I Am A Sinner

In the now-famous interview with Pope Francis in August 2013, Fr. Antonio Spadaro, S.J., the editor-in-chief of La Civiltà Cattolica, the Italian Jesuit journal, began by asking the Pope: "Who is Jorge Mario Bergoglio?" Fr. Spadaro writes: "The Pope stares at me in silence. I ask him if this is a question that I am allowed to ask.... He nods that it is, and he tells me: 'I do not know what might be the most fitting description.... I am a sinner. This is the most accurate definition. It is not a figure of speech, a literary genre. I am a sinner.'"

Fr. Spadaro writes that the Pope continued to reflect, as if he were forced to further introspection. "Yes, perhaps I can say that I am a bit astute, that I can adapt to circumstances, but it is also true that I am a bit naïve. Yes, but the best summary, the one that comes more from the inside and I feel most true is this: I am a sinner whom the Lord has looked upon." And he repeats: "I am one who is looked upon by the Lord. I always felt my motto, Miserando atque Eligendo [By Having Mercy and By Choosing Him], was very true for me."

For me, the Pope’s answer identifies him as a son of St. Ignatius. At the beginning of our formation in the Society of Jesus, every novice enters into a 30-day prayer experience based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. In those initial days, the young Jesuit is asked to pray for a deep awareness of his sins and for the gift of a growing and intense sorrow for them. This grace is so important to St. Ignatius that the individual is asked not to proceed to prayer over the life and ministry of Jesus (which is the usual next step) until there is some sign that this grace has been given. As a Jesuit for over fifty years, I can confidently say that no progress in the Christian life can be made until one is aware beyond doubt that he/she is a sinner in great need of God.

We have a sacrament for that. It used to be called “Confession” or “Penance.” The more proper designation today is “Reconciliation,” which suggests the restoring of friendship. The word “reconciliation” highlights what is most important about the sacrament and what God does in the sacrament. Three years ago this Lent, dioceses throughout the country began the practice of designating one day in Lent as “A Day of Reconciliation.” Parish priests are asked to make the sacrament available throughout the day. Here at St. Ignatius, with the help of Jesuits from our community, we will be offering the sacrament to individuals on Monday, April 14th from 3:00 PM to 6:45 PM to be followed by a communal celebration of Reconciliation.

The communal celebration of Reconciliation is one of the many good things to have come about in the Church as a result of the reforms set in motion by the Second Vatican Council. The format resembles the first part of any Mass. There is a hymn, a prayer, a scripture reading, and a brief homily. Then several priests take up positions in pews at the side aisles of the church. This provides the necessary privacy for the individual confessions that take place there. I think communal celebrations show more clearly that reconciliation is a sacrament, a corporate act of worship. All the other six sacraments are regularly celebrated out in the open in a communal setting.

Sinfulness is never a private and individual matter. My sins are always disruptive of my relationships in the larger community. Whenever I sin, the whole body of the Church is weakened. We probably don’t think enough about this. When I experience the sacrament in the company of other repentant sinners, I may have a deeper experience of Church and of the reality that we are saved as members of a community, not as isolated individuals.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation calls us back to God, and embraces us with his infinite mercy and joy. Every Catholic has the right to hear God’s forgiveness announced personally: “The Lord has freed you from your sins. Go in peace.” If it has been some time since you last heard these healing words, I invite you to come to the Archdiocesan Day of Reconciliation.

Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J.
Associate Pastor
SUNDAY, APRIL 6th
SVdP Lenten Food Drive continues through April 16th. Details on page 5.

Finding God Beyond the Bedrails: Ethical Issues at End of Life. 5:30 PM. Wallace Hall. Part of the Ignatian 40s Speaker Series. Open to all parishioners. Details on page 3.

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

Sunday Social. 8:30 PM. Wallace Hall. Hosted by the Ignatian Young Adults. Follows the 7:30 PM Mass. Details on page 3.

MONDAY, APRIL 7th
Ranger Rosary Ministry. 7:00 PM. Meeting Room. Join us in making rosaries to send to our military. New members are welcome!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9th
Daily Masses at 8:30 AM, 12:10 PM, and 5:30 PM: Quiet Wednesdays. The Daily Mass on the Wednesdays of Lent offer a few moments to reflect quietly on the readings of the day.

Sacred Music in a Sacred Space presents Passion: Mozart Requiem, Bach, Schütz. 7:00 PM. Church. Details on page 5.

NEW!
THURSDAY, APRIL 10th
NIGHT PRAYER
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.

FRIDAY – SUNDAY
APRIL 11th – APRIL 13th
Shelter Weekend. Wallace Hall.
To volunteer, leave a message for Teresa Abruzzo at the Parish House.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12th
Gratitude. Part of Ignatian Spirituality for New Parents.
10:00 AM. Parish Lounge. Sponsored by Contemplative Leaders in Action. Details on page 3.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE
Monday, April 14th:
ARCHDIOCESAN DAY OF RECONCILIATION
The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 3:00 PM to 6:45 PM.

To be followed by the
PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE AT 7:00 PM
Many priests will be available for Confession.

Good Friday, April 18th:
3:00 PM – Immediately following the
Three Hours Devotion. Church.

Holy Saturday, April 19th:
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM in the Parish House Parlors.

LITURGIES OF THE TRIDUUM
HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 17th
Mass of the Lord’s Supper
7:00 PM (doors open at 6:30 PM)
Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J., Presider

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18th
Celebration of the Lord’s Passion Liturgy at 7:00 PM (doors open at 6:30 PM)
Rev. Ugo Nacciarone, S.J., Presider

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 19th
Easter Vigil
8:15 PM (doors open at 7:45 PM)
Rev. George M. Witt, S.J., Presider

For reasons of safety, once the Vigil begins, latecomers will not be admitted into the Church until the end of the “Exultet.” Please be on time.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20th
Please note the change in Mass Times:
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
Noon (Solemn) – Organ/Cantor/Choirs/Brass
(There will be no 7:30 PM Mass on Easter Sunday.)
The Parish House will close at 4:00 PM on Easter Sunday.
Congratulations to our Grammar School and Interparish Religious Education Students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, April 3rd.

Please pray for the newly confirmed.

**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.

**TODAY**

**Finding God Beyond the Bedrails: Ethical Issues at End of Life**
Presenter: Fr. Daniel O’Hare, S.J., Lecturer on Medical Ethics, New York Medical College

The presentation will focus on the issues generated by the confluence of medicine and morals in health care. The discussion will present an overview of bioethical concerns particularly in the context of end of life.

**Sunday, April 27th – Ignatian Spirituality and Politics**
Presenter: Fr. Matt Malone, Editor-in-Chief of America Magazine

All sessions will be in held in Wallace Hall from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM. Email ignatian40s@gmail.com to register.

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**Boomers & Beyond**
Please join us for a conversation with award-winning broadcast journalist and best-selling author, Jane Pauley as she discusses her new book

**Your Life Calling: Reimagining the Rest of Your Life**
Wednesday, April 23rd at 7:00 PM
Wallace Hall
Doors open at 6:30 PM

Through her own personal stories of reinvention and the stories of others, Ms. Pauley offers insights and advice to those seeking what's next. This is an inspirational guide especially for Boomers — “the lucky generation.”

**Tickets:** $20 in advance or $25 at the door
Please send checks to: Boomers & Beyond, c/o St. Ignatius Loyola, 980 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10028
Questions: boomersandbeyond.st.ignatius@gmail.com (preferred) or 212-288-3588

**is an inter-parish social and community service organization for Catholics who are over 50.**

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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).”

**Sunday Socials:**
April 6  May 4

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**Praying with Yoga**
with Jesuit Scholastic Bobby Karle, S.J.
For Young Adults in Their 20s & 30s

Learn how the practice of yoga can deepen your spiritual life and enrich your Christian faith. Participants should wear comfortable clothing appropriate for yoga. If you have a yoga mat, bring it to the sessions.

**Sundays**
April 13  May 11
6:00 PM – 7:15 PM in the Parish Lounge

$10 donation requested. Proceeds benefit a charitable cause.
To register, email bobbykarle@gmail.com

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**The Annual Change for Change Drive**
Donations will be forwarded to St. Ignatius School Nativity Mission in the Bronx, which educates students from low-income, underserved families. Collection period runs to the end of April. Loose change, bills, and checks (made out to “Church of St. Ignatius Loyola”) are welcome! Bring donations to the Parish House in care of Joanne Cunneen.
The Easter Vigil

The Easter Vigil liturgy is the most beautiful liturgy in the Roman Catholic Church. Celebrated on Holy Saturday after sunset, the Vigil Mass is regarded as the most important Mass of the liturgical year.

Adults who have never been baptized are baptized at this liturgy. Baptized Christians of other denominations are received into the Church through the sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. Baptized Roman Catholics who have never had religious instruction are confirmed and receive their First Eucharist.

Because it is so rich with detail, the Vigil Mass usually lasts about three hours. We invite you to attend the Vigil service on Saturday, April 19th! Doors will open at 7:45 PM; the service begins at 8:15 PM. Because the Vigil begins in complete darkness, no latecomers will be admitted into the Church until the end of the “Exultet.”

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, April 7th (5th Monday of Lent)
8:30 MEM Mae Rooney
12:10 MEM Miguel Angel San Miguel
5:30 MEM Norma Foerderer

Tuesday, April 8th (5th Tuesday of Lent)
Numbers 21:4–9
Psalm 102
John 8:21–30
8:30 MEM The Kelly Family
12:10 MEM Peter DePrima
5:30 MEM Lawrence E. Playford

Wednesday, April 9th (5th Wednesday of Lent)
Daniel 3:14–20, 91–92, 95
Daniel 3
John 8:31–42
8:30 ANN Patricia O’Brien
12:10 MEM Joseph Phelan
5:30 MEM Deceased Members of the Scanlon & McLoughlin Families

Thursday, April 10th (5th Thursday of Lent)
Genesis 17:3–9
Psalm 105
John 8:51–59
8:30 ANN Patricia O’Brien
12:10 MEM Joseph Phelan
5:30 MEM Deceased Members of the Scanlon & McLoughlin Families

Friday, April 11th (5th Friday of Lent)
Jeremiah 20:10–13
Psalm 18
John 10:31–42
8:30 MEM Cecil Spadafora
12:10 MEM The Meehan Family
5:30 MEM Joseph J. Risi

Saturday, April 12th (5th Saturday of Lent)
Ezekiel 37:21–28
Jeremiah 31
John 11:45–56
8:30 MEM Anne “Nancy” Cannon

Sunday, April 13th (Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion)
Isaiah 50:4–7
Psalm 22
Philippians 2:6–11
Matthew 26:14–27:66

Interested in becoming Catholic?
Call 212-288-3588 or email church@stignatiusloyola.org

An Exploration of The Gospel of John
Presented by Mr. 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 distinct from the other three gospels in style and content. Join us as we explore the many elements singular to John’s story. 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.

MUSIC
SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH
Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion

11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS
Blow My God, my God, look upon me
Handel In nomine Jesu

11:00 AM FAMILY MASS
with Middle School Choir and Training Choir II
Mayo Hosanna to the Lord

7:30 PM MASS
with Exeter College Choir of London, England
Parry At the round earth’s imagined corners
Bruckner Christus factus est
Duruflé Tantum Ergo

MARCH SACRAMENTS

Weddings
Justin Alan Leventhal & Julia Khanbalinova
Chet N. Rogers & Stacia Mae Burton
Andrew Thomas Schembri & Julie Elizabeth Rogym
Christos Xidias & Emilie C. Castro

Baptisms
Dominic Robert Alzapiedi Blaise Andrew
Mae Virginia Babski Labriola
Jordan Dolan Blair Piper Stewart Larkin
Nina Maria Breidenbach Paul James Lee Turner
Aidan Lennart Cederqvist Charles Ernesto
Emilia Cortese Nazar de Jaucourt
Grace Rose Deignan D’Auria Ann Pike
Cordelia Colette Moon Liam Cillian Power
Hanneman Reagan Penelope Turadek

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Passion Sunday, April 13th:
Saturday Vigil at 5:30 PM, Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM (Solemn & Wallace Hall Family Masses), 7:30 PM
Holy Thursday, April 17th:
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM
Good Friday, April 18th:
Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 7:00 PM
Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 19th at 8:15 PM
Easter Sunday, April 20th:
7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM (Church & Wallace Hall Family Masses), Solemn Mass at 12:00 Noon
For more information, contact Rob Manning, head of the Hospitality Ministry, at robbiefmanning@gmail.com

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Passion Sunday, April 13th:
Saturday Vigil at 5:30 PM, Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM (Solemn & Wallace Hall Family Masses), 7:30 PM
Holy Thursday, April 17th:
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM
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Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 19th at 8:15 PM
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7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM (Church & Wallace Hall Family Masses), Solemn Mass at 12:00 Noon
For more information, contact Rob Manning, head of the Hospitality Ministry, at robbiefmanning@gmail.com

PASSION
Mozart Requiem, Bach, Schütz
Wednesday, April 9th at 7:00 PM
Four 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
Kevin Deas, bass-baritone

Schütz
Die Sieben Worte Jesu
Elliott Carlton Hines, Jesus
Elisa Singer, Soprano Evangelist
Heather Petrie, Alto Evangelist
Steven Caldicott Wilson, Tenor Evangelist
Peter Stewart, Bass Evangelist

Requiem, K. 626
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Sara Murphy, mezzo soprano
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Kevin Deas, bass-baritone

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Elisa Singer, Soprano Evangelist
Heather Petrie, Alto Evangelist
Steven Caldicott Wilson, Tenor Evangelist
Peter Stewart, Bass Evangelist

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
You are most cordially invited to attend an EASTER MEMORIAL LITURGY to remember deceased parishioners and deceased family members of parishioners
Tuesday, April 29th at 7:00 PM
Refreshments following in Wallace Hall
RSVP by Friday, April 25th to Sr. Kathryn King at 212-288-3588 or kingk@saintignatiusloyola.org

You are invited to submit the names of deceased loved ones to Sr. Kathryn King no later than Tuesday, April 22nd.

ARCHDIOCESAN DAY OF RECONCILIATION
Monday, April 14th
The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 3:00 PM to 6:45 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

The Stations of the Cross began as the practice of pious pilgrims to Jerusalem who would retrace the final journey of Jesus Christ to Calvary. Later, for the many who wanted to pass along the same route but could not make the trip to Jerusalem, a practice developed that eventually took the form of the fourteen stations currently found in almost every church. It is one of the most important devotions honoring the Passion of Jesus.

Please join us on Wednesday evening, April 16th, as we celebrate the Stations of the Cross as a parish community. It will enable us to enter into a deeper understanding and experience of the Passion of Jesus and celebrate Easter with new joy and freedom.

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.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
LENTEN FOOD DRIVE
Week 5
(April 6th – 12th):
Week 6
(April 13th – 16th):
canned vegetables, beans
rice, tomato sauce, bread

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 www.stignatiusloyola.org
The Francis Effect. Part of the MORE Hot Topics Series. Monday, April 7th. 7:00 PM. Presented by Timothy Cardinal Dolan. Church of St. Thomas More, Rochester Room, 65 East 89th Street (between Park & Madison Avenues). What effect is Pope Francis having on the faithful in the United States? Visit with the speaker and enjoy light refreshments following the presentation. Free will offering.

Usury: A Moral Problem for Jews, Christians & Muslims. The Annual Spring McGinley Lecture. Rev. Patrick J. Ryan, S.J., Laurence McGinley Professor of Religion and Society. Respondents: Rabbi Daniel Polish, Ph.D., Congregation Shir Chadash, Poughkeepsie and Professor Hussein Rashad, Ph.D., Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY. Tuesday, April 8th at 6:00 PM. Fordham University Lincoln Center Campus, 113 West 60th Street. Wednesday, April 9th at 6:00 PM. Flom Auditorium, Rose Hill Campus. Free and open to the public. For more information, call 718-817-4745 or email mcgchair@fordham.edu

32nd Annual Pax Christi Metro New York Way of the Cross. Friday, April 18th. 8:30 AM. Join in the largest public Christian peace witness in New York City. This modern-day enactment of the Stations of the Cross will take place on Good Friday. The walk begins at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza (47th Street at First Avenue) and proceeds along 42nd Street to between 8th and 9th Avenues. Please wear or bring a cross. For further information, contact Pax Christi Metro at 212-420-0250 or visit nypaxchristi.org

Beyond Words: A Weekend in NYC with Sacred Dance Pioneer Carla De Sola. Co-sponsored by Omega Dance Company and The Sacred Dance Guild. Friday, May 2nd to Sunday, May 4th. Weekend will include a sacred dance workshop and a rehearsal and performance of a piece choreographed by Carla De Sola. Suggested donation: $25 for the workshop/$10 for the rehearsal. For more information or to RSVP, visit omegadancecompany.org/workshops/beyondwords or call Betsy O’Neill at 212-535-4235.

**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. Witt
Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Feely
9:30 AM Fr. Witt
Wallace Hall 11:00 AM Fr. Martin
Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Ugo
7:30 PM Fr. Ugo

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Joanne Cunneen
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Rev. Anthony P. SooHoo, S.J.

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**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