Lenten Practice and Easter Preparation

The Gospel we read every year on Ash Wednesday focuses our attention on the three basic Lenten practices: self-denial, prayer, and good works. During Lent, the Church asks us to intensify these practices because centuries of experience have taught us that renewed commitment to these is the best possible preparation for the celebration of Easter. To understand why these practices are appropriate preparation for Easter, we need to give some consideration to what Easter celebrates.

Of course, Easter is the celebration of Christ’s resurrection, and when we celebrate Christ’s resurrection, we celebrate God’s explosion into our lives with a power of love and a power for life that nothing could have led us to expect. We already know the end of the Gospel story, so we sometimes forget just how utterly unexpected and utterly life-transforming the resurrection was for the disciples. If we were able to share with them their experience of what we call Holy Week, we would have to say that nothing about what comes before Easter points in any direction but the direction of unrelieved disaster. The way the disciples respond to the news of the resurrection confirms this. They were so entrenched in their conviction that the crucifixion was unmitigated failure that not a single one of them finds it easy to believe in the resurrection.

So that is where we begin. Self-denial, prayer, and good works somehow prepare us to allow God’s power of love and power for life explode into our lives in a way that nothing could have led us to expect. How do they do that? Let me use the Gospel image of a field. Self-denial clears the field so that God’s power has fewer obstacles to encounter when it enters in. There are many things in our lives that could be avenues for God’s power except that we let ourselves be bound by them in ways that turn them into blocks to God. Self-denial reduces those blocks by diminishing our dependence on what is not God. In the process, we create a space for God.

When Jesus uses the image of a field in the parables, he frequently notes that once a field has been cleared and seeded, the owner has very little control over what happens next. “Growth comes,” Jesus says, “he knows not how.” Prayer asks us to make a “growth come” for we “know not how” the shift in our perception of where the significant power in our lives resides. We tend to think of our Lenten practices as something we do. That is not entirely wrong, but it is not entirely right either. Prayer is the clearest example. Prayer is not so much something we do as an invitation we offer. The more time we devote to prayer, the more we realize that the time is all we give. The various practices and approaches that we use to center ourselves in prayer don’t bring God to us. They bring us to the point where we want God to come to us and where we know it is entirely and completely up to God to come to us as God wants. If self-denial clears a space for God’s power to act, prayer starkly reminds us that God’s is the only power whose action should concern us.

Once we know that our role is to let God’s power act on us and then through us, we know how to direct the energies God liberates in us. To continue with the image of the field, we know exactly what kind of crop God’s power working through us wants to produce. If the power comes from God, it comes to enhance life and increase love. So self-denial unblocks the stays on God’s power, prayer makes us aware that the power is God’s power, and good works are God’s power doing God’s work through our instrumentality.

Looked at from that point of view, our Lenten practices are more than just a preparation to celebrate the explosion of God’s power of love and power for life into our lives. Self-denial, prayer, and good works are themselves the explosion of that power. They are Easter already happening. The real challenge is to let what our Lenten practices teach us about Easter continue to guide us and motivate us in the Easter season after Lent is over.

Thomas H. Feely, S.J.
Associate Pastor
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, MARCH 16th
SVdP Lenten Food Drive continues through April 16th. Details on page 5.

N.P. Mander Organ Recital Series presents Organ Plus! featuring Nancianne Parrella. 3:00 PM. Church. Details on page 4.

Ignatian Young Adult Lenten Reflection Group. 6:00 PM. Parish Lounge.

NEW!

NIGHT PRAYER
Tuesday, March 18th at 7:00 PM in the Church
This is a wonderful opportunity to spend 30 minutes in prayer one night a week during the Lenten Season.
Night Prayer is a contemplative service using the Church's Liturgy of the Hours.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19th
Daily Masses at 8:30 AM, 12:10 PM, and 5:30 PM: Quiet Wednesdays.
The Daily Mass on the Wednesdays of Lent will offer a few moments to reflect quietly upon the readings of the day (in lieu of a homily).

7:00 PM. Wallace Hall. Details on page 5.

An Exploration of The Gospel of John
Presented by Brian Pinter
Six Sessions Beginning April 15th
Tuesdays at 7:00 PM in the Meeting Room
The Gospel of John presents a portrait of Jesus distinctive from the other three gospels in style and content. Join us as we explore the many elements singular to John's story, among them Jesus' mystical discourses, Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well, and the significance of John's account of the Last Supper. As we study together we are sure to grow in appreciation of the theological masterpiece that is John's Gospel.

Brian Pinter is Chaplain and Teacher of Theology at Regis High School. He is also the Education Associate and Bible scholar-in-residence at Christ Church United Methodist.
Mr. Pinter holds degrees in theology and religion from St. Joseph's and Fordham Universities.

Space is limited. Early registration is recommended.
Email bergenw@saintignatiusloyola.org or call the Parish House at 212-288-3588.

Lent

What is different at Mass during Lent?
During the season of Lent the hymn Gloria in Excelsis Deo is omitted in all Masses. This hymn is very ancient, going back at least to the third century, and perhaps even earlier. Its opening words are taken from the hymn of the angels who appeared to the shepherds at the birth of Jesus. Its musical settings are always joyous, in keeping with the hymn’s origins.

The Church considers it inappropriate during the penitential season of Lent to be singing such a hymn. It is sung on the solemnities of St. Joseph and the Annunciation, and on Holy Thursday. Its absence reminds us of the serious nature of this season, and its return at Easter will be an experience of great joy.

Stations of the Cross for Families
Sunday, March 30th
12:30 PM
Dear Children:
Stations are places where people wait while they are traveling from one place to another. A school-bus stop is like a station. People wait at subway stations or bus stations. Church stations are also places where people take time to think about Jesus as he went to die on a cross. They are Stations of the Cross and show us how much Jesus loved us. Praying the Stations of the Cross is a Lenten tradition.

This year we invite families to join us in the Church on Sunday, March 30th at 12:30 PM where we will walk the Stations of the Cross together. At each Station we will stop and listen to a short reading and say a prayer.

Please join us and begin making the Stations of the Cross an annual Lenten observance for you and your family.

Monday, April 14th
DIOCESAN DAY OF RECONCILIATION
The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available beginning at 3:00 PM.
To be followed by the PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE 7:00 PM
Many priests will be available for Confession.
Wednesday, April 16th at 7:30 PM
STATIONS OF THE CROSS for the Parish Community

PLEASE OPEN FOR PAGES 3 AND 4
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Last Sunday of every month
6:00 PM – 7:15 PM in Hoefner Lounge

**Next meeting:** Sunday, March 30th

A discussion group for women in their 20s & 30s to discuss the delicate balance between work and faith.

Email faithiya@gmail.com for more information.

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For more information, contact Rob Manning, head of the Hospitality Ministry: robbiefmanning@gmail.com

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**SEEKERS’ RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS**

April 4th – 6th
Friday Evening – Sunday Afternoon
Linwood Spiritual Center, Rhinebeck, NY

For young adults in their 20s and 30s

Join other young adults as they learn how their Catholic faith impacts their lives, through Ignatian spirituality. Take time to reflect on your journey and God’s hopes and dreams for you.

Cost: $275/person; financial assistance available.

For more information, visit jesuit-collaborative.org/charistnyc, email CharisRetreatNYC@gmail.com, or call 347-619-2692.

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**TUESDAY, MARCH 25TH**

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

All couples and singles (50+) are invited to an exclusive new exhibit preview/lecture at the Second Avenue Subway Information Center (between 84th & 85th Streets on Second Avenue).

The lecture will be followed by a cocktail party at Dorrian’s Red Hand Bar (84th Street & Second Avenue) from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM.

$25 cash payment at the bar.

RSVP required for the free subway event.

Call 646-241-1332 for details.

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**IGNATIAN YOUNG ADULTS**

Sunday Socials Winter Schedule

The Sunday Socials are held in Wallace Hall at 8:30 PM, following the 7:30 PM Mass. They are hosted by the Ignatian Young Adults. All young adults (ages 21-39) are welcome. To receive updates on IYA events and other opportunities, you can follow us on Facebook at “Ignatian Young Adults (NYC).”

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**THE FAITH THAT DOES JUSTICE LECTURE SERIES**

**IDENTITY & INCLUSIVENESS: A TUG OF WAR IN TODAY’S CHURCH**

Monday, March 24th at 7:00 PM
Wallace Hall

Presented by

Peter Steinfels, Founding co-director of the Center on Religion and Culture, Fordham University

Among the divisions afflicting the Church today is the one between Catholics primarily concerned about strengthening Catholic identity and those primarily concerned about embracing those who have been marginalized.

Sponsored by Ignatian Social Justice

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**Ignatian 40s Speaker Series:**

**Ignatian Spirituality**

Ignatian 40s invites all parishioners to its second Annual Speaker Series led by the pastoral staff of St. Ignatius and external speakers.

*Catholic Faith in Everyday Life*

Sunday, March 23rd – Ignatian Spirituality & Sport

Presenter: Mr. Dennis Baker, S.J., Jesuit Scholastic of the New York Province

*Health Care Ethics: Finding God Beyond the Bedrails*

Sunday, April 6th

Presenter: Fr. Dan O’Hare, S.J., Ethicist, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center

*Discerning God’s Will and Presence in Everyday Life*

Sunday, May 4th

Presenter: Fr. Joseph Marina, Pastor, Church of St. Francis Xavier

All sessions will be held in Wallace Hall from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM.

Email ignatian40s@gmail.com to register.

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**It’s Girl Scout Cookie Time!**

Cookies will be on sale Sunday, March 23rd in Wallace Hall after the 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM Masses. Please support our Grammar School Girl Scout troops! Proceeds from the sale will be donated to the Community Pantry at the Church of St. Gregory the Great.
SUNDAY, MARCH 23RD
3rd Sunday of Lent
11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS
with Training Choirs I and II
Monteverdi Missa in illo tempore: Kyrie, Sanctus, Agnus Dei
Monteverdi Christe, adoramus te
Berg, arr. Somebody's Knockin'
11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS
Gillen In Living Water
7:30 PM MASS
Spiritual There is a Balm in Gilead

The N.P. Mander Organ Recital Series
presents
ORGAN PLUS!
Organist Nancianne Parella
Associate Organist,
Church of St. Ignatius Loyola
with Jorge Ávila, violin
Victoria Drake, harp
Arthur Fiacco, cello
TODAY at 3:00 PM

Selections include:
J.S. BACH Suite No. 2 in D minor: Sarabande
LAURIN Fantasia for Organ and Harp, Op. 5
MOZART Adagio, KV 261
RHEINBERGER Organ Sonata No. 8, Op. 132,
Introduction and Passacaglia
All Tickets for Organ Recitals: $20

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PASSION
Mozart Requiem, Bach, Schütz
Wednesday, April 9th at 7:00 PM
Five days before Palm Sunday, we present
the extraordinary narrative of Jesus' Passion as set by
Heinrich Schütz, Bach's beloved motet Jesu, meine Freude,
and Mozart's timeless Requiem.

Mozart Requiem, K. 626
Tami Petty, soprano
Sara Murphy,
mezzo soprano
John Tiranno, tenor
Morris Robinson, bass

Schütz Die Sieben Worte Jesu
Christi am Kreuz, SWV 478
Elliott Carlton Hines, Jesus
Elisa Singer,
Soprano Evangelist

Mozart

Tickets: $65 preferred / $50 general / $40 reduced
Tickets are available online at smssconcerts.org

We pray for the faithful departed
Matthew Clemmer McGee
Dalia Martell
Margaret Voorhies
May they rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, March 17th (2nd Monday of Lent)
8:30 MEM Arthur Donovan
12:10 MEM Emily O'Brien
5:30 MEM Helen Marie Schmitz

Tuesday, March 18th (2nd Tuesday of Lent)
Isaiah 1:10, 16–20 Psalm 50 Matthew 23:1–12
8:30 MEM Kelly Gillebaard
12:10 MEM Franciszek Filipkowski
5:30 MEM Mark William

Wednesday, March 19th (St. Joseph)
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 Giro & Elina Zullo
12:10 MEM Jean O'Donovan
5:30 MEM Ava Elizabeth Cosenza

Thursday, March 20th (2nd Thursday of Lent)
8:30 MEM Living & Deceased Members of the Quigley & Conlon Families
12:10 MEM Virginia Pfodrresher
5:30 MEM Sara Jo Kramer

Friday, March 21st (2nd Friday of Lent)
Genesis 37:3–4, 12–13a, 17b–28a Psalm 105
Matthew 21:33–43, 45–46
8:30 MEM Sue Tuck
12:10 MEM Maureen V. Hanley
5:30 MEM Nathan Davidson

Saturday, March 22nd (2nd Saturday of Lent)
8:30 MEM Helen Regan

Sunday, March 23rd (3rd Sunday of Lent)
Exodus 17:3–7 Psalm 95
Romans 5:1–2, 5–8 John 4:5–42

Ignatian Spirituality for New Parents
For couples with a first child under 2 years old
Saturday, April 12th from 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Parish Lounge

Gratitude – Led by Fr. Jim Croghan, S.J., CLA Chaplain and Director of Ignatian Identity Programs at Regis

Tickets are available online at smssconcerts.org

For more information, email lauren.s.decker@gmail.com
LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

It is estimated that 1.5 million New Yorkers rely on soup kitchens and food pantries. Food insecurity is an on-going struggle for many families and individuals.

Throughout Lent, SVdP will be accepting donations of food for the Community Pantry at the Church of St. Gregory the Great.

Donations can be brought to the Parish House.

Thank you for remembering those in need this Lenten Season.

LENTEN READING LIST - WEEK 2

Recommendations by the St. Ignatius Loyola Staff


For more information on these book recommendations, visit our website at stignatiusloyola.org

THE ANNUAL CHANGE FOR CHANGE DRIVE

Donations this year will be forwarded to St. Ignatius School Nativity Mission in the Bronx. Inspired by Jesuit educational values, SIS teaches promising children from low-income, underserved families, regardless of religious denomination.

Collection period runs to the end of April.

Loose change, bills, and checks (made out to “Church of St. Ignatius Loyola”) are welcome!

Please bring donations to the Parish House in care of Joanne Cunneen.

A complete list of Lenten activities, including Holy Week Mass times, can be found in the Lenten brochure. Copies are available in the Narthex, at the Parish House, and online at stignatiusloyola.org

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20th

Please note the change in Mass times on Easter Sunday:

7:30 AM - Organ/Cantor
9:00 AM - Organ/Cantor
10:30 AM - Organ/Cantor/Choirs/Brass
10:30 AM (Wallace Hall Family Mass) - Piano/Choirs
12 Noon (Solemn) - Organ/Cantor/Choirs/Brass
(There will be no 7:30 PM Mass on Easter Sunday.)

The Business of Justice: New Horizons of Social Transformation. Tuesday, April 1st. Fordham University, Rose Hill Campus, Tognino Hall. Join leaders in business and community development to explore emerging models for advancing justice and human dignity around the world today. Speakers: Rosanne Haggerty, founder of Community Solutions, Will Haughey, co-founder of the Honduras-based toy company Tegu, and David Elcott, Taub Professor of Practice in Public Service and Leadership at New York University. The event is free. To RSVP, email CRCevent@fordham.edu or call (212) 636-7347.

Walking Retreat-Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela. Tuesday, May 6th to Saturday, May 17th. Walk the last 100 kilometers of the French Way to Santiago de Compostela, where the remains of St. James the Apostle are believed to be buried. Experience the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola with daily reflections. Spiritual Guide: Rev. Phillip Ganir, S.J., Associate Pastor of St. Ignatius Loyola Parish in Sacramento, California. Cost: $3,350. Full payment due by Thursday, March 20th. Price includes roudtrip flight, daily breakfast and dinner, and all accommodations (double occupancy; single room is an extra $370). Space is limited. Please call 212-807-0484 or email angieguzaphd@gmail.com

Weekday Masses
Monday-Friday
8:30 AM, 12:10 PM and 5:30 PM
Saturday: 8:30 AM

Masses for Next Weekend:
Saturday: 5:30 PM Fr. Feely
Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Feely
9:30 AM Fr. Feely
Wallace Hall 11:00 AM Fr. Ugo
Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Bergen
7:30 PM Fr. Bergen

Religious Education for Children
Joanne Cunneen, M.A., M.S., Director
(212) 861-4764

St. Ignatius Loyola Grammar School
Ms. Mary Larkin, Principal
M.S. Ed. (Admin.), M.S. Ed. (Literacy)
48 East 84th Street
New York, NY 10028
(212) 861-3820 Fax: (212) 879-8248

Children’s Liturgy of the Word:
Sundays at the 9:30 AM Mass and the 11:00 AM Mass in Wallace Hall.

Centering Prayer:
Mondays at 6:30 PM

Confessions:
5:00 PM Saturday or by appointment.
Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service
Monday, April 14th at 7:00 PM

Baptisms: Please call Joanne Cunneen at the Parish House 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 call Joanne Cunneen at the Parish House 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.

Music Information: (212) 288-2520 Email: music@stignatiusloyola.org