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The Presentation of the Lord

A Lifelong Call to Discipleship

e are all called to discipleship at every stage of our lives. Older adults may be called in new ways.

It isn't always useful to define older adults by chronological age. We all know fragile people in their fifties and active people in their eighties and nineties. I prefer to speak of people who have experienced certain major life changes, such as retirees, people facing retirement (voluntary or involuntary), empty nesters, caregivers and people who have faced various kinds of losses.

As a spiritual director with a ministry to the aging, I have met many people who are just beginning to confront some of the decisions these turning points present: how to live after retirement; whether to downsize or relocate; how to provide for a disabled child who will almost certainly outlive the parent. Others, especially retired people and empty nesters, are looking for ways to "give back" but are often marginalized; they feel invisible in our youth-oriented society, including the Church.

For anyone who is asking, "How is God calling me now?" Luke's Gospel presents the prophetess Anna as both a role model for prayer and a rich source of inspiration.

Anna was eighty-four years old, at a time when the average life expectancy was about forty. She was widowed at a young age—nothing short of a calamity in a patriarchal society where women had no status apart from the men in their families. Yet when Mary and Joseph brought the infant Jesus to the Temple, Anna was given the grace to recognize him. Luke tells us, "She gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem" (Lk 2:38).

Anna was one of the first disciples. She was called to recognize the possibility of doing what must have seemed inconceivable: to break the silence imposed on women and speak about the graces she had been given. She did so joyfully. It's worth noting that Anna was not unprepared for these graces. She had nurtured the gifts of prayer and deep contemplation during the long years she spent in the Temple. Then, all unasked for, very late in life, God gave her the gift of prophecy, and called her to preach.

As we experience major changes in our lives—widowhood, or retirement, or responsibilities for aging parents—God may be calling each of us to new forms of discipleship. Most of us don't receive the kind of extraordinary call that Anna did. We all have different gifts. Some of us have creative gifts (painting, drawing, photography, needlework); some have the gift of serving others in various ways (as volunteers, as caregivers, as friends who are there in times of need); many have the gift of friendship, of gratitude, of patience, and above all of wisdom.

Consider what Pope Francis said, in an address to a Catholic Action group:

"[T]he elderly are the historical memory of every community, a patrimony of wisdom and faith that needs to be heard, cared for and valued. They have wisdom, life's wisdom, history's wisdom, the homeland's wisdom, the family's wisdom. And we need all this!"

The Holy Father has returned repeatedly to the theme of intergenerational relationships, the importance of older and younger people learning from each other. Today's digital natives have opportunities older generations never had. Oral histories are a tailor-made project for teenagers and young adults to record the wisdom of their grandparents and other older people in their community. What other possibilities are there?

Whatever our gifts, we need to discern how God is calling us to discipleship at every stage of our lives. When we open our hearts and minds to God's call, we may discover that God is full of surprises.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting. 7:00 PM. Conference Room.

Compassionate Care: Eucharistic Ministers. 7:00 PM. Parish Lounge. Details at right.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4th

Moms, Pops & Tots.

10:00 AM. Gonzaga Meeting Room. Details on page 3.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6th

Lecture | The Human Trafficking Crisis: In Manhattan and Beyond. 7:00 PM. Wallace Hall. Details on page 5.

COLD & FLU SEASON MASS ETIQUETTE

As we are firmly in cold and flu season—which now includes multiple cases of the coronavirus in the United States—the Archdiocese sent a notice to all parishes in the city to remind us that, at the exchange of peace, it is permissible to verbally wish the Lord's peace rather than shaking hands.

Also, through the end of the flu season, we ask that you use good judgment in deciding whether to drink from the chalice at Communion.

If you have cold or flu symptoms, please refrain from drinking from the chalice and receive only the host in your hand.

Calling All Snowbirds!

Are you in Florida during the winter months? Then we invite you to join us for events we will be hosting in Palm Beach & Naples in early March.

For more information, contact Erin Pick at picke@saintignatiusloyola.org or 212-288-3588 x608.

FLORIDA

Blessing of Throats

In honor of the Feast of St. Blaise, we will offer the blessing of throats following all Masses this weekend, as well as on the Feast Day, Monday, February 3rd.

COMPASSIONATE CARE

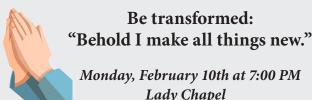
Monday, February 3rd 7:00 PM Parish Lounge

If you are currently serving as or are interested in being a Eucharistic Minister at Lenox Hill Hospital, Eastside Rehab and Nursing Home or to the homebound, please join us.

We will share Eucharist as well as discuss the rewards and expectations of this special ministry.

Registration is required by Friday, January 31st, at murnionkj@aol.com.

PRAYER SERVICE



All parishioners are invited to join with members of the LGBT Catholic and Friends ministry for this prayer service, as they reflect on God's power to transform the broken parts of one's life into strength and wisdom. There will be opportunity for everyone present to offer their personal petitions.

An informal gathering will follow the service.

SPECIAL COLLECTION



Next weekend, our Parish will take up the annual Peter's Pence Collection.

This worldwide collection supports the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, natural disasters, and others in need of emergency assistance.

Thank you for your generosity.

Join Our Email Mailing List!



To sign-up, scan the QR code at left or visit stignatiusloyola.org/index.php/about_us/parish-email-list

MOMS, POPS & TOTS



Tuesday, February 4th 10:00 AM Gonzaga Meeting Room

This weekly gathering provides parents with young children the opportunity to make friends and develop community while strengthening their own spiritual lives. Coffee and treats are available for the parents.

For more information, email *n_fusaro@yahoo.com*.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

SVdP Women's Shelter

Friday, February 14th to Sunday, February 16th

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is in need of volunteers for the Women's Shelter, which is located in Wallace Hall every other weekend, from November through April.

If you would like to volunteer in the Shelter, please leave a message for Teresa Abruzzo at the Parish House or email svdp.shelter980@gmail.com.

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, February 11th – April 1st * 9:30 AM – 11 AM

*Closing Mass: Wednesday, April 1st at 7:00 PM

Evening Sessions

Wednesdays, February 12th – April 1st 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Closing Mass: Wednesday, April 1st 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.

A good faith offering is appreciated.

To register, email MCIP@saintignatiusloyola.org.

Caring for the Caregiver

Saturday, February 22nd | 9:30 AM – 2:00 PM Parish Lounge



Many people today provide care for elderly or ill family members
— one of the most spiritually, emotionally, and physically challenging experiences we endure.

However, who cares for the caregiver? Without self-care, we run a high risk of burn-out.

Our presentations will seek to name the challenges of care-giving and explore ways we can create space to care for ourselves. This program will include talks by Brian Pinter, pastoral associate, quiet time, prayer, and discussion.

Lunch will be provided.

Cost: \$25 free will offering

Space is limited.

To RSVP, email brianbpinter@gmail.com.

HOME COMMMUNION CALL



If you or a loved one is confined to home and would like to receive Communion on a periodic or regular basis, someone from the parish's Compassionate Care Ministry will come to your home and bring Communion.

If interested, email Fr. Hilbert at hilbertm@saintignatiusloyola.org or leave your name and phone number at the Parish House for Fr. Hilbert, and someone will be scheduled to visit.

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PRAYER RESOURCES

<u>Pray as You Go</u> www.pray-as-you-go.org

Pray as You Go is a daily prayer session designed for use on your portable device.

3-Minute Retreats

www.loyolap ress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer.htm

Take a short prayer break right at your computer. Spend some quiet time reflecting on a Scripture passage.



Ladybug Fund Wine & Chocolate Celebration

Hosted by Gene & Myong Caiafa in support of the St. Ignatius Loyola Preschool

Tuesday, February 11th 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Petaluma Restaurant 1356 First Avenue (at East 73rd Street)

Cost: \$80 per person



To RSVP, scan the QR code at right or visit silpreschool.ticketspice.com/the-ladybug-fund-wine-chocolate-event

About The Ladybug Fund

The Ladybug Fund was established in 2007 by former Preschool Parents Gene and Myong Caiafa in memory of Gene's sister, Christine Caiafa Guarino.

This unique scholarship is dedicated to furthering the education of the teachers at the preschool.

MORE THAN A BOOK CLUB

February Selection Book Discussion

Thursday, February 20th at 2:00 PM Parish Lounge



Educated by Tara Westover

Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, Tara Westover was seventeen the first time she set foot in a classroom. Her family was

so isolated from mainstream society that there was no one to ensure the children received an education, and no one to intervene when one of Tara's older brothers became violent.

When another brother got himself into college,
Tara decided to try a new kind of life. Her quest for
knowledge transformed her, taking her over oceans
and across continents, to Harvard and to Cambridge
University. Only then would she wonder if she'd
traveled too far, if there was still a way home.

To register, email More Thana Book Club SIL@gmail.comRegistration required.



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Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, February 3rd

(Fourth Monday in Ordinary Time)

2 Samuel 15:13–14, 30; 16:5–13 Psalm 3 Mark 5:1–20

8:30 MEM Charles Caines

12:10 MEM Cathleen McGovern

5:30 MEM Michael Kelly

Tuesday, February 4th

(Fourth Tuesday in Ordinary Time)

2 Samuel 18:9–10, 14b, 24–25a, 30–19:3 Psalm 86

Mark 5:21-43

8:30 MEM Kevin Hughes

12:10 MEM John Alloca

5:30 MEM Steven Salerno

Wednesday, February 5th

(St. Agatha)

2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17 Psalm 32 Mark 6:1-6

8:30 MEM The Choix & Gordon Families

12:10 MEM Mario Perna

5:30 MEM Jack Kehoe

Thursday, February 6th

(St. Paul Miki & comps., Bl. Charles Spinola, Sebastian Kimura & comps.)

1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12 1 Chronicles 29 Mark 6:7-13

8:30 MEM Leonarda Naval Perucho

12:10 MEM Michael Kubera

5:30 MEM Nora Terriberry

Friday, February 7th

(Fourth Friday in Ordinary Time)

Sirach 47:2-11 Psalm 18 Mark 6:14-29

8:30 MEM Living & Deceased Members of the

Brenninkmeijer Family

12:10 MEM Gene McCarthy

5:30 MEM David Oing

Saturday, February 8th

(Fourth Saturday in Ordinary Time)

1 Kings 3:4-13 Psalm 119 Mark 6:30-34

8:30 MEM Marie Vorlicek

Sunday, February 9th

(Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Isaiah 58:7–10 Psalm 112

1 Corinthians 2:1–5 Matthew 5:13–16

WALLACE HALL AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL

For more information, contact Caroline Fernandes at 212-288-3588 or fernandesc@saintignatiusloyola.org



Feeding Our Neighbors:

Archdiocesan-Wide Food Campaign

The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola will be participating in the food drive scheduled through TODAY.

Donations will go to the Church of the Ascension on the Upper West Side.

Please bring <u>non-perishable</u> foods to the Parish House.

While all donations are greatly appreciated, *these items are especially welcome:*

- 100% fruit juices
- beans (canned or dry)
 - canned fish

(salmon, sardines, or tuna)

- canned fruits
- canned meat

(chicken, beef, or ham)

- canned stews (chicken or beef)
- canned vegetables
 - coffee/tea
 - couscous

- dried fruits
- dry cereal and hot cereal (farina, grits, or oatmeal)
- dry milk packets
- flour/cornmeal/ baking mixes
- nutritional beverages (Boost, Ensure, Carnation Instant Breakfast)

IGNATIAN SOCIAL JUSTICE



The Human Trafficking Crisis: In Manhattan and Beyond

> Thursday, February 6th 7:00 PM Wallace Hall

Please join Ignatian Social Justice to learn more about the local and global impact of the scourge of human trafficking.

Experts with unique perspectives on this issue will share their expertise about this form of modern-day slavery, both here in New York and on an international stage. Sarah Tintle, St. Ignatius Loyola, Haejin Shim, International Justice Mission, and Chris Muller, Restore NYC and a LifeWay Network representative will discuss the nature of this widely unrecognized problem and how we may get involved to help.



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*.

MUSIC

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9th 11 AM SOLEMN MASS

C. Schumann

Prelude and Fugue for Organ, Op. 16, No. 3

Mendelssohn

From Elijah: Blessed are the men who fear him

Zipoli

Beatus vir

Frescobaldi

Toccata Seconda

11 AM FAMILY MASS

with Training & Angel Choirs

arr. Hogan

Sobo One Candle, One Flame

RETREAT



"Retreat for People Who Don't Pray (Much)"

Friday, March 6th to Sunday, March 8th

This will be a "quiet" retreat, with periods of silence interspersed with prayer exercises based on Scripture and The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola.

After a welcome talk on Friday evening, the group will join in Evening Prayer and enter the quiet of the place. There will be shared Morning and Evening Prayer on Saturday, and Morning Prayer on Sunday. There will be four brief conferences to present the prayer exercises and to share the graces of our prayer. The celebration of the Eucharist will conclude the retreat at noon on Sunday.

The retreat is facilitated by Fr. Michael Hilbert, S.J. Single rooms with shared bathrooms; some are accessible via elevator.

<u>Cost</u>: \$150 per person, to be paid by check or cash at the retreat.

To register, email march2020silretreat@gmail.com. *Fr. Hilbert will contact you with full details.*

The deadline for registration is February 15th.



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Weekday Masses (Monday to Friday)

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

Saturday: 8:30 AM

Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM Fr. O'Connell

Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Judge

9:30 AM Fr. Hilbert

Wallace Hall Family 11:00 AM Fr. Yesalonia

Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Grodecki

7:30 PM Fr. Grodecki

Religious Education for Children

Ms. Nicole Bedard, M.A. Director (212) 861-4764

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Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sundays at 9:30 AM.

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.

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.

Volunteers Needed. The Mary Manning Walsh Home (1339 York Avenue) is in need of day and evening volunteers for resident activities. To learn more about available opportunities, contact Sr. Michael Mary at 212-628-2800 x2247.

Ignatian Yoga Retreat. Friday, March 20th to Sunday, March 22nd, 2020. Mariandale Retreat Center, Ossining, New York. Join Bobby Karle, S.J. and the Ignatian Yoga Team for the only East Coast retreat this Spring. To register, visit ignatianyoga.com.

Vocation Discernment Weekends-Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne, New York: March 6th-8th & August 14th-16th; Atlanta, Georgia: May 8th-10th & September 25th-27th. The Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne invite women ages 19-44 who are discerning a religious vocation to join them for a weekend to experience their prayer and apostolate. Reservations are required. For more information, contact Sr. Catherine Marie, OP, at 845-745-1319 or vocationdirector@ hawthorne-dominicans.org.

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