

Church of St. Ignatius Loyola

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February 23, 2020 | Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Turning Time

Lent begins this coming Wednesday—Ash Wednesday—and runs until the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. In the first reading at Mass on Ash Wednesday, you will hear this verse from the prophet Joel: *Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart.* And the words you may hear as ashes are placed on your forehead are these: *Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.* As Lent unfolds, you may notice how frequently the word “turn” or “turning” occurs in the readings and prayers of the Mass. Consider these prayers from the first week in Lent: *I do not wish the sinner to die, says the Lord, but to turn to me and live. Turn our hearts to you, Father, that seeking the one thing necessary and carrying out works of charity, we may be dedicated to you.*

We might say that Lent is turning time. A more theological word for that is conversion time. That word “conversion” means literally “to turn around,” to change direction. For Christians, conversion really means to change the direction my life is taking. Am I heading toward God, or away from God toward false gods? Day after day, our secular culture assails us with lies about its false gods. We are asked to believe that what makes for happiness is the pursuit of wealth, power, status, and pleasure. Christians can naively absorb some of that mentality and think they can have it both ways. They think they can give God some attention while pursuing a false god at the same time. I am reminded of the ancient saying: “Pity the person who walks the earth on two paths.” Imagine trying to get to your destination by traveling in two different directions. How torn and divided you would feel!



Ash Wednesday. Julian Fałat. 1881.

Lent begins in ashes and journeys through the darkness of Good Friday to the glory of Easter Sunday. All serious Christians are asked to make that journey. And that calls for a spiritual inventory of where we are. What changes, what turning movements, might you make in your life this coming Lent? How are you going to try to be more faithful to the Christian gospel and way of living? Some of us live our lives on a kind of angle—partly facing God, but partly facing away from God. This is to live with a divided heart. The call of Jesus in the Gospels, repeated persistently during Lent, is a call to single-heartedness—to a way of living that is centered on the great commandment of love of God and love of neighbor.

For those looking for some concrete, practical things to do during Lent, here are a few suggestions.

1. Go to daily Mass some days. Besides giving God praise, it will bring you inner strength.
2. Read very slowly through one or more of the Gospels for 10-15 minutes a day.
3. Hug your children after you discipline them.
4. Eat less.
5. Give some money away.
6. Clean out your closet.
7. Decide, at last, to do something you've long wanted to do. Someone once observed that not to decide is to decide!
8. Take the first step toward healing an old wound. Make a phone call or send a note.
9. Pay more attention to the world news.
10. Listen to somebody else's point of view on a cherished topic.

Doing one or more of these things may help your Christian faith come more alive. It may make God more central to your life. It may make you kinder and more attentive to other people. It may help you in the turning movement, the conversion, that all adult Christians are being called to this Lenten season.

— Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J.
Senior Priest

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24th

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25th

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

Concert | Italy "Unplugged".
8:00 PM. Church. *Details on page 5.*

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 26th

Ash Wednesday

Masses

- 8:30 AM
- 12:10 PM
- 5:30 PM (organ/cantor)
- 7:30 PM (organ/cantor)

Ashes will be distributed at all Masses

4:15 PM in Wallace Hall
Ash Wednesday Mass for children and families.
(Adults must remain with their children.)

FRIDAY – SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 28th – MARCH 1st
Shelter Weekend. Wallace Hall. *Details on page 3.*

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Blood Drive

Sunday, March 8th
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
McKinnon Hall

The New York Blood Center requires 2,000 donations daily to meet the transfusion needs of our community.

While all donations are welcome, there is particular need for the following blood types: O Negative, O Positive, A Negative, and B Negative. Your donation may enable a premature baby to live, a burn victim to recover, a cancer patient to be treated, or an accident victim to survive.

To register, visit tinyurl.com/Societysvdpblooddrive3-8-20.

Walk-ins are welcome.

A photo or signature ID is required.

Please drink plenty of fluids and eat a well-balanced meal before giving blood.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

During the Season of Lent, the Church urges the faithful to reflect a spirit of penance in their daily lives through Fast and Abstinence.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fast and Abstinence.

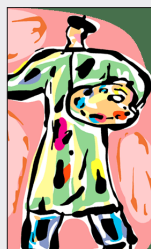
Fridays in Lent are days of Abstinence.

Fasting requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two other smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength, but these two meals together should not equal a full meal in quantity. Fasting obliges all those who have reached the age of 18 and continues to oblige through age 59. Those not specifically obliged to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able.

Abstinence prohibits individuals from eating meat on a particular day. Abstinence obliges all those who have reached the age of 14 and continues to oblige throughout their lives. Those not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are encouraged to join in this discipline of abstaining to the extent that they are able.

LECTURE

Painting Protest: 20th Century Art Responding to a Century of Violence



*An art-slide lecture presented by
Rev. Leo O'Donovan, S.J.*

Monday, March 2nd
7:00 PM
Wallace Hall

In the most violent century in the history of the world, with two World Wars, the first atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and American wars in Korea and Vietnam (with a near conflagration in the Cuba Missile Crisis), painters responded to the repeated crises with vivid imagery and all but prophetic protests.

This slide lecture will recall the major images and their relevance for our own time, in which wars have unfolded in smaller but no less scalding results.

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

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.

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.



Girl Scout Cookie Sale

Sunday, March 8th

Cookies will be sold in the Narthex following the 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Masses, and in Wallace Hall after the 11:00 AM Family Mass.

WALLACE HALL AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL

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

BOOMERS & BEYOND



Sunday Brunch

*Today at 1:00 PM
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.



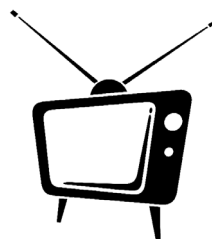
The Spirituality of Imperfection

*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.



SUNDAY AFTERNOON OF LAUGHTER

*Sunday, March 22nd
2:00 PM
The Paley Center for Media
25 West 52nd Street
(Between Fifth & Sixth Avenues)*

Please join us for an afternoon of comedy featuring Classic Stand-up Comedy on Television and *Seinfeld*.

Price: \$5 (cash only at the door)
(includes admission, a talk on the history of the facility, and background of the founder).

Please arrive at 1:45 PM to allow for check in. The viewing will begin at 2:00 PM.

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

An RSVP is required.

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](http://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 24th

(Seventh Monday in Ordinary Time)

James 3:13–18 Psalm 19 Mark 9:14–29

8:30 MEM Tommy Leahy

12:10 MEM Raymond O'Brien

5:30 MEM Bernard Smyth

Tuesday, February 25th

(Seventh Tuesday in Ordinary Time)

James 4:1–10 Psalm 55 Mark 9:30–37

8:30 MEM Michael Gormley

12:10 MEM Helen Lombardi

5:30 MEM Dorothy Daly

Wednesday, February 26th

(Ash Wednesday)

Joel 2:12–18 Psalm 51

2 Corinthians 5:20–6:2 Matthew 6:1–6, 16–18

Thursday, February 27th

(Thursday After Ash Wednesday)

Deuteronomy 30:15–20 Psalm 1 Luke 9:22–25

8:30 MEM Donald Gordon

12:10 MEM Damian Cesar Cenzano & Amanda Villagarcia de Cenzano

5:30 MEM Harold Prince

Friday, February 28th

(Friday After Ash Wednesday)

Isaiah 58:1–9a Psalm 51 Matthew 9:14–15

8:30 MEM Joseph Oulvey

12:10 MEM Toni Brown

5:30 MEM William Powers

Saturday, February 29th *(Saturday After Ash Wednesday)*

Isaiah 58:9b–14 Psalm 86 Luke 5:27–32

8:30 MEM Henry Kaufman

Sunday, March 1st *(First Sunday of Lent)*

Genesis 2:7–9; 3:1–7 Psalm 51

Romans 5:12–19 Matthew 4:1–11



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, MARCH 1st

11 AM SOLEMN MASS

Hammerschmidt
Schaffe in mir, Gott

Leavitt
Oseh shalom

arr. Hogan
I want Jesus to walk with me

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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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. Hilbert

Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Grodecki

9:30 AM Fr. O'Connell

Wallace Hall Family 11:00 AM Fr. Grodecki

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.

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.

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