



February 25, 2024 | Second Sunday of Lent

## Journey Into Exile

All I wanted to do was roll over, one more time, in my cozy bed. However, I told my mom I would accompany her to an immigration program on Saturday morning. What was I thinking? I need my sleep. After all, I was out late the night before with my friends at the Fordham Prep vs. Xavier basketball game. All I wanted to do was hit the snooze button for five more minutes. Heck, I would rather study for my SAT. But no, as promised, I walked to Wallace Hall with my mother for *Journey Into Exile*, an interactive immigration simulation exercise.

Within minutes of my arrival, I was no longer a privileged Upper East Side kid. I had become Mohammad, a 49-year-old refugee from Somalia looking to flee my country as soon as possible. I sat in my assigned camp with eight other simulated refugees, including my mom, who had become a 72-year-old widow from Burundi with no education or money. All eight of us campers had different stories, talents, and economic situations. But we all had one common goal. We needed to leave our country as soon as possible!



We had minutes to decide what three possessions we would bring on our journey. Would it be my phone, a bottle of water, the Bible, a blanket, my passport? Such decisions! All I had were the clothes I was wearing, \$3,000, oh, and they took my shoes. I would begin my journey barefoot. I only had 30 seconds to organize and leave my home that I would probably never see again. Maybe I wanted to bring a picture of my home or family with me?

Needless to say, my campers did not vote for me to attempt to flee our camp for the United States. I ended up as an urban refugee living in Istanbul. I decided to take a dangerous job to make the most money quickly. Unfortunately, I was injured on the job. Could not afford my medical bills. That was the end of my journey.

Of the 42 campers in our simulated program, only one person made it to the United States. One person!

Looking back, I am happy I spent my morning in Wallace Hall. I have a better understanding of what migrants around the world are experiencing—quick decision-making, which affects their future. The migrants want safety, security, and a better life. These are all things we never ponder when rolling over and hitting snooze in our cozy beds. I will congratulate the migrants who have made it to our city. They beat the odds! These people are not *bad* people. These people are fleeing horrific lives. Lives that may have been interrupted by natural disasters, slavery, crime, gangs, famine, or war.

As a junior at Fordham Prep, I am a *Man for Others*. It is my responsibility to assist my neighbors the best I can. As Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, “If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way.” This Lenten season, consider helping a refugee family in our city. Consider doing a small thing in a great way by donating clothing to the Little Shop of Kindness. Volunteer at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi Migrant Center, helping migrants complete asylum applications. Or, attend the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola Stations of the Cross for Migrants on Wednesday, March 20th, followed by a panel discussion about what our parish is doing to welcome migrants through our *Migrant Accompaniment Program*.

*Saint John the Baptist, pray for us. Saint Ignatius Loyola, pray for us.*

— Anthony Lucarelli III  
Parishioner

## This Week at a Glance

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25th

Lenten Blood Drive.

9 AM to 3 PM. McKinnon Hall, 48 East 84th Street.

*Details at right.*

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27th

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

6 PM. Church.

*Details below.*

Tuesday Night Book Group | *The Discernment of Spirits: An Ignatian Guide for Everyday Living*  
by Fr. Timothy Gallagher.

7 PM. Zoom.

To register and receive the Zoom link for this series,  
please email "Discernment of Spirits" to  
[TuesdayNightBookGroup@gmail.com](mailto:TuesdayNightBookGroup@gmail.com).

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28th

Bible Study | "Why Have You Forsaken Me?"

Lent with the Psalms.

7 PM. Parish House & Zoom.

*Details at right.*

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting.

7 PM. Parish House.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29th

War and Peace Discussion Group | Viewing of the  
Documentary *Iraq for Sale: Part Two*.

7 PM. Parish House.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 2nd

A Morning of Recollection:

Responding to *Laudato Si'* as

Missionary Disciples in Leadership.

8:30 AM. Wallace Hall.

*Details on page 3.*

Stations of the Cross.

9 AM. Church.

*Details on page 3.*

## Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday Evenings, through March 26th

6 PM to 8 PM

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 Blessed  
Sacrament will be reposed and the church will close.

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook at *stignatiusnyc*.

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

### Lenten Blood Drive

Sunday, February 25th

9 AM to 3 PM

McKinnon Hall (Grammar School)

48 East 84th Street



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

## Bible Study

### "Why Have You Forsaken Me?"

Lent with the Psalms

Wednesdays, through March 13th

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](mailto:brianbpinter@protonmail.com).

## The Annual Change for Change Drive

Donations this year will be forwarded to  
the Cheyenne River Reservation.

The collection period runs to the end of Lent.  
Loose change, bills, and checks (made out to  
"Church of St. Ignatius Loyola") are welcome.

Please bring donations to the Parish House.

## 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](mailto: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.

## Lectures at St. Ignatius

### John F. Kennedy, The Houston Speech, and Catholic Citizenship

Monday, March 11th at 7 PM  
Wallace Hall

#### PRESENTER

**Mark Massa, S.J.**

*Director of the Boisi Center for Religion and American Public Life, and Professor of Theology at Boston College*

John F. Kennedy's 'Houston Speech' before 300 Protestant clergymen in 1960 supposedly won him the presidency. Was that good news for the Catholic presidential candidates who came after him?

#### ABOUT THE PRESENTER



**Mark Massa, S.J.**, is director of the Boisi Center for Religion and American Public Life and Professor of Theology at Boston College. From 2010 to 2016, he served as the first dean of the School of Theology and Ministry at BC. He is the author of seven books; Oxford University Press will publish his eighth book this year, entitled *Catholic Fundamentalism in America*.

### Stations of the Cross: Saturdays in Lent Through Saturday, March 16th at 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 a chance to learn more about what it means to be Catholic.

#### RELIGIOUS ORDERS OF THE CHURCH

Monday, March 18th  
7 PM

Wallace Hall

*Fr. James Casciotti, S.J.*

#### CATHOLIC SOCIAL ENCYCLICALS

Monday, April 15th  
7 PM

Wallace Hall

*Fr. Dennis Yesalonia, S.J.*

### A Morning of Recollection: Responding to *Laudato Si'* as Missionary Disciples in Leadership

Saturday, March 2nd, from 8:30 AM to Noon  
Wallace Hall

#### PRESENTERS

**Nate Cortas, S.J. & Cristofer Fernández, OFM Conv.**

During this morning of recollection, our speakers will guide us in the type of reflection Pope Francis is asking us to exercise in his call for ecological conversion. Together, this Franciscan and Jesuit duo will offer some spiritual fertilizer for our discernment and implementation of the *Laudato Si'* action platform goals.

What does it mean to be missionary disciples in the Anthropocene (age of humans) and Eremocene (age of loneliness)? How does one cultivate the ecological dimension of our faith life? In what ways can we begin living out catholic ecology at home, at the parish, and in our communities? Where do we begin?

Continental breakfast will be served  
starting at 8:30 AM.

The program will commence shortly thereafter.



To register,  
visit [tinyurl.com/Winter2024LME](https://tinyurl.com/Winter2024LME)  
or scan the QR code at left  
*Registration is required.*

## Ignatian Interfaith Ministry

### Fifth Annual Iftar Dinner

Friday, March 15th at 6:20 PM  
Wallace Hall

*Join us for "Living Faith: Navigating the Intersection of Faith and Work as a Young Professional."*

#### PRESENTERS

- **Imam Gazi Aga** | Director, North East Islamic Community Center
- **Kerime Akoglu** | Litigator, Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C.

**Adam Llorens** | Producer, NFL Network

**MODERATOR: Simone Vinocour**  
Chair, Ignatian Interfaith Ministry

Our annual Iftar/breaking of the fast 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](mailto:ignatianinterfaithministry@gmail.com)  
by Monday, March 11th.

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## PARISH STAFF

### Pastor

Rev. Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J.

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Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.

### Senior Priest

Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J.

### Assisting Priest

Rev. James Martin, S.J.

### In Residence

Rev. James A. Casciotti, S.J.

### Pastoral Associates

Kate Noonan Brian Pinter Jean Santopatre

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### Facilities Coordinator

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Fernando Castro

### Weekday Masses (Monday – Friday)

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

**Saturday: 8:30 AM**

### Masses for the Weekend of March 3rd

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

## Religious Education for Children

Ms. Kate Noonan, Director

(212) 288-3588 x609

noonank@saintignatiusloyola.org

## 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

### Lower Campus

(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 26th

(Second Monday of Lent)

Daniel 9:4b-10 Psalm 79

Luke 6:36-38

8:30 MEM Donald Gordon

12:10 MEM Mary Anne Morrissey

5:30 MEM Helen & Sam  
Chierchio

### Tuesday, February 27th

(Second Tuesday of Lent)

Isaiah 1:10, 16-20 Psalm 50

Matthew 23:1-12

8:30 MEM Kelly Reilly  
Gillebaard

12:10 MEM Aidan O'Neil

5:30 LVG Sr. Ann Marino,  
RSHM

### Wednesday, February 28th

(Second Wednesday of Lent)

Jeremiah 18:18-20 Psalm 31

Matthew 20:17-28

8:30 MEM Nadir Jacetti Checchi

12:10 MEM Toni Brown

5:30 MEM William Powers

### Thursday, February 29th

(Second Thursday of Lent)

Jeremiah 17:5-10 Psalm 1

Luke 16:19-31

8:30 MEM Ded & Gjelina  
Lulgiuraj

12:10 MEM Paul Hallas

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

### Friday, March 1st

(Second Friday of Lent)

Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a

Psalm 105

Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

8:30 MEM Ciro Saracino

12:10 MEM Joseph & Elizabeth  
O'Donnell

5:30 MEM Mary Lamb

### Saturday, March 2nd

(Second Saturday of Lent)

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20 Psalm 103

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

8:30 ANN Anthony Declemente

### Sunday, March 3rd

(Third Sunday of Lent)

Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 1:22-25 John 2:13-25