



April 10, 2022 | Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Peace I Leave With You

My cousin Billy died at the age of 82 in October 2019. Though his death was sudden, he had made some careful plans and chosen thoughtful words for that inevitable moment. These included instructions that a note he had written be displayed next to his casket at the wake service before his funeral Mass—“Enjoy and be happy; life is for the living. So move on and relish what you still have. I love you all. Bill/Grandpa/Uncle Bill.” Though I was sad that Billy was gone, I left the church feeling grateful and comforted. My dear cousin’s gesture was caring and compassionate; a final gift to those he loved and left behind.

The Gospel stories that we encounter during Holy Week invite us to ask a spiritual question that Bill, in his own way, had tended - “How might I give my death away as my final gift to my loved ones and the world?” My cousin made choices that created the opportunity for his death to be a source of blessing and consolation. I am have also witnessed—as I am sure you have—the heartbreaking reality that a death can unleash a spirit of bitterness, frustration, and resentment because there is much-unfinished business.

Henri Nouwen, near the end of his life, wrote about the spiritual task of making the way we encounter our deaths a gift. He said, “When we are near death what we say to those who are close to us, whether in spoken or in written words, is very important.” Jesus role models how in word and deed we can make our dying a gift of peace, forgiveness, and love. Recall his soulful, beautiful words and actions from those fateful, final days—“Peace I leave with you.” “Do this in memory of me.” “I call you friends.” “Do not weep for me.” “Father forgive them.” “Into your hands I commend my spirit”.



We cannot choose the circumstances of our deaths. God willing, the moment will be peaceful, and we will be surrounded by loving friends and family. But this might not be the case. We might be caught by surprise. Death sometimes arrives with violence. Like Jesus, we might first be led through intense, humiliating suffering. No matter how we meet our end, we can make choices now about the way we live that will determine whether or not our death brings light and peace, or sucks the air out of the room. And like my cousin, we can make plans about what we want to happen after we’re gone that can ease the burden and bring consolation to our loved ones.

A few weeks before Billy died, I was privileged to spend some time with him at a family wedding. We reminisced and shared some happy memories of people we loved who are long gone. It was a pure gift to have shared this moment together. As I left him that evening, I gave Bill a kiss on the cheek. “I’m so happy we could talk, Billy,” I said as we parted. I recognize now that life gave me an opportunity to walk a few steps with my cousin at the end of his journey.

This week we will walk with Jesus to Calvary. As we accompany him to and through his death, let us be gently attentive to his words, choices, and gestures. He is teaching us in these moments how to die well. We can learn from him how the time of our ultimate parting can be made abundantly fruitful.

— **Brian Pinter**
Pastoral Associate

Spring Fling

Saturday, April 30th
7 pm to 10 pm
Wallace Hall

Featuring music
by the
Morris Brothers
Band

Tickets:
\$75 per person
\$65 for seniors
(age 60+)

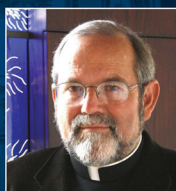


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WEBINAR

Inspiration, Aspiration, and Imagination: Using the Arts in the Jesuit Tradition

Monday, April 25th at 7:00 PM
On Zoom



PRESENTER

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY, APRIL 11th

Archdiocesan Day of Reconciliation.
3 PM to 5 PM & 6 PM to 8 PM. Church.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13th

Stations of the Cross.
7:30 PM. Church. *Details at lower right.*

HOLY THURSDAY THROUGH EASTER

For the schedule of liturgies and confession schedule for the Triduum and Easter Sunday, see details below and at right.

The Three Hours Devotion

Good Friday, April 15th
Noon to 3 PM

The Seven Last Words of Christ

A traditional Christian devotion commemorating our Savior's death, centered around the "seven last words" spoken by Jesus from the cross.

FIRST WORD: "Father, Forgive Them"
Mr. Nicolò Majnoni, Esq.
Parishioner

SECOND WORD:
"Today You Will Be With Me In Paradise"
Dr. Jacqueline Perez, D.O.
Health Care Coordinator, Jesuits USA East

THIRD WORD: "Woman, Behold Your Son"
Ms. Gloria Purvis
America Media Podcaster

FOURTH WORD:
"My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?"
Rev. Daniel Gustafson, S.J.
Pastoral Year Priest, Church of St. Ignatius Loyola

FIFTH WORD: "I Thirst"
Mr. Philip Anderson
Principal Cantor, Church of St. Ignatius Loyola

SIXTH WORD:
"Into Your Hands, Lord, I Commend My Spirit"
Rev. Carol Fryer
Pastor, Immanuel Lutheran Church

SEVENTH WORD: "It Is Finished"
Rev. Michael Tunney, S.J.
Provincial Assistant for Higher Education, Jesuits USA East

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*), 11 AM Wallace Hall Family Mass, 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*

Holy Week Confession Schedule

MONDAY, APRIL 11TH
Archdiocesan Day of Reconciliation
The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 3 PM to 5 PM and 6 PM to 8 PM in the Church.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 15TH
3 PM to 5 PM in the Church

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 16TH
4 PM to 5:30 PM in the Parish House Parlors

Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, April 13th at 7:30 PM
Church

Led by Fr. William Bergen, S.J.

Please join us and begin making the Stations of the Cross a part of your annual Lenten observance.

Easter Flower Fund



To make a contribution to our Easter Flower Fund, visit [ignatius.nyc/makeapayment](https://www.ignatius.nyc/makeapayment) (or scan the QR code at left) and note "Easter Flower Fund" in the **Reason for Donation** section.

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Weekday Masses (Monday – Friday)

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

Saturday: 8:30 AM

**No Weekday Masses Holy Thursday,
Good Friday, or Holy Saturday**

Easter Sunday Masses

8:00 AM Fr. Bergen

10:00 AM Fr. Hallinan

Wallace Hall 10:00 AM Fr. Hilbert

Solemn 12 Noon Fr. Yesalonia

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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, April 11th

(Monday of Holy Week)

Isaiah 42:1-7 Psalm 27 John 12:1-11

8:30 MEM The Meehan Family

12:10 MEM Cecil Spadafora

5:30 MEM Ann & Leo Marx

Tuesday, April 12th

(Tuesday of Holy Week)

Isaiah 49:1-6 Psalm 71

John 13:21-33, 36-38

8:30 MEM Vincenzo Cerbone

12:10 MEM Marcia Mercedes Curry

5:30 MEM Bill Hassett

Wednesday, April 13th

(Wednesday of Holy Week)

Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 69

Matthew 26:14-25

8:30 MEM Antonio Eugene
Chiappa

12:10 MEM Helga Lissak

5:30 MEM Joyce Flammer

Thursday, April 14th

(Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper)

Mass of the Lord's Supper:

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14 Psalm 116

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

John 13:1-15

Friday, April 15th

(Friday of the Passion of the Lord)

Celebration of the Lord's Passion:

Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 31

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

John 18:1-19:42

Saturday, April 16th

(Holy Saturday)

Genesis 1:1-2:2 Baruch 3:9-15,

Genesis 22:1-18 32-4:4

Exodus 14:15-15:1 Ezekiel 36:16-17a,

Isaiah 54:5-14 18-28

Isaiah 55:1-11 Romans 6:3-11

Psalm 118

Luke 24:1-12

Sunday, April 17th

*(Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of
the Lord)*

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Colossians 3:1-4

Psalm 118 John 20:1-9