Re-introducing Our Ignatian Social Justice Ministry

It should be no surprise to anyone reading this bulletin that our parish cares about social justice. I have been drawn to St. Ignatius Loyola because this community backs up its faith with good works.

Nor will it surprise anyone that social justice is especially important now. Our world, nation, and city are replete with gross injustice. It does not take a theologian to recognize that our faith has something to say about that. The teachings of Christ, while often perverted for all sorts of misguided agendas today, are in reality centered on these very issues. We are urged to welcome the stranger, even as respect for immigrants and refugees has somehow emerged as a controversial fault line. We are taught that what we do to the least of our brothers and sisters we do to God, but our system is besieged by economic inequality and injustice.

Indeed, we are obligated as Christians to cash that check that Christ has written. Last week, James’ letter reminded us that “faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead.” We are called to do something about the injustices that surround us, to demonstrate our faith through our works. That is certainly nothing new to our parish.

I am writing to re-introduce our parish’s Ignatian Social Justice (ISJ) ministry: not new, but reinvigorated. ISJ is a volunteer group embracing the responsibility to inform, engage, and mobilize parishioners to promote justice—broadly defined—in our local community. This year, we have the opportunity to reinvigorate our ministry at a moment when social justice is front and center in our consciousness.

Our ministry’s mission is two-fold. First, we are committed to raising awareness of current Catholic social teaching and issues relevant to our community. We are planning a wide-ranging set of programming, and you can mark your calendar for our first event soon: on Thursday, September 27th at 7:00 PM, ISJ will host a panel on the opioid epidemic in Wallace Hall. A distinguished panel of experts—from the policy, medical, law enforcement, and faith communities—will discuss the nature of the disease, the availability of treatment, and the impact of this epidemic on our society.

Second, we advocate for social justice on timely and underappreciated issues. After all, awareness means little if we do not act upon it. ISJ has a long history of advocating for the less fortunate in New York and in the broader community. This spring, our annual letter-writing campaign on behalf of Bread for the World urged regional legislators to invest in fighting global hunger: an issue that’s especially important to our team.

We have an expansive list of issues to tackle with both information and advocacy: you’ll also be hearing from us on fairness in housing, human trafficking, racial justice, fair labor markets, and more.

ISJ’s agenda is ambitious, and we’ll need help to accomplish it. The ministry is fortunate to boast a dedicated and committed group already, but we are looking for more socially-focused parishioners to help develop our agenda.

I hope you will consider joining us this year. Because notwithstanding our plans so far, to best effect real change our agenda must remain flexible. We want to know what injustices outrage you, and we want to bring you into the conversation to see how the parish can help.

We’ll meet next on October 18th at 6:30 PM in the Conference Room. In the meantime, if you are either interested in helping us with these programs or have other ideas for meaningful work we can do, feel free to drop me a message at socialjustice@stignatiusloyola.org. I hope you’ll join us.

— Eric Van Nostrand
Chair, Ignatian Social Justice Ministry
NEW! McKinnon Hall Coffee Hour
Every Third Sunday
Following the 11 AM Masses
Beginning TODAY

Today following the 11 AM Solemn and Wallace Hall Masses, we will begin a new coffee hour in the Grammar School’s McKinnon Hall.

FREEDOM SUNDAY
TODAY
Following the 7:30 PM Mass
Wallace Hall

Join us for Freedom Sunday, as we learn about the problem of slavery and human trafficking in the world today, God’s heart for justice, and what we can do to get involved.

The program is presented in partnership with the International Justice Mission
All are welcome.

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.

Hour Children | A community of mothers and children where love makes the difference.

BOOMERS & BEYOND
The Gift of Years: Spirituality & Aging

Wednesday, September 26th
7:00 PM | Gonzaga Meeting Room

As we age, God seeks to give us the gifts of wisdom, experience, an embrace heart, and compassion, among many others. We are also called to be forgiving, blessing, mellow, and radically simple. Our presentation and discussion will explore these spiritual gifts and tasks of Elderhood. Together we will discern how we might bring our “gift of years” to the world.

Brian Pinter, Pastoral Associate, will facilitate.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
Thursday, October 4th
5:00 PM
Outside the Parish House

Pet owners are invited to bring their leashed dog, cat, reptile or caged birds and bunnies for a blessing in celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

SPECIAL COLLECTION
Next weekend our Parish will take the annual collection for St. Joseph’s Seminary.
Thank you for your generosity.
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.

Meetings will be facilitated by Adele Gallo.

For more information, email amdgallo@me.com

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).

To register, visit
www.fopwalk.org/walkerregistration/?eventid=2047

LME RETREAT DAY

Mysticism: The True Face of Religion
Saturday, October 6th | 9:30 AM
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

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 9th, in the Parish House, from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM.

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

To register,
email EmmausBereavementGroup@gmail.com

Snow Ball Dance

Put on your dancing shoes for the Second Annual St. Ignatius Loyola Snow Ball Dance.

Saturday, December 8th
7:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Wallace Hall

Come eat, drink and dance to live music with your friends and other fellow adult (21+) parishioners.

Tickets can be purchased at donate.stignatiusloyola.org/snowball.

Tickets: $40/person

For more information, contact ram.akella@pchllp.com

SPARK MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

INFORMATION SESSION TODAY
In Wallace Hall, following the 11 AM 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.

To register, visit
https://stignatius.typeform.com/to/JvcHZE

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.

To register, visit
https://stignatius.typeform.com/to/JvcHZE

St. Ignatius is on Facebook!

To stay up-to-date on upcoming events here at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, follow us at churchofstignatiusloyolanyc

For your convenience

To reach the Giving page on the parish website, scan the QR Code at left.
Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

**Monday, September 24th**  
(Twenty-fifth Monday in Ordinary Time)  
8:30  MEM  Living & Deceased Members  
of the Regan & Burke Families  
12:10  MEM  Martin Murphy  
5:30  MEM  Lourdes Dancel Roy  

**Tuesday, September 25th**  
(Twenty-fifth Tuesday in Ordinary Time)  
8:30  MEM  John B., John A. & Elizabeth A. Rooney  
12:10  MEM  Kenneth Morales  
5:30  MEM  Gary Gartland  

**Wednesday, September 26th**  
(Twenty-fifth Wednesday in Ordinary Time)  
8:30  MEM  Emil Wittek  
12:10  MEM  Vincent Bohlen  
5:30  MEM  Clemencia Clifford  

**Thursday, September 27th**  
(St. Vincent de Paul)  
8:30  MEM  Steve DellaPietra  
12:10  MEM  Edgar Bohlen  
5:30  MEM  William Powers  

**Friday, September 28th**  
(Twenty-fifth Friday in Ordinary Time)  
8:30  MEM  Carla Fendi  
12:10  MEM  Zoraida Vega  
5:30  MEM  Toni Brown  

**Saturday, September 29th**  
(Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael)  
Daniel 7:9–10, 13–14    Psalm 138    John 1:47–51  
8:30  MEM  Claudia Palacardo  

**Sunday, September 30th**  
(Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time)  

**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.
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th
11 AM SOLEMN MASS
Stanford
Prelude on Jesu Dulcis Memoriae
Stanford
Beati quorum via
Blow
Teach me thy way, O Lord
Sumsion
Procession in D Major

The Opioid Epidemic: No End in Sight
Thursday, September 27th
7:00 PM
Wallace Hall

Today’s opioid crisis is already the deadliest drug epidemic in American history.
A distinguished panel of experts will discuss the nature of the disease, the availability of treatment and treatment options, and the social impact of this epidemic on our society.

MUSIC

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.

Wine and hors d’oeuvres begin at 7:00 PM.
Music begins at 7:30 PM.
All proceeds will benefit Mercy Center.

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

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MORE THAN A BOOK CLUB

Guided Tour of Masterworks of the Collection at the Museum of Modern Art

Featuring the work of Andrew Wyeth, the painter featured in the October book selection.

Tuesday, October 16th at 2:00 PM

October Selection Book Discussion
Thursday, October 18th at 2:00 PM | Parish Lounge

OCTOBER BOOK SELECTION

A Piece of the World
by Christina Baker Kline

To Christina Olson, the entire world was her family’s farm in Cushing, Maine. For over 20 years, she was host and inspiration for the artist Andrew Wyeth, and became the subject of one of the best known American paintings.

Cost of the Tour: $20/person (Pre-paid reservations only)
Send a check (payable to “Church of St. Ignatius Loyola”, with the memo line note “MoMA Tour”) to:
More Than A Book Club, c/o St. Ignatius Loyola, 980 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10028
Checks must be received by Tuesday, October 9th.

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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