

Church of St. Ignatius Loyola

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February 16, 2020 | Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Holy Noise!

I am occasionally asked to explain the rather significant investment our parish makes in music, and I am always the first to acknowledge that the outlay in terms of financial and personnel resources is substantial. We provide music at all six weekend Masses throughout the year, which number close to 350. This doesn't include Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, and various feasts such as All Saints, Ascension, and others. All told, we have approximately 375 regularly scheduled Masses per year requiring music, all of them staffed by an organist and/or pianist and a cantor. Over 80 Masses per year feature percussion, and around 150 enlist choral support, courtesy of our four adult and three children's choirs.

As the ubiquitous late-night commercial says, "But wait...there's more!"

Between 30 and 50 weddings and an equal number of funerals take place within our walls annually, as well as monthly communal baptism services and Masses and prayer services held by our St. Ignatius Grammar School, IREP, and neighboring schools such as Regis and Loyola. Over 90% of these services are staffed or contracted by a member of the music staff.

Artistically, administratively, and financially, it is an immense operation. Why such an investment?

Robert Busiakiewicz, Director of Music at St. James Cathedral in Toronto, in a brilliant article called "Does Church Music represent value-for-money?" (find it at <https://stjamescathedral.ca/value-church-music/>), makes a few cogent points:

Music is the best evangelist in an increasingly secular world. We live in an age in which eternal values are given less bandwidth than ever and religion plays a smaller role in life and culture than it used to. However, music often provides the initial impetus for many who are seeking a deeper relationship with God and eventually find their way into our community. He goes on to say that "excellent art music in liturgy is a proven catalyst for a profound home-coming."

Interacting with art is a fundamental part of what it means to be human. It is easy to want the liturgy to work its magic on us, thereby relieving ourselves of the burden of meaningful engagement. This is a call into active participation rather than passivity. Music gives us a rich avenue through which we interact with each other and our Creator, through word and sacrament.

Great art can be hard to understand. That does not make it invalid. Think of the things in your life that add the most value to your existence, and perhaps give you a reason to get out of bed every morning. Were any of them easy to come by? There is a popular (some might say populist) idea that great art is elitist and out of touch with reality. Those who believe this have simply not yet experienced the immeasurable joys of losing oneself in the act of plumbing the depths of a great book, painting, or piece of music whereby the artist, in the act of creating, seems to channel the mind of God. This experience is available to every single one of us, regardless of our education or intellectual capabilities. Once we allow ourselves to be broken open in this way, we are changed forever.

Christian art is resistant to ideas of monetary value. Putting a price on transcendent history requires great humility. While it is imperative that our institutions remain solvent, it is impossible to quantify the intangible effects that art, music, and liturgy have on our hearts, minds, and community. Busiakiewicz further states: "To survive we require *logos*, planning, and responsibility. To thrive we require mystical story-telling, *pathos*, and an openness to irrational sublimity courting the slippery side of subjectivism."

I leave you with words of D. H. Lawrence (again, courtesy of the well-read Mr. Busiakiewicz):

The essential function of art is moral. Not aesthetic, not decorative, not pastime and recreation. But moral. A morality which changes the blood, rather than the mind. The mind follows later, in the wake.

May God richly bless you all.

— K. Scott Warren
Director of Music Ministries



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17th

Presidents' Day.

The Parish House will be closed.

One Mass will be celebrated in the

Lady Chapel at 8:30 AM.

There will be no 12:10 PM or 5:30 PM Masses.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19th

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting.

7:00 PM. Conference Room.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20th

More Than a Book Club:

February Selection Book Discussion.

2:00 PM. Parish Lounge.

Details at right.

LGBT Catholics & Friends.

7:00 PM. Parish Lounge.

Parish Women's Faith Group.

7:00 PM. Parish House. *Details at right.*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd

Caring for the Caretaker.

9:30 AM. Parish Lounge. *Details below.*

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.

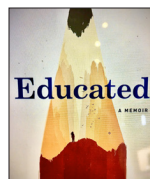
To RSVP, email brianbpinter@gmail.com.

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.

PARISH WOMEN'S FAITH GROUP



Thursday, February 20th at 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.

LECTURE



The Exodus Narrative in Christian and Jewish Tradition

Monday, March 16th

7:00 PM (Doors open at 6:30 PM)

Wallace Hall

Explore the Exodus and Passover tradition through a discussion with Rabbi Scott Bolton of Congregation Or Zarua and Fr. Dennis Yesalonia, S.J.

A light reception will follow.

MOMS, POPS & TOTS



*Tuesday, February 25th
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 28th to Sunday, March 1st

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.

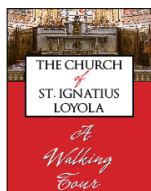
If you would like to volunteer in the Shelter, please leave a message for Teresa Abruzzo at the Parish House or email svdp.shelter980@gmail.com.

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.



Available at the Parish House

The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola: A Walking Tour

Updated in commemoration of our Sesquicentennial Celebration, the redesigned *Walking Tour*—with all-new photographs—provides a detailed overview of the rich architectural history of the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola.

Cost: \$8

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.

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.

Moving? Please don't forget to notify your church.
This information helps us to keep our database current.

THE ANNUAL APPEAL



With spring on the horizon, please remember to include your contribution to the Annual Appeal on your to-do list.

If you have not yet made a donation, you can do so by visiting the Annual Appeal page on the St. Ignatius website by scanning the QR code at right.



IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS *Experience Making a Difference*

Join the Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) and become a contemplative in action in the spirit of St. Ignatius Loyola and the Jesuits!

IVC volunteers are adults over 50 years of age who offer their life skills and experience one to two days a week to directly serve those in need. Volunteers gather monthly to prayerfully reflect on their service and to deepen their spirituality in the Ignatian tradition. There is also the opportunity for spiritual guidance.

Interested? Contact Maureen Fullam, Regional Director, at 917-859-0928 or email mfullam@ivcusa.org, and visit us at ivcusa.org.



PRAYER RESOURCES

Pray as You Go pray-as-you-go.org

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

3-Minute Retreats

loyolapress.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.



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.



Follow us on Facebook at [stignatiusnyc](https://www.facebook.com/stignatiusnyc).

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, February 17th *(Sixth Monday in Ordinary Time)*

James 1:1–11 Psalm 119 Mark 8:11–13

8:30 MEM Elizabeth Brevett

Tuesday, February 18th *(Sixth Tuesday in Ordinary Time)*

James 1:12–18 Psalm 94 Mark 8:14–21

8:30 MEM Andrew Miller

12:10 MEM Sose & Mark Prekelezaj

5:30 ANN Susan Meyer

Wednesday, February 19th

(Sixth Wednesday in Ordinary Time)

James 1:19–27 Psalm 15 Mark 8:22–26

8:30 MEM Carla Fendi

12:10 MEM Joseph Tesoriero

5:30 MEM Daniel Pignataro

Thursday, February 20th

(Sixth Thursday in Ordinary Time)

James 2:1–9 Psalm 34 Mark 8:27–33

8:30 MEM Edmund Osorio Debarboure

12:10 MEM Thomas Hughes

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

Friday, February 21st

(Sixth Friday in Ordinary Time)

James 2:14–24, 26 Psalm 112 Mark 8:34–9:1

8:30 MEM Hugh Osorio de Leon

12:10 MEM Patrick O'Sullivan

5:30 MEM Nathan Davidson

Saturday, February 22nd

(The Chair of St. Peter)

1 Peter 5:1–4 Psalm 23 Matthew 16:13–19

8:30 MEM Charles Regan

Sunday, February 23rd

(Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Leviticus 19:1–2, 17–18 Psalm 103

1 Corinthians 3:16–23 Matthew 5:38–48



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.

RETREATS



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.

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

*Single rooms with shared bathrooms;
some are accessible via elevator.*

To register, email march2020SILretreat@gmail.com.
Fr. Hilbert will contact you with full details.

Choose Life

*Friday, April 24 to Sunday, April 26th
Jogues Retreat House
Cornwall, New York*

Our retreat will explore the theme of choice. Through prayer and reflection, we will examine our lives based on these choices. We will look at choice from various perspectives and share our experiences with each other. Our weekend journey will bring us to a rich understanding of our past, present, and most importantly, during this most holy Season of Easter, the Resurrection will inspire us to look at our future choices with hope, optimism and joy!

Sponsored by LGBT Catholics and Friends

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

To register, email april2020SILretreat@gmail.com.

MUSIC

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd

11 AM SOLEMN MASS

J.S. Bach

Fantasia and Fugue in C minor, BWV 537

Ippolitov-Ivanov

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, Op. 37:

Blagoslovi dushe moye, Ghospoda

Brahms

Geistliches Lied, Op. 30

Mendelssohn

Sonata in A Major, Op. 65,

No. 3: Con moto maestoso

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. William J. Bergen, S.J.

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

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Nicole Bedard

Brian Pinter

Jean Santopatre

Pastoral Assistant

Maureen Haley

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Rev. Philip G. Judge, S.J. Rev. James Martin, S.J.

Music Ministries

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Michael Sheetz

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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. Bergen

9:30 AM Fr. Yesalonia

Wallace Hall Family 11:00 AM Fr. Hilbert

Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Judge

7:30 PM Fr. Judge

Religious Education

for Children

Ms. Nicole Bedard, M.A.

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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.

Ignatian Yoga Retreat. Friday, March 20th to Sunday, March 22nd. 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.

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