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March 6, 2022 | First Sunday of Lent

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## The Parish Vision Statement and Listening

Last weekend we found an insert to the parish bulletin, “Let your voice be heard.” It included a letter from the Pastor, the Parish Vision Statement, and a summary of the results of the parish survey conducted last Autumn. All three documents are foundational to our participation in the “Listening Sessions” that we now are called to undertake. This brief essay will introduce the process in general and our goals for the coming months. (The three documents are also available on our parish website *ignatius.nyc*.)

The parish community of St. Ignatius Loyola—women and men, young people and the elderly—we are all invited to listen to one another in order to hear the promptings of the Holy Spirit, who comes to guide our efforts, breathing life and vitality into the parish and leading us into deeper communion for our mission in the world. As we embark on this journey, we must strive to ground ourselves in experiences of authentic listening and discernment on the path of becoming the parish that God calls us to be. The fact that this process will take place in Lent is not by chance. We turn to God as we prepare to enter into the Paschal Mystery by turning to one another with open hearts, in prayer, fasting, and charity.

This common journey together is both a gift and a task. By reflecting together on the journey that has been made so far, the members of the parish will be able to learn from one another’s experiences and perspectives. United in prayer, we will be able to discern the processes to seek God’s will and pursue the pathways to which God calls us – towards deeper communion, fuller participation, and greater openness to fulfilling our mission in the world. The Vision Statement will be our “First Principle and Foundation,” to use the expression of the *Spiritual Exercises*.

We learn first of all to listen to one another, and in this spirit, Father Yesalonia announced a number of “listening sessions,” to be conducted in three different moments and venues:

1. After all the Masses on the weekend of March 19-20, please remain in the church or Wallace Hall for a half-hour. A member of the planning committee will facilitate the session. This is the privileged opportunity for our worshipping community to share their insights. There is no obligation to speak, but your listening presence is greatly appreciated.
2. A “virtual town hall” will take place as a ZoomMeeting at 7 PM on March 30th. A cohort of parishioners is being trained to lead us, using the breakout rooms feature that we have become familiar with. I invite everyone to register for this central and most important meeting at the link provided here: [tinyurl.com/siltownhall](https://tinyurl.com/siltownhall)
3. At the next Parish Ministry Council meeting, Father Yesalonia will ask the ministry leaders to organize a listening session within their respective groups. Some ministries have already gone through this process and have found it inspirational and encouraging, “consoling” in the Ignatian meaning of the term!

To all parishioners and friends, the possibility remains open to write directly to the Pastor with your comments.

Details and guidelines for these sessions are forthcoming. Let me reassure you here that a listening session is not a question-and-answer period, nor a group discussion or problem-solving assignment. There is no crosstalk and no debate. There will be a facilitator and someone to take notes.

In all of these listening sessions, we will have the time to follow the inspiration of the Holy Spirit who guides us to share what is in our heart and who speaks to us in the words of our brothers and sisters.

– Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.  
Associate Pastor



## TIMOTHY CARDINAL DOLAN

Dear Family of the Archdiocese of New York,

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has presented all Catholics around the world with a wonderful opportunity: to examine how the Church is living up to the ideals established for us by Jesus, and how She can more effectively live out Her mission in the world today.

To accomplish this, the Holy Father has asked dioceses, religious communities, Catholic institutions and groups – really everyone! – to come together for prayer, listening, discussion, and discernment, what Pope Francis terms *synodality*. After receiving responses from all who participate, the Holy See will convene bishops from around the world who will meet in Rome with the Holy Father to further discern what steps the Church needs to take in order to more fully carry out its sacred mission. The Pope has made it clear that this is not meant to discuss *what* the Church teaches or believes, as that is unchangeable; it is meant to discuss *how* the Church teaches its truths, and lives out its beliefs.

Here in the Archdiocese of New York, it is time for us to do our part! We are arranging “listening sessions” in each of the 12 deaneries (geographic areas) of the archdiocese for the various Saturdays of Lent, beginning Saturday, March 12, at Saint Joseph’s in Middletown (Orange County Deanery) and Corpus Christi in Manhattan (North Manhattan Deanery). You can register for a session and find updated information [by visiting] [archny.org/synod/listening-sessions/](http://archny.org/synod/listening-sessions/). (Note: The South Westchester Deanery will meet on a Tuesday, April 5.)

Here’s what will happen: the listening session will last about three hours, and begin with everyone joining in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, asking the Holy Spirit to guide the discussions. The assembled members of the deanery will then break down into smaller groups for discussion, guided by a facilitator, with everyone given a chance to have their voice heard and noted. The responses from each of the small groups will be collected, then combined and synthesized with others from the deanery, and then with responses from throughout the entire archdiocese, before eventually being shared with the bishops’ conference and then the Vatican. (Don’t worry – no names will be attached to any of this, so you can speak freely!)

Allow me to add my own invitation to our Holy Father’s by asking you to take part in this important “examination of conscience” for the Church Universal. Please register today!

Two quick reminders, if I may.

On Tuesday, March 1st, Bishop-elect John Bonnici and Bishop-elect Joseph Espaillat will be ordained as bishops at Saint Patrick’s Cathedral. Would you please remember them in your prayers? And Wednesday, March 2nd, is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, and a day of fast and abstinence. I join with our Holy Father in asking that we pray in a special way on this day for peace in Ukraine.

With gratitude and prayerful best wishes, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

+ Cardinal Timothy Dolan  
Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan  
Archbishop of New York

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### TUESDAY, MARCH 8th

Moms, Pops & Tots.  
11 AM. Outside the Parish House.

Tuesday Night Book Group —  
*Introduction to the Spiritual Life: Walking the Path of Prayer with Jesus* by Dr. Brant Pitre. 7 PM. Zoom.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9th

Ignatian Social Justice Meeting.  
7 PM. Zoom & Parish House.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 10th

Class | The Passion Narratives -  
A Spirituality of Suffering and Struggle.  
7 PM. Zoom.

### THROUGH SATURDAY, MARCH 12th

Novena of Grace of St. Francis Xavier.  
Main Church & Livestreamed. *Complete schedule at right.*

## RETREAT

### Parish Lenten Retreat: From Ashes to Glory

*Friday, March 25th to Sunday, March 27th*  
*Jogues Retreat Center, Cornwall, New York*

This year's Lent can be different. It will take an openness to God's grace, a deep desire to receive what is being offered us, and a few signs and symbols to help us stay focused.

Join us for a weekend of restful prayer in an atmosphere of hope and shared faith.

*This parish retreat is fully subsidized by a generous donor.*

Spaces are limited.

For information and to register,  
contact Fr. Hilbert at [silparishretreat@gmail.com](mailto:silparishretreat@gmail.com).

## Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



*Tuesday Evenings through April 12th*  
*6 PM - 8 PM in the Main Church*

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



## Novena of Grace of St. Francis Xavier Through March 12th Main Church & Livestreamed

*A series of prayers over nine days,  
in which each participant prays for a particular grace.*

### SUNDAY, MARCH 6TH AT 11AM | SOLEMN MASS

PRESIDER/PREACHER: Fr. Walter Modrys, S.J.,  
*St. Aedan's Church, Jersey City*  
Novena prayers offered by Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J.

### MONDAY, MARCH 7TH AT 7 PM | PRAYER SERVICE

PRESIDER: Fr. Dennis Yesalonia, S.J.  
REFLECTION: Sr. Catherine Patten, RSHM

### TUESDAY, MARCH 8TH AT 7 PM | PENANCE SERVICE

PRESIDER/PREACHER: Fr. Michael Hilbert, S.J.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9TH AT 7 PM | PRAYER SERVICE

PRESIDER/PREACHER: Fr. Thomas Feely, S.J.,  
*Superior, Xavier Jesuit Community, New York City*

### THURSDAY, MARCH 10TH AT 7 PM | PRAYER SERVICE

PRESIDER: Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J.  
REFLECTION: Nicole Bedard

### FRIDAY, MARCH 11TH AT 7 PM | PRAYER SERVICE

PRESIDER: Fr. Daniel Gustafson, S.J.  
REFLECTION: Concepcion Alvar,  
*Headmistress, Marymount School of New York*

### SATURDAY, MARCH 12TH AT 5:30 PM | SOLEMN MASS

Celebrating the 400th anniversary of the canonization of  
St. Ignatius Loyola & St. Francis Xavier  
PRESIDER/PREACHER: Fr. Dennis Yesalonia, S.J.

## Let Your Voice Be Heard!



As outlined in this weekend's bulletin essay, we invite members of our parish community to be a part of our upcoming Listening Sessions and Virtual Town Hall.

**Listening Sessions | March 19-20:** A half-hour facilitated conversation in the Church and Wallace Hall, following all the Masses.

**Virtual Town Hall | March 30th at 7 PM:** Lead by a trained facilitator, this session will allow for small group discussions via breakout rooms. **To register, visit [tinyurl.com/siltownhall](https://tinyurl.com/siltownhall).**

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## PARISH STAFF

### Pastor

Rev. Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J.

### Associate Pastors

Rev. Mark C. Hallinan, S.J.

Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.

### Senior Priest

Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J.

### Pastoral Year Priest

Rev. Daniel N. Gustafson, S.J.

### Pastoral Associates

Kate Noonan

Jean Santopatre

Brian Pinter

### Pastoral Assistant

Maureen Haley

### Assisting Priest

Rev. James Martin, S.J.

### Music Ministries

Scott Warren, *Director*

Daniel Beckwith

Maureen Haley

Robert Reuter

Philip Anderson

Michael Sheetz

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### Assistant to the Pastor

Diane M. Boyle

### Administrative Assistant

Patricia Schneider

### Director of Communications

Elizabeth O'Sullivan

### Director of Facilities

Robert Cisternino

### Director of Development

Erin Pick

### Treasurer

Fernando Castro

### Weekday Masses (Monday – Friday)

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

**Saturday: 8:30 AM**

### Masses for the Weekend of March 13th:

Saturday Vigil

5:30 PM Fr. Yesalonia

Sunday:

8:00 AM Fr. Gustafson

9:30 AM Fr. Gustafson

Solemn

11:00 AM Fr. Hilbert

Wallace Hall Family

11:00 AM Fr. Hallinan

7:30 PM Fr. Hilbert

## Religious Education for Children

Ms. Kate Noonan, Director

(212) 288-3588 x609

## Saint Ignatius Loyola School

### Upper Campus

(*First Grade through Eighth Grade*)

Ms. Mary Larkin, Head of School

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48 East 84th Street

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### Lower Campus

(*PreK-3 through Kindergarten*)

Ms. Mary Larkin, Head of School

240 East 84th Street

(212) 734-6427

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## Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sundays at the 9:30 AM Mass.

## 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.

## Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

### Monday, March 7th

(*1st Monday of Lent*)

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

**8:30 MEM** David Sheldon

**12:10 MEM** Sose & Mark Prekelezaj

**5:30 LVG** Claire Vitale

### Tuesday, March 8th

(*1st Tuesday of Lent*)

Isaiah 55:10-11 Psalm 34

Matthew 6:7-15

**8:30 MEM** Simona Saracino Fendi

**12:10 MEM** Kerry Jacobson

**5:30 MEM** Bernadette Tubb

### Wednesday, March 9th

(*1st Wednesday of Lent*)

Jonah 3:1-10 Psalm 51 Luke 11:29-32

**8:30 MEM** The Choix & Gordon  
Families

**12:10 MEM** Mary Newman

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

### Thursday, March 10th

(*1st Thursday of Lent*)

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

**8:30 MEM** Theresa Ahern

**12:10 MEM** Valentino Mazzia

**5:30 MEM** Roger Mulvihill

### Friday, March 11th

(*1st Friday of Lent*)

Ezekiel 18:21-28 Psalm 130

Matthew 5:20-26

**8:30 MEM** The Meehan Family

**12:10 MEM** James P. O'Donnell

**5:30 MEM** Bill Hassett

### Saturday, March 12th

(*1st Saturday of Lent*)

Deuteronomy 26:16-19 Psalm 119

Matthew 5:43-48

**8:30 MEM** Margaret & Peter  
Voorhies

### Sunday, March 13th

(*2nd Sunday of Lent*)

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 Psalm 27

Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 9:28b-36