



February 4, 2024 | Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lent: A Grace-Filled Season

Lent will soon be here. It is intended to be a season of grace in which we are given a privileged opportunity to renew our faith and allow our faith to inform our daily living.

There are three areas to which we ought to give attention in the Lenten season, and our desire is to identify a practice or action that we can take that is reasonable for us to sustain throughout our forty-day journey. Keep it simple, and you'll be successful.

Prayer. What is the state of your prayer currently? How often do you pray? How much time do you spend in prayer? What is the character of your prayer—petitionary, devotional practices (rosary, novenas, etc.), meditative, *Lectio Divina*? If you currently do not have a regular practice of prayer, start small. Identify the time of day that is best for you to pray—early in the morning before others wake up, later in the evening when the children are in their rooms preparing for bed, lunchtime when you carve out 20 minutes for yourself. In the time period that is best for you, stop, put your phone on silent mode, and set aside 10-15 minutes for prayer. Start by simply



breathing in and out for 2-3 minutes. Allow yourself to enter the moment. When you feel a bit recollected, then offer a brief prayer of thanksgiving to God. What are you most thankful for that day? After expressing thanks to God, tell God the one thing that weighs most heavily on your mind in that moment. Just name it! Entrust that concern to God and ask God to help you handle it with God's wisdom and strength. End your prayer with an expression of confidence in God's presence with you and gratitude for God's never-failing love for you. If you think doing this daily is too ambitious a goal, start with a goal of 3 days a week and see if, over the Lenten time, you are able to do more. If you have an established pattern of prayer, then take inventory of what you feel is currently

lacking in your prayer. If nothing is lacking, then this part of your Lenten program is complete! If something is lacking, identify what you will do to address it in a way that is not overly burdensome for you but, instead, is doable.

Almsgiving. What can you do this Lent to direct your focus to others in need? Can you call or visit someone you know is homebound and do so at least once a week? Can you give up two treats to yourself each week (your double mocha frappuccino or your bagel with a schmear) and donate that money to an organization that will leverage your gift so that it has a greater impact? Consider City Relief or New York Common Pantry. Can you identify one homeless person near your home, or your place of work, whom you will know by name, and to whom you will provide a set level of assistance each week? Keep it simple and doable!

Fasting. From what do you need to fast? It may not be food or alcohol. It may be from gossip, from anger, from grudges, from wounding words, from impatience, from prejudice. Take time now to identify what it is in you that most depletes your positive energy or is most hurtful of others. What will you do this Lent to abstain from this? Will you be attentive to when this tendency is asserting itself and immediately seek to direct your energy elsewhere?

All that we do in Lent is done to open ourselves to the abundant grace that God wishes to shower upon us. What we take up this Lent, or lay down this Lent, is nothing compared to what we receive in return from God. Happy Lent!

— Rev. Mark C. Hallinan, S.J.
Associate Pastor

This Week at a Glance

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7th

Ignatian Interfaith Ministry Planning Meeting.
7 PM. Parish House.
Details below.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8th

The Mary Project.
7 PM. Zoom.
Details on page 3.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10th

Journey Into Exile: An Interactive Simulation Exercise.
10:30 AM. Wallace Hall.
Details at right.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Blood Drive

Sunday, February 25th, from 9 AM to 3 PM
McKinnon Hall (Grammar School)
48 East 84th Street



To schedule your donation appointment,
scan the QR code at left.

Journey Into Exile: An Interactive Simulation Exercise

Saturday, February 10th
10:30 AM to Noon
Wallace Hall

Sponsored by the Parish Council

Jesuit Refugee Service Canada created an interactive simulation exercise called Journey Into Exile that aims to provide a greater understanding of the realities faced by refugees seeking safety, security, and a better life.

As a participant, you will be assigned a refugee character with a brief biography, enabling you to make decisions based on your character's circumstances. Through these decisions, you will learn about some of the challenges and choices refugees encounter.

During the activity, you will make decisions individually and as a group, listen to real refugee testimonies, and view videos that shed light on the journeys, obstacles, and resilience of refugees across the globe.



To participate, register by Wednesday,
February 7th, by scanning the QR code at left.

*Questions or comments? contact Kenn Kerns or
Laura de Boisblanc at lauradeboisblanc@yahoo.com.*

Ignatian Interfaith Ministry

Planning Meeting

Wednesday, February 7th at 7 PM
Parish House

Interested in getting more involved in the Ignatian Interfaith Ministry, including our upcoming Iftar celebration? Join us for a planning meeting to discuss and meet new friends!

For more information or to RSVP, email
ignatianinterfaithministry@gmail.com.

Parish Digital Publications

To access our Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Report,
visit ignatius.nyc/annual-reports.

The Vision Statement Implementation Plan
and the Laudato Si' Action Platform can be
found at ignatius.nyc/mission-and-values.

The Heat is On at St. Ignatius

Please help us defray the increasing cost of providing
heat and electricity to the parish.



To contribute, visit
ignatius.nyc/makepayment (or scan
the QR code at left) and note "Energy
Collection" in the *Reason for Donation* box.



Sign-up for Our Weekly E-Newsletter!

To receive regular updates on parish news and
events, scan the QR code or visit ignatius.nyc.

In God We Trust: A Spirituality of Money

Monday, February 12th at 7 PM
Parish House & Zoom

Money is among the most powerful, mesmerizing
objects of the human experience. The quest to acquire
money, keep it, and spend it stirs deep passions,
potentially constellating both the best and worst in us.

This presentation and conversation will explore
biblical, psychological, and spiritual viewpoints on
money. Brian B. Pinter, Pastoral Associate, will present.

To RSVP, email brianbpinter@protonmail.com.

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook at [stignatiusnyc](https://www.instagram.com/stignatiusnyc).

Lectures at St. Ignatius

Free Speech and Civility on College Campuses

Wednesday, February 14th at 7 PM
Wallace Hall

PRESENTER

Tania Tetlow

President, Fordham University

The lecture will discuss the realities of engaging civil discourse and free speech on college campuses. Tetlow, a renowned legal scholar and former federal prosecutor before her career in higher education, will share how she navigates this terrain via theory and real-life examples.

ABOUT THE PRESENTER



Tania Tetlow has been president of Fordham University since July 1, 2022. Previously, she was president of Loyola University New Orleans. She is the first woman and the first layperson to hold each of those positions at those two Catholic universities.

The Mary Project

Thursday, February 8th at 7 PM
Zoom

Join the Ignatian Interfaith Ministry as they partner with our Muslim friends from the Peace Islands Institute to embark on an in-depth exploration of Mary in both faith traditions.

FINAL SESSION

Sunday, May 19th

2 PM to 4 PM

Wallace Hall

Registration is required. To register, visit ignatius.nyc/the-mary-project.

Bible Study

“Why Have You Forsaken Me?” Lent with the Psalms

Four Wednesdays, beginning February 21st at 7 PM
Parish House & Zoom

The Psalms reflect the human condition—hope and despair, victory and failure, death and new life. Our presentations and discussions will focus on the Psalms we encounter in the Lenten lectionary readings. Brian B. Pinter, Pastoral Associate, will present.

To RSVP, email brianbpinter@protonmail.com.

Caring for Creation: A Weekly Lenten Reflection Begins Tuesday, February 13th at 1 PM Parish House

Join Jean Santopatre and Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J., in a journey through Lent in which we reflect on Lenten themes through the lens of the call to care for creation.

We will meet every Tuesday starting on February 13th (the day before Ash Wednesday) and conclude on the Tuesday before Holy Week (March 19th).

Scripture readings and reflection material will be available for registered participants at the Parish House reception desk starting on February 8th. Persons are asked to prepare in advance for each session.

To register, please send an email to Jean Santopatre at santopatrej@saintignatiusloyola.org or call the Parish House at 212-288-3588. We would like your name, telephone number, and email address.

Thank you for joining us as we pray through Lent!

Stations of the Cross: Saturdays in Lent Beginning Saturday, February 17th 9 AM Church

Led by Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J.

Join us for this traditional devotion as we draw closer to Jesus through a prayerful reflection on his passion and death.

Note: We will not meet on Saturday, March 23rd. There will be Stations of the Cross on Wednesday, March 27th, at 7:30 PM in the Church.

Back to Basics 2.0: What It Means to Be Catholic

Through April, the priests of the parish will offer an opportunity to learn more about what it means to be Catholic.

**THE CHURCH’S GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE
AND THE ROLE OF THE LAITY**
Thursday, February 22nd at 7 PM | Wallace Hall
Fr. Michael Hilbert, S.J.

RELIGIOUS ORDERS OF THE CHURCH
Monday, March 18th at 7 PM | Wallace Hall
Fr. James Casciotti, S.J.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL ENCYCLICALS
Monday, April 15th at 7 PM | Wallace Hall
Fr. Dennis Yesalonia, S.J.

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PARISH STAFF

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Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J.

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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 11th

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

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Saint Ignatius Loyola School

Upper Campus

(First Grade through Eighth Grade)

Ms. Mary Larkin, Head of School

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48 East 84th Street

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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 5th (St. Agatha)

1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13 Psalm 132

Mark 6:53-56

8:30 MEM Franca Fendi

12:10 MEM Tim Rivlin

5:30 MEM Jack Kehoe

Tuesday, February 6th

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

1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30 Psalm 84

Mark 7:1-13

8:30 MEM The Meehan Family

12:10 MEM Marie Janet O'Connell

5:30 MEM Nora Terriberry

Wednesday, February 7th

(5th Wednesday in Ordinary Time)

1 Kings 10:1-10 Psalm 37

Mark 7:14-23

8:30 MEM The Choix & Gordon
Families

12:10 MEM James Edward Flynn

5:30 MEM Ellen Casey

Thursday, February 8th

(5th Thursday in Ordinary Time)

1 Kings 11:4-13 Psalm 106

Mark 7:24-30

8:30 MEM Simona Saracino
Fendi

12:10 MEM Sose & Mark
Prekelezaj

5:30 MEM David Oing

Friday, February 9th

(5th Friday in Ordinary Time)

1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19 Psalm 81

Mark 7:31-37

8:30 MEM Katherine Creag
Gafner

12:10 MEM Joan E. Moran

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

Saturday, February 10th

(St. Scholastica)

1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34

Psalm 106 Mark 8:1-10

8:30 MEM Shane Fitzsimmons

Sunday, February 11th

(6th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 Psalm 32

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Mark 1:40-45