If you met me in passing or considered what I had accomplished by the age of 23, the last thing you’d expect was that I was someone who struggled with substance abuse. Yet, while my addiction may not have been obvious to a stranger, I reached a point where I could no longer deny the destructive impact on my sense of self, my relationships, and my connection to community. I could no longer believe the lie I had been telling myself for years: that alcohol was a harmless way for me to relax from the pressures of daily life and to enjoy social events. In truth, the release that alcohol provided was something that I relied on to feel ok with my life. Without it, I became restless, irritable, and discontent. The problem in my case was that once I had the first drink and subsequent release, I would almost always continue drinking to the point where I’d lose control.

This pattern baffled me and those around me; how could I accomplish so many other goals I set for myself and yet be dominated by an inanimate substance? Confused and desperate for a solution, in September 2003 I decided to seek the help of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA).

What happened over the course of the next few months was a direct result of letting go of the illusion that I would somehow, someday, figure out a way to drink like a normal person. If I could accept the idea that abstinence was the best option for my case, then I could learn how to live without alcohol. For this, I had to lean on the collective experience and wisdom of people in AA. When I first started, I thought AA was centered around attending meetings in church basements and telling stories about the terrible things alcohol had done to our lives. In time, I came to realize that while the meetings were an integral part of recovery, they were not the solution to my problem. Instead, the solution was to be found in earnestly embracing the Twelve Steps, a process which takes place outside the meetings themselves.

The steps allowed me to admit the truth about myself and to recognize my need for God to enter my life and restore me to myself and my community. This involved a series of introspective exercises that allowed me to gradually let go of the selfish attitudes and behaviors that had driven a wedge in all of my relationship; those between me and family, between me and friends and between me and my God. I developed a new perspective on the role that I could play in my own community and learned that the best way to support my own recovery was by giving back through service. I have since found that one of my sober life’s greatest rewards is the opportunity to support the recovery process of another alcoholic.

As time went on in recovery and my desire to deepen my spiritual life grew stronger, I worked my way upstairs from the church basement to the church proper. To my surprise, I found that many of the principles and practices of AA owed a great deal to the traditions of the Catholic Church, and indeed to Ignatian spirituality. While the rituals around these practices might differ, the core messages of forgiveness, love, and service remained constant. This realization helped to smooth the path for my return to the Church, where I have found great joy in the support of a welcoming parish community and a deep tradition of prayer, contemplation, and gratitude.

— Anonymous Parishioner
**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 9th**

The Parish House will be closed in observance of the Columbus Day holiday.
One Mass will be celebrated in the Lady Chapel at 8:30 AM.
There will be no 12:10 PM or 5:30 PM Masses.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14th**

Restless Hearts Retreat.
12:00 PM, Wallace Hall.
Sponsored by the Ignatian Young Adults.
Details on page 3.

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**Jesuit Friends & Alumni Mass**

*Sunday, October 22nd at the 7:30 PM Mass*

**Presider:** Rev. Dennis Yesalonia, S.J.
**Preacher:** Rev. Daniel Lahart, S.J.

Join us for Jesuit Friends & Alumni Sunday, an opportunity for alumni and friends of Jesuit schools to share their common bonds through the celebration of liturgy.

The Mass will be followed by a reception in Wallace Hall that will highlight opportunities for continuing spiritual growth and service to the local and global community.

To RSVP, visit www.JesuitsEast.org/AlumniSunday2017

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**Snow Ball Dance**

*Saturday, December 9th | 7 PM to 10 PM Wallace Hall*

Join us for this adults-only event, featuring an evening of dancing and hors d’oeuvres.

More details to follow in an upcoming bulletin.

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**SPECIAL COLLECTION**

• This weekend a special Archdiocesan collection will be taken to assist the victims of Hurricane Maria.

Thank you for your generosity.

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**FAMILY MINISTRY**

**Breaking Open the Word**

*Thursday, October 19th*

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Wallace Hall

Parents are invited to an evening of scripture study, conversation and prayer, facilitated by Mr. Brian Pinter, Education Associate, Christ Church Methodist (and father of 2 boys).

Our focus will be the Psalms—ancient Israel’s way of speaking to God from the deepest places of their heart. Light refreshments will be provided.

To RSVP, email brianbpinter@gmail.com

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**Celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick**

*Saturday, October 21st at the 5:30 PM Mass*

All parishioners are invited to attend the Celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick during the 5:30 PM Vigil Mass on Saturday, October 21st.

This liturgy is designed so that the community can support our brothers and sisters who face the trials of illness or aging.

During the course of the Mass, all those who feel the need of healing and strength because of illness, physical weakness or spiritual distress will be invited to come forward to receive the Sacrament of Anointing.

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**Pope Francis’ October Prayer Intention**

**Workers and the Unemployed**

That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.
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
October 15  November 12  December 10

RANGER ROSARY MINISTRY

Monday, October 16th
7:00 PM in the Conference Room
The Ranger Rosary ministry 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!

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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.

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

MORE THAN A BOOK CLUB

OCTOBER SELECTION
BOOK DISCUSSION
Thursday, October 19th
2:00 PM
Parish House 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.

To register, visit
https://ignatianyoungadults.typeform.com/to/SaKWu8

To register for the October 19th book discussion, email MoreThanaBookClubSIL@gmail.com

Registration required.

IGNITE! TEEN MINISTRY

Saturday, October 21st
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM in the 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.

Parents can register their teens by scanning the QR code at left or by visiting
https://form.jotform.com/71575444498166
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 or by calling 1-866-618-2247.

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

For additional details, visit tachsinfo.com or call the TACHS Admission Office at 1-866-618-2247.

FORMED: The Catholic Faith On Demand

Discover all the best Catholic content in one place. Entertaining movies, enlightening programs, inspiring talks, and a great selection of popular ebooks.

TO REGISTER
• Visit formed.org
• Then, click on the button marked
  Register: Sign up free using your parish code,
  which is located in the lower right-hand corner,
  and then enter our code JM4KZX
  (all uppercase letters).

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 iPod or other portable MP3 player.

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.

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, October 9th
(Twenty-seventh Monday in Ordinary Time)
8:30 MEM Paul Choix

Tuesday, October 10th
(Twenty-seventh Tuesday in Ordinary Time)
8:30 MEM Simona Saracino Fendi
12:10 MEM Valentino Mazzia
5:30 MEM Deceased Members of the Scanlon & McLoughlin Families

Wednesday, October 11th
(Twenty-seventh Wednesday in Ordinary Time)
8:30 MEM Charles Regan
12:10 MEM The Meehan Family
5:30 MEM Marianne T. Bogunovich

Thursday, October 12th
(Twenty-seventh Thursday in Ordinary Time)
8:30 MEM Mary Johnson
12:10 MEM Keith O’Connell
5:30 MEM Gerald & Julienne Davitt

Friday, October 13th
(Twenty-seventh Friday in Ordinary Time)
8:30 MEM Mary Vadakkethalakkel
12:10 LVG Mary Douglas Marshall
5:30 MEM Elizabeth Troilo

Saturday, October 14th
(Twenty-seventh Saturday in Ordinary Time)
8:30 MEM Veronica E. Raible

Sunday, October 15th
(Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Isaiah 25:6–10a Psalm 23

CHANGE OF LOCATION

The Saturday 8:30 AM Mass

Beginning Saturday, October 14th, the Saturday 8:30 AM Mass will now be celebrated in the Church, instead of the Lady Chapel.

WALLACE HALL AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL

The space is available for a variety of events including fundraisers, lectures, receptions, and formal banquet-style dinners.

For more information, contact Caroline Fernandes at 212-288-3588 or fernandesc@saintignatiusloyola.org
**LECTURE**

**The Jesuits and Education**

*Monday, October 23rd at 7:00 PM*
*Wallace Hall*

**FR. STEPHEN KATSOUROS, S.J.,**
Executive Director & Dean
of Chicago’s Arrupe College,
discusses his new book
*Come to Believe: How the Jesuits Are Reinventing Education (Again)*

Fr. Stephen Katsouros, S.J., former president of Loyola School, is trying something new as the Dean & Executive Director of Arrupe College in Chicago. Arrupe College is a two-year college of Loyola University Chicago that continues the Jesuit tradition of offering a rigorous liberal arts education to a diverse population, many of whom are the first in their family to pursue higher education.

Copies of *Come to Believe* will be available for purchase.

**MUSIC**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH**

**11 AM SOLEMN MASS**
*with Middle School Choir*

**Bairstow**
Sonata for Organ in E-flat Major:
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Bread of the world

**Rowley**
Solemn Prelude

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*presented by KENT TRITLE*

Director of Cathedral Music and Organist,
Cathedral of St. John the Divine

*Sunday, October 22nd at 3:00 PM*

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**Tickets:** $25

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**CARITAS CONCERT**

**Pascal & Ami Rogé**

*Monday, November 13th*
*7:00 PM in Wallace Hall*

In the style of informal salon concerts of the 19th century, Caritas Concerts begin and end with light refreshments and a chance to mingle with the performers. Intimate seating places the audience in close proximity to the music.

Pascal Rogé exemplifies the finest in French pianism and has performed in almost every major concert hall in the world. Recently, Pascal has enjoyed playing recitals for four-hands/two-pianos with his partner in life and in music Ami Rogé.

All proceeds will benefit the Thrive for Live Prison Project.

**Tickets:** $40

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Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.

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Rev. Brett B. McLaughlin, S.J.

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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.

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

Nightfever NYC. Saturday, November 18th, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Saint Patrick’s Cathedral, East 50th Street and 5th Avenue. Nightfever NYC is hosting a night of praise, worship, and reconciliation. Confessions will be heard throughout the evening. For more information, email nightfevernyc@gmail.com.

Travel: Cruise to Cuba with Sr. Joan Chittister and Rev. Dr. Joan Brown Campbell. Friday, February 2nd to Friday, February 9th, 2018. Discover Cuba on board the Celestyal Crystal cruise ship. Get a taste of Cuban culture and Catholicism with visits to Havana, Santiago de Cuba, and Cienfuegos. Listen and pray with Sr. Joan Chittister and Rev. Dr. Joan Brown Campbell. Cost of the cruise: $1,699 to $2,299 depending on stateroom. Late fee may apply after Sunday, October 15th. For more information and reservations, please email angiecruzphd@gmail.com or call 917-607-0937.

We pray for the faithful departed
Anthony Bergamo
Charles MacLachlan
May they rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

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