



March 1, 2026 | Second Sunday of Lent

An Issue We Cannot Ignore

Addressing our nation's response to the immigrants among us, our Catholic Church has been clear in holding to two truths. A nation has the right to secure its borders in the furtherance of the common good. At the same time, every person who has entered this country has an inherent dignity that must be respected and protected. These are the twin truths that must guide our response to the current crisis of immigration enforcement.

Targeted apprehension of those who have violated the welcome they have received, through the commission of violent crimes, is necessary and appropriate. Affording them proper due process, such individuals are appropriate subjects for deportation. What is happening currently, however, is a policy of apprehension and detention of any and all persons who are not currently United States citizens. These apprehensions and detentions are being fueled by arbitrary quotas which, in turn, have led to aggressive tactics by federal agents whose use of force has been highly criticized. The aim is the mass deportation of millions of people without regard to the contribution they have made to our society. Pope Leo and the United States bishops have forcefully denounced efforts at indiscriminate mass deportations.

The detention of all who have been apprehended is part of this policy. In the past, individuals apprehended for being in the United States without status would often result in persons being released on bond while their case was adjudicated so long as there was no history of criminal activity. Detaining all those who have been apprehended is intended to force persons to choose self-deportation over the uncertainty of detention for an indeterminate period. The result has been the rapid opening of detention centers whose conditions have been routinely criticized for failing to provide adequate food, appropriate medical care, and failing to protect the safety of those detained. At least 30 people died in detention last year —the highest number in two decades. There have been at least four deaths so far in 2026. A Cuban immigrant's death in an El Paso detention center in January was ruled a homicide by the county medical examiner.

We need to put a human face on what our government is doing in our name.

Alberto Castaneda Mondragon was pulled from a friend's car in Minneapolis in January. He was a roofer without legal status in this country. He was taken to a local hospital after federal agents alleged that he "purposefully ran headfirst into a brick wall." He had suffered eight fractures in his skull that the medical team determined were not consistent with running into a brick wall. At least one ICE officer later told staff at the medical center that Mondragon "got his (expletive) rocked." Released from custody, he continues to suffer the consequences of a traumatic brain injury.

An 18-month-old baby, Amalia, was held with her parents at a south Texas detention facility. Amalia became sick and her condition rapidly deteriorated. Taken to a San Antonio hospital, she was treated for pneumonia, COVID-19, RSV, and severe respiratory distress. Despite warnings from medical experts that the toddler remained medically vulnerable and at risk of reinfection, immigration officers returned Amalia and her mother to the detention center. There she was denied prescribed medication and nutrition supplements doctors provided. Aggressive efforts by Elora Mukherjee of Columbia Law School's Immigrants Rights Clinic eventually secured the families' release from detention.

"Solving our immigration problems will have to include controlling our borders and deporting undocumented individuals who have committed violent crimes. But solutions rooted in the order of grace cannot countenance the vilification of the undocumented or the indiscriminate deportation of millions of undocumented men and women... who have lived productively and peacefully in our land for decades and who contribute to our society so many of the values that we are desperately in need of." Cardinal Robert McElroy, Archbishop of Washington, D.C.

— Rev. Mark C. Hallinan, S.J.
Associate Pastor

Parish Mission Statement

*The love of Christ impels us to welcome all,
to worship joyfully and pray fervently,
to walk together with those in need, and
to reverence God in the wonder of Creation.*

This Week at a Glance

TUESDAY, MARCH 3rd
Lenten Book Discussion.
1 PM. Parish House.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4th
**Lenten Bible Study | The Cross: Meaning and
Misunderstanding.**
7 PM. Parish House & Zoom.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6th
**Iftar Dinner | Pilgrimages:
Sharing Journeys of Faith.**
5:20 PM. Wallace Hall.
Details at right.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7th
Stations of the Cross.
9 AM. Church. *Details on page 3.*

Young Adult Lenten Morning of Reflection.
9 AM. Wallace Hall.
Details on page 3.

Perfectly Paired

**Sunday, March 22nd, following the 7:30 PM Mass
Wallace Hall**

Calling all Young Couples of St. Ignatius of Loyola, especially those newly engaged, newly wed, still in your early years of married life, or those dating & discerning marriage. You're invited to join us for PERFECTLY PAIRED, an evening to get to know other young couples of the parish over wine & cheese.



**To RSVP,
scan the QR code at left.**

Movie Premiere: *Communion*

**Thursday, March 26th at 7 PM
Wallace Hall**

Join us for the New York City premiere of the film *Communion*, a true story adapted for the screen from the sold-out Off-Broadway musical.

A discussion with the filmmakers will follow the screening.

**Registration is recommended but not required.
RSVP to communionscreening@gmail.com.**

Iftar Dinner

Pilgrimages: Sharing Journeys of Faith
Friday, March 6th
Doors open 5:20 PM | Program starts 5:45 PM
Call to prayer: 5:55 PM

Join the Ignatian Interfaith Ministry as we welcome our Muslim brothers & sisters from Peace Islands Institute, NY, for our 7th annual Iftar celebration. Iftar is the breaking of the daily fast during Ramadan. Dinner and fellowship will follow the opening prayer.

Our panel will be discussing the history and importance of pilgrimages in the Muslim, Jewish and Christian faith traditions and how we can learn from each other's journeys. Families are encouraged to attend. If you have been on a pilgrimage (or want to go), come and share your story!

Space limited. Registration is required by March 2nd at ignatianinterfaithministry@gmail.com. Please include all first and last names of your party.

Lenten Fast and Abstinence

During the season of Lent, the Church urges the faithful to reflect a spirit of penance in their daily lives through performing acts of fast and abstinence.

- Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 18 and ends on the evening of Holy Thursday, April 2.
- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence.
- Fasting means only one full meal a day may be taken. Two smaller meals may be eaten to maintain physical strength but together they should not equal another full meal in quantity. Snacking between meals is not permitted. Catholics ages 18-59 are obligated to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are not specifically obliged to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able.
- Abstinence forbids the eating of meat or poultry. Those who have reached the age of 14 and older are obligated to abstain on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent.
- Those who are not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are urged to join in the discipline of abstaining to the extent that they are able.
- All Fridays of the year are designated as days of penance during which we are encouraged to practice self-denial out of gratitude for the suffering and death of Jesus accepted for us.

**If you have lost an item while visiting the church,
please stop by the Parish House to check if
your misplaced article has been turned in.**

Circle of Friends

Irish American Stories to Celebrate America 250th

Tuesday, March 10th at 1 PM
Wallace Hall

Dr. Elizabeth Stack returns to Circle of Friends this March to discuss some famous—and not so famous—Irish Americans to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of American Independence.

Dr. Stack will discuss some of the people involved in the American Revolution who had an impact on this country over the ensuing 250 years. In politics, religion, education, labor and culture, the Irish made incredible contributions to growing America, and yet some of these Irish Americans have been forgotten. To celebrate Irish American Heritage and Women's History Month, Dr. Stack will shine a light on some of these unsung heroes of Irish American history. Come join Circle of Friends and learn about the histories of these unsung Irish Americans.

There is no charge for this program.
A free will offering is appreciated.

RSVP at silcircleoffriends@gmail.com.

Laetare Lecture

Joy in a Time of Turbulence: The True Legacy of Pope Francis

Monday, March 16th at 7 PM
Wallace Hall

PRESENTER

Dr. Austen Ivereigh

Fellow in Contemporary Church History,
Campion Hall, Oxford, England

Visionary, reformer ... Pope Francis leaves a vast legacy. But most of all he showed us how to open to God's grace in our troubled "change of era".

Stations of the Cross: Saturdays in Lent Through March 28th at 9 AM Church

Led by Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J.

Join us for this traditional devotion as we draw closer to Jesus through a prayerful reflection on his passion and death.

Note: There will be Stations of the Cross on Wednesday, April 1st at 7:30 PM in the Church.

Young Adult Lenten Morning of Reflection

Saturday, March 7th
9 AM to 1 PM
Wallace Hall

If you are a Young Adult in your 20s & 30s, we invite you to join us for a Lenten Morning of Reflection.

Take a few hours this Lent to slow down with us, bask in a few hours of silence and reflection, and grow in fellowship with one another. Meals will be provided.

To register for the March 7th session, visit
tinyurl.com/March7session

For more information, please contact Roxanne De La Torre, Pastoral Associate, at delatorreR@nycignatius.org.

Sponsored by the Father William J. Bergen SJ Office of Ignatian Spirituality & Faith Formation

A Family Celtic Night Celebration

Friday, March 13th, from 7 PM to 10 PM
Wallace Hall

Featuring music by Murphy's Lawyer, as well as Shepherd's Pie and Scones by Mary O's

With an open bar (Beer and Wine and Soda), face painting and dancing

All included with ticket price.

Price: Adults \$50 and Children \$25

Bring your small bills to shop the SIL SIOPA and bid on Celtic-themed auctioned baskets.



To purchase tickets,
scan the QR code at left.

Guided Church Tour

Sunday, March 22nd at 12:30 PM
Church (Meeting Point: Narthex)

The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola is a vibrant parish community whose foundation rests on the faith life and commitment of all who worship here.

We invite you to explore and learn more about our beautiful church through our monthly tours.

To register, visit ignatius.nyc/guidedtour/.

Join Our Email Mailing List!

We invite you to sign-up for our e-newsletter to receive updates on parish news and events.

To sign-up, scan the QR code at right
or visit ignatius.nyc.



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Weekday Masses (Monday – 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. Casciotti

Sunday:

8:00 AM Fr. Hallinan

9:30 AM Fr. Nolan

Wallace Hall Mass

11:00 AM Fr. Hilbert

Solemn Mass

11:00 AM Fr. Pennacchia

7:30 PM Fr. Pennacchia

Religious Education for Children

Ms. Kate Noonan, Director

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Saint Ignatius Loyola School

Upper Campus

(First Grade through Eighth Grade)

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Ms. Mary Larkin, Head of School

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Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sundays at the 9:30 AM Mass.

Confessions

4:30 PM Saturday, 6:30 PM Sunday,
or by appointment.

Baptisms

Please contact Maureen Haley at
baptisms@nycignatius.org
to arrange for a Baptism and
the preparation given prior to Baptism.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

Contact Maureen Fullam, M.A.,
Director, at the Parish House.

Marriages

The Bride or Groom should contact
Maureen Haley at
weddings@nycignatius.org
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.

Ignatian Young Adults (IYA)

For more information about our IYA
ministry, email Jean Santopatre at
santopatrej@nycignatius.org.

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, March 2nd

(Second Monday of Lent)

Daniel 9:4b–10 Psalm 79

Luke 6:36–38

8:30 MEM Ciro Saracino

12:10 MEM Jean Junker

5:30 MEM John Harris

Tuesday, March 3rd

(Second Tuesday of Lent)

Isaiah 1:10, 16–20 Psalm 10

Matthew 23:1–12

8:30 MEM Kari Ruesch

12:10 MEM John & Nora Reilly

5:30 MEM George Enrico Caruso

Wednesday, March 4th

(Second Wednesday of Lent)

Jerome 18:18–20 Psalm 31

Matthew 20:17–28

8:30 MEM Tom Bolt

12:10 MEM Laurie Meahan

5:30 MEM Joseph Luter

Thursday, March 5th

(Second Thursday of Lent)

Jeremiah 17:5–10 Psalm 1

Luke 16:19–31

8:30 MEM Christine Zelinsky

12:10 MEM John Ferguson

5:30 MEM Living & Deceased
Members of the Wallace Family

Friday, March 6th

(Second Friday of Lent)

Genesis 37:3–4, 12–13a, 17b–28a

Psalm 105 Matthew 21:33–43, 45–46

8:30 LVG Grace Mangin

12:10 MEM Sose & Mark

Prekelezaj

5:30 MEM Ian MacNabb

Saturday, March 7th

(Second Saturday of Lent)

Micah 7:14–15, 18–20 Psalm 103

Luke 15:1–3, 11–32

8:30 MEM Joseph Cianciotto

Sunday, March 8th

(Third Sunday of Lent)

Exodus 17:3–7 Psalm 95

Romans 5:1–2, 5–8 John 4:5–42