

I am so pleased to welcome you to Saint Ignatius of Antioch Episcopal Church.

Our parish was founded in 1871, and we moved into our handsome neo-Gothic building in 1901. From the beginning, we have been a part of the Anglo-Catholic movement, a tradition that emphasises both serving the physical and spiritual needs of all God's people and worshipping Our Lord using a beautiful and historic form of the liturgy that traces its roots back to the early middle ages.

Saint Ignatius is distinctive in its rich heritage of catholic liturgy, excellent music, and its openness to all those who come through our doors. We strive to be a warm, loving, and inclusive community that lives out our faith in a way that connects us with the most enduring traditions of the Church. I hope you will explore all we have to offer and find a church home here.

— The Rev'd Dr Andrew C. Blume, *Rector*



## SERVICE SCHEDULE

### Sundays

8:30 A.M. Low Mass  
10:30 A.M. Solemn Mass with Choir  
5:00 P.M. Solemn Evensong (*as announced*)

### Weekdays

Mondays  
8:00 P.M. Compline

Tuesday-Thursday  
6:00 P.M. Evening Prayer (*online*)

Friday  
12:00 NOON The Great Litany (*online*)

Feast Days  
*as announced*

*See our website for details*  
[www.saintignatiusnyc.org](http://www.saintignatiusnyc.org)

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## THE CHURCH OF SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

*An Episcopal Church  
in the Anglo-Catholic tradition  
where everyone is welcome*

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## Worship

Beautiful, multi-sensory worship has been at the heart of our common life from the founding of the parish in 1871.

Using the Episcopal Church's Book of Common Prayer and other traditional and historic sources, we celebrate the sacraments and mark the times and seasons according to ancient patterns. All our services use the language of the King James Bible.

On Sundays and all major feasts, we follow the customs of the historic Solemn Mass of the Western Rite. The sacred ministers wear beautiful, traditional vestments, in some cases historic examples from our parish collection. We use incense, and we sing and chant much of the service. We are profoundly transformed in Holy Week and Easter as we follow the Way of the Cross from Palm Sunday through Maundy Thursday to Good Friday, and celebrate the mystery of the Resurrection at the Easter Vigil, a service that brings us from darkness into light.

## Music

Music and worship are inextricably bound together, and traditional choral music is an integral part of all our Sunday and feast day liturgies. Our professional choir is led by Dr. Gwendolyn Toth, one of America's leading performers on early keyboards. At each service, drawing from a vast repertoire of Medieval, Renaissance, and Baroque music, the choir sings a polyphonic setting of the mass, the appointed Gregorian chants, and various motets and anthems.

The excellent acoustics and intimate atmosphere make our church a highly desirable concert venue, especially for presenting early music. Consequently, Saint Ignatius is home to a number of excellent vocal chamber ensembles that have performed over forty concerts in the past year alone.

## Christian Formation

Christian formation is a life-long process in which we seek to understand our relationship with God in Christ so that we can make meaning of our lives and better love God and our neighbour. In addition to Bible Study and classes on the Scriptures, we offer adults a changing array of in person and online classes exploring, in recent years, poetry and Anglican spirituality, faith in the context of aging in a weekly gathering called the Soul in Autumn, and other topics related to Anglican and Anglo-Catholic liturgy and theology. In addition, we organize a bi-annual retreat at Holy Cross monastery and periodic workshops on various topics including writing a will and planning a funeral. We also have programs for children, teens, and young adults, as well as enquirer's classes and preparation for baptism, confirmation, and marriage.

## Outreach

Service to our community and to our neighbours is an important part of the Anglo-Catholic tradition. The Saint Ignatius Soup Kitchen has operated for the past forty years without interruption on Saturdays and Mondays, offering a healthy grab-and-go meal to all who come. We also work with a local shelter, delivering meals, supporting emotional wellness workshops, and volunteering and donating gifts for the annual holiday luncheon. Our outreach ministry is staffed by volunteers and funded by the parish with additional support from outside grants.

## Membership and Stewardship

Wherever you are on your faith journey, you are most welcome. We are a diverse community from many walks of life, united in a desire to deepen our faith, share in the Sacraments, and worship God in Christ through the beauty of liturgy and music. Our programs are supported primarily by contributions from parishioners. A good way to learn more about the parish is to join us after Sunday mass in the Undercroft for Coffee Hour, where we share in fellowship, conversation, and home baked treats.

