

April 3, 2022 | Fifth Sunday of Lent

Seeking to Make Our Nation Secure

In a time of war and heightened international tensions, we must give careful thought to what will provide our nation with true security.

The Biden administration is proposing more than \$770 billion for the defense budget in fiscal year 2023. For the current fiscal year, Congress passed a \$768 billion defense budget that was \$25 billion more than the administration requested. Pope Francis has called the collective commitment of Western nations to increase their defense spending in light of the war in Ukraine "madness." In that strong reaction, Pope Francis is simply reminding us that more defense spending does not necessarily equate to greater national security, especially when it comes at the expense of human needs.

Our system of military procurement has grown sclerotic and largely serves the interests of the top five defense contractors in the United States. Virtually every major weapons system currently under development, or now being deployed, has been over budget and failed to meet the performance standards set when the contracts were issued. The United States Navy has an entire class of ships, Littoral Combat Ships, that have never found performed as intended, nor found an appropriate mission. Indeed, they are known within the Navy as "Little Crappy Ships." The United States has not even been able to field a hypersonic weapon even though both China and Russia already have such weapons. Unless there is meaningful reform of Pentagon procurement practices, and meaningful oversight of defense contractors, increasing the budget of the Pentagon each year will not guarantee our nation's security.



We must also recognize that our national security cannot be equated to the size of our military. It depends, instead, on the strength of our society which requires that the legitimate needs of our citizens are met. Our society will not be secure so long as we have the depth of poverty that we now have, the number of persons without access to adequate housing, lacking sufficient food that is nutritionally sound, unable to obtain the health care that they require, the number of working parents who are impeded in their efforts to work by the lack of child care, the number of workers who are denied a minimum of forty hours in one occupation, and the inability of young people to obtain the advanced education they need without assuming crippling debt.

We know how to address each of these problems and to do so effectively. We have the resources, current and potential, to address them. What we lack is the political will to act. There is ample room for significant savings in defense expenditures if Congress was willing to confront entrenched interests, overcome parochial concerns, and effect the changes needed so that we can spend less and achieve more with regard to national defense. Congress must also revise our nation's federal tax policies. As our U.S. bishops have said: "...The tax system should raise adequate revenues to pay for the public needs of society, especially to meet the basic needs of the poor. Secondly, the tax system should be structured according to the principle of progressivity, so that those with relatively greater financial resources pay a higher rate of taxation." Finally, all of our policy decisions must be examined through the lens of their impact on the poor. Quoting our bishops: "The way society responds to the needs of the poor through its public policies is the litmus test of its justice or injustice."

Each of us can pray and act so that our national leaders will work to give us genuine security—a nation in which there truly is liberty and justice for all.



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

TUESDAY, APRIL 5th

Tuesday Night Book Group: St. Teresa of Avila's Nine Grades of Prayer. 7 PM. Zoom.

LAY MINISTER'S ENRICHMENT

The Cost of Discipleship Saturday, April 23rd, from 9 AM to 12:30 PM Wallace Hall

Join us for a day of reflection and faith sharing guided by Joe Delaney, our presenter. Joe's many accomplishments include serving as the Chairman of the Board for the Catholic Charities of Staten Island and Chairman of the New York Development Board for Support Our Aging Religious (SOAR).

Our speaker's presentation will challenge us to reflect upon the outcome of remaining silent when our brothers are in need. The first part of the presentation asks us to contemplate "What is the cost of discipleship?" and bring us to a realization that "silence is not the answer but instead, to listen to his voice and act upon his words." Using the events surrounding the Vatican's failure to publish Father John Lafarge's findings on Nazism before the outbreak of the Second World War, our presenter offers a sobering picture of how we failed to care for our Jewish brothers by remaining silent.

The second part of the presentation will highlight the changes in attitude towards antisemitism, initiated by Pope John XXIII and continued by every Pope since, including Pope Francis.

Following the presentation, the audience is invited to take part in faith-sharing sessions, which will encourage us to consider how our own actions can promote the spirit of global brotherhood acclaimed in "Fratelli Tutti".

To register, visit tinyurl.com/LME-SPRING-2022.

Altar Servers



Young people currently in grade 5 through the first year of high school are eligible to serve as altar servers.

If your child is interested, please contact Fr. Hallinan by calling the rectory or via email at hallinanm@saintignatiusloyola.org.

We would warmly welcome new volunteers!

Palm Sunday & Holy Week Mass Schedule

Palm Sunday/April 10th Masses

5:30 PM Saturday Vigil, 8 AM, 9:30 AM, 11 AM (*Church & livestreamed*), and 7:30 PM

Holy Week Masses

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 14TH

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 PM (Church & livestreamed)

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 15TH

Three Hours Devotion, from Noon to 3 PM (Church & livestreamed)

Celebration of the Lord's Passion Liturgy at 7 PM (Church & livestreamed)

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 16TH

Easter Vigil Mass at 8 PM (Church & livestreamed)

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17TH

8 AM, 10 AM (*Church*), 10 AM Wallace Hall Family Mass and 12 Noon (*Church & livestreamed*)

To view our livestreamed Masses, visit our YouTube channel ChurchofStIgnatiusLoyolaNYC

Reconciliation Monday

All parishes in the Archdiocese of New York will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **Monday, April 11th.**

Confessions will be heard in the Church from 3 PM to 5 PM and 6 PM to 8 PM.

Stations of the Cross for the Parish Community Wednesday, April 13th 7:30 PM Church

Led by Fr. William Bergen, S.J.

Please join us and begin making the Stations of the Cross an annual Lenten observance for you and your family.

You are invited to visit the newly renovated Carlos Cuartas Parish Lounge.

Today—Sunday, April 3rd—from 12 PM Noon to 1 PM

Please enter through the Parish House at 980 Park Avenue.

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Weekday Masses (Monday - Friday)

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

Masses for the Weekend of April 10th

Saturday Vigil 5:30 рм Fr. Hilbert Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Hilbert 9:30 AM Fr. Yesalonia Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Gustafson Wallace Hall Family 11:00 AM Fr. Hallinan

7:30 PM Fr. Gustafson

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 M.S. Ed. (Admin.), M.S. Ed. (Literacy) 48 East 84th Street (212) 861-3820 Fax: (212) 879-8248

Lower Campus

(PreK-3 through Kindergarten) Ms. Mary Larkin, Head of School 240 East 84th Street (212) 734-6427 Fax: (212) 734-6972

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, April 4th

(5th Monday of Lent) Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 Psalm 23 John 8:12-20

8:30 MEM Bridget Burke

12:10 MEM Raymond Carmignani

5:30 MEM Lorraine Tantillo

Tuesday, April 5th

(5th Tuesday of Lent) Numbers 21:4–9 Psalm 102 John 8:21-30

8:30 MEM Mary Rosalie Seward 12:10 LVG Maryanne T. Barry 5:30 MEM Vincent Quinn

Wednesday, April 6th

(5th Wednesday of Lent) Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 Daniel 3 John 8:31-42

8:30 MEM The Choix & Gordon Families

12:10 MEM Ralph O'Connell 5:30 MEM Shirley Anne Goodingham

Thursday, April 7th

(5th Thursday of Lent) Genesis 17:3–9 Psalm 105 John 8:51-59

8:30 MEM Michael & Owen Murphy

12:10 MEM Robert Hanlon 5:30 MEM Joseph Edmund Hodgkinson

Friday, April 8th (5th Friday of Lent) Jeremiah 20:10-13 Psalm 18 John 10:31-42

8:30 MEM Simona Saracino Fendi 12:10 MEM Valentino Mazzia 5:30 MEM Deceased Members of the Scanlon & McLoughlin Families

Saturday, April 9th

(5th Saturday of Lent) Ezekiel 37:21-28 Jeremiah 31 John 11:45-56

8:30 MEM Peter J. Burke

Sunday, April 10th

(Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord)

Isaiah 50:4-7 Psalm 22 Philippians 2:6-11 Luke 22:14-23:56