Meeting Christ

When I came to St. Ignatius last summer, I was delighted to find that there was a well-established *Meeting Christ in Prayer* program here in the parish. Our patron, Saint Ignatius Loyola, is well known for the gift of his *Spiritual Exercises* to the Church. The *Spiritual Exercises* are precisely what they are entitled—exercises in prayer that enable a person to become more attuned to the presence of God in his/her life and to discern the movements of God’s Spirit. The Exercises teach methods of prayer such as contemplation, meditation and Lectio Divina. They foster a deepening of one’s relationship with Christ.

The Exercises can be done in various ways, much the same as physical exercise. Fulltime, the Exercises would entail a thirty-day retreat in a retreat house with a personal spiritual director as a guide. They can also be made ‘at home’ over the better part of a year. But the Exercises lend themselves to adaptations to other circumstances as well. *Meeting Christ in Prayer* is such an adaptation.

The program began in the Archdiocese of Boston for the Millennial Holy Year. Diocesan pastoral planning people were looking for a user-friendly spiritual program that could be offered on the parish level to help people come to a deeper relationship with the Lord. They came up with an eight-week program, originally entitled *Living with Christ*, which is based on the 4 ‘weeks’ or phases of the Exercises. This program was eventually published under the title *Meeting Christ in Prayer*. In the program, participants gather weekly in a group of about ten people. Leaders provide direction and prayer material for each day of the upcoming week. Scripture forms much of the content for the daily prayer. The following week’s meeting provides opportunity for sharing one’s prayer experience, and then new prayer material is presented for the next week. The program concludes with a Mass. It is a simple dynamic. God speaks and acts in the life of each individual, and the Exercises provide a method to come into greater touch with God’s Spirit living and active within each one of us.

*Meeting Christ in Prayer* is designed for people who may have little or no experience in praying but are hungry for a deeper spiritual life. It is for those who have the desire to form regular prayer habits and to experience spiritual renewal. It is for those who wish to be more aware of God’s presence in their daily lives. *Meeting Christ in Prayer* is a help to discerning God’s will in the particularity of our lives and to becoming more aware of the ways that we are called to participate in God’s salvation.

The worldwide Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) recently completed a process of discernment to determine its apostolic preferences for the next ten years. At the top of the list is the work of the *Spiritual Exercises* since it is such a powerful means for people to come into direct contact with Jesus Christ. Pope Francis endorsed these “Universal Apostolic Preferences” and reminded us that as important as our good deeds are, there is need for Christian people to be grounded prayerfully in the Lord. The risen Lord Himself journeys with us, opens the Scriptures to us, and invites us to know Him more intimately. *Meeting Christ in Prayer* is a great way to respond to this invitation.

Here at St. Ignatius, *Meeting Christ in Prayer* is offered twice a year—in the Fall and the Spring. In each season there are two groups: one meets on Tuesday mornings; another meets on Wednesday evenings. In September registration information will be provided for the next session. I invite you to consider joining those who long for a deeper friendship with the Lord through these Exercises.

— Rev. Vincent B. Sullivan, S.J.
Associate Pastor
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY, MAY 6th
Moms, Pops & Tots.
9:00 AM. Gonzaga Meeting Room.

Learn About Alzheimer's Disease.
6:30 PM. Gonzaga Meeting Room.
Details on page 3.

TUESDAY, MAY 7th
Easter Memorial Liturgy.
7:00 PM. Church.
Refreshments will follow in Wallace Hall.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8th
Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting.
7:00 PM. Conference Room.

THURSDAY, MAY 9th
An Afternoon at The Metropolitan Museum of Art.
12:30 PM. Details on page 3.

Docent Tour of St. Patrick's Cathedral.
1:45 PM. Details at right.

FRIDAY, MAY 10th
Second Annual Ramadan Iftar Dinner.
7:00 PM. Wallace Hall.

MORE THAN A BOOK CLUB

DOCENT TOUR OF
ST. PATRICK’S CATHEDRAL

Thursday, May 9th | 1:45 PM
St. Patrick’s Cathedral

Suggestion Contribution: $5/person

Registrants will meet inside the entrance. Space is limited.

To RSVP, email MoreThanABookClubSIL@gmail.com.

MAY SELECTION BOOK DISCUSSION

Thursday, May 23rd | 2:00 PM | Gonzaga Meeting Room

MAY BOOK SELECTION
There Your Heart Lies by Mary Gordon

Marian cut herself off from her wealthy, conservative Irish Catholic family when she volunteered during the Spanish Civil War. Now in her nineties, she shares her Rhode Island cottage with her granddaughter Amelia. Their daily existence is intertwined with Marian’s secret past: the blow to her youthful idealism when she witnessed the brutalities on both sides of Franco’s war and the romance that left her trapped in Spain for nearly a decade.

To RSVP, email MoreThanABookClubSIL@gmail.com.

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 12  June 2  June 16

To receive updates on IYA events, you can follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/IgnatianYoungAdults.

Join Our Email Mailing List!
To sign-up, scan the QR code at left or visit stignatiusloyola.org/index.php/about_us/parish-email-list

St. Ignatius is on Facebook!
To stay up-to-date on upcoming parish events, follow us at stignatiusnyc.
BOOMERS & BEYOND

AN AFTERNOON AT
THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART

Thursday, May 9th at 12:30 PM

Join us for lunch at 12:30 PM at the Museum’s Petrie Court Cafe, followed by a 2 PM guided tour of In Praise of Painting: Dutch Masterpieces at The Met.

The exhibit includes Dutch paintings of the 17th Century, which is The Golden Age of Rembrandt, Hals, and Vermeer.

In Praise of Painting orients visitors to key issues in 17th century Dutch culture—from debates about religion to painters’ fascination with the domestic lives of women.

The exhibition takes its title from one of the period’s major works of art theory, Philips Angel’s 1642 piece The Praise of Painting, a pioneering defense of realism in art.

Cost: Admission is "pay what you wish" for all New York State residents with a valid state or city-issued ID.

Please purchase your admission ticket and meet the group in the Petrie Court in front of “The Burghers of Calais by Auguste Rodin” statue near the restaurant.

Space is limited. An RSVP is required.

To register, email

boomersandbeyond.st.ignatius@gmail.com.

Sunday Brunch

Sunday, May 19th
1:00 PM
Doc Watson’s Outdoor Garden
(1490 2nd Avenue)

Price: $24 per person (cash only at the door)
(includes tax, tip, and 2 complimentary drinks)

Space is limited.

To RSVP, email

boomersandbeyond.st.ignatius@gmail.com.

THE ART OF FORGIVENESS: Grief

Wednesday, June 5th at 7:00 PM
Gonzaga Meeting Room

All are welcome.

COMPASSIONATE CARE MINISTRY

Monday, May 6th
6:30 PM in the Gonzaga Meeting Room

We’ve all heard about Alzheimer’s but many of us have questions about it. Join us and learn:

- The impact of Alzheimer’s
- The difference between Alzheimer’s and dementia
- Alzheimer’s disease stages and risk factors
- Common warning signs
- Early detection, the benefits of a diagnosis and the diagnostic process
- The resources available through Alzheimer’s Association.

SPARK MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

Sunday, May 12th
12:00 PM in the Parish Lounge

Middle Schoolers meet weekly*
on Sundays from Noon to 1 PM to perform a one-hour service project under the direction of Teresa Cariño, Youth Minister.

Gather in the Parish Lounge after the Wallace Hall Mass. Pizza will be served.

All Middle Schoolers are welcome.

*Except the first Sunday of the month when there is a Saturday Night Liturgy at 7:00 PM in the Lady Chapel for Middle and High School students.

PARISH WOMEN’S FAITH GROUP

Thursday, May 16th
7:00 PM | Faber Lounge

The Parish Women’s Faith Group is a forum for women to reflect on their faith life and experience fellowship as women committed to learning from one another about how to navigate successfully the cross currents of faith, family, and daily life.

Meetings are facilitated by Adele Gallo.

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 stignatiusloyola.org
Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

**Monday, May 6th** (Third Monday of Easter)
8:30 MEM   The Meehan Family
12:10 MEM   Julia Murphy Grant
5:30 MEM   Jack Kehoe

**Tuesday, May 7th** (Third Tuesday of Easter)
8:30 MEM   John & Nora Reilly
12:10 MEM   Emilio Dancel
5:30 MEM   Ronald J. Donacik

**Wednesday, May 8th** (Third Wednesday of Easter)
Acts 8:1b–8    Psalm 66    John 6:35–40
8:30 ANN   Arthur Levine
12:10 ANN   Julia Anna O'Donnell
5:30 LVG   Gregorio Roy

**Thursday, May 9th** (Third Thursday of Easter)
Acts 8:26–40   Psalm 117   John 6:44–51
8:30 MEM   Simona Saracino Fendi
12:10 MEM   Peter & Margaret Voorhies
5:30 MEM   Deceased Members of the Scanlon & McLoughlin Families

**Friday, May 10th** (Third Friday of Easter)
8:30 MEM   James Johnson
12:10 MEM   Valentino Mazzia
5:30 MEM   Francis Hefferon

**Saturday, May 11th** (Third Saturday of Easter)
8:30 MEM   Horatiu Vranceanu

**Sunday, May 12th** (Fourth Sunday of Easter)
Acts 13:14, 43–52   Revelation 7:9, 14b–17
Psalm 100   John 10:27–30

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**SPRING APPEAL**

THE SPRING APPEAL IS UNDERWAY!

The Spring Appeal is an important source of funds for the many ministries and ordinary operations of the parish.

Please support your parish and contribute to the 2019 Spring Appeal.

To give online, visit donate.stignatiusloyola.org/church/spring or scan the QR code at left.

Thank you in advance for your continued generosity!

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**IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS**

Experience Making a Difference

Join the Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) and become a contemplative in action in the spirit of St. Ignatius Loyola and the Jesuits!

IVC volunteers are adults over 50 years of age who offer their life skills and experience one to two days a week to directly serve those in need. Volunteers gather monthly to prayerfully reflect on their service and to deepen their spirituality in the Ignatian tradition. There is also the opportunity for spiritual guidance.

Interested? Contact Maureen Fullam, Regional Director, at 917-859-0928 or email mfullam@ivcusa.org and visit our website at ivcusa.org

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**Annual Golden Wedding Mass Celebration**

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary any time during 2018 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass Celebration with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick on Sunday, June 2nd at 2:00 PM.

Pre-registration is required.

To register, contact Diane Boyle at the Parish House (212-288-3588 x618 or boyled@stignatiusloyola.org) by Monday, May 13th.

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**PRAYER RESOURCES**

**Pray as You Go**
pray-as-you-go.org

Pray as You Go is a daily prayer session designed for use on your mobile devices.

**3-Minute Retreats**
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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WALLACE HALL AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL

For more information, contact Caroline Fernandes at 212-288-3588 or fernandesc@saintignatiusloyola.org
The Parish Ministry Council cordially invites those St. Ignatius Parishioners who have served this year to

The Ministers’ Night Annual Supper Social

Thursday, May 23rd
7:00 PM
Wallace Hall

RSVP by Monday, May 20th* to boyled@stignatiusloyola.org.

Please include your name and your ministry.

LGBT CATHOLICS & FRIENDS

HIKE IN HARRIMAN STATE PARK
Sunday, May 12th
8:50 AM to 6:00 PM

Please join LGBT Catholics and Friends for a hike in Harriman State Park. The 3-mile trail will lead to Lake Skenonto, where Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Eric Sundrup, S.J. Lunch and fellowship will follow—all in the spirit of gratitude to mothers, including Mother Earth.

Registrants will meet at 8:50 AM (for a 9:10 AM departure) in New York Penn Station's Amtrak waiting hall, near the NJ Transit Ticket machines. Tickets may be purchased at the machines or on the NJ Transit mobile app. Bring food, water, and appropriate footwear.

To RSVP, email join.lgbt.caf@gmail.com.

Available at the Parish House

The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola: A Walking Tour

The redesigned Walking Tour—with all-new photographs—provides a detailed overview of the rich architectural history of the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola.

Cost: $8

MUSIC

SUNDAY, MAY 12th
11 AM SOLEMN MASS

Tournemire
L’Orgue Mystique: Domenica IV post Pascha

Lassus
Surrexit pastor bonus

Schütz
Jauchzet, dem Herrn, SWV 36

Tournemire
Sortie

Handel Dixit Dominus & Haydn Harmoniemesse

Wednesday, May 22nd
8:00 PM

FEATURING
Choir and Orchestra of St. Ignatius Loyola
Parish Community Choir
K. Scott Warren, conductor

Wendy Baker, soprano
Kate Maroney, mezzo soprano
John Tiranno, tenor
Neil Netherly, bass

Tickets: $20 – $80

Sing & Celebrate!
A Music Ministry Celebration
Sunday, June 2nd
3:00 PM

This spirit-filled concert celebrates our parish’s diverse and dynamic music ministry. Pop, country, gospel, and contemporary choral classical music will feature the talented members of our community, in a broad embrace of fellowship and art.

St. Ignatius Loyola Children's Choirs
Maureen Haley, conductor
Wallace Hall Choir and Orchestra
Michael Sheetz, conductor
Special musical guests

Admission is free. No tickets are needed.
PARISH STAFF

Pastor
Rev. Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J.

Associate Pastors
Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.
Rev. Vincent B. Sullivan, S.J.

Assistant Pastor
Rev. Brian G. Konzman, 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

Director of Development
Erin Pick

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. Hilbert
3:30 PM Fr. Judge
Wallace Hall Family: 11:00 AM Fr. Konzman
Solemn: 11:00 AM Fr. Yesalonia
7:30 PM Fr. Yesalonia

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
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Ms. Joy L. Blom, Executive Director
M.A., M.Ed.
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 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.

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

Travel: Two Pilgrimages in the Footsteps of Ignatius of Loyola: 
Ignatius in Rome (June 14th–20th) & The Loyola Experience (July 4th–14th). Following Ignatius Loyola’s footsteps in Rome and Spain, you will experience the Spiritual Exercises with a renewed appreciation for their place in the history of Christian spirituality through daily talks at critical sites in the life of one of the Catholic Church’s great spiritual guides. To learn more about the Ignatius in Rome trip, visit paulist.org/pilgrimages/rome. For more information about The Loyola Experience pilgrimage, visit paulist.org/pilgrimages/loyola.