



February 5, 2023 | Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Becoming Better Versions of Ourselves

As the director of IREP, our Interparish Religious Education Program, I have the opportunity to be in the classroom teaching our students ranging in ages from 5-15 at various intervals during the school year. Last week while teaching a 5th-grade class in the grammar school, I came across a sign in the classroom which read:

What if you woke up today with only the things you thanked God for yesterday?

This question became the focus of our 5th-grade class discussion and a talking point in the Youth Group last Saturday evening. The concept of only having what we were thankful for was profound for each age group, truly giving the students and the leaders at Youth Group pause. As a group, we began to ask ourselves and one another: when and how often do we demonstrate our gratitude, what blessings do we take for granted, and why aren't we more grateful? This question guided us to in-depth theological talking points, and our dedication to being grateful was revived.



Much of what I learned about gratitude I gleaned from my Uncle Frank, who served as my mentor, an older brother figure, and, in some ways, a father figure. He was only nine years my senior, and we grew up together. I followed in Frank's footsteps graduating from his alma maters of Siena College and Yale Divinity School. In the final year of his life, 2019, I taught theology with him and in his place at Canterbury School in Connecticut.

Frank's faith was larger than life. He would sit for hours in front of the Blessed Sacrament, waiting for inspiration and saying thank you. Frank's life was dedicated to service, and he was the epitome of gratitude. During his 60 years, he was a mentor, a teacher, a deacon, a basketball coach, a lacrosse coach, and a football coach. Frank had been injured while playing football as a senior at Siena College and lived 39 years of his life as a quadriplegic. I had the privilege of living with my Uncle Frank and my grandmother during high school, where I learned how to truly be of service. I began to comprehend that giving is a pivotal way to experience wholeness and purpose while simultaneously giving glory to God. Frank needed plenty of assistance to do the daily tasks we take for granted, yet

helping him was a gift. He was a joyful and uplifting person even though he had more reason than most to be resentful and frustrated. His attitude was contagious. You could not tell who was gaining more from the interactions.

In Isaiah today, we read the action of giving is the salve that heals our wounds. Jesus states in Matthew's Gospel: *your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.*

Each of these readings makes clear we are called to serve, and service has symbiotic qualities. As we truly acknowledge the grace of our existence and its profound blessings with sincere gratitude, our light shines through our commitment to helping others. Our actions become our prayer of thanks, and through our giving, the world becomes imbued with heavenly light. In these exchanges, we live to our fullest human potential.

I leave you with Frank's motto: **Service makes you powerful, gratitude makes you invincible.** Why not adopt this motto so we, too, become better versions of ourselves and glorify our maker?

— Kate Noonan
Director, Interparish Religious Education Program

This Week at a Glance

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5th

Migration with Dignity.

3 PM. Parish Lounge. *Details on page 3.*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7th

Tuesday Night Book Group: *Proclaiming the Power of Christ* by Bishop Robert Barron.

7 PM. Zoom.

For more information and to register, email TuesdayNightBookGroup@gmail.com, with "Bishop Barron" in the subject line.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8th

Meeting Christ in Prayer.

7 PM. Zoom. *Details on page 3.*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9th

Ignatian Social Justice Meeting.

7 PM. Zoom & Parish House.

For more information, contact Jean Santopatre at santopatrej@saintignatiusloyola.org.

Spirituality and Midlife

Wednesday, February 15th, from 7 PM to 8 PM
Zoom

Midlife stirs us to reflect more deeply on our relationships—what they mean and have meant, how they have been a blessing and a channel for God's love and grace, and where they are in need of healing. Our presentation and discussion will explore how we can cooperate with God's grace as it moves us toward more soulful, Christ-like relationships with others. Brian B. Pinter, Pastoral Associate, will facilitate the discussion.

To register, email brianbpinter@protonmail.com.

Parish Art Show

Calling all artists! We are holding our first ever Parish Art Show.

When? May 11th to 13th. Mark your calendar.
And, start readying your work *now!*

What media can be submitted? Paintings, Drawings, Photographs, Collage, Watercolors, Linocuts, Lithographs, Mixed Media, Sculpture

Who can take part? All parishioners over the age of 18.

All sale proceeds will benefit our parish.

More details to come later.

Questions? Email silartshow@gmail.com.

Ignatian Interfaith Ministry

Rescheduled Book Launch | *Hearts and Minds: Hizmet Schools and Interethnic Relations* with Dr. Vincent N. Parrillo

Thursday, February 9th at 6:45 PM
Wallace Hall

Moderated by Emre Celik

This book is a comparative, qualitative research study of an educational phenomenon still functioning worldwide:

Hizmet. Dr. Parrillo and Dr. Ansari present a cross-cultural study of Hizmet schools in seven countries of varying histories and ethnic compositions. Some are fairly homogeneous, while others are longstanding multicultural, multiracial societies. Some have Muslim-majority populations, others a small Muslim minority. Through hundreds of interviews with students, parents, staff, and financial supporters, the authors explored individual perceptions and experiences, as well as the triad of student/parent/school interaction.

The book will be available for sale at special event pricing.



Light refreshments will be served.

Registration is required.
To register, scan the QR code at left.

Giving

Church of St. Ignatius Loyola is confidently planning its future and your help is needed

Register today for regular electronic giving and support your parish.

Donations can be made on a weekly, monthly, or annual basis directly from your bank account, debit card, or credit card.



Scan the QR code at left or register online at ignatius.nyc/giving.

Lady Chapel Open for Private Prayer

The Lady Chapel is open daily for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, from 1 PM to 4 PM.
During those hours, the Church will be closed.



Low-Gluten Hosts

For parishioners wishing to receive a low-gluten host at the distribution of Holy Communion, please speak with a Hospitality Minister.

Lectures at St. Ignatius

Peacebuilding as Cornerstone of Pope Francis' Vision for the Church

Monday, February 27th at 7 PM
Wallace Hall & Livestreamed

SPEAKER: BISHOP JOHN STOWE, OFM CONV.

Pope Francis brings both Ignatian and Franciscan sources to his vision for the church, strengthening it as a force for peace and reconciliation in the world.

About the Speaker



Bishop Stowe is a Conventual Franciscan Friar and the third bishop of the Diocese of Lexington since 2015. He is currently the Bishop-President of Pax Christi USA.

Ignatian Social Justice

Migration with Dignity

Sunday, February 5th at 3 PM
Parish Lounge

Please join the Ignatian Social Justice Ministry to hear and engage with Joanna Williams, Executive Director of the bi-national Kino Border Initiative in Nogales, Arizona, and Nogales, Sonora, Mexico. Their mission consists of direct humanitarian assistance & holistic accompaniment of migrants, education & encounter between migrants and others that transforms people and communities towards solidarity with migrants, and policy advocacy in Mexico & the United States.

Joanna Williams, who has served at Kino since 2015, is a Georgetown University graduate and a leader in the movement for "Migration with Dignity" for our asylum-seeking brothers and sisters along the United States-Mexico border. Its purpose is to break down barriers to humane, just, and workable migration, affirming human dignity and solidarity.

Ms. Williams will report on Kino's recent work in these challenging times and will take questions from the audience.

Retreat

Save the Date: Parish Retreat

Friday, April 21st to Sunday, April 23rd
Jogues Retreat Center
Cornwall, New York

Details to follow in an upcoming bulletin.

A Panel Discussion of Prevalent Mental Health Issues

Thursday, February 16th at 7 PM
Wallace Hall

— PANELISTS —



DR. ELIZABETH FITELSON, M.D.
Director of the Women's Program,
Department of Psychiatry at Columbia
University Irving Medical Center/
Neurological Institute of New York



DR. ERIN ENGLE, PSY.D.
Clinical Director of Columbia
University Psychiatry Specialty Services,
Neurological Institute at Columbia
University Medical Center



DR. MARY SCIUTTO, M.D.
Associate Clinical Professor of Psychiatry
at Columbia University & Medical
Director of the Columbia University
Psychiatry Specialty Services

Meeting Christ in Prayer

Wednesdays, February 8th to March 29th
7 PM to 8:30 PM on Zoom

Are you longing for a deeper relationship with God through Christ? Is your childhood way of relating to God insufficient now that you are an adult?

If you answered yes, please join us in
Meeting Christ in Prayer.

Meeting Christ in Prayer is an interactive 8-week guided prayer experience for small groups. Based on the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius Loyola, it introduces participants to various ways of praying and provides an opportunity to support one another through faith sharing, via Zoom.

A good faith offering will be appreciated, as the cost of materials ranges between \$30-\$50.

To register, email MCIP@saintignatiusloyola.org
by Sunday, February 5th.

Join Our Email Mailing List

We invite you to join our email mailing list to receive updates on parish news and events.



To sign-up, scan the QR code at left
or visit ignatius.nyc.

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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 February 12th

Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM Fr. Bergen
Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Yesalonia
9:30 AM Fr. Hallinan
Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Casciotti
Wallace Hall Family 11:00 AM Fr. Yesalonia
7:30 PM Fr. Casciotti

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)
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(PreK-3 through Kindergarten)

Ms. Mary Larkin, Head of School
240 East 84th Street
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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 contact Maureen Haley at
baptisms@saintignatiusloyola.org
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 contact
Maureen Haley at
weddings@saintignatiusloyola.org
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.

Ignatian Young Adults (IYA)

For more information about our IYA
ministry, email Jean Santopatre at
santopatrej@saintignatiusloyola.org

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, February 6th

(St. Paul Miki & comps.; Bl. Charles
Spinola, Sebastian Kimura & comps.)

Genesis 1:1–19 Psalm 104

Mark 6:53–56

8:30 MEM The Meehan Family

12:10 LVG Angelina Salama

5:30 MEM Nora Terriberry

Tuesday, February 7th

(Fifth Tuesday in Ordinary Time)

Genesis 1:20–2:4a Psalm 8

Mark 7:1–13

8:30 MEM Robert Rommelsbacher

12:10 MEM Jack Dorrian

5:30 MEM Jack Kehoe

Wednesday, February 8th

(Fifth Wednesday in Ordinary Time)

Genesis 2:4b–9, 15–17 Psalm 104

Mark 7:14–23

8:30 MEM Brooke Beldy

12:10 MEM Dario Rizzi

5:30 ANN David Oing

Thursday, February 9th

(Fifth Thursday in Ordinary Time)

Genesis 2:18–25 Psalm 128

Mark 7:24–30

8:30 MEM Simona Saracino Fendi

12:10 MEM Patricia Mullins

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

Friday, February 10th

(St. Scholastica)

Genesis 3:1–8 Psalm 32

Mark 7:31–37

8:30 MEM Elizabeth Kahn

12:10 MEM Valentino Mazzia

5:30 MEM John F. Murray, Jr.

Saturday, February 11th

(Fifth Saturday in Ordinary Time)

Genesis 3:9–24 Psalm 90

Mark 8:1–10

8:30 MEM Rev. William John (BJ)
Weber

Sunday, February 12th

(Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Sirach 15:15–20 Psalm 119

1 Corinthians 2:6–10

Matthew 5:17–37