were particular to childhood.” (A.M. Garrido, in America).

Nurturing children is a way of knowing God and discovering how God’s love is revealed to us. Children are also models for the kingdom of God. Their childlikeness and their openness exemplify how we too can be open to the divine and open to new ways of looking at the world.

When educating children in the faith, we need to keep in mind the entire span of life. Faith education prepares life-long learners and seekers who find in the Church an inexhaustible source of grace and community. We want to cultivate the fullness of the child’s life so that they in turn will flourish and experience all of life’s events with the Church. Religious education seen in this light is truly an adventure and most certainly a risk worth taking.

— Carly-Anne Gannon
Director of Religious Education
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th
Ignatian Young Adults Sunday Social.
8:30 PM. Wallace Hall. Details on page 3.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th
Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting,
7:00 PM. Conference Room.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd
Fall Potluck Dinner. 5:00 PM. Wallace Hall.
Details below.

IGNITE! Teen Ministry. 6:30 PM. Parish Lounge.
Details below.

FAMILY MINISTRY

Fall Potluck Dinner
Saturday, September 23rd
5:00 PM in Wallace Hall

Come join us for a casual dinner with other St. Ignatius families and friends.

What to Bring:
• Your favorite dish or a contribution at the door
(Contribution: $50 for a family up to four or $75 for a family of five or more)

To RSVP, email
parentcommittee.familyministry@gmail.com
All are welcome.

IGNITE! TEEN MINISTRY

Saturday, September 23rd
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
Parish Lounge

Registration is now open for Ignite!

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

This year we will attend 2 retreats at Harmony Farm and send a group of Juniors and Seniors to the Ignatian Family Teach In in DC.

Parents can register their teens by scanning the QR code at left or by visiting
https://form.jotform.com/71575444498166

LME FALL PROGRAM

LME invites all parishioners to a day of reflection, prayer, and sharing on

St. Joseph: Companion in Change
Saturday, October 7th
9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Presenter: Fr. Thomas Feely, S.J.

We are constantly faced with changes in our life circumstances and in our interior lives. When St. Joseph accepted responsibility for Jesus, he embarked on a life of change that can make him a model for us. This day will include two presentations, group discussion, and small group faith sharing. The day’s two presentations will use imagination to go behind scripture.

The first will reflect on the Flight into Egypt, seeing St. Joseph as a model for facing changes in our life circumstances. The second will reflect on the Finding in the Temple and family life in Nazareth, seeing St. Joseph as a model for meeting changes in our interior life.

The day includes breakfast, lunch, and will conclude with Mass.

To register, scan the QR code at left, visit
http://tinyurl.com/ycm422hk
or call the Parish House.

Registration closes on Wednesday, October 4th.
Registration is required.

MEETING CHRIST IN PRAYER

Meeting Christ in Prayer is an interactive 8-week guided prayer experience for small groups. Based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola, it introduces participants to various ways of praying and provides an opportunity to support one another through faith sharing.

Morning Sessions
Tuesdays, October 3rd – November 14th at 9:30 AM

Evening Sessions
Wednesdays, October 4th – November 15th at 7:00 PM

Closing Mass: Wednesday, November 29th at 7:00 PM

Weekly meetings are 90 minutes long and include group prayer, guided meditation, small group faith sharing, and an orientation for the following week’s prayer or prayer techniques. The cost of the program is a sliding scale of $30-$50 and covers all materials. Scholarships are available.

To register, email MCIP@saintignatiusloyola.org
**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**
Sept. 17    Oct. 1    Oct. 15    Nov. 12

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

**Annual Friends of the Poor Walk**
Saturday, September 30th
Join us as we walk from the steps of St. Patrick's Cathedral to Most Holy Redeemer Church (173 East 3rd Street).
This fundraising event helps support our St. Lawrence O'Toole Conference serving those in need, with 100% of all funds raised remaining within our Conference.

For more information, please email svdpmembership980@gmail.com
Please arrive by 9:45 AM. Walk starts promptly at 10 AM.

**Calling All Volunteers**

**Shelter Information Session**

Sunday, October 15th
1:00 PM in Wallace Hall

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will once again be sponsoring a women’s shelter every other weekend in Wallace Hall from November through April. The shelter season begins the weekend of November 3rd.

New and experienced volunteers are invited to join us for the information session and learn more about this ministry to the homeless.

We look forward to welcoming you.

For more information, email svdp.shelter980@gmail.com

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul provides confidential financial assistance to people in serious financial need.

If you are a parishioner in need, please leave a message for SVdP at the Parish House to request a consultation.

**MORE THAN A BOOK CLUB**

**GUIDED TOUR AND BOOK DISCUSSION**

**Guided Tour of the American Wing of the Metropolitan Museum of Art**

*Featuring the work of John Singer Sargent, painter of the subject of the October book selection, Madame X.*

Tuesday, October 17th at 2:00 PM

October Selection Book Discussion
Thursday, October 19th at 2:00 PM | Meeting Room

**OCTOBER BOOK SELECTION**

*Strapless by Deborah Davis*
The subject of John Singer Sargent's most famous painting was Virginie Gautreau, who moved to Paris and quickly became the “it girl” of her day.

Drawing on documents from private collections, Strapless is a tale of art, celebrity, obsession and betrayal.

Cost of the Tour: $24/person (Pre-paid reservations only)
Send a check (payable to "Church of St. Ignatius Loyola", with the memo line note "Met Tour") to:
More Than A Book Club, c/o St. Ignatius Loyola, 980 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10028

Checks must be received by noon, Friday, October 6th.

The tour is limited to 25 registrants.

Registrants will meet at the museum at 2:00 PM. Please enter the museum by the East 81st Street entrance (street level). The tour will start at 2:15 PM.

To RSVP for the guided tour and/or the book discussion, email MoreThanaBookClubSIL@gmail.com

**EMMAUS BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

A six-session support group for those who have experienced the death of a loved one will begin on Tuesday evening, October 3rd, in the Parish Lounge, from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM.

The sessions, both educational and supportive, are run by experienced facilitators.

For information and/or to register, please email EmmausBereavementGroup@gmail.com or leave your name and phone number at the Parish House.

Registration is required.
Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

**Monday, September 18th** (24th Monday in Ordinary Time)
- 1 Timothy 2:1–8    Psalm 28    Luke 7:1–10
- 8:30 MEM Cathleen McGoldrick
- 12:10 MEM Shane O’Reilly
- 5:30 MEM Sose & Mark Prekelezaj

**Tuesday, September 19th** (24th Tuesday in Ordinary Time)
- 8:30 MEM John & Nora Reilly
- 12:10 MEM Margherita Racanelli
- 5:30 MEM Rose Hurley

**Wednesday, September 20th**
(Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang & comp.)
- 8:30 MEM John Brady Gallagher
- 12:10 LVG Nicolette Vaughan
- 5:30 MEM Frank McGoldrick

**Thursday, September 21st** (St. Matthew)
- 8:30 MEM Alfred Ziccardi
- 12:10 MEM Eric Flood
- 5:30 MEM Nathan Davidson

**Friday, September 22nd** (24th Friday in Ordinary Time)
- 1 Timothy 6:2c–12    Psalm 49    Luke 8:1–3
- 8:30 MEM Deceased Members of the Brenninkmeijer Family
- 12:10 MEM Peter McQuade
- 5:30 ANN Joyce Flammer

**Saturday, September 23rd** (St. Pius of Pietrelcina)
- 1 Timothy 6:13–16    Psalm 100    Luke 8:4–15
- 8:30 MEM Living & Deceased Members of the Regan & Burke Families

**Sunday, September 24th** (25th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
- Isaiah 55:6–9    Philippians 1:20c–24, 27a
- Psalm 145    Matthew 20:1–16a

We have surpassed our goal by 46% for the 2017 Cardinal’s Appeal. 316 parishioners have contributed $452,646 in cash and pledges. Thank you for your generosity!

The Cardinal’s Appeal offers vital support to Catholic programs and ministries throughout the Archdiocese as well as in our own parish.

Gifts may still be made online at cardinalsappeal.org

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**ATTENTION PARENTS OF 8th GRADERS!**

The TACHS (Test for Admission into Catholic High Schools) will be administered in the Archdiocese of New York on **Friday, November 3rd**.

Online registration is available 7 days a week by going to the website [www.tachsinfo.com](http://www.tachsinfo.com) or by calling 1-866-618-2247.

The deadline for internet/telephone registration is **Monday, October 16th**.

For additional details, visit [tachsinfo.com](http://tachsinfo.com) or call the TACHS Admission Office at 1-866-618-2247.

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**GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

Parishioner Admissions Information Meeting

Hosted by Ms. Mary Larkin, Principal
**Monday, September 18th at 7:00 PM**
McKinnon Hall

Parishioners are welcome to attend for a general overview of the school’s admission process.

*For more information, please contact the Admissions Office at (212) 861-3820 x106*

An RSVP is not required.

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Celebrate **Family Day** on Monday, September 25th! Making Everyday Special

Parents, YOU make the difference!

Looking for great ways to connect with your kids? Make a date to meet them regularly for fun family activities such as game nights, bowling or family dinners! Being involved in your children’s lives will help you bond and will help nourish their mind, body and soul.

*Family Day* is a national program that celebrates simple, everyday things parents can do to build a strong, healthy relationship with their kids that prevents future drug use.

*Family Day* will be celebrated nationwide on **Monday, September 25, 2017**.

To learn more about Family Day visit [www.CASAFamilyDay.org](http://www.CASAFamilyDay.org)
You can also find Family Day on Facebook and Twitter.

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**The Cardinal’s Annual Stewardship Appeal**

Sharing God’s Gifts

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JUNE – AUGUST SACRAMENTS

WEDDINGS
Giancarlo Annese & Sarah Jeanne Annese
Colin William Cassidy & Nicole Fitzgerald Sheridan
Stephen James Contino & Carly Marie Chiappetta
Armando A. Domingos & Caroline Marbury Moore
John Michael Gavin, III & Elizabeth Ann O’Boyle
Alexander A. Godoy & Jaclyn M. Donat
Conor E. Grimley & Lily Elizabeth Yan
Kevin Christopher Hudson & Laura Anne Gengler
Gregory Frank Kenny & Maria Anna Fufidio
Phoroger Keo & Rica Gabrielle Palacio
Michael Daniel Muldoon & Kara Jane Britton
Michael La Porte Nagle & Kristina Marie DiMarco
Bryce Newell & Jennifer Newell
Robert Ryan Owsley & Alicia M. Charles
John William Patterson & Allison Suzanne Conover
Edward Charles Petti & Karen Eliz Ortega Marroquin
Anthony Charles Rego & Mary Gibb Slife
Michael J. Scarinci & Jaclyn A. Calcagno
Michael Alexander Sheetz & Diana Nicole Zambrotta
Justin Paul Skeels & Natalie Delmonte
Andrea Soriani & Jessica Anna Bonari
Christopher M. Tecchio & Brittinee I. Leger
Joseph Zannino & Paige Elizabeth Pedersen

BAPTISMS
Sebastian Enrique Arzac
Grace Lynn Bailey
Kendra Bonnici
Grace Ariadne Bordonaro
Axel Castro
Luke Castro
Peter Francis Davey
Tristan Hayden Derrico
Liam Patrick Egan
Faith Avonlea Fazio
Olivia Rose Flosi
James Li Godyn
Gisele Olivia Gomez
Jacob Alexander Gorodetsky
Lauren Elisabeth Hogan
Annabel Kirkpatrick
Brooke Olivia Lepore
Elle Sofia Mascarenhas
Owen Theodore Munfa
Edward George Newell
Sloane Marie O’Brien
Maceo Kani Onyango
Sofia Farrah Penha
Mirosław Felipe Piskorski
Tadeusz Kazimierz Piskorski
Siena Madison Repenning
George Xavier Matos Santiago
Declan Reilly Scarlata
Lena Elisabeth Sejour
Kensi Jane Shields
Fiona Abigail Rose Stech
Lydia Beulah Swergold
Lucas Edward Tessier
Lilly Victoria Walker
Hudson Rocket White

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

To stay up-to-date on parish events and programs, follow us at churchostignatiusloyolanyc

MUSIC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH
11 AM SOLEMN MASS
Saint-Saëns
Fantasie, Op. 101
Morales
Simile est regnum
Harris
Bring us, o Lord God
Harris
Flourish for an Occasion

Philippine Madrigal Singers
Friday, October 6th
8:00 PM
Under the direction of Mark Anthony Carpio, the Philippine Madrigal Singers are UNESCO Artists for Peace, “putting fame and influence at the service of UNESCO’s ideals and efforts to promote cultural diversity, intercultural dialogue and a culture of peace.”

The Madz is one of the most awarded choral groups in the world, having consistently won all top prizes in major choral competitions.

The group has a virtuoso repertoire range while continuing to promote Filipino choral works. The group sings in a distinctive seated semicircle without a conductor.

Tickets: $35–$80

The N.P. Mander Organ Recital Series
presents
KENT TRITLE
Director of Cathedral Music and Organist, Cathedral of St. John the Divine
Sunday, October 22nd
3:00 PM
The N.P. Mander organ is the largest tracker-action pipe organ in the New York metropolitan area. All N.P. Mander Organ Recitals feature large-screen projection, offering the audience a rare view of the organist at work.

Tickets: $25

Tickets for all concerts are available online at smssconcerts.org or by calling 212-288-2520.
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 Carino  Carly-Anne Gannon

Assisting Priests (Sunday)

Music Ministries
Scott Warren, Director
Daniel Beckwith  Maureen Haley
Robert Reuter  Philip Anderson
Michael Sheetz
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

Director of Development
James P. MacGuire

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. Bergen
Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Yesalonia
9:30 AM Fr. Hilbert
Wallace Hall Family  11:00 AM Fr. Judge
Solemn  11:00 AM Fr. McLaughlin
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
New York, NY 10028
(212) 861-3820 Fax: (212) 879-8248

St. Ignatius Loyola Day Nursery
Ms. Theodora Crist, M.S.
Executive Director
240 East 84th Street
New York, NY 10028
(212) 734-6427 Fax: (212) 734-6972

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.

Event: Catholic Guardian Services Cocktail Hour. Monday, September 18th, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM. The Skylark Room, 200 West 39th Street (at Seventh Avenue), 30th Floor. A cocktail event to learn about Associate Board membership with Catholic Guardian Services. Sponsored by the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York, Catholic Guardian Services offers an array of services for underserved families and individuals with special needs. For more information, email Julie Inglese, Associate Board co-chair, at jinglese@gibsondunn.com An RSVP is not required.

Lecture: Sikhism — Religion in America. Sunday, September 24th 12:30 PM. Christ Church, 524 Park Avenue at 60th Street. Manpreet Kaur, Ph.D. student at the Department of Religion at Columbia University, will speak about the history of the formation of Sikh faith and its scriptural tradition. In addition to the basic beliefs and common practices that define Sikhism, now a global religion, her talk will emphasize the role of community, sacred space, and devotional performance in the daily life of a Sikh. All are welcome.

Interested in becoming Catholic?
For more information about this process, which is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, contact Maureen Fullam at 212-288-3588 or email church@saintignatiusloyola.org

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