Sometimes there is a hurt so deep that cries of pain and anguish are reduced to silence lest the reality of what caused the pain overwhelms even one's sense of self-worth. There is no answer to how such a thing could have happened, nor balm to soothe its memory. What persists is the notion that no one seems to care. And when the hurt is caused by someone believed to be close to God the world is turned upside down and with it any semblance of what is normal. There then takes root the conviction that even God doesn't care.

On August 14th, the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania released the report of the Grand Jury that investigated the sexual abuse of children by priests of six dioceses and the cover up perpetrated over several decades by the hierarchy of those dioceses. In graphic and tragic detail that report became the resounding voice of those children, now adults, whose cries for help, for understanding, and for compassion were suppressed by a false sense of guilt and shame.

I will not stand by silently and fail to call by name what happened to these children. They were sexually assaulted, raped, sodomized, and brutalized. Their innocence was not simply robbed of them, it was fiendishly trampled to death. Tragically for those courageous enough to cry out, their injury was often compounded when their voices were silenced by those who refused to believe such acts could be those of a priest or who for nefarious purposes hid in secrecy what they believed would have no lasting effect on a child.

The Grand Jury report came on the heels of the resignation of Theodore McCarrick from the College of Cardinals because of a number of credible allegations of his sexual misconduct. Reports and investigations similar to Pennsylvania’s were disclosed as early as 2002 in the Archdiocese Boston, in 2007 in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and the Diocese of San Diego, and in subsequent years in the Archdiocese of Minneapolis-St. Paul, as well as the countries of Ireland, Australia, and Chile. Lest our senses become dulled by the sheer number of reports such as these and the formal words of apology that all too frequently accompany them, we must never lose sight of the fact that the actions of these offending priests and diocesan bishops were reprehensible and immoral. Evil is its name, and it reared its loathsome head and victimized the most vulnerable among us, our children.

As Catholics, as disciples of Jesus Christ whose mission is to proclaim the gospel message of forgiveness and love, how are we to respond to these instances of sinfulness within the Church? Some have turned away in anger, never to return. Many have wept. Others have tried to distance themselves from the pain by acting as though nothing will ever really change. Each of us will deal with it in ways that try to maintain or strengthen our own faith commitment. We are strong and resilient. But what about the children referenced in these reports, now young adults and older, some in their 60’s and 70’s?

Many of them, probably most, have endured a life of deafening silence, forever tortured by memories of their abuse, sadly believing that no one, not even God, really loves them. Haunted by the demons of betrayal and the feeling of being irrelevant, yet buoyed by irrepressible threads of hope, they are courageous survivors. It is now our shared responsibility to walk with our sisters and brothers who have been the victims of sexual abuse, to listen to their stories and bear with them the pain that these stories evoke, and, most important of all, to tell them how much they are loved. Only then will the silence truly be broken. Only then will hearts be open, innocent as the excitement of children at play, so that the words of God revealed in the prophesy of Isaiah might be heard and become the balm of healing.

You are precious in my eyes and honored, and I love you.

— Rev. Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J.
Pastor
SEPTEMBER SELECTION
BOOK DISCUSSION
Thursday, September 20th at 2:00 PM
Parish Lounge

To register for the September 20th book discussion, email MoreThanABookClubSIL@gmail.com
Registration required.

MORE THAN A BOOK CLUB
SEPTEMBER SELECTION
BOOK DISCUSSION
Thursday, September 20th at 2:00 PM
Parish Lounge

SEPTEMBER BOOK SELECTION
Between Heaven and Mirth
by Fr. James Martin, S.J.

Fr. Martin uses scriptural passages, the lives of the saints, the spiritual teachings of other traditions, and his own personal reflections to show readers why joy is the inevitable result of faith, because a healthy spirituality and a healthy sense of humor go hand-in-hand with God’s great plan for humankind.

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK
Dear Parishioners,

To all of you who have been away for the summer, welcome back! For those of you who enjoyed basking in the sweltering heat, stifling humidity, and thunderous storms of the City, we survived! As we enter the rhythm of being back in full force, I take this opportunity to bring you up to date on what has been happening in the parish.

I am very happy to inform you that Father Vincent Sullivan, S.J. has joined the parish staff as an Associate Pastor. Father Sullivan’s most recent assignment was as Administrator of St. Aedan’s Church in Jersey City. He comes to us with many years of experience of pastoral ministry. You will learn more about Fr. Sullivan in his own words in the essay of the September 16th bulletin.

I am also delighted to inform you that a long-time member of the parish, Ms. Erin Pick, has joined the parish staff as Director of Development. She comes to us after 17 years as a curator at The Metropolitan Museum of Art where she also had significant fundraising responsibilities.

I am happy to report that within a year of launching Your Parish, Your Home—Campaign for the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola we have raised in cash and pledges one-half of our goal of $7.5 million. Confident that we will reach and hopefully exceed our goal, we began the construction of the handicapped access ramp in the front of the Parish House and completed the installation of a sprinkler system in McKinnon Hall. We anticipate starting the work of the installation of the fire alarm and fire suppression systems in the church and Wallace Hall this Fall with the elevator project soon to follow.

Given the success of our Men’s Faith Group, I have asked Mrs. Adele Gallo to facilitate the formation of a Women’s Faith Group. The first meeting of this new ministry will be on Thursday, September 27th at 7:00 PM in the Parish House. What a wonderful opportunity this will be for the women of the parish to explore and share with one another the richness of their lives as women committed to their faith.

Finally, I am also considering a new ministry that will respond to the faith needs of parishioners who are separated, divorced, or re-married. At some point in the Fall I will invite interested parishioners to meet with me to explore the possible ways in which we, as a parish, can journey with them in their faith formation.

As we begin a new cycle of parish liturgies, activities, programs and events, let us pray that everything that we do as a parish will be for the greater glory of God.

Sincerely in the Lord,
Fr. Yesalonia
RANGER ROSARY MINISTRY

Monday, September 10th
7:00 PM | Gonzaga Meeting Room

Over 19,400 rosaries and counting!

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!

PARISH MEN'S FAITH GROUP

Tuesday, September 18th
7:00 PM | Parish House

The discussion will explore five touchstones of men's spirituality gatherings—Centering, Gathering, Connecting, Releasing, Serving. These touchstones help to create the foundation for a sacred space where men can have heartfelt sharing and listening, supporting each in the journey to ever deepening discipleship. The evening will conclude with refreshments and fellowship.

To RSVP, email Brian Pinter at brianbpinter@gmail.com

PARISH WOMEN'S FAITH GROUP

Thursday, September 27th
7:00 PM | Parish House

Please join us if you are interested in forming a Parish Women's Faith Group, a forum for women to reflect on their faith life and experience fellowship as women committed to learning from one other about how to navigate successfully the cross currents of faith, family, and daily life.

Meetings will be facilitated by Adele Gallo.

LME RETREAT DAY

Mysticism: The True Face of Religion
Saturday, October 6th
Facilitator: Fr. Michael Holleran

Everyone is invited to join us for a day of prayer, reflection, and faith sharing.

While we have often been given the impression that mysticism is strange or scary or something reserved for a chosen few, come and learn how the mystic is in fact our deepest identity and destiny.

To register, visit tinyurl.com/https-tinyurl-com-y7cjc2vk

IGNATIAN YOUNG ADULTS

Light in the Darkness: Pilgrimage to the Elizabeth Detention Center
Sunday, September 16th | 2:00 PM
Elizabeth, New Jersey

In the wake of the family separation crisis at the U.S.-Mexico border, and in the face of proposed prolonged detention for increasing numbers of immigrant families, a delegation from the parish will be making a pilgrimage to the Elizabeth Detention Center.

Those interested in participating can register at ignatianyoungadults.typeform.com/to/VpL4lA

For more information, contact Teresa Cariño at carinot@saintignatiusloyola.org

Sunday Social Schedule

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. 16 | Sept. 30 | Oct. 14 | Nov. 11

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

SPARK MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

INFORMATION SESSION
Sunday, September 23rd
Following the Wallace Hall Mass

We are launching a new ministry just for middle schoolers. Parents and students are welcome to attend this information session following the 11:00 AM Wallace Hall Mass.

IGNITE HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

Thursday, September 27th
6:00 PM in the Parish Lounge

Ignite starts its new season on a new night!

All high school students are invited to come check us out.

Registration is now open
https://stignatius.typeform.com/to/JvcHZE
Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

**Monday, September 10th**
(Twenty-third Monday in Ordinary Time)
8:30 MEM Simone Saracino Fendi
12:10 MEM Walter Bronikowski
5:30 MEM Deceased Members of the Scanlon & McLoughlin Families

**Tuesday, September 11th**
(Twenty-third Tuesday in Ordinary Time)
8:30 MEM Dorothy Casey
12:10 MEM Anthony Lopresti
5:30 ANN Richard Fraser

**Wednesday, September 12th**
(Twenty-third Wednesday in Ordinary Time)
8:30 MEM Giro & Elina Zullo
12:10 MEM Joan Popp Maniuszko
5:30 MEM Joseph Sullivan, Sr.

**Thursday, September 13th**
(St. John Chrysostom)
8:30 MEM Paul Choix
12:10 MEM Robert J. Edmondson
5:30 MEM Peggy Herold

**Friday, September 14th**
(The Exaltation of the Holy Cross)
Numbers 21:4b–9 Psalm 78
Philippians 2:6–11 John 3:13–17
8:30 MEM Janet Nicholas
12:10 MEM Bridget Murphy, Peter Burke & Annmarie Murphy
5:30 MEM Jack O’Leary

**Saturday, September 15th**
(Our Lady of Sorrows)
Hebrews 5:7–9 Psalm 31 John 19:25–27
8:30 MEM Nora & Robert Blackstock

**Sunday, September 16th**
(Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Isaiah 50:5–9a Psalm 116
James 2:14–18 Mark 8:27–35

**Parishioner Admissions Information Meeting**
Hosted by Ms. Mary Larkin, Principal
**Monday, September 17th at 7:00 PM**
McKinnon Hall
Parishioners are welcome to attend for a general overview of the school’s admission process.
An RSVP is not required.

**Annual Friends of the Poor Walk**
Saturday, September 29th | 9:30 AM
Join us as we walk from the steps of St. Patrick’s Cathedral to the Church of Saint Paul the Apostle (405 West 59th Street).
To register, visit
www.fopwalk.org/walkerregistration/?eventid=2047

**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, September 25th – November 6th
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM
Closing Mass: Wednesday, November 14th at 7:00 PM

**Evening Sessions**
Wednesdays, September 26th – November 7th
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Closing Mass: Wednesday, November 14th 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

**Mix & Mingle, Wine & Cheese Evening**
**Thursday, September 20th**
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM in Wallace Hall
Come join us and meet fellow parishioners for a great evening of good conversation, plus wonderful music by pianist Bill Quirk.
Cost: $20 at the door (cash or check only)
To RSVP, email boomersandbeyond.st.ignatius@gmail.com

**Boomers and Beyond**
Offers social, educational, cultural, spiritual and community service opportunities to men and women 50 and older.

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

**Annual Friends of the Poor Walk**
Saturday, September 29th | 9:30 AM
Join us as we walk from the steps of St. Patrick’s Cathedral to the Church of Saint Paul the Apostle (405 West 59th Street).
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www.fopwalk.org/walkerregistration/?eventid=2047
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.

Scripture Classes
Praying with the Women of the Gospels
Six Sessions Beginning September 17th
Mondays at 11:00 AM
Parish Lounge

Our Catholic tradition teaches us to engage
Scripture with both the head and the heart.
Class meetings will combine study of women
in the Gospels with different forms of praying
with the Bible, including Lectio Divina, Ignatian
Imaginative prayer, and Biblical Meditation.

Join us as we study and pray with Pilate’s
wife, the woman with the hemorrhage,
the persistent widow, the Syrophoenician
woman, the widow who gave two pennies,
and the Samaritan woman at the well.

Brian Pinter, Pastoral Associate,
will lead the discussion.

To register, email WomenofGospelClass@gmail.com

God’s Command to Speak Out
Six Sessions Beginning September 17th
Mondays at 7:00 PM
Gonzaga Meeting Room

In the Bible stories there are kinds of silence—
the silence of prayer, of awe, of fear. There is also
a coerced silence, a silence that is imposed by
oppression. And, there are courageous voices that
break that oppressive silence; voices that intrude on
the powerful, resisting the domination of a single
voice. Our presentations will explore the stories
of those who answered God’s call to speak out.

Brian Pinter, Pastoral Associate,
will lead the discussion.

To register, email GodsCommandClass@gmail.com

Music
Sunday, September 16th
11 AM Solemn Mass
Willan
Prelude
Bruckner
Os justi
Bruckner
Christus factus est
Dupré
Fugue in G Minor, Op. 7, No. 3

Caritas Concert
I Wish It So
Wednesday, September 26th
7:00 PM in Wallace Hall

Held in the intimate Wallace Hall, Caritas
Concerts are warm, enjoyable evenings of
food, wine, friendship and great music.

Vocalist Danya Katok is joined by pianist Michael
Sheetz in an evening of musical theatre, jazz,
and contemporary folk gems that tell a story of
perseverance towards her ultimate wish, motherhood.
Songs by Marc Blitzstein, Jeff Blumenkrantz, Randy
Newman, Stephen Sondheim, Georgia Stitt, and more
capture the pain, heartbeat, fear, and finally, joy in
this most personal story directed by Dewey Moss.

Wine and hors d’oeuvres begin at 7:00 PM.
Music begins at 7:30 PM.

All proceeds will benefit Mercy Center.
Mercy Center is a community center
serving underprivileged women and
families in the South Bronx.

Tickets: $50–$250
Tickets for are available online at
www.smssconcerts.org or by calling 212-288-2520.

The Hour Children truck is coming!
Sunday, September 30th, 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.
We pray for the faithful departed
James Francis Daly
May he rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

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.

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Pastoral Assistant
Maureen Haley

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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.

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


Benefit Concert for Brooklyn Jesuit Prep. Friday, September 21st, 7:30 PM. Xavier High School, 39 West 15th Street. Larry Kirwan, formerly of the band Black 47, will perform Ireland--A History in Song. Tickets: $25.00/person. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit brooklynjesuit.org/benefit-concert-for-bjp

We pray for the faithful departed
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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