



March 31, 2024 | Easter Sunday

A Tuft of Snowdrops in a Storm

Jostling crowds, the cacophony of a thousand voices, tension in the air, the presence of fear as a constant companion, the detritus of conflict on city streets and in distant lands, civility smothered and forgotten, dreams extinguished, hope hidden, and anger spewing out from all quarters—there is a darkness that veils the possibility of bringing out the best in people, that threatens and overwhelms, and leads its victims to their baser instincts, all under the banner of survival and advantage at any cost. Is this a world of the past that periodically, like a Phoenix, rises from its ashes? The holy city of Jerusalem as Jesus Christ would have experienced it while being led to his death? Jerusalem today? Gaza today? Ukraine today? The world of today?

Like a storm growing in intensity as it is about to break through its vortex, events in our daily lives have the tenacity to try to weaken our conviction that what God created is good, all God's creation and not simply select portions of it. We imagine barbarians at the gate, or border, who are about to rout us into submission. And yet, for those who proclaim the greatest event in human history, the resurrection from the dead of Jesus Christ, a tiny ember flickers, like a sentinel of hope, in a world of darkness, a spark of divinity waiting to inflame the world and shatter the woeful shackles of history. For, as you see, the world that the disciples of Jesus Christ experienced is not unlike the worlds experienced throughout history. The lesson to be learned, and yet to be grasped, from their experience is that there is nothing to fear, that it is possible to stand firm against the allure of might, wealth, and power.

In his poem, *On Seeing a Tuft of Snowdrops in a Storm*, William Wordsworth wrote about the first signs of hope that spring forth in the waning assault of Winter.

*When haughty expectations prostrate lie,
And grandeur crouches like a guilty thing,
Oft shall the lowly weak, till nature bring
Mature release, in fair society
Survive, and Fortune's utmost anger try;
Like these frail snowdrops that together cling,
And nod their helmets smitten by the wing
Of many a furious whirlblast sweeping by.
Observe the faithful flowers! if small to great
May lead the thoughts, thus struggling used to stand
The Emathian phalanx, nobly obstinate;
And so the bright immortal Theban band,
Whom onset, fiercely urged at Jove's command,
Might overwhelm, but could not separate!*



Like a tuft of snowdrops, the first disciples of Jesus Christ stood together against a tempest backdrop of darkness, despair, and human suffering. Nothing could separate them from one another or from their belief in Jesus Christ. They became the heralds of his message of justice, peace, and the inherent goodness of all God's creation. Buffeted by the winds of condemnation, suspicion, and fear, they held firm and resolutely witnessed the triumph of good over evil, light over darkness, and hope over despair.

In many ways today the world is being assaulted by the wintry blasts of darkness. It anguishes to catch even a glimpse of a snowdrop. It is now our turn, as it has been throughout the ages, to follow the example of the first disciples and become sentinels of hope who reflect the radiant brilliance of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Darkness has been vanquished; death defeated. May we have the audacity to plant seeds of hope in everything that we do and say, so that our efforts may redound to the greater glory of God and the salvation of souls.

May your celebration of the season of Easter be filled with all God's blessings! Happy Easter!

— Rev. Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J.
Pastor

This Week at a Glance

MONDAY, APRIL 1st

The Parish House will be closed.

One Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 AM in the Church.

There will be no 12:10 PM or 5:30 PM Masses.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2nd

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.

Meeting Christ in Prayer: Holy Listening.

7 PM. Zoom. Details below.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4TH

War and Peace Discussion Group.

7 PM. Parish House.

Back to Basics 2.0:

What It Means to Be Catholic

Through next month, the priests of the parish will offer a chance to learn more about what it means to be Catholic.

| FINAL SESSION |

CATHOLIC SOCIAL ENCYCLICALS

Monday, April 15th at 7 PM in Wallace Hall

Fr. Dennis Yesalonia, S.J.

Meeting Christ in Prayer: Holy Listening

Tuesday, April 2nd to Tuesday, April 30th

7 PM on Zoom

If you treasured the faith-sharing experiences of Meeting Christ in Prayer and long for new opportunities for spiritual conversation, we invite you to continue the journey and join us for five sessions of Holy Listening.

This program is for those who are eager to learn from others' responses to scripture. We will share reflections on Easter readings and on each others' reflections.

For registration and information,
email MCIP@saintignatiusloyola.org.

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.

Study and Reflection Series

Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World

Starting Tuesday, April 23rd at 1 PM

Parish House

Continuing the reflection on our environment that we began in Lent, Jean Santopatre and Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J., will lead a discussion on this book by Katharine Hayhoe, Ph.D.

The group will meet on *April 23rd, May 7th, May 28th, June 4th, and June 25th* as we work our way through this thoughtful consideration of the current state of our environment and what we can do to mitigate the harm we have caused.

To register, email Jean Santopatre at santopatrej@saintignatiusloyola.org or you may call the Parish House.

You will need to purchase a copy of this book which is readily available. Please read Section 1 prior to our meeting on April 23rd.

Scripture Course

An Introduction to the Acts of the Apostles

Four Tuesdays, from April 16th to May 7th
7 PM in the Parish House & on Zoom

The Acts of the Apostles is among the most exciting, engaging, inspiring texts of the New Testament.

Our four-session course will explore the Sunday lectionary readings from Acts we encounter in the Easter season.

Brian B. Pinter, Pastoral Associate, will present.

To register, email brianbpinter@protonmail.com.

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Lost & Found

If you have lost an item while visiting the church, please stop by the Parish House to check if your misplaced article has been turned in.

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.

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 or leave your name and phone number at the Parish House for Fr. Hilbert, and someone will be scheduled to visit.

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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 April 7th

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

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
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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
(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, April 1st

(Easter Monday)
Acts 2:14, 22–33 Psalm 16
Matthew 28:8–15
8:30 MEM Ciro Saracino

Tuesday, April 2nd

(Easter Tuesday)
Acts 2:36–41 Psalm 33
John 20:11–18
8:30 MEM Elizabeth Murphy
12:10 MEM Kevin Kirby
5:30 MEM Lorraine Tantillo

Wednesday, April 3rd

(Easter Wednesday)
Acts 3:1–10 Psalm 105
Luke 24:13–35
8:30 MEM The Choix & Gordon
Families
12:10 MEM John A. Monaco
5:30 MEM Kathleen Filak

Thursday, April 4th

(Easter Thursday)
Acts 3:11–26 Psalm 8
Luke 24:35–48
8:30 MEM Bridget Burke
12:10 MEM Fred Brumm
5:30 MEM Jack Kehoe

Friday, April 5th

(Easter Friday)
Acts 4:1–12 Psalm 118 John 21:1–14
8:30 MEM Franca Fendi
12:10 MEM Maryanne T. Barry
5:30 MEM Living & Deceased
Members of the Wallace Family

Saturday, April 6th

(Easter Saturday)
Acts 4:13–21 Psalm 118
Mark 16:9–15
8:30 MEM Shirley Goodingham

Sunday, April 7th

(Second Sunday of Easter)
Acts 4:32–35 1 John 5:1–6
Psalm 118 John 20:19–31