

March 5, 2023 | Second Sunday of Lent

Transformation, Fear, and God's Voice

Jesus chose three disciples, Peter, James, and John, to come with him up the mountain. Little did they know what was about to unfold! Without warning, Jesus was transfigured into a dazzling white light. Then, Elijah and Moses show up in the clouds! Peter offers to make three tents for Jesus, Elijah, and Moses. Imagine yourself being there; how would you react?

Clearly, Peter was thinking about shelter to house the three. Then, when "the voice" from the brilliant cloud spoke to them, fear gripped them, and Peter, James, and John fell to the ground and hid their faces. Jesus reached out to quell their fear as they also became transformed by the brilliant light and voice from the cloud. They heard God's voice and followed Jesus to the end.

How many times do we hide our faces because we are afraid? Is it fear of God? Fear of the other? Or is it fear because there is just too much to do, and we ignore God's voice?

Fear dissipates when we pay attention, when we hear God's voice, and discern how we can walk with Jesus to become transformed and help transform injustices. During this Lenten season, it may be as simple as asking Jesus to walk with you in your daily routine. Take time this Lent to discern your fears and pay attention to God's voice. Where is God calling you to dig deeper? Or, you may have a clear message of where you are called to be of service. Either way, you will also be transformed when you hear God's voice and follow the path of Jesus.

Sometimes, we can be pulled in many directions and want to assist in everything. Yet, we can see by this Gospel passage that doing more isn't always the way God is showing us. Sometimes, we need to wait, discern, and understand the delicate balance between saying yes to everything and pausing and reflecting on and engaging in those things that are more efficient and meaningful.

As Pastoral Associate for Ignatian Social Justice, many service trip opportunities flood my email. I view each one with a



discerning heart and listen to where God is calling us to be of direct service to the marginalized in our country. The National Y Alumni Service project reached out to Y Alumni and friends of the YMCA. This is a four-year project to build four Tiny Homes in Dupree, South Dakota, on the Seven Council Fires (Lakota Sioux) Cheyenne River Reservation. There is a desperate need for housing on the Reservation, and this project will give a real home to Native American mothers and children facing housing insecurity. We don't hear about the plight of our Native American sisters and brothers, yet there is a severe housing shortage on many Reservations.

Last October, eight parishioners from St. Ignatius Loyola, spearheaded by Ignatian Social Justice, took part in the inaugural year of building these Tiny Homes. God's voice beckoned us to be of service here. As participants in Wave 5, we carried the walls from the trailer, caulked the walls, and installed the walls on the first Tiny Home.

It is our goal this September to participate in Wave 5 again. We are seeking volunteers in good health who would like to participate in this project, and we are also reaching out to fundraise for this Service Project. We are grateful for your generosity in helping send us out so that together, we can build Tiny Homes for the Lakota on the Cheyenne River Reservation.

This Week at a Glance

SUNDAY, MARCH 6th

TUESDAY NIGHT BOOK GROUP | Sunday In-Person Lent Series. 12:15 PM. Parish House.

To register to attend and to receive details, email TuesdayNightBookGroup@gmail.com with "God's Will" in the subject line (and indicate your preference of in-person or online participation).

TUESDAY, MARCH 7th

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. 6 PM – 8 PM. Church. Details at right.

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, MARCH 8th

COURSE | "He Is Risen!": The Resurrection Narratives. 7 PM. Zoom.

To RSVP, email brianbpinter@protonmail.com.

Seeing with the Heart: A Conversation with Kevin O'Brien, S.J. 7 PM. Wallace Hall. Details below.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9th Ignatian Social Justice Meeting. 7 PM. Parish House & Zoom.

For more information, email santopatrej@saintignatiusloyola.org.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11th

An Afternoon of Prayer and Discovery. 2 PM – 4 PM. Wallace Hall. Details on page 3.

Celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. 5:30 PM Mass. Church. Details at right.

Seeing with the Heart: A Conversation with Kevin O'Brien, S.J.

Wednesday, March 8th at 7 PM in Wallace Hall

Sponsored by Meeting Christ in Prayer and Boomers & Beyond

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.

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

Celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Saturday, March 11th at the 5:30 PM Mass

This liturgy is designed so that the community can support our brothers and sisters who face the trials of illness or aging.

During the course of the Mass, all those who feel the need of healing and strength because of illness, physical weakness or spiritual distress will be invited to come forward to receive the Sacrament of Anointing.

Roundtable Discussion on Forgiveness Wednesday, March 15th at 7 PM in the Parish Lounge

Sponsored by the Parish Council

A necessary ingredient to peace, whether in our personal lives, our relationships, or in the world, is forgiveness. It will be an opportunity for us to learn from one another about the need for forgiveness and our capacity to be forgiving.

To RSVP, email discussforgiveness@gmail.com.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Tuesday Evenings through April 4th 6 PM – 8 PM in the 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 exposition concludes with Benediction. The Blessed Sacrament will then be reposed and the church will close.

To stay up-to-date on parish news, follow us on Instagram and Facebook at *stignatiusnyc*.

Lectures at St. Ignatius

A Better Kind of Politics: Advancing the Common Good in Challenging Times

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

SPEAKER: PROFESSOR KIM DANIELS

Faced with a public life dominated by hostility and division, U.S. Catholics can advance the common good and peacemaking efforts by looking to Pope Francis and Catholic social thought.

About the Speaker



Professor Daniels is the co-director of the Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life & an adjunct professor in Georgetown's Department of Theology and Religious Studies.

LGBT Catholics & Friends

Screening of the Documentary
Wonderfully Made: LGBTQ+R(eligion)
Wednesday, March 22nd at 6:45 PM in Wallace Hall

Join LGBT Catholics & Friends for a screening of the documentary *Wonderfully Made*, which explores the challenges and aspirations of LGBTQ+ Catholics and, more broadly, the hurdles that religious doctrine presents to full acceptance of LGBTQ+ people everywhere.

A Q&A will follow the screening, with Fr. James Martin, S.J. & Fr. Bryan Massingale.

To RSVP, email lgbtcafscreening@gmail.com.

Ignatian Interfaith Ministry

Fourth Annual Iftar Dinner Friday, March 31st at 6:35 PM in Wallace Hall

Join us for "Observing the Holy Seasons of Fasting in Daily Life—From the Perspective of Women Scientists of Faith."

SPEAKERS

- Dr. Seyma Aslan, L'Oréal Research & Innovation
- Dr. Maria Jasin, Memorial Sloan Kettering

MODERATOR: Adele Gallo, Convent of the Sacred Heart

Our annual Iftar dinner will also include live traditional Sufi music by the group Amir Vahab and Ensemble.

While there is no charge, advance registration is required. Families are welcome.

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

Ignatian Social Justice

An Afternoon of Prayer and Discovery Saturday, March 11th, from 2 PM – 4 PM Wallace Hall

Please join Ignatian Social Justice as Fr. Mark Hallinan leads us in a special migrant version of the Stations of the Cross. We will then hear about the powerful encounters our members had on their recent trip to the Texas-Mexico border, followed by two very special guests sharing their story of enormous resilience and persistence coupled with the incredible kindness of New Yorkers.

Rosayra Pablo Cruz and her 20-year-old son Yordy Michicoj Pablo, who were separated at the border in 2016, will give testament to their harrowing journey. Rosy authored *The Book of Rosy: A Mother's Story of Separation at the Border* and is part of the upcoming Netflix documentary *Split at the Root*.

Back to Basics Class: What It Means to Be Catholic

Beginning on Wednesday, April 19th, in the Parish Lounge, the priests of the parish will offer an opportunity to learn more about what it means to be Catholic.

The four topic areas that will be covered are: Faith and Religion 101 | Wednesday, April 19th | 7 PM
An overview of faith and how it is manifested in religion. (Fr. Yesalonia)

Catholicism 101 | Wednesday, April 26th | 7 PM What distinguishes Catholicism from other religions. (Fr. Casciotti)

Ignatian Spirituality 101 | Wednesday, May 3rd | 7 PM Fundamental principles. *The Examen.* Discernment. The meaning and significance of AMDG. (*Fr. Hilbert*)

Liturgy of the Mass 101 | Wednesday, May 10th | 7 PM Each part of the Mass will be explained, along with its accompanying prayers. (Fr. Hallinan)

Registration is required.



To register, visit

ignatius.nyc/back-to-basics-class-registration or scan the QR code at left.



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

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<u>Weekday Masses (Monday – Friday)</u>

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

Masses for the Weekend of March 12th

Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM Fr. Yesalonia Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Bergen 9:30 AM Fr. Hallinan

2.30 AM TI. Hamma

Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Martin Wallace Hall Family 11:00 AM Fr. Hilbert

7:30 PM Fr. Martin

Religious Education for Children

Ms. Kate Noonan, Director (212) 288-3588 x609

Saint Ignatius Loyola School

Upper Campus

(First Grade through Eighth Grade)
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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, March 6th

(Second Monday of Lent)
Daniel 9:4b–10 Psalm 79
Luke 6:36–38

8:30 MEM The Meehan Family **12:10 MEM** Family of Zhana Reed

5:30 MEM Erick Nehme

Tuesday, March 7th

(Second Tuesday of Lent)
Isaiah 1:10, 16–20 Psalm 50
Matthew 23:1–12

8:30 MEM Marian Vinocour

12:10 MEM Sose & Mark Prekelezaj

5:30 MEM Joyce Cully

Wednesday, March 8th

(Second Wednesday of Lent) Jeremiah 18:18–20 Psalm 31 Matthew 20:17–28

8:30 MEM Guy Lamarche

12:10 MEM Arturo (Art) Zamora

5:30 MEM Anthony Canning

Thursday, March 9th

(Second Thursday of Lent) Jeremiah 17:5–10 Psalm 1 Luke 16:19–31

8:30 MEM Simona Saracino Fendi

12:10 MEM George Gerard

Campion

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

Friday, March 10th

(Second Friday of Lent)
Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a
Psalm 105 Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

8:30 MEM Jennie Izzillo

12:10 MEM Valentino Mazzia

5:30 MEM Gaby Juergens

Saturday, March 11th

(Second Saturday of Lent) Micah 7:14–15, 18–20 Psalm 103 Luke 15:1–3, 11–32

8:30 MEM Living & Deceased Members of the Brenninkmeijer Family

Sunday, March 12th

(Third Sunday of Lent)

Exodus 17:3–7 Psalm 95 Romans 5:1–2, 5–8 John 4:5–42