

February 19, 2023 | Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Peacebuilding as the Cornerstone of Pope Francis' Vision for the Church

As we approach the tenth anniversary of Pope Francis' pontificate, it is an appropriate time to reflect on what impact he has had on the church and the world. He is the first Latin American pope, the first Jesuit pope, and the first pope to choose the name of Francis. All three of these distinctive features have impacted his papacy in a meaningful way.

On the night of his election, as he was presented to the world on the balcony of Saint Peter's Basilica, he said that the cardinals had gone "to the ends of the earth" to find a bishop of Rome. The statement was true geographically, but I think we have come to know that he also meant that he comes from the developing world, from the marginalized sectors, from what he frequently refers to as the "peripheries." As pontiff, he has insisted that the whole church look to the peripheries, to the margins, to hear their voices, to affirm their human dignity and rightful place in the human family and in the church, and even more because he is convinced that the margins are where we will find Jesus today.



As a Latin American, Francis brings the whole experience of the Latin American church since Vatican II. Latin America is arguably the place where Vatican II had the greatest impact on the renewal of the church. An episcopal conference of all Latin America, transcending national boundaries, led the church there to the conversion to mission that Pope Francis invites the universal church to experience. The Latin American Bishops' Conference emphasized a "preferential option for the poor" where the church had been aligned with the powerful ever since the original evangelization sponsored by the Spanish crown. They also committed to mission over maintenance and the importance of forming missionary disciples, seen now as part of Francis' agenda for the whole church.

Francis' Ignatian spirituality is visible in his broad approach to consultation, his commitment to discernment without hurry, and ultimately to an authoritative direction for implementation. He has called for the church to be a field hospital and has asked pastors and pastoral ministers to accompany people and discern with them the path forwards in their individual and family situations. Rather than rejecting those whose lives are inconsistent with their baptismal promises or the call of the gospel, Francis

wants to meet them where they are and walk with them toward conversion. This means discovering where God is already active in their lives and inviting them to a fuller response. Discernment can be messy and doesn't always lead to the desired or expected results.

Faithful to his namesake, Francis has not only become a voice for the poor and powerless but also sees the importance of preserving the gifts of creation and celebrating the interrelatedness of all that God has made. In both Laudato Si, his environmental encyclical, and in Fratelli Tutti, written in the midst of the Covid 19 pandemic, Francis uses the language and the imagery of Saint Francis of Assisi with a very contemporary application to relationships among human beings and with all of creation.

Catholic Social Teaching is not a specialization of theology but is central to the life and mission of the church. Francis has written social encyclicals with a sense of urgency for a world in crisis because he knows that what humanity most needs is available in an encounter with Jesus Christ and by striving to live by his gospel. The Church must be an instrument of peace and work for the unity of God's children to be faithful in her mission and of service to humanity today.

John Stowe, OFM Conv.
 Bishop of Lexington, Kentucky

Join us on Monday, February 27th at 7 PM (in Wallace Hall & livestreamed) as Bishop John Stowe presents Peacebuilding as Cornerstone of Pope Francis' Vision for the Church. In this presentation, Bishop Stowe explores how 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. For more information, see page 3.

This Week at a Glance

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20th

The Parish House will be closed in observance of Presidents' Day.

One Mass will be celebrated in the Church at 8:30 AM.

There will be no 12:10 PM or 5:30 PM Masses.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21st

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 22nd

Ash Wednesday.

Masses at 8:30 AM, 12:10 PM, 5:30 PM (organ/cantor), and 7:30 PM. Ashes will be distributed at all Masses.

Concerts at St. Ignatius

Choir of St. Ignatius Loyola: Double Choir Masses of Rheinberger & Martin Sunday, March 19th at 4 PM Church & Livestreamed

The Choir of St. Ignatius Loyola invites you to their first *a cappella* concert in three years as they present the sumptuously ravishing *Masses for Double Choir* by Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901) and Frank Martin (1890-1974).

To purchase tickets, visit ignatius.nyc/concerts

Home Communion Call



If you or a loved one is confined to home and would like to receive Communion on a periodic or regular basis, someone from the parish's Compassionate Care Ministry will come to your home and bring Communion.

If interested, email Fr. Hilbert at hilbertm@saintignatiusloyola.org or leave your name and phone number at the Parish House for Fr. Hilbert, and someone will be scheduled to visit.

Low-Gluten Hosts

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

Lenten Food Drive

From Wednesday, March 8th to Sunday, March 12th, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and the Interparish Religious Education Program will accept food donations for the Parish of St. Charles Borromeo.

Please bring non-perishable foods to the Parish House.

Requested Donation Items:

- Spices - Canned fruit/
- Pasta vegetables
- Cereal - Soup
- Rice - Peanut butter
- Beans - Olive oil
- Canned fish - Granola bars

Parish Retreat

Meeting the Risen Christ Friday, April 21st to Sunday, April 23rd Jogues Retreat, Cornwall, New York

This parish retreat will celebrate new life in creation and in our experience of the Risen Lord. Four talks by Father Hilbert will be the stepping stones for our journey, using Gospel stories and the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. There will be time for private prayer and meditation, group prayer and sharing, and the celebration of the Eucharist.

The retreat will begin with dinner on Friday evening and end with lunch on Sunday. Lodging is in single rooms. The requested donation for the retreat is \$150.

Financial assistance is available.

For inquiries and to register, email Father Hilbert at silparishretreat@gmail.com.

Livestream Viewing Recommendation

For a consistently more reliable viewing of livestreamed Masses, we encourage you to use our parish YouTube channel, rather than Facebook.



You can find us on YouTube at youtube.com/c/ChurchofStIgnatiusLoyolaNYC or by scanning the QR code at left.

Join Our Email Mailing List!

We invite you to sign-up for our e-newsletter to receive regular updates on parish news and events.



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

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 Interfaith Ministry

Fourth Annual Iftar Dinner Friday, March 31st at 7 PM Wallace Hall

During the month of Ramadan—a holy period of fasting for Muslims from sunrise to sundown—each day's fast concludes with the main meal of the day, Iftar.

The Peace Islands Institute and our Ignatian Interfaith Ministry will host an Iftar dinner in Wallace Hall—open to all. The evening will include live traditional Sufi music by the group Amir Vahab and Ensemble.

This will be an opportunity for us to learn more about this sacred time and share fellowship with our Muslim neighbors.

To RSVP, email ignatianinterfaithministry@gmail.com by Monday, March 27th.

Beyond St. Ignatius

Dorothy Day: The Church and Day's Mission in Her Time and Ours Wednesday, March 8th at 6:45 PM St. Joseph's Church, 404 East 87th Street

SPEAKER: JOHN LOUGHERY

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.

Brown Bag Lunch Lenten Discussion

Face to the Rising Sun: Reflections on Spirituals and Justice by Rev. Mark Bozzuti-Jones Tuesdays, from February 28th to April 4th 12:45 PM to 1:45 PM in the Parish Lounge

Join us for weekly discussions of Fr. Mark Bozzuti-Jones's book. Please bring your "brown bag lunch" and join Jean Santopatre, Pastoral Associate, and Fr. Hallinan in lively discussions.

Reading assignments, as well as what to focus on for our discussion each week, will be assigned and sent to you when you register. The books will be provided and will be available to be picked up before the first meeting.



To register, visit ignatius.nyc/brown-bag-lunch-discussion or scan the QR code at left.

Seeing with the Heart: A Conversation with Kevin O'Brien, S.J. Wednesday, March 8th at 7 PM Wallace Hall

Sponsored by Meeting Christ in Prayer and Boomers & Beyond

The Ignatian tradition offers valuable resources to those seeking meaning and purpose today, whether they are steeped in a religious tradition or uncertain about where they fit in the religious landscape. Drawing on his recently published book, *Seeing with the Heart*, Fr. O'Brien will review some of the fundamental insights offered by St. Ignatius and other wisdom figures through the ages, including our own, to help us navigate life's adventures.

To RSVP, email frobrienbooklaunch@gmail.com. An RSVP is required.

About the Speaker

Kevin O'Brien, S.J., is a Jesuit priest and educator. He is currently serving at Fairfield University.



Strengthened by the Eucharist, we respond to God's generosity in our lives with gratitude by using and sharing our gifts in the service of others.

Please consider a gift in support of this year's Appeal. Gifts can be made online at cardinalsappeal.org.

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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 26th

Saturday Vigil 5:30 рм Fr. Hilbert Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Casciotti 9:30 AM Fr. Bergen

Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Yesalonia Wallace Hall Family 11:00 AM Fr. Hallinan

7:30 PM Fr. Yesalonia

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

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(*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 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 20th

(Seventh Monday in Ordinary Time) Sirach 1:1-10 Psalm 93 Mark 9:14-29

8:30 MEM Carla Fendi

Tuesday, February 21st

(Seventh Tuesday in Ordinary Time) Sirach 2:1-11 Psalm 37 Mark 9:30-37

8:30 MEM Benjamin Joseph Cooley

12:10 MEM Louise McGreal **5:30 MEM** Nathan Davidson

Wednesday, February 22nd

(Ash Wednesday) Joel 2:12-18 Psalm 51 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2 2 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, February 23rd

(Thursday Ash Wednesday) Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 1 Luke 9:22-25

8:30 MEM Eileen and Peter Dever 12:10 MEM Charles Regan

5:30 MEM Living & Deceased Members of the Wallace Family

Friday, February 24th

(Friday After Ash Wednesday) Isaiah 58:1–9a Psalm 51 Matthew 9:14-15

8:30 MEM Matthew Pianka 12:10 MEM Frederick Burdick 5:30 LVG Louise Rose

Saturday, February 25th

(Saturday After Ash Wednesday) Isaiah 58:9b-14 Psalm 86 Luke 5:27-32

8:30 MEM Marc Soto

Sunday, February 26th

(First Sunday of Lent)

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Psalm 51 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11