



March 17, 2024 | Fifth Sunday of Lent

The Blessing of St. Patrick's Day

Happy St. Patrick's Day to you and yours! In my family, full of names such as Noonan, Shields, Byrne, Donahue, and Dunion, we take this day rather seriously. There is no question of whether we are getting together but rather a nudging amongst family members to be sure we can all attend the day's celebration.

My Irish roots have been planted in America for a long time. My grandmother's grandfather came over to America in the 1880s. However, on both sides, the rest of my Irish ancestors landed in America just after the American Revolutionary War. Despite my family's many generations in the USA, we are still proudly Irish. Interestingly, according to our DNA, my siblings and I are over 75% Irish, clocking in at 90% Celtic. We did not hop into the melting pot.

My Gran is why we still find joy and connection to our Irish heritage. She loved being Irish. She was born just as the days of No Irish Need Apply were ending in America. Her family was not keen on advertising their heritage, but my Granny, Peggy Shields, was Irish all the way.

She passed down the love of her Irish roots to our family. She instilled in us a fondness of wit and somehow the ability to laugh at things others might find a bit macabre.

We understood with little overt instruction that it is good to be Irish.



Each St. Patrick's Day, we gather as a family at Finn McCool's in Port Washington, NY. We often take over the entire back room with three generations of my family celebrating together. It is a wonderful day free of the pressure of gift-giving at Christmas or the task of the Thanksgiving meal. We eat loads of Irish soda bread, corned beef, and cabbage. The more traditional of us choose shepherd's pie or salmon. Of course, the day would not be complete without a nice, slow-poured Guinness.

We all don some version of green or shamrock-laden clothing. The hats and headband, well, they are just too much. This regalia may be why we are relegated to the back room. Our celebration is full of laughter, love, and tradition. I've been to the St. Patrick's Day parades in NYC, Chicago, and Dublin. I'd take our St. Patrick's Day party at Finn McCool over these parades any day.

I leave you with an Irish Blessing for St. Patrick's Day:

May the Irish Hills caress you.

May her lakes and rivers bless you.

May the luck of the Irish enfold you.

May the blessing of St. Patrick behold you.

— Kate Noonan
Director, Interparish Religious Education Program

This Week at a Glance

SUNDAY, MARCH 17th

Girl Scout Cookie Sale.
Following the 11 AM Masses.
Church & Wallace Hall.

MONDAY, MARCH 18th

Ranger Rosary.
1:30 PM. Parish House.

Back to Basics 2.0: Religious Orders of the Church.
7 PM. Wallace Hall. *Details below.*

TUESDAY, MARCH 19th

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
6 PM. Church.

Tuesday Night Book Group |
Discovering Our Home in the Trinity.
7 PM. Zoom.

To register and receive the Zoom link for this discussion series, please email "Trinity" to TuesdayNightBookGroup@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20th

Stations of the Cross and Discussion on Migrants.
7 PM. Wallace Hall.
Details on page 3.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21st

LGBT Catholics & Friends.
7 PM. Parish House.

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 at 7 PM in Wallace Hall
Fr. James Casciotti, S.J.

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

Stations of the Cross for the Parish Community

Wednesday, March 27th 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.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

I am delighted to report that the finish line of the parish's Vision Statement implementation process is in sight. On Wednesday evening of this past week, 21 parishioners began the work of identifying 3 practical ways to implement each section of the Vision Statement, namely, *We Welcome All*, *We Worship With Joy*, *We Walk Together With Those In Need*, and *We Reverence God In The Wonder Of Creation*. Altogether there will be 12 different opportunities in which each parishioner will be able to participate in the implementation of the parish's Vision Statement. In other words, by our actions we will manifest the truth of who we both profess and aspire to be, all for the greater glory of God.

The entire process, beginning with the drafting of the parish's Mission Statement and concluding with this final phase, has involved the participation of a significant number of parishioners. In a very real sense, for the past 5 years we have engaged in our version of a synodal process in which the voices of more than 1,000 parishioners were heard, reflected upon, and will now be put into identifiable actions. We have joined together in the work of taking responsibility of the Church, heeding the call of Pope Francis that we engage in the work of evangelization in today's world.

As we prepare to become more actively engaged in bringing to life who it is that we profess to be, let us pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit on those who are now considering the tasks we will soon commit to, individually and as a parish community.

God bless you!

Sincerely in the Lord,

Fr. Yesalonia

Palm Sunday & Holy Week Mass Schedule

Palm Sunday/March 24th Masses

5:30 PM Saturday Vigil, 8 AM, 9:30 AM, 11 AM (*Church/livestreamed*), 11 AM Wallace Hall Family Mass & 7:30 PM

Holy Week Masses

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28TH
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 PM (*Church/livestreamed*)

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH
Three Hours Devotion, from Noon to 3 PM (*Church*)
Celebration of the Lord's Passion Liturgy at 7 PM
(*Church/livestreamed*)

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH
Easter Vigil Mass at 7:30 PM (*Church/livestreamed*)

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST
8 AM, 10 AM (*Church*), 10 AM Wallace Hall Family Mass, and 12 PM Noon (*Church/livestreamed*)

Lectures at St. Ignatius

Fulfilling America's Promise: Delivering on FDR's Vision of Freedom From Want

Monday, April 8th at 7 PM
Wallace Hall

PRESENTER

Anne Williams-Isom

New York City Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services

This lecture will discuss the foundations, challenges, opportunities, and lessons for leaders as America works to deliver on FDR's "Freedom from Want."

Deputy Mayor Williams-Isom will delve into areas including poverty, equity issues, the ongoing asylum humanitarian crisis, and how we, as leaders of faith, can advance the well-being of New Yorkers and the people we serve.

ABOUT THE PRESENTER



Anne Williams-Isom is a nonprofit executive, attorney, and educator with more than 25 years of leadership and management experience in large, complex organizations. Ms. Williams-Isom currently serves as Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services and has been a proponent of children's rights and advocate for underserved Americans her entire professional life. She currently serves as the James R. Dumpson Chair in Child Welfare Studies at the Graduate School of Social Service at Fordham University.

Eucharistic Minister Training Session

Saturday, April 20th at 10 AM
Church

Have you recently attended a Mass where you were unable to receive from the cup because there were not sufficient ministers of the Eucharist?

This happens far too frequently.

Now is your chance to be part of the solution, and join us for a Eucharistic Minister training session. Attendance is without obligation!

If, after the training, you decide the ministry is not for you, then you are free to explore other ministries in the parish.

To RSVP, email hallinanm@saintignatiusloyola.org.

Low-Gluten Hosts

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

Second Annual Parish Art Show Thursday, June 20th to Saturday, June 22nd Wallace Hall

Are you ready to unleash your inner Picasso or Ansel Adams and dazzle the parish community with your artistic flair? Then, grab your pencils, your paintbrushes, or your finest lens, for it's your time to shine. Be they masterpieces or happy accidents, we invite you to submit your work to our second annual Parish Art Show.

Any non-digital media can be submitted: photographs, paintings, drawings, pastels, watercolors, etchings, linocuts, lithographs, collages, mixed media, sculpture. All artists aged 18 and over are invited to submit.

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.** *The last day to register is Thursday, May 9th.* Don't miss out!

Submissions are to be dropped off at the Parish House on Thursday, June 13th (6 PM to 8 PM), Friday, June 14th (2 PM to 4 PM), and Saturday, June 15th (9 AM to 11 AM).

You can offer the work for sale or 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, June 20th, at 6:30 PM. The art will remain on display until Saturday, June 22nd, at 2:30 PM.

For more information, email silartshow@gmail.com.

Stations of the Cross and Discussion on Migrants

Wednesday, March 20th at 7 PM in Wallace Hall

Please join Ignatian Social Justice as Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J., leads us in a migrant version of the Stations of the Cross.

We will then hear about the powerful encounters ISJ members Jim Skarzynski, Jane Rodas & Kelly Quinn, had on their recent trip to the Arizona-Mexico border, followed by Christine Meyer discussing our Migrant Accompaniment Program and other ways we can help.

Reconciliation Monday

Monday, March 25th in the Church

Confessions | 3 PM to 5 PM & 6:30 PM to 8 PM

Penance Service | 6 PM to 6:30 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 24th

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

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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 18th

(Fifth Monday of Lent)

Daniel 13:1–9, 15–17, 19–30, 33–62

Psalm 23 John 8:1–11

8:30 MEM William & Ann Reilly

12:10 MEM Pat Ahern Gillin

5:30 MEM Theresa Troilo

Tuesday, March 19th

(St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed
Virgin Mary)

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 Carla Fendi

12:10 MEM Maria Galeno Bianco

5:30 MEM Mario Daiuto, David
Deporis & Suhair Koura

Wednesday, March 20th

(Fifth Wednesday of Lent)

Daniel 3:14–20, 91–92, 95 Daniel 3
John 8:31–42

8:30 MEM John Powers

12:10 MEM George F. Stone, Jr.

5:30 MEM Bill Hassett

Thursday, March 21st

(Fifth Thursday of Lent)

Genesis 17:3–9 Psalm 105

John 8:51–59

8:30 LVG Michael Lally

12:10 MEM Helen Regan

5:30 MEM Nathan Davidson

Friday, March 22nd

(Fifth Friday of Lent)

Jeremiah 20:10–13 Psalm 18

John 10:31–42

8:30 MEM Maria Lividini

12:10 LVG Mary Ann De Carolis

5:30 MEM Donalda Cisternino

Saturday, March 23rd

(Fifth Saturday of Lent)

Ezekiel 37:21–28 Jeremiah 31

John 11:45–56

8:30 MEM Thomas J. McCarthy

Sunday, March 24th

(Palm Sunday of the Passion of the
Lord)

Isaiah 50:4–7

Psalm 22

Philippians 2:6–11 Mark 14:1–15:47