



March 19, 2023 | Fourth Sunday of Lent

I Am a Sinner

In the now famous interview with Pope Francis in 2013—a few months after he was elected Pope—the editor of an Italian Catholic journal began by asking the Pope: “*Who is Jorge Mario Bergoglio?*”. The editor wrote: “The Pope stares at me in silence. I ask him if this is a question that I am allowed to ask. He nods that it is, and he tells me: ‘*I do not know what might be the most fitting description. I am a sinner. This is the most accurate definition. It is not a figure of speech, a literary genre. I am a sinner. I am a sinner whom the Lord has looked upon. And he repeats: “I am one who is looked upon by the Lord. I always felt my motto, Miserando atque Eligendo (By Having Mercy and By Choosing Him), was very true for me.”*’



For me, the Pope’s answer identifies him as a son of St. Ignatius. At the beginning of our formation in the Society of Jesus, every novice enters into a 30-day prayer experience based on the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius. In those initial days, the young Jesuit is asked to pray for a deep awareness of his sins and for the gift of a growing and intense sorrow for them. This grace is so important to St. Ignatius that the individual is asked not to proceed to prayer over the life and ministry of Jesus (which is the usual next step) until there is some sign that this grace has been given. As a Jesuit for over sixty years, I can confidently say that no progress in the Christian life can be made until one is aware beyond doubt that he/she is a sinner in great need of God.

We have a sacrament for that. It used to be called “Confession” or “Penance.”

The more proper designation today is “Reconciliation,” which suggests the restoring of friendship. The word “reconciliation” highlights what is most important about the sacrament and what God does in the sacrament.

About twelve years ago, dioceses throughout the country began the practice of designating one day in Advent, and one day in Lent, as “**A Day of Reconciliation.**” Parish priests are asked to make the sacrament available throughout the day. Here at St. Ignatius, with the help of Jesuits from the community on 83rd Street, we will be offering the sacrament to individuals on Monday, April 3rd, from 3 PM to 5 PM, and from 6 PM to 8 PM.

Sinfulness is never a private and individual matter. My sins are always disruptive to my relationships in the larger community. Whenever I sin, the whole body of the Church is weakened. We probably don’t think enough about this. When I experience the sacrament in the company of other repentant sinners, I may have a deeper experience of the reality that we are saved as members of a community, not as isolated individuals.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation calls us back to a closer relationship with God and with the community of the Church. Every Catholic has the right to hear God’s forgiveness announced personally: “*The Lord has freed you from your sins. Go in peace.*” If it has been some time since you last heard those healing words, I invite you to come to the Archdiocesan Day of Reconciliation here on Monday, April 3rd.

— Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J.
Senior Priest

This Week at a Glance

SUNDAY, MARCH 19th

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).

**Choir of St. Ignatius Loyola:
Double Choir Masses of Rheinberger & Martin.
4 PM. Church & Livestreamed. Details at right.**

TUESDAY, MARCH 21st

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
6 PM – 8 PM. Church.**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22nd

**Screening of the Documentary
Wonderfully Made: LGBTQ+R(eligion).
6:45 PM. Wallace Hall. Details on page 3.**

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

To RSVP, email brianbpinter@protonmail.com.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23rd

**LECTURE | Depictions of the Last Supper
From Duccio to Leonardo.
7 PM. Wallace Hall. Details at right.**

**Stations of the Cross for the
Parish Community
Wednesday, April 5th at 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.



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CARDINAL'S**
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL
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Palm Sunday & Holy Week Mass Schedule

Palm Sunday/April 2nd 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 6TH

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

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7TH

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 8TH

Easter Vigil Mass at 8 PM (*Church & livestreamed*)

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9TH

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

To view our livestreamed Masses, visit our YouTube channel [ChurchofStIgnatiusLoyolaNYC](https://www.youtube.com/channel/ChurchofStIgnatiusLoyolaNYC)

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.

**Lecture: Depictions of the Last Supper
From Duccio to Leonardo**

Thursday, March 23rd at 7 PM in Wallace Hall

PRESENTER: DR. BILL COOK

When imagining the Last Supper, most people think of Leonardo da Vinci's interpretation. However, the depiction of the Last Supper goes as far back as the 5th and 6th centuries. In this presentation, Dr. Cook will look at the developments and variations of the iconography, and then brings us into the modern world with images from Ethiopia, Peru, and Laos.

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 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 lgbtcafscreeing@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.

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)



To register, visit
ignatius.nyc/back-to-basics-class-registration
or scan the QR code at left.
Registration is required.

Inaugural Parish Art Show

Calling all artists!

We are having our first-ever Parish Art Show!

Now is the time to ready your submissions. Any non-digital media can be submitted: paintings, drawings, pastels, watercolors, etchings, linocuts, lithographs, collage, mixed media, sculpture.

You can submit up to two pieces (more if we have the space). All submissions (except sculptures) must be framed and ready-to-hang. Maximum size is limited to 3 feet by 3 feet, sculptures are limited to 25 pounds.

Pre-registration is required. **Sign up online at ignatius.nyc/artshowreg**. We'll need to know the size of your work framed or size of your sculpture. We also need you to send us a photo of it. *The last day to register is Thursday, April 27th*. Don't miss out!

Submissions are to be dropped off at the Parish House between Friday, May 5th and Sunday, May 7th, from 9 AM to Noon, and 6 PM to 8 PM.

You can offer the work for sale, or just display it. If your work is sold, all sale proceeds will go to the parish.

All art must be family-friendly.

The Art Show will open in Wallace Hall on Thursday, May 11th at 7 PM. The art will remain on display until Saturday, May 13th at 4 PM.

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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 March 26th

Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM Fr. Hallinan

Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Casciotti

9:30 AM Fr. Bergen

Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Martin

Wallace Hall Family 11:00 AM Fr. Yesalonia

7:30 PM Fr. Martin

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Saint Ignatius Loyola School

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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 20th (St. Joseph)

2 Samuel 7:4–5a, 12–14a, 16

Psalm 89 Romans 4:13, 16–18, 22

Matthew 1:16, 18–21, 24a

8:30 MEM Elizabeth Downey
Farley

12:10 MEM Maria Danina
Urbanowicz

5:30 MEM Therese Troilo

Tuesday, March 21st

(Fourth Tuesday of Lent)

Ezekiel 47:1–9, 12 Psalm 46

John 5:1–16

8:30 MEM Chris Rossi

12:10 MEM Helen Regan

5:30 MEM Nathan Davidson

Wednesday, March 22nd

(Fourth Wednesday of Lent)

Isaiah 49:8–15 Psalm 145

John 5:17–30

8:30 MEM William Phelan

12:10 MEM Linda Richardone

5:30 MEM Martha Ann Berheide

Thursday, March 23rd

(Fourth Thursday of Lent)

Exodus 32:7–14 Psalm 106

John 5:31–47

8:30 MEM Hoyt & Margot Spelman

12:10 MEM Edward McAnaney

5:30 MEM Living & Deceased

Members of the Wallace Hall

Friday, March 24th

(Fourth Friday of Lent)

Wisdom 2:1a, 12–22 Psalm 34

John 7:1–2, 10, 25–30

8:30 MEM Edward McAnaney

12:10 MEM Lou Ann Jenkins Berry

5:30 MEM Kathleen Fullam
Giacomini

Saturday, March 25th

(The Annunciation of the Lord)

Isaiah 7:10–14; 8:10 Psalm 40

Hebrews 10:4–10 Luke 1:26–38

8:30 MEM William & Ann Reilly

Sunday, March 26th

(Fifth Sunday of Lent)

Ezekiel 37:12–14 Psalm 130

Romans 8:8–11 John 11:1–45