



March 29, 2026 | Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

## The Silences of Holy Week

Silence remains a scarce commodity in our culture of noise, yet the story of Holy Week overflows with powerful, poignant silences. Jesus meets his antagonists and accusers with a frighteningly dignified silence. Mary stands by the cross with a ponderous silence that beholds the horror of that momentous and terrible hour. All of creation waits in the silence of Holy Saturday—the silence of the grave, a liminal space where what was is no more, and something new is waiting to be born. Each of these holds an invitation, a gentle call to enter into soulful silence as we journey again with Jesus through his final hours. Contemplating these silences opens a receptive space in the heart for the wisdom and grace of the Triduum.



*Christ of Saint John of the Cross.*  
Salvador Dalí. 1951.

The stoic silence of Jesus punctuates the passion narratives. Consider these arresting scenes: “Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, ‘Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?’ But he remained silent...” (Mark 14:60-61). “[Pilate] entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, ‘Where are you from?’ But Jesus gave him no answer” (John 19:9). “So [Herod] questioned him at some length, but he made no answer” (Luke 23:9). Jesus role-models the silence of dignity, of patience, of acceptance, of surrendering control, of foregoing his life of activity to embrace death with solemn passivity. This is a silence that absorbs hatred and scapegoating, then filters back love that wordlessly expresses, “Forgive them, for they know not what they do.” It is the resolved, resigned stillness of the hospice patient who has made peace with what is happening, prepared to offer the way he dies as his final gift to the world.

Mary witnesses the horror of the cross in silence. She does not protest, nor attack the executioners. There are no words in such moments. Perhaps she recalls the wisdom of the Book of Lamentations, “Let him put his mouth to the dust...” and realizes she can only wait. She sees that evil is having its day, that resistance is useless, that violence, in this moment, has scored a cheap victory. Paradoxically through her silence, she does protest. She resists, she defies by refusing to be seduced into returning hate for hate. Mary comes full circle, pondering this stunning, ultimate moment, as she did when the angel

asked her to bear the divine child. She role-models carrying tension with integrity. Though she cannot understand, she abides, persists, living the wisdom that holding uncertainty with trust can lead to unimaginable possibilities. Her silence communicates grief, audacity, contemplation, hope.

The vigil at the tomb bears witness to pregnant silence, to the silence of threshold spaces, moments of liminality when something new is about to be birthed, yet quiet patience is the only option. The silence of Holy Saturday carries a powerful emotional charge because the old certitudes are gone and the small world has collapsed, yet the bigger world cannot quite be grasped. Here we have no choice but to sit in the silence of God's waiting room. It's like anticipating the butterfly's emergence from the cocoon or the flower's blooming—there is nothing we can do to hasten the moment. In keeping our silence on Holy Saturday, we articulate our trust in the gentle, quiet work of a loving power much greater than anything we can fathom.

As Holy Week unfolds, I invite you to carve out space for these silences. Perhaps fast from news and social media for a few days, practice Centering Prayer, or sit quietly with a verse from scripture and let it gently rest on your heart. God waits for us in these intentionally quiet moments, for as the great mystic Meister Eckhart taught, “Nothing resembles the language of heaven so much as silence.” Sojourning in the silence of Jesus, of Mary, of Saturday's tomb, we orient ourselves in attentiveness to God's word, the word that opens the heart to the transformative, empowering graces of Easter.

— Brian Pinter  
Pastoral Associate

## 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

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 29th

**IGNITE Tech Support for Seniors Program.**  
12:30 PM. Parish House. *Details at right.*

#### MONDAY, MARCH 30th

**Archdiocesan Day of Reconciliation.**  
3 PM to 5 PM and 6 PM to 8 PM. Church.  
*Details at right.*

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 31st

**Lenten Book Discussion.**  
1 PM. Parish House.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.**  
6 PM. Church.

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1st

**Stations of the Cross for the Parish Community.**  
7 PM. Church.  
*Details at right.*

#### HOLY THURSDAY THROUGH EASTER SUNDAY

For the schedule of liturgies and confession schedule  
for the Triduum and Easter Sunday,  
see information at right.

## SAVE THE DATE

### From Generation to Generation: An Ethical Will Workshop

#### PRESENTER

**Brian Pinter, Pastoral Associate**

Some of your greatest wealth resides within you—your wisdom, your experience, your values—and is too valuable to be lost. While a legal will defines what you want your heirs to have, an ethical will, also called a legacy letter, articulates what you want them to know. Our gathering will explore the ancient biblical roots of ethical wills, guidance on themes to consider, and provide workshop time to get started writing. To write a legacy letter is to share the wealth of your life, while creating an invaluable family heirloom.

*Registration details to follow in next week's bulletin.*

## Palm Sunday & Holy Week Mass Schedule

### **Palm Sunday/March 29th Masses**

5:30 PM Saturday Vigil, 8 AM, 9:30 AM, 11 AM (*Church/livestreamed*), 11 AM Wallace Hall Family Mass & 7:30 PM

### **HOLY WEEK MASSES**

#### **Holy Thursday/April 2nd**

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 PM (*Church/livestreamed*)

#### **Good Friday**

#### **April 3rd**

Three Hours Devotion, from Noon to 3 PM (*Church*)  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion Liturgy at 7 PM  
(*Church/livestreamed*)

#### **Holy Saturday/April 4th**

Easter Vigil Mass at 7:30 PM (*Church/livestreamed*)

#### **Easter Sunday**

#### **April 5th**

8 AM, 10 AM (*Church*), 10 AM Wallace Hall Family Mass, and 12 PM Noon (*Church/livestreamed*)

## Holy Week Confession Schedule

### **MONDAY, MARCH 30TH**

#### **Archdiocesan Day of Reconciliation**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 3 PM to 5 PM, with a Penance Service and Confessions from 6 PM to 8 PM in the Church.

### **GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD**

3 PM to 5 PM in the Church

### **HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH**

4 PM to 5:30 PM in the Parish House

## Stations of the Cross for the Parish Community

Wednesday, April 1st at 7 PM  
Church

Please join us and begin making the Stations of the Cross an annual Lenten observance for you and your family.

## IGNITE Tech Support for Seniors Program

**Sunday, March 29th, from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM**  
**Parish House**

This program brings high school students together with senior parishioners for one-on-one technology support. Seniors are invited to bring phones, tablets, or laptops for help with everyday tech questions.

## The Importance of Faith: Muslim & Christian Perspectives

Wednesday, April 15th at 7 PM  
Wallace Hall

### PRESENTERS



Fr. Dennis Yesalonia,  
S.J., Pastor &  
Hakan Yesilova,  
Editor, *The Fountain*



It is faith that settles the soul in times of uncertainty and opens one's heart to behold the inherent goodness of all God's creation and the promise of good things to come. Faith is the lens through which the radiance of hope is experienced. For without faith, there can be no hope. Join us for a discussion of what faith means to Muslims and Christians as a gift from God that is shared in common.

*Co-sponsored by the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola & Peace Islands Institute New York*

## Circle of Friends

### Discover the Glories of Central Park

Tuesday, April 14th at 1 PM  
Wallace Hall

Central Park may be New York's most beloved green space, yet even lifelong New Yorkers are often surprised by the secluded gardens hidden within its 843 acres. From the formal elegance of the Conservancy Garden to the poetic beauty of the Shakespeare Garden, these spaces reveal the artistry, history, and seasonal color that make Central Park one of the city's most enchanting landscapes.

Join Circle of Friends for a richly illustrated presentation by George Rudenauer, a dedicated member of the Central Park Conservancy and a tour guide of Central Park.

In this engaging talk, George will highlight spring flowers in bloom, uncover hidden gems throughout the park, and share ideas for peaceful strolls through this extraordinary urban oasis.

**There is no charge for the program, though a free-will donation is appreciated. Registration is required at [silcircleoffriends@gmail.com](mailto:silcircleoffriends@gmail.com).**

## Low-Gluten Hosts

For parishioners wishing to receive a low-gluten host at the distribution of Holy Communion, please speak with a Hospitality Minister.

## Lectures at St. Ignatius

### Francis the Jesuit: A Look at the Jesuit Roots and Ignatian Spirituality of Pope Francis

Monday, April 13th at 7 PM  
Wallace Hall

### PRESENTERS



Fr. James Martin, S.J. &  
Fr. Sam Sawyer, S.J.  
Editors-at-Large of  
*America Media*



What did it mean for the Pope to be a Jesuit? How did this influence his papacy and the church?

### A Visit From the Holy Land:

#### Fr. Rami Asakrieh, OFM

Friday, April 17th at 7 PM  
Wallace Hall



Join us for a conversation with the former pastor of St. Catherine's at the Church of the Nativity, our sister-parish in Bethlehem.

Fr. Rami will share about his experiences ministering to the Palestinian-Christian community, the "living stones" of the land where Jesus walked.

## A Brief Word from the Pastoral Year Priest

Dear Parishioners,

Our 8 months together have been such a joy for me, and I've learned so much from you all! While we still have several months together, I want to share that the Provincial has missioned me to teach math at Xavier High School, starting next school year. I'm thrilled to be returning to the classroom and remaining in NYC! And thanks to our pastor's generosity, I will continue to assist at the parish on weekends. While I will miss the "Daily Mass Crew," I am so grateful that we will still worship together on the Lord's Day!

For now, please keep me in your prayers. Of course, you remain in mine.

Peace,  
Fr. Jonathan P. Pennacchia, S.J.

**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.**

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## PARISH STAFF

### Pastor

Rev. Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J.

### Associate Pastors

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Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.

### Assisting Priest

Rev. James Martin, S.J.

### Pastoral Year Priest

Rev. Jonathan P. Pennacchia, S.J.

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Rev. James A. Casciotti, S.J.

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### Assistant to the Pastor

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### Director of Communications

Elizabeth O'Sullivan

### Director of Facilities

Robert Cisternino

### Facilities Coordinator

Pattie Hughes

### Parish Administrative Assistant

Caitlin Caruso

### Treasurer

Fernando Castro

### Weekday Masses (Monday – Friday)

8:30 AM, 12:10 PM, and 5:30 PM

**Saturday:** 8:30 AM

No Weekday Masses Holy Thursday,

Good Friday, or Holy Saturday

### Easter Sunday Masses

8:00 AM Fr. Hallinan

10:00 AM Fr. Pennacchia

Wallace Hall 10:00 AM Fr. Hilbert

Solemn 12 Noon Fr. Yesalonia

## Religious Education for Children

Ms. Kate Noonan, Director

(212) 288-3588 x609

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## Saint Ignatius Loyola School

### Upper Campus

(First Grade through Eighth Grade)

Ms. Mary Larkin, Head of School

M.S. Ed. (Admin.), M.S. Ed. (Literacy)

48 East 84th Street

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### Lower Campus

(PreK-3 through Kindergarten)

Ms. Mary Larkin, Head of School

240 East 84th Street

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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 30th

(Monday of Holy Week)

Isaiah 42:1-7 Psalm 27

John 12:1-11

**8:30 MEM** Dora Koller

**12:10 MEM** Ella Cobbs Cook

**5:30 MEM** William Powers

### Tuesday, March 31st

(Tuesday of Holy Week)

Isaiah 49:1-6 Psalm 71

John 13:21-33, 36-38

**8:30 MEM** Abigail Gefre

**12:10 MEM** Janice Hoerrner

**5:30 MEM** Lorraine Tantillo

### Wednesday, April 1st

(Wednesday of Holy Week)

Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 69

Matthew 26:14-25

**8:30 MEM** Ciro Saracino

**12:10 MEM** Elizabeth Murphy

**5:30 MEM** Cono Pasqua

### Thursday, April 2nd

(Thursday of Holy Week)

*Mass of the Lord's Supper:*

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14 Psalm 116

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

John 13:1-15

### Friday, April 3rd (Good Friday)

*Celebration of the Lord's Passion:*

Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 31

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

John 18:1-19:42

### Saturday, April 4th (Holy Saturday)

Genesis 1:1-2:2 Ezekiel 36:16-

Genesis 22:1-18 17a, 18-28

Exodus 14:15- Romans 6:3-11

15:1 Psalm 118

Isaiah 54:5-14 Matthew 28:1-10

Isaiah 55:1-11

Baruch 3:9-15,

32-4:4

### Sunday, April 5th

(Easter Sunday)

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Colossians 3:1-4

Psalm 118 John 20:1-9