Rooted and Grounded in Love: Reform, Reconciliation, Renewal

On October 31, 1517 Augustinian Friar and priest Martin Luther presented for communal consideration and theological reflection 95 theses which pertained to the practices and doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church. This scholarly pursuit set in motion a chain of events which resulted in a calamitous fracture of the Church and a political division of Catholic Europe based upon religion. History marks this date as the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. Each year on the Sunday closest to October 31st Protestant churches observe Reformation Sunday to commemorate this historic event. This year is its 500th anniversary.

It is the task of theologians and historians to sort through the motives, argumentation, and sparring recriminations which ultimately led to a divided church. As people of faith today, we, Catholics and Protestants alike, bear the responsibility to acknowledge the tragic episodes wrought by seemingly conflictual beliefs, to heal the wounds of the past through genuine reconciliation, and to work together in faith as disciples of Jesus Christ loved by God and guided by God’s Spirit. Through the painful lessons of our shared history we have learned that what unites us is far greater than what divides us. We are renewed in faith and rejuvenated by our common commitment to proclaim with joy the gospel message of redemption and salvation to a world mightily seeking guidance and hope.

In each age of history, society has gone through a period of self-examination and considered the relevance of its institutions, be they religious, political, or cultural. The Catholic Church has not been immune from this need for self-appraisal. The 16th century voiced its concerns for the Catholic Church in the same way the 11th century challenged the church to emerge from the wantonness of the Dark Ages. The call to reform was in the air, not as a vehicle of self-destruction, but as an invitation to the church to become stronger in an increasingly secularized world and to be renewed in its apostolic zeal. The sad irony surrounding what we commemorate together this weekend is that both sides of the debate loved the church.

Through God’s grace the missed opportunities of the past are now being embraced as the Catholic Church engages in dialogue with those we have kept at a distance for far too long. In our own time Pope Saint John XXIII addressed anew the possibility of reform from within when he convened the Second Vatican Council. He invited the church to “throw open the windows” to the refreshing breezes of renewal. Alarmingly, even to this day there are voices of fear and intransigence within the church who would deny the relevance and efficacy of the Second Vatican Council and, like those voices of the 16th century, would sow seeds of division rather than encounter in respectful dialogue those whose thoughts and opinions differ from and challenge their own. Let our joint observance of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation be both a sign that we have learned from our mistakes and a pledge that we look to the future with confidence, unafraid and committed to reform, reconciliation, and renewal.

Several months ago Pope Francis visited All Saints Anglican Church in Rome for an observance of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. In his remarks he said, **Today, with gratitude to God, we recognize one another as we truly are: brothers and sisters in Christ through our common baptism. As friends and pilgrims we wish to walk the path together, to follow our Lord Jesus Christ together.** Inspired by the warm message of our Holy Father I have invited the Senior Minister of Brick Presbyterian Church, the Reverend Michael Lindvall, to preach this weekend at the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass. At the invitation of Reverend Lindvall I will preach at the same time at the Worship Service of Brick Church. And so, rooted and grounded in love and mutual respect, may we always walk the path of righteousness together as friends.

— Rev. Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J.  
Pastor
Volunteers Needed
New Parishioners Welcome Reception
Parishioners interested in helping organize the upcoming New Parishioners Welcome Reception are invited to attend an organizational meeting on

Thursday, November 2nd
7:00 PM
Conference Room

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

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

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

PULPIT EXCHANGE
REFORMATION SUNDAY | TODAY
This year is the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. To mark this noteworthy milestone, there will be a pulpit exchange TODAY between Brick Presbyterian Church and the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola.

The Reverend Michael Lindvall, Pastor and Senior Minister of Brick Church, will preach at the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass. At the same time today, our pastor, Father Dennis Yesalonia, will preach at the Sunday Service at Brick Church.

The Hour Children truck is coming!
Sunday, November 12th, 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.
**RANGER ROSARY MINISTRY**

Monday, October 30th  
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!

**OLIVEWOOD SALE**

Saturday, November 4th & Sunday, November 5th  
*In the Narthex after all Masses*  
Representatives from Bethlehem Handicrafts will be selling religious articles carved from olivewood after all Masses on Saturday, November 4th & Sunday, November 5th.  
Your purchase can and will make a difference in the lives of the Christian Community in Bethlehem.

**IGNITE! TEEN MINISTRY**

Saturday, November 4th  
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM  
Parish Lounge  
*Ignite* is forming a community of high school students guided by Ignatian spirituality through 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](https://form.jotform.com/71575444498166)

**MORE THAN A BOOK CLUB**

**NOVEMBER SELECTION BOOK DISCUSSION**

Thursday, November 16th  | 2:00 PM  
Parish House Meeting Room  
**NOVEMBER BOOK SELECTION**  
*The Secret Chord*  
by Geraldine Brooks  
Peeling away the myth to bring David to life in Second Iron Age Israel, Brooks traces the arc of his journey from obscurity to fame, from shepherd to soldier, from hero to traitor, from beloved king to murderous despot and into his remorseful and diminished dotage.  
To register for the November 16th book discussion, email MoreThanaBookClubSIL@gmail.com

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

The prayer shawls blessed at last weekend’s 5:30 Mass were made by our Prayer Shawl Ministry. The shawls are created in the homes of its members and can be either knit or crocheted.  
For more information or to join this ministry, please contact Diane Boyle at boyled@saintignatiusloyola.org

**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

**Charis**

Are you a young adult in your 20s or 30s?  
CharisNYC invites you to attend the  
**Still + Silent Retreat**  
Friday evening, November 10th – Sunday, November 12th  
Mariandale Retreat Center, Ossining, NY  
Cost: $265 per person  
To register, visit [www.charis.nyc/stillsilent](http://www.charis.nyc/stillsilent)  
Questions? Email CharisRetreatNYC@gmail.com or call 347-619-2692
Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

**Monday, October 30th**
*(Thirtieth Monday in Ordinary Time)*
8:30 MEM Ed Flanagan
12:10 LVG David Fitzpatrick
5:30 MEM William Powers

**Tuesday, October 31st**
*(St. Alphonsus Rodriguez)*
8:30 MEM Jeff Slonim
12:10 MEM Marianne Kelly

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

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

**Friday, November 3rd**
*(Thirtieth Friday in Ordinary Time)*
Romans 9:1-5 Psalm 147 Luke 14:1–6
8:30 MEM Marie Ruggiero
12:10 MEM Frances Ennis McCollum
5:30 MEM Daniel F. Kelly

**Saturday, November 4th**
*(St. Charles Borromeo)*
8:30 MEM Marie Ruggiero

**Sunday, November 5th**
*(Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time)*
Malachi 1:14b–2:2b, 8–10 Psalm 131
1 Thessalonians 2:7b–9, 13 Matthew 23:1–12

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**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

Dear Parishioners,

In August of this year I wrote to the parents of the students at our Day Nursery to inform them that this would be a year of transition in the leadership of the school as we plan for the departure of Ms. Theodora Crist as Executive Director. We are indeed grateful to Miss Crist for all that she has accomplished at the Day Nursery after a tenure of 30 years.

In the same letter to parents I wrote that I would be assisted by a search committee to identify the next Executive Director. I am pleased to write that this committee recently met at the Parish House and is confident that the names of three finalists for the position will be presented to me no later than January 2018. This timeline will allow for both the appointment of the next Executive Director early in the new year and a transition period during which the new Executive Director will have the opportunity to confer with Miss Crist in preparation for the transition.

I am grateful to the members of the search committee who enthusiastically responded to my invitation to the committee and have already hit the ground running. The members of the search committee are Mrs. Myong Ciafa (former parent and Founder, Ladybug Fund), Miss Elaine Conty (Day Nursery teacher), Mr. Patrick Farrell (parent), Mrs. Danielle Klyap (Parish Finance Committee), and Mrs. Rebeca Vargas (former parent). The search committee is chaired by Father Joseph O’Keefe, SJ (University Professor, Fordham University; Former Dean, School of Education, Boston College; and distinguished scholar of Catholic education in the United States). The committee is being assisted by Professor Marilyn Bisberg (Professor, Graduate School of Education, Fordham University). Without question, we are fortunate to be blessed with a committee of exceptional competence and commitment to pre-K education.

Let us keep the members of the search committee in our prayers as they review the credentials of those who apply for the position of Executive Director.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Fr. Yesalonia

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**THE BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD**

During the month of November, we remember our loved ones who have died.

On November 1st, we will place a *Book of the Names of the Dead* on the altar of the Jesuit Boy Saints (at the back of the church, on the 84th Street side). Individuals are invited to write the names of deceased loved ones in this book, which will be kept on the altar during Masses until the *Feast of Christ the King*, Sunday, November 26th.

Departed loved ones will be remembered in prayer at all Masses during the month.

To stay up-to-date on parish events and programs, follow us at churchofstignatiusloyolanyc
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 through Wednesday, November 15th.

Requested items:
- pasta (1 lb.)
- canned beans
- dry beans (1 lb.)
- juice (46 oz. cans/bottles)
- 1 qt. shelf-stable milk
  (No glass jars please.)

Annual Turkey Drive to benefit the New York Common Pantry

A donation of $40 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 15th, 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 3rd

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

Snow Ball Dance

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

Saturday, December 9th
7:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Wallace Hall

Featuring music by the Morris Brothers

Tickets: $25/person

Please consider bringing with you an unwrapped toy in support of the toy drive sponsored by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

To RSVP, visit https://donate.stignatiusloyola.org/snowball

MUSIC

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5th
11 AM SOLEMN MASS

Sowerby
Meditation on the hymn tune “Picardy”

J.M. Bach
Halt, was du hast

Bernstein
Chichester Psalms: Adonai, lo gavah libi

Weaver
Toccata for Organ

DURUFLÉ REQUIEM
Thursday, November 2nd at 8:00 PM

An extremely accomplished pianist and organist, Maurice Duruflé is a favorite composer of organists. Gregorian themes permeate the Requiem, but the overall effect is not one of solemnity or calmness. Rather, to quote the composer: “This Requiem is not some ethereal work that sings of the escape from earthly cares.... It reflects the anguish that man experiences when faced with the mystery of his ultimate end.”

Tickets: $25–$80

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

Volunteer Eucharistic Ministers Needed. Lenox Hill is in need of Eucharistic Ministers to bring communion to their Catholic patients. Prospective volunteers will need to complete an application, come in for an interview, be medically cleared and attend an orientation session. A weekly commitment is required. If you are interested in this or any other volunteer opportunities at Lenox Hill Hospital, please contact Carlos Cuartas at ccuartas@northwell.edu for more information.

The Annual de Mello Conference: The Joy of Advent: Wake Up! and See. Friday, November 17th and Saturday, November 18th. The Parish Center of the Church of St. Monica-St. Elizabeth of Hungary-St. Stephen of Hungary, 406 East 80th Street. A discussion of the work of Fr. Anthony de Mello, S.J. Friday’s programming will include a talk, video, and mindfulness activities. Saturday will feature presentations, discussions, awareness exercises, and time for silence. To register, email mtyrer@stmonicanyc.org or call 212-288-6520.

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

We pray for the faithful departed
Daniel D’Agostino
May he rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.