

Church of St. Ignatius Loyola

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March 1, 2020 | First Sunday of Lent

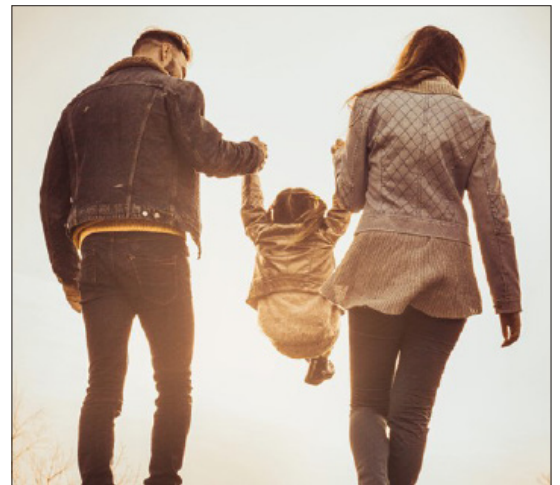
Building a House Around My Faith

[This Sunday St. Ignatius celebrates two Rites for 20 adults: the Rite of Sending for our catechumens (preparing for baptism) and the Call to Continuing Conversion for our already baptized candidates. In the afternoon at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Cardinal Dolan welcomes the catechumens and accepts their desire to be baptized into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.]

Becoming the mother of two little children in two years is not for the faint of heart. The long days and longer nights, as well as the indescribable joy and sometimes desperation I felt after the birth of our first son caught me completely off-guard. However, I noticed that during the most trying of times, there was some greater universal force bolstering me, giving me the strength to get up and do another day.

This wasn't the first time I had felt this. I always recalled feeling protected and comforted by an unseen, unknown being during hard times, such as after the death of a grandparent, the death of a beloved pet, and times of stress at work. Separately, a close caretaker during my childhood was a devoted Catholic and would often bring me along to church services. My earliest impression of the Church was the sense of solemnity and I was always struck by the beauty of the rituals and Mass. However, it was not until I became a mother that I connected the two.

Seeing my struggle to understand and verbalize my nascent faith, my husband, a lifelong Catholic, encouraged me to explore the Church and its teachings. We attended Family Mass and I researched the core teachings of the Church, each step feeling so natural and right that I decided to begin a more formal course of study through the St. Ignatius RCIA. I had my doubts that I would be able to make the weekly meetings, with a demanding job in corporate law, one baby and another on the way, but somehow, dare I say miraculously, I was able to move through the process. I even gave birth to my second son halfway through and only missed one session thanks to the felicitous timing of the holidays!



As I learned about Christ's life with the rest of the RCIA class, it became clear to me that I was meant to take my journey at this time. Never have Christ's teachings been so core to everything I do. A mentor of mine quipped to me, "Yeah, parenting is hard. But it's only hard if you want to do a good job." And that is one of the most important lessons I receive from Christ every day—walking in Christ's path is not easy, but it is good. Patience is not easy, but is invaluable in bringing up children. Tolerance sometimes feels impossible, but is necessary to create a world I want my children to grow up in. Forgiveness, when your husband shuts the door too loudly and wakes one or both babies for the third night in a row, is really, really tough (and some would argue unwarranted). I recalled the Scriptures and drew from my faith to do it . . . thankfully not yet for the seventy-times-seventh time!

I completed the RCIA process and received the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil in 2019. Now I reflect on my year and am so grateful that what was an unknown being now has a face, a name, and a voice: Jesus Christ. My conversion process helped me build a house around my faith, with a library of teachings, a kitchen full of spiritual provisions and a warm place to take refuge and rest. It gives me the strength to work hard, and guides me on how to work well, so that I can do a good job for our family, our community and the world.

— Jennifer Li Godyn
Parishioner

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY, MARCH 2nd

Lecture | Painting Protest: 20th Century Art
Responding to a Century of Violence.
7:00 PM. Wallace Hall.

Details on page 5.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3rd

Moms, Pops & Tots.
10:00 AM. Gonzaga Meeting Room.

Details on page 3.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Church.

Details at right.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4th

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 7th

Saturday Night Liturgy.

7:00 PM. Lady Chapel.

For 6th to 10th Graders.

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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

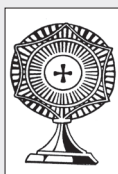
I am pleased to inform you that you now have the opportunity to make your contributions in support of the parish through the touchscreen tablets that have been installed in the narthex of the church and in Wallace Hall. At long last we have entered the twenty-first century for those among you who prefer the convenience and security of using your credit or debit cards for cashless transactions.

The electronic displays of the touchscreen tablets will offer you various options of where you would like your gift directed. For example, you may designate your contribution to the weekly Offertory collection, to the Annual or Spring Appeal, to the capital campaign, etc. Your transaction will be accomplished within minutes. Just follow the directions on the screen. It is as easy as using an ATM at the bank. Both the information you provide and the transaction itself have the same security protections as other similar devices you may be using on a regular basis at stores and restaurants.

I encourage you to try them out and to use them often. Finally, thank you for your continued support of your parish.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Fr. Yesalonia



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday Evenings
March 3rd – April 7th
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM in the Church

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 6:00 PM. The church will be open for private adoration until shortly before 8:00 PM when the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed and the church will close.

McKinnon Hall Coffee Hour



Sunday, March 15th
McKinnon Hall

We hope you will join us following the 11 AM Solemn Mass as we bid farewell to Fr. Philip Judge.

To stay up-to-date on upcoming events, follow us on Facebook at *stignatiusnyc*.

MOMS, POPS & TOTS



**Tuesday, March 3rd
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.

LENTEN SPIRITUALITY SERIES



Soulful Suffering

**Four Wednesdays Beginning March 11th
7:00 PM
Parish House**

Suffering can awaken within us compassion and deeper experience of God. Suffering also has the potential to cause us to withdraw, deny, and cause pain to others. Our presentations and discussion will explore ways to simply “be” with deep suffering so as to cooperate with God's transforming grace.

Space is limited.

To RSVP, email brianbpinter@gmail.com.

RETREAT



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.

YOUTH MINISTRY



Saturday Night Liturgy

**Saturday, March 7th
7:00 PM
Lady Chapel**

6th to 10th Graders! Join us for our next “Saturday Night Liturgy”!

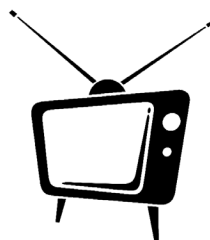
Enter through the Parish House to meet in the Lady Chapel for a youth-only Mass (no parents please) followed by a social until 9 PM.

We will take some time to reflect on how we have been doing with our Lenten promises and play some Lent-themed games.

To RSVP, contact Nicole Bedard at
bedardn@stignatiusloyola.org
or scan the QR code at right.



BOOMERS & BEYOND



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.



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.

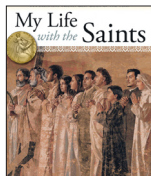
MORE THAN A BOOK CLUB

March Selection Book Discussion

Thursday, March 19th

2:00 PM

Parish Lounge



My Life with the Saints by Fr. James Martin, S.J.

Fr. James Martin has led an entirely modern life: from a lukewarm Catholic childhood, to an education at the Wharton School of Business, to the executive fast track at General Electric, to ministry as a Jesuit priest, to a busy media career in Manhattan. But at every step he has been accompanied by some surprising friends—the saints of the Catholic Church. For many, these holy men and women remain just historical figures. For Fr. Martin, they are intimate companions. “They pray for me, offer me comfort, give me examples of discipleship, and help me along the way,” he writes.

To register, email MoreThanaBookClubSIL@gmail.com.

Registration required.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Lenten Food Drive

Throughout Lent, SVdP will be accepting donations of food for the Church of the Ascension.

The items requested each week are listed below:

Week 1

(March 1–7)

rice and beans

Week 2

(March 8–14)

canned vegetables

Week 3

(March 15–21)

pasta and tomato sauce

Week 4

(March 22–March 28)

tuna fish and soups

Week 5

(March 29–April 4)

soups and rice

Week 6

(April 5–7)

canned stew/hash and
Chef Boyardee meals

Please bring donations to the Parish House.

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

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, March 2nd

(First Monday of Lent)

Leviticus 19:1–2, 11–18 Psalm 19 Matthew 25:31–46

8:30 MEM Ciro Saracino

12:10 MEM Michael Gormley

5:30 MEM Ann Nawn

Tuesday, March 3rd

(First Tuesday of Lent)

Isaiah 55:10–11 Psalm 34 Matthew 6:7–15

8:30 MEM Francisco Osorio

12:10 MEM Edward J. Winarski

5:30 MEM Sandra Shih

Wednesday, March 4th

(First Wednesday of Lent)

Jonah 3:1–10 Psalm 51 Luke 11:29–32

8:30 MEM The Choix & Gordon Families

12:10 LVG Fr. Mallick Fitzpatrick, S.J.

5:30 MEM Henry Kaufman

Thursday, March 5th

(First Thursday of Lent)

Esther C:12, 14–16, 23–25 Psalm 138 Matthew 7:7–12

8:30 LVG Regina Lasky

12:10 MEM Eugene G. McCarthy

5:30 MEM Jack Kehoe

Friday, March 6th

(First Friday of Lent)

Ezekiel 18:21–28 Psalm 130 Matthew 5:20–26

8:30 MEM Angie Cololucci

12:10 MEM Mary T. Cecero

5:30 MEM Sose & Mark Prekelezaj

Saturday, March 7th

(First Saturday of Lent)

Deuteronomy 26:16–19 Psalm 119 Matthew 5:43–48

8:30 MEM John & Nora Reilly

Sunday, March 8th

(Second Sunday of Lent)

Genesis 12:1–4a Psalm 33

2 Timothy 1:8b–10 Matthew 17:1–9

WALLACE HALL AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL

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

LECTURES

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.

The Exodus Narrative in Christian & 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.

The Laetare Lecture: A Conversation About Democracy



**Monday, March 23rd
7:00 PM
Wallace Hall**

How shall we tackle the challenges facing America today with intelligence, creativity and optimism? Join us for "A Conversation about Democracy," with Former Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Joseph Califano, Jr., author of *Our Damaged Democracy: We the People Must Act*, and Ambassador William J. vanden Heuvel, author of *Hope and History: A Memoir of Tumultuous Times*.

Moderated by broadcast journalist and author Lynn Sherr.

MUSIC

SUNDAY, MARCH 8th

11 AM SOLEMN MASS

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Mass for Four Voices: Sanctus, Agnus Dei

Cocktail Benefit: My Prayer is a Song

Wednesday, March 11th

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: \$50

Organ Recital: Chelsea Chen

Sunday, April 5th

3:00 PM

Church

With playing described as "stunning" and possessing "lovely lyrical grandeur" (Los Angeles Times), Chelsea Chen has electrified audiences throughout the United States and Asia.

A Fulbright scholar and graduate of Juilliard and Yale University, she has performed to great acclaim at many important venues including Singapore's Esplanade, Hong Kong's Cultural Centre, Philadelphia's Kimmel Center, and Los Angeles' Disney Hall.

Tickets: \$25

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. O'Connell

Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. O'Connell

9:30 AM Fr. Yesalonia

Wallace Hall Family 11:00 AM Fr. Judge

Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Grodecki

7:30 PM Fr. Grodecki

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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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