

Church of St. Ignatius Loyola

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February 9, 2020 | Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Surrounded By Suffering

When people first come into St. Ignatius Loyola Church, the overall beauty of the space strikes them. Only gradually do they notice the individual elements of that beauty: the vault of the central ceiling, its supporting granite monoliths, the multiple domes of the side aisles, the mosaics, the Tiffany glass, the organ case, the works done in bronze, the grandeur of its statues and altars.

Some people at first do not realize that the principal decorations on the side walls of the church are large, mosaic Stations of the Cross, action scenes from the Passion of Christ. While they conspicuously line the walls of our beautiful Church, one can easily overlook these scenes of Christ's suffering. Yet, in our church space we are literally surrounded by images of suffering: the abusive use of power, the crushing of the innocent, unjust death, the helplessness of the compassionate, deliberate demeaning, dying and death.

How is it that we so easily forget these depictions of terrible suffering that surround us? Does our familiarity erode our sensibilities?

Just imagine if we were surrounded, not just by the sight, but also the sounds that accompany the events depicted: the jeers, the cries of pain, the sobs of grief, the thud of heavy wood striking the ground, and the ring of hammers on nails.

But the stations make no sound. They appeal only to sight, and the sight of our Stations is beautiful. We can grow comfortable surrounded by the sight of suffering. We can take it for granted. Must beauty anesthetize us from the realities depicted? No, this cannot be the case, for if it were, beauty would be in the service of a lie. Rather, this beauty, which depicts such suffering, points beyond itself to a greater truth.

Christian realism acknowledges the suffering in our world, and Christian faithfulness to Christ requires us to do whatever we can to end that suffering. But only Christian hope offers a vision that can integrate suffering with beauty. For Christian hope trusts in the providential love of God and maintains that all the evils suggested by the Stations of the Cross are integrated into a greater and more powerfully beautiful vision of reality. It is a vision formed by faith in the goodness of God. We believe that in union with Christ all human suffering is a part of that Paschal mystery which culminates in never-ending Resurrection.

The comfort we feel in a beautiful space, even one surrounded with images of suffering, can be a sign of Christian hope and of confidence in God's providential love.

At the same time, however, human suffering remains a terrible evil, and the sight of actual human beings suffering surrounds us daily. The emotionally troubled, the cold and hungry homeless, the sick and addicted fill our streets. The frail elderly are isolated and imprisoned in their apartments. As followers of Christ, we cannot allow ourselves to become comfortable in these surroundings. We must advert to their pain and do what we can to alleviate it. It cries out to us and, for Christ's sake, must be heard.

When was the last time we prayed the Stations of the Cross? When have we just walked through the church and stopped briefly to reflect on the scenes of Christ's Passion depicted there?

We can pray the Stations at any time, but Lent is a particularly good time for us to turn our attention to the suffering of Christ, and Lent is approaching fast. It is only a little more than two weeks away. Perhaps, as we pray the Stations in our beautiful church, we might become more aware of the suffering which surrounds us in our city and learn to see it without looking away—and to act to alleviate it without growing discouraged.

"We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. For by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world."

— Rev. Damian A. O'Connell, S.J.
Senior Priest

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9th

Ignatian Young Adults Soulful Sunday Conversation
with Fr. Chris Grodecki, S.J.
Following the 11 AM Solemn Mass. Parish Lounge.
Coffee and muffins will be provided.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10th

Prayer Service | Be transformed:
"Behold I make all things new."
7:00 PM. Loyola Chapel. *Details on page 5.*

Ranger Rosary Ministry.
7:00 PM. Gonzaga Meeting Room.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11th

Moms, Pops & Tots.
10:00 AM. Gonzaga Meeting Room. *Details on page 3.*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14th –

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16th

Shelter Weekend. Wallace Hall.
For information on volunteering, see page 3.

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.

PARISH MEN'S FAITH GROUP



Tuesday, February 18th
7:00 PM
Parish House

The Spirituality of Imperfection

Among the biggest enemies of spiritual growth is
perfectionism, yet many sincere religious people feel
compelled to "be perfect". Our presentation and
discussion will explore how we find God's grace in
our imperfection and how we can allow the Spirit
to heal our perfectionistic tendencies.

Brian B. Pinter, Pastoral Associate, will present.

To RSVP, email simensgroup@aol.com.

PARISH WOMEN'S FAITH GROUP



Thursday, February 20th
7:00 PM
Parish House

All around us nature appears
dormant, and winter reigns. But we know that life
continues to bubble just beneath the surface.
The life of the Spirit can be similarly hidden,
but reappears in God's good time.

Meetings are facilitated by Adele Gallo.

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.



**PETER'S
PENCE**

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

Thank you for your generosity.

MOMS, POPS & TOTS



**Tuesday, February 11th
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.

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.

HOME COMMUNION 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.

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.

BOOMERS & BEYOND



Sunday Brunch

**Sunday, February 23rd
Doc Watson's Outdoor Garden
1490 2nd Avenue**

**Price: \$24 per person
(includes tax, tip and 2 complimentary drinks)**

To RSVP, email
boomersandbeyond.st.ignatius@gmail.com.



The Spirituality of Imperfection

**Thursday, February 27th
7:00 PM
Parish Lounge**

Among the biggest enemies of spiritual growth is perfectionism, yet many sincere religious people feel compelled to "be perfect". Our presentation and discussion will explore how we find God's grace in our imperfection and how we can allow the Spirit to heal our perfectionistic tendencies.

Brian B. Pinter, Pastoral Associate, will present.

Space is limited.

MONTHLY OFFERTORY REPORT



January 2020: \$105,631.78

January 2019: \$100,111

Difference: +\$5,520.78



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 left or visit
silpreschool.ticketspice.com/the-ladybug-fund-wine-chocolate-event

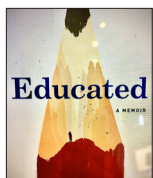
About The Ladybug Fund

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 MoreThanaBookClubSIL@gmail.com

Registration required.



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Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, February 10th (St. Scholastica)

1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13 Psalm 132 Mark 6:53-56

8:30 MEM Simona Saracino Fendi

12:10 MEM Valentino Mazzia

5:30 MEM Deceased Members of the
Scanlon & McLoughlin Families

Tuesday, February 11th (Fifth Tuesday in Ordinary Time)

1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30 Psalm 84 Mark 7:1-13

8:30 MEM The Meehan Family

12:10 MEM Leonarda Naval Perucho

5:30 MEM Susan Beschta

Wednesday, February 12th

(Fifth Wednesday in Ordinary Time)

1 Kings 10:1-10 Psalm 37 Mark 7:14-23

8:30 MEM John & Margaret Reilly

12:10 MEM Charles Caines

5:30 MEM Clare Garlington

Thursday, February 13th

(Fifth Thursday in Ordinary Time)

1 Kings 11:4-13 Psalm 106 Mark 7:24-30

8:30 MEM Edward J. McNenney, Sr.

12:10 MEM Abigail Feerick

5:30 MEM Michael Patrick Egan

Friday, February 14th (Ss. Cyril & Methodius)

1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19 Psalm 81 Mark 7:31-37

8:30 MEM Jack O'Leary

12:10 MEM Maria Margarita Aguerrondo

5:30 MEM Nora Terriberry

Saturday, February 15th (St. Claude la Colombière)

1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34 Psalm 106 Mark 8:1-10

8:30 MEM Cathleen McGoldrick

Sunday, February 16th

(Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Sirach 15:15-20

Psalm 119

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Matthew 5:17-37



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.

PRAYER SERVICE



**Be transformed:
“Behold I make all things new.”**

**Monday, February 10th at 7:00 PM
Loyola Chapel
(enter via the Parish House)**

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.

RETREAT



**“Retreat for People Who
Don’t Pray (Much)”**

Friday, March 6th to Sunday, March 8th

**Jogues Retreat House
Cornwall, New York**

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.

Cost: \$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
Saturday, February 15th.**

MUSIC

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16th

11 AM SOLEMN MASS

Stanford

Prelude on Jesu Dulcis Memoriae

Stanford

Beati quorum via

Byrd

Teach me, O Lord

Stanley

Voluntary in G minor

Italy “Unplugged”

Tuesday, February 25th at 8:00 PM

FEATURING

Choir of St. Ignatius Loyola | K. Scott Warren, conductor

Italian music excels at the grand and the intimate alike. Amidst a rich tapestry of musical styles and textures, we find the maestri Rossini and Verdi, masters of opera and other large forms, returning to the unaccompanied choir. Anchored by one of the great masses of Palestrina, the first half of this concert explores a seldom-encountered side of Rossini and Verdi with two sumptuous motets by each composer. We complete the evening with Ildebrando Pizetti’s luminous *Requiem*, composed in the early 1920’s.

Cocktail Benefit: My Prayer is a Song

**Wednesday, March 11th at 7:00 PM
Wallace Hall**

FEATURING

Bruce Rameker, vocalist | Michael Sheetz, piano

Prayers are twofold in this evening of sung prayers from every time and place, ranging from chant to spirituals to songs of the living composers here at St. Ignatius, from Schubert’s *Ave Maria* to unlikely selections by Marc Blitzstein and Meredith Monk.

100% of your ticket cost goes directly to The Ali Forney Center in Harlem, the largest LGBT community center helping LGBT homeless youth in the United States.

Tickets are available online at ignatius.nyc.



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Rev. Damian A. O'Connell, S.J.

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Brian Pinter

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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. Yesalonia

Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Yesalonia

9:30 AM Fr. Judge

Wallace Hall Family 11:00 AM Fr. O'Connell

Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Bergen

7:30 PM Fr. Bergen

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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.

Vocation Discernment Weekends—Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne. 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.

We pray for the faithful departed

Joan Sue Greenberg Homkow

Ryleigh King

**May they rest in the peace
of the Risen Lord.**

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