



February 1, 2026 | Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rejoice and Be Glad!

Happy February! For the shortest month of the year, there sure is a lot happening—just check out this bulletin! For example, in 17 days, on February 18th, we will begin again our solemn fast, the Lenten journey from ashes to glory. In 19 days, the greatest phrase in our country—“*Play Ball!*”—will be uttered as Spring Training begins and, at last, all is right in the world with Major League Baseball returning to action! (So, if you’re looking for me then, you now know where to find me...)

Back here in wintry New York, in just 5 days, on February 6th, the Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks will be installed as the eleventh Archbishop of our Archdiocese. In these days leading up to the Mass of Installation, we pray in gratitude for the years of ministry and care from Cardinal Dolan. And we pray for Archbishop Hicks, that the Lord will give him the grace of the heart of a pastor, the very heart of the Good Shepherd.



Back to our February countdown: In just one day, tomorrow, Monday, February 2nd, the Church marks 40 days since the great feast of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ as we celebrate the feast of the *Presentation of the Lord*. In keeping with Jewish law, Mary and Joseph go to the Temple in Jerusalem to present their son to God in thanksgiving and joy. It is there that they encounter the prophets Simeon and Anna, who both had been eagerly awaiting the coming of the Messiah. The Lord Jesus is presented in the Temple as the light of the nations, and so we bless candles to remind ourselves that Jesus is the true light, and that we all are called to carry the light of Christ into the world.

For the last three decades the Church has also marked the 2nd of February as *World Day for Consecrated Life*, as we celebrate the light that comes from the vocations of women and men religious. Consecrated life is nothing new to our parish, as we Jesuits have been here since 1866! The parish school, too, was blessed to have the Sisters of Charity for a good number of years, and a Sister of Mercy for the last several years. In fact, last week we celebrated *Catholic Schools Week*, where we gave thanks for the gift of consecrated life in our parish school. I’m sure that many of you were also the recipients of the care, teaching, and support of religious women and men in your own upbringing.

At our core, we religious are called to be signs of hope and light, called to be joyful messengers of the Gospel. As Pope Francis said in a 2013 speech to religious-in-formation:

“Wherever there are consecrated people, seminarians, men and women religious, young people, there is joy, there is always joy! It is the joy of freshness, the joy of following Jesus; the joy that the Holy Spirit gives us, not the joy of the world. There is joy!”

This joy of following Jesus, the joy of the Gospel, shows itself in tender moments of deep encounter, when we truly see each other as God sees us. For indeed, as Pope Francis says, “*joy, true joy is contagious; it is infectious... it impels one forward.*” I hope, in some small way, we Jesuits have been joyful messengers of the Gospel in our encounters with you, impelling you forward to be the joyful presence of Jesus in the world.

Please pray for us—and for all religious women and men—that we may be filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit, the joy of following Jesus! And pray for vocations: that young people will be open to the call to serve the Church joyfully as consecrated women and men.

— Rev. Jonathan P. Pennacchia, S.J.
Pastoral Year Priest

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd
Book Launch | *Work in Progress*
by Fr. James Martin, S.J.
7 PM. Wallace Hall.
Details on page 3.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd
War and Peace Committee.
7 PM. Parish House.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4th
Meeting Christ in Prayer.
7 PM. Zoom.
Details on page 3.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting.
7 PM. Parish House.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7th
Mardi Gras Pizza & Bingo Night.
6 PM. Wallace Hall.
Details below.

George Washington and Abraham Lincoln: Character, Image, Leadership, and Personality

Tuesday, February 10th at 1 PM
Wallace Hall

Circle of Friends welcomes back Helen Lee, our November 2025 lecturer, for its February program celebrating Presidents' Day. The program will explore the two presidents honored in February—George Washington and Abraham Lincoln—examining their character, leadership, personality, and public image as expressed through art, writings, and photography.

George Washington's image was carefully shaped not only by artists and historians, but by Washington himself. Nearly one hundred years later, Abraham Lincoln faced the challenge of creating a convincing public image in a very different era—one in which photography played a crucial role. With the help of the camera, Lincoln succeeded in shaping how he would be seen and remembered.

Join us for coffee, cookies, and conversation as we explore the powerful ways images and ideas helped shape the presidencies of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

Registration is required at silcircleoffriends@gmail.com. There is no fee for this program, but a free-will donation is appreciated.

Family Ministry

Mardi Gras Pizza & Bingo Night
Saturday, February 7th
6 PM to 8:30 PM in Wallace Hall

Family Ministry is hosting a fundraiser for the Red Cloud School reservation education. Grab your friends and a table for a fun night of pizza and games.

WAYS TO PARTICIPATE:

Get a Table: \$200 (8–10 people), includes bingo cards, pizza, salad, raffle tickets, and desserts
Or, bring a \$25 check per person.

Please note: Additional bingo cards are available for purchase at the event.

This is a BYOB (Wine and Beer only).
Water, coffee, and tea will be provided.

We need volunteers who can help with preparation/food serving, or activities. If you would like to donate prizes, send us an email. Please let us know if you can help.

To RSVP, email
parentcommittee.familyministry@gmail.com.

Ignatian Interfaith Ministry

An Evening of Interfaith Worship and Fellowship at Temple Emanu-El
Friday, February 6th at 6 PM
Temple Emanu-El, 1 East 65th Street

Join the Ignatian Interfaith Ministry as Temple Emanu-El welcomes us to their Friday Evening Worship Service. We are honored that our own pastor, Fr. Dennis Yesalonia, S.J., has been asked to speak from the bimah during the service. There will be an interfaith banquet following services, in honor of the guests from our parish.

This is truly a wonderful way to partner and establish lasting friendships with the congregation of Temple Emanu-El.

Please register by no later than Wednesday, February 4th, at ignatianinterfaithministry@gmail.com.

To receive our weekly email newsletter,
scan the QR code or visit ignatius.nyc.



Book Launch

***Work in Progress* by Fr. James Martin, S.J.**
Monday, February 2nd at 7 PM
Wallace Hall

Join us for the launch of Fr. James Martin's newest book, *Work in Progress*.



Work in Progress is a coming-of-age memoir set in the 1960s and 1970s, tracing Father Martin's early years as he stumbles—often unprepared—into a series of jobs he never imagined himself doing.

From restaurant kitchens to golf courses to factory floors, he learns on the fly, usually uncomfortable and out of place, but always in need of a paycheck.

Told with humor and humility, this “spiritual memoir told slant” offers a fresh perspective on faith, work, and growing up. Illustrated with photographs from his youth, each chapter recounts small failures and quiet lessons, revealing how even the most disliked jobs can teach us about adulthood, human nature, and life itself.

Lectures at St. Ignatius

Walking Together: An Eyewitness Account of Pope Francis's Legacy of Synodality and the Renewal and Reform of the Church

Monday, February 9th at 7 PM
Wallace Hall

PRESENTER

REV. A.E. OROBATOR, S.J., DEAN, JESUIT SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY OF SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY



Pope Francis believed that “it is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium.” As a participant in the Synod on Synodality (2021-2024), Fr. Orobator will offer an eyewitness account of the gifts and opportunities, promises and prospects of synodality for the renewal and reform of the Church in its local and global manifestations.

Meeting Christ in Prayer

Wednesdays, February 4th to March 25th
7 PM on Zoom

Meeting Christ in Prayer is an interactive 8-week guided prayer experience for small groups. Based on the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius Loyola, it introduces participants to various ways of praying and provides an opportunity to support one another through faith sharing. Join us as we approach Lent and Easter.



To register, email MCIP@nycignatius.org or scan the QR code at left. You will receive further information about the retreat as well as a request for a good faith offering to cover the necessary materials.

Lent and Sacrifice

Through the Coptic Lens

Thursday, February 26th in Wallace Hall
6:30 PM (doors open)

7 PM to 8 PM (discussion and Q&A)
8 PM to 8:30 PM (fellowship and light refreshments)

Join us as we explore the observance of Lent from a Coptic perspective and learn of the extraordinary example of the 21 men martyred for their faith in 2105. We will be screening “The 21”, which tells their story powerful short film shaped by Neo-Coptic iconography, a moving tribute to bravery, sacrifice, and faith.

To register,
[email ignatianinterfaithministry@gmail.com](mailto:ignatianinterfaithministry@gmail.com).

Guided Church Tour

Sunday, February 22nd at 12:30 PM
Church (Meeting Point: Narthex)

The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola is a vibrant parish community whose foundation rests on the faith life and commitment of all who worship here.

We invite you to explore and learn more about our beautiful church through our monthly tours.

To register, visit ignatius.nyc/guidedtours/.

IGNITE Tech Support for Seniors Program

Sunday, February 15th
12:30 PM to 1:30 PM
Parish House

This program brings high school students together with senior parishioners for one-on-one technology support. Seniors are invited to bring phones, tablets, or laptops for help with everyday tech questions.

For more information or questions, visit ignite.nyc.

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Rev. James Martin, S.J.

Pastoral Year Priest

Rev. Jonathan P. Pennacchia, S.J.

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Rev. James A. Casciotti, 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 Next Weekend

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

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

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Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sundays at the 9:30 AM Mass.

Confessions

4:30 PM Saturday, 6:30 PM Sunday,
or by appointment.

Baptisms

Please contact Maureen Haley at
baptisms@nycignatius.org
to arrange for a Baptism and
the preparation given prior to Baptism.

Order 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@nycignatius.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@nycignatius.org.

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, February 2nd

(The Presentation of the Lord)

Malachi 3:1–4 Psalm 24

Hebrews 2:14–18 Luke 2:22–40

8:30 MEM Michael Kelly

12:10 MEM Ciro Saracino

5:30 MEM Thomas G. Cea

Tuesday, February 3rd

(4th Tuesday in Ordinary Time)

2 Samuel 18:9–10, 14b, 24–25a,

30–19:3 Psalm 86 Mark 5:21–43

8:30 MEM Frank Ceglia

12:10 MEM Mary Terillo

5:30 MEM Elinor Seifried

Wednesday, February 4th

(4th Wednesday in Ordinary Time)

2 Samuel 24:2, 9–17 Psalm 32

Mark 6:1–6

8:30 MEM Pamela Gliewe
Petruzzelli

12:10 MEM Kelly Reilly-Gillebaard

5:30 MEM James A. Madden

Thursday, February 5th

(St. Agatha)

1 Kings 2:1–4, 10–12

1 Chronicles 29 Mark 6:7–13

8:30 MEM Ann Barres

12:10 MEM Mark Ladyko

5:30 ANN David Oing

Friday, February 6th

(St. Paul Miki & comps.)

Sirach 47:2–11 Psalm 18

Mark 6:14–29

8:30 MEM Age Hoti

12:10 MEM Jeanne Stratford

5:30 MEM Nora Terriberry

Saturday, February 7th

(4th Saturday in Ordinary Time)

1 Kings 3:4–13 Psalm 119

Mark 6:30–34

8:30 LVG Gary Fazio

Sunday, February 8th

(5th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Isaiah 58:7–10 Psalm 112

1 Corinthians 2:1–5

Matthew 5:13–16