



March 23, 2025 | Third Sunday of Lent

Shame

Is there any sense of shame in today's world? Have we become so insensitive to the dark forces at work around us or to our own misdeeds that we refuse to be burdened by shame? Have we become incapable of acknowledging our personal sins or those of society? Perhaps that is why so few of us avail ourselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation or speak out when we witness the willful malevolence of others. Without a sense of shame, we deceive ourselves into thinking that there is nothing to be forgiven by God, that we are in control of our own destiny. Redemption becomes a meaningless concept because of our foolish self-righteousness.

We need to be reminded of the lessons of history if we are truly to pray the words of the Psalmist, "*In You, O Lord, I put my trust; let me never be ashamed, deliver me in Your righteousness.*" Psalm 31:1.

On a far less scale, the shame of the Shoah and the pogroms of Russia from the last century has tragically reared its ugly head in equally fiendish ways in our generation. I think it is reasonable to ask whether we have become narcissists, sociopaths with no moral compass who refuse to respond to the needs of others and the voices that cry out for justice. Self-interest has driven us to forsake any recognition of shame both in our actions and inactions. Let us remind ourselves that such behavior will never be erased from history. In her poem *Shame*, Marion Strobel wrote,

*Weeds that hide the fallen dead,
Time that nullifies a name,
Will not bury shame....*

*It will be seen no matter where
You bury it. In typhooned air
It will hang isolate and round....*

*Through mountain-snow, through grass,
Through ground
It will be seen....*



The enduring legacy of shame, however, is not necessarily what defines someone. Rather, it is the lens through which we make our choices. Ignoring that lens only ensures a profligate life of immorality. Without a sense of shame, it is impossible to ask for forgiveness; and without forgiveness, there is no redemption. To seek God's forgiveness is to be anchored in an abiding trust in God's mercy and love. With forgiveness, the shackles of self-delusion, unmitigated egoism, and the seductive allure of omnipotence are broken. The path of righteousness and decency will then more clearly lie before us.

During the Season of Lent we are invited to examine our consciences, to look to what we have done or what we have failed to do that ruptured our relationship with God, with one another, and with our own consciences. Or, in other words, what shame do we experience as we review our past thoughts, words, and deeds? Equally important is a review of where we have ignored the pain and suffering being inflicted on the world by a maddening and malevolent torrent of reckless actions taken by feckless world leaders.

The promise of Easter gives us hope for the world. With contrite hearts, we look with confidence to the salvation offered to us through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Let our prayer be that of the psalmist, "*A contrite, humbled heart, O God, you will not spurn.*" Psalm 51:19b

— Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J.
Pastor

Parish Mission Statement

*The love of Christ impels us to welcome all,
to worship joyfully and pray fervently,
to walk together with those in need, and
to reverence God in the wonder of Creation.*

This Week at a Glance

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26th

Sustaining Hope Through Forgiveness.
7 PM. Parish House & Zoom. *Details at right.*

THURSDAY, MARCH 27th

WAR & PEACE COMMITTEE |
Viewing Part 1 of the Film *Romero*.
7 PM. Parish House.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29th

Stations of the Cross.
9 AM. Church.
Details on page 3.

St. Luke's Call Team

Sunday, March 30th
Following the 7:30 PM Mass
Parish House

Calling all healthcare professionals! If you are a physician, nurse, pharmacist, etc. in need of a spiritual community, please join us.

We will share healthcare experiences where God/faith was brought into the encounter and how it affected you.

Change for Change

Donations this year will be forwarded to the Society of Jesus in Southern Africa.

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.

Archdiocesan Day of Reconciliation

Monday, April 14th

CONFESSIONS
3 PM to 5 PM, 6 PM to 8 PM in the Church.



Sign-up for Our Weekly E-Newsletter!

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

Lectures at St. Ignatius

The Long Pilgrimage of Dorothy Day

Monday, March 31st

7 PM

Wallace Hall & Livestreamed

Robert Ellsberg will reflect on Day's long life "on pilgrimage," and the way her faith was tested by daily life and the challenges of history.

ABOUT THE PRESENTER



Robert Ellsberg is the long-time publisher and editor-in-chief of Orbis Books. In his youth he worked with Dorothy Day for the last years of her life, including two years as managing editor of "The Catholic Worker." He has gone on to edit six volumes of her writings, including her diaries, "The Duty of Delight," and letters "All the Way to Heaven," and his most recent: "Dorothy Day: Spiritual Writings." He was a founding member of the Dorothy Day Guild and was appointed by the archdiocese to serve on the Historical Commission charged with preparing her cause for canonization.

In addition, he is known for his many books about saints and holiness, including "All Saints: Daily Reflections on Saints, Prophets, and Witnesses for Our Time," "A Living Gospel," and "Blessed Among Us," drawn from the daily reflections he has written for "Give Us This Day" over the past fifteen years.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays, through April 15th

6 PM to 8 PM

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 6 PM. The Church will be open for private adoration until shortly before 8 PM, when the exposition concludes with Benediction. The Blessed Sacrament will then be reposed, and the church will close.

Sustaining Hope Through Forgiveness

Wednesdays, through April 9th

7 PM

Parish House & Zoom

The virtue of hope affirms that, despite the darkness, the powers of truth and light will prevail. Forgiveness is a life-orientation that breaks cycles of retribution and allows one to reorient in hope toward the present and future.

Our gatherings will explore biblical, theological, and spiritual perspectives on how forgiveness nurtures hope, and practical wisdom for living into these ideals.

Brian B. Pinter, Pastoral Associate, will present.

To RSVP, email pinterb@saintignatiusloyola.org.

Stations of the Cross: Saturdays in Lent
Through April 12th 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: There will be Stations of the Cross on Wednesday, April 16th, at 7:30 PM in the Church.

Lenten/Easter Food Drive
Through Sunday, April 13th

Benefiting the Church of the Ascension

Society of St. Vincent de Paul, the Interparish Religious Education Program, and Saint Ignatius Loyola Grammar School are collecting canned goods and non-perishable items to help our neighbors in need during this Lenten season. Your contribution matters!

Suggested Food Donations

Canned: beans, corn, green beans, yams, tomatoes, other canned vegetables & fruits, chili, stew, soup, tuna and other canned fish & meat, condensed milk

Boxed, Bags, Plastic Jars, Shelf-Stable Packages: rice, pasta, dried beans, cornbread mix, baking/pancake mix (e.g., Bisquick), shelf-stable milk, hot or cold cereal, instant soups, brown sugar, cake or brownie mix with frosting,

Other: seasonings, olive oil or avocado oil in plastic bottles or cans

NO glass jars or bottles.

Items may be dropped off daily at the Parish House.

Circle of Friends

**In the Age of Titanic:
Immigration Versus Travel Abroad
the Great Ocean Liners**

Tuesday, April 8th at 1 PM in Wallace Hall

William Roka, the Director of Programs at Village Preservation, will discuss the fascinating history of this ship. Titanic was built in an era when ships of her class were designed to accommodate mass immigration and the world's wealthiest travelers. From what inspired her construction to the profoundly tragic sinking of this most famous ocean liner, Titanic's life perfectly encapsulated the fascinating and complex transatlantic world of the early 20th century.

Advance registration is required.

To RSVP, email silcircleoffriends@gmail.com.

Back to Basics 3.0

Catholic Beliefs Concerning the Afterlife
Wednesday, April 9th
7 PM
Wallace Hall

PRESENTER
Fr. James Casciotti, S.J.

Join us for this presentation on Catholic beliefs concerning the afterlife as part of our annual series on what it means to be Catholic.

Concert

Westminster Cathedral Choir, London
Sunday, April 6th
4 PM
Church

Westminster Cathedral Choir is widely considered to be one of the finest choirs in the world. Since its foundation in 1901, it has occupied a unique and enviable position at the forefront of English church music, not least because of the ground-breaking work of its first Master of Music, Sir Richard Terry, who revived the great works of the English and continental Renaissance composers.

The choir's fame grew under Terry as it presented this forgotten music, transforming attitudes to the repertoire.

Innovation continued under George Malcolm who pioneered the development of the choir's sound along continental lines, resulting in a choir that was truly revolutionary in both what and how it sang. The choir continues these traditions today, and it remains the only Catholic Cathedral choir in the world to sing daily Mass and Vespers. More recent holders of the post have included Colin Mawby, Stephen Cleobury, David Hill, James O'Donnell, and Martin Baker. Since September 2021, the choir has been directed by Simon Johnson.

For tickets, visit ignatius.nyc/concerts.

SAVE THE DATE

Sock Hop
Saturday, May 17th
7 PM
Wallace Hall

It's time to have some fun and dance.

So, ladies, get the bobby socks and poodle skirts out of the mothballs. Gents, get those white socks washed and the penny loafers polished. In the meantime, practice your jitterbug routines.

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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 30th

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

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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 24th

(Third Monday of Lent)

2 Kings 5:1–15ab Psalm 42

Luke 4:24–30

8:30 MEM Charles Denihan

12:10 MEM Michael Rena

5:30 MEM Charles Rena

Tuesday, 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 LVG Marie Ayala

12:10 MEM Margaret Schroeder

5:30 MEM Theresa Troilo

Wednesday, March 26th

(Third Wednesday of Lent)

Deuteronomy 4:1, 5–9 Psalm 147

Matthew 5:17–19

8:30 MEM Carla Fendi

12:10 MEM Laurence Fell

5:30 MEM Bill Hassett

Thursday, March 27th

(Third Thursday of Lent)

Jeremiah 7:23–28 Psalm 95

Luke 11:14–23

8:30 MEM Patricia Romano

12:10 MEM Helen Regan

5:30 MEM Marie Louise Alby

Friday, March 28th

(Third Friday of Lent)

Hosea 14:2–10 Psalm 81

Mark 12:28–34

8:30 MEM Rosemarie Astegher

12:10 ANN Jay Moyer

5:30 MEM Nathan Davidson

Saturday, March 29th

(Third Saturday of Lent)

Hosea 6:1–6 Psalm 51 Luke 18:9–14

8:30 MEM Maureen Hallifey

Sunday, March 30th

(Fourth Sunday of Lent)

Joshua 5:9a, 10–12 Psalm 34

2 Corinthians 5:17–21

Luke 15:1–3, 11–32