God’s forgiveness is not like the forgiveness we show to one another. When we forgive another there is always the possibility that a further hurt from the same person will dredge up the past, and the second show of forgiveness will be all the more difficult to make. Think Peter in Matthew’s Gospel: “Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?” When God forgives, however, God wipes clean the record of those sins. It is as if they had never happened. Once forgiven, they are forgotten. I think of two verses from the prophets Jeremiah and Isaiah: “I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sins to mind” (Jeremiah 31:34); and “You have thrust all my sins behind your back” (Isaiah 38:17). I remember a retreat director once saying that God has amnesia with respect to our past sins. Jeremiah and Isaiah would agree, I’m sure.

It distresses me when some people in the Sacrament of Reconciliation insist on unearthing the past, wanting to confess again a sin that has already been absolved. This usually says two important things about them. First, they do not really believe that God “has forgiven their iniquity and never calls their sins to mind.” And second, it means they continue to waste energy worrying about the past, unable to concentrate on the real business at hand of living the Gospel now — here, this day.

It is critical that we believe God loves each of us, just as we are, with all our sinfulness and imperfections. This is not a love that has to be earned, nor is it a love that can ever be lost because of our sins. In a classic passage in his letter to the Romans, St. Paul writes that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. The New Testament revelation confirms that this love is reinforced whenever we show our weakness. And yet so often we don’t believe in such a love. We prefer to believe God’s love has to be earned and that it is lost by bad behavior. In that case, God’s love is overcome by anger — an anger that we think we have to appease.

When we begin to grasp that God’s love is personal for each one of us, that it is faithful and unending, it becomes possible to accept that forgiveness is essential to that love. Does not human love long for reconciliation and union? All the more so does God yearn to forgive us. In a recent Lenten scripture, we heard, “Come now, let us talk this over, says the Lord. Though your sins be like scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool” (Isaiah 1:18).

This is the invitation God makes to us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is the reaction of the father in the parable of the Prodigal Son. It is also the reaction of Christ to sinners on so many occasions in the Gospels. Sin is never the barrier we may think it is to our relationship with God. We make sin a barrier by believing it distances God from us.

On Monday, March 21st, we will observe the Lenten Archdiocesan Day of Reconciliation. Confessions will be held in the church from 3:00 PM to 6:45 PM. At 7:00 PM, there will be a communal Reconciliation service with opportunity for individual confessions. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered here every Saturday afternoon at 4:30 PM. The communal celebration of Reconciliation is offered twice a year, during Advent and Lent.

As the worldwide Church currently celebrates a Jubilee Year of Mercy, there is no better way to experience God’s mercy than through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

— Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J.
Associate Pastor
**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Special Collection This Weekend:**
Catholic Relief Services

This weekend, our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. This Collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch over 100 million lives around the world. Donations help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and advocacy for the voiceless.

**SVdP Lenten Food Drive and the Sock & T-Shirt Drive continue through Wednesday, March 16th. Details on page 5.**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 6th**
Sunday Social. 8:30 PM. Wallace Hall. Hosted by the Ignatian Young Adults. Follows the 7:30 PM Mass. Details on page 3.

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

**TUESDAY, MARCH 8th**
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday Evenings
After the 5:30 PM Mass until 8:00 PM.*
In the Church.
For exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private adoration.
*Please note the change in time.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9th**
Job Transition Support Group. 10:00 AM. Parish Lounge. Bringing together experienced professionals looking to secure employment. Details on page 3.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting. 7:00 PM. Conference Room. All are welcome.

**FRIDAY – SUNDAY**
**MARCH 11th – MARCH 13th**
Shelter Weekend. Wallace Hall. Details on page 3.

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**PASSION SUNDAY, March 20th**
Regular Weekend Mass Schedule:
Saturday: 5:30 PM (Vigil)
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM
11:00 AM (Solemn)
11:00 AM (Wallace Hall Family Mass)
7:30 PM

**CONFESION SCHEDULE**

**Monday, March 21st**
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, March 25th**
3:00 PM – Immediately following the Three Hours Devotion. Church.

**Holy Saturday, March 26th**
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM in the Parish House Parlors.

**LITURGIES OF THE TRIDUUM**

**HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 24th**
Mass of the Lord’s Supper
7:00 PM (doors open at 6:30 PM)
Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J., Presider

**GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25th**
Celebration of the Lord’s Passion
Liturgy at 7:00 PM (doors open at 6:30 PM)
Rev. Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J., Presider

**HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 26th**
Easter Vigil
8:00 PM (doors open at 7:30 PM)
Rev. Thomas H. Feely, 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, MARCH 27th**
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/Instruments/Omega Dance Company
Noon (Solemn) – Organ/Cantor/Choirs/Brass
(There is no 7:30 PM Mass on Easter Sunday.)

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BOOMERS & BEYOND

NEW TIME!
The Boomers & Beyond Lenten program, CELEBRATING THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS AND TASKS OF THOSE 55+, will now begin on Mondays at 10:30 AM and conclude at 12:00 PM Noon.

IGNATIAN YOUNG ADULTS

Sunday Social 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.

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WHAT NEXT?
RETRIEVAL
FOR YOUNG ADULTS
April 15th – 17th
Friday Evening – Sunday Afternoon
Mariandale Retreat Center, Ossining, NY

Join other young adults in exploring the transitions of life through the lens of the Paschal Mystery. Learn how Ignatian spirituality and the Jesuit way can help you make better decisions and deepen your relationship with God.

Cost: $260/person; financial assistance available.

For more information, visit charis.nyc or email CharisRetreatNYC@gmail.com

Contemplative Leaders in Action (CLA) present
An Evening with Kerry Weber
Mercy Associate and Managing Editor of America magazine
Thursday, March 10th at 6:30 PM
Church of St. Francis Xavier, Hurtado Hall
46 West 16th Street

Tickets: $125
($75 for current CLA cohort members and those who completed the program within the past two years)

For more information and/or to purchase tickets, visit http://www.jesuit-collaborative.org/node/942

CLA is a program of the Jesuit Collaborative

Job Transition Support Group
Wednesday, March 9th
10:00 AM in the Parish Lounge
Bringing together a group of experienced professionals looking to secure employment, we hope to help one another in the job search process.

For more information, contact
John Holewa at jfholewa@gmail.com or Christian Nolan at ctnolan59@gmail.com

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

FRIDAY – SUNDAY
MARCH 11th – MARCH 13th
SVdP Women’s Shelter
Wallace Hall

There is a particular need for stay-over volunteers, especially on Sunday nights.
Both men and women are invited to volunteer.

If you would like to volunteer in the Shelter, please leave a message for Louise Decatrel at the Parish House or email svdp.shelter980@gmail.com

IGNITE! TEEN MINISTRY

Saturday, March 19th
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM, Hoefner Lounge

Teens 13–19 years old are welcome!

As a parish-based youth ministry rooted in Ignatian spirituality and Catholic tradition, IGNITE! offers a forum through which high school students and their families may find a deeper relationship with God and each other.

Registration for each session is encouraged but not required.

For more information and/or to register, contact Teresa Carín at carinot@saintignatiusloyola.org

THE ANNUAL CHANGE FOR CHANGE DRIVE

Donations this year will be forwarded to the Jesuit Refugee Service: Mercy in Motion Campaign.

The 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 Carly-Anne Gannon.
Pope Francis’ March Prayer Intentions
Apostleship of Prayer receives monthly prayer intentions from Pope Francis and urges Christians throughout the world to unite in prayer for those intentions. The reflections below seek to illuminate the Holy Father’s concerns.

Universal: Families in Difficulty
That families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments.

Evangelization: Persecuted Christians
That those Christians who, on account of their faith, are discriminated against or are being persecuted, may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the incessant prayer of the Church.

Stations of the Cross for Families
Sunday, March 13th at 12:00 PM

Dear Children and Parents:

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 13th at 12:00 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.

Stations of the Cross
8:30 MEM Francisco Dancel
12:10 MEM Michael David Hazel
5:30 MEM Eileen Burke

Thursday, March 10th (Fourth Thursday of Lent)
Exodus 32:7–14 Psalm 106 John 5:31–47
8:30 MEM James Buscarino
12:10 MEM Mrs. John McCusker
5:30 MEM Margaret McNamee

Friday, March 11th (Fourth Friday of Lent)
Wisdom 2:1a, 12–22 Psalm 34 John 7:1–2, 10, 25–30
8:30 MEM Howard Patterson
12:10 MEM Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Frissora
5:30 MEM Mary Neary Galatola

Saturday, March 12th (Fourth Saturday of Lent)
Jeremiah 11:18–20 Psalm 7 John 7:40–53
8:30 MEM Jane Scanlon Frisinger

Sunday, March 13th (Fifth Sunday of Lent)
Isaiah 43:16–21 Psalm 126
Philippians 3:8–14 John 8:1–11

Stations of the Cross
8:30 MEM Charles Peter Fienning
12:10 MEM Lucas Patrick Mancera
5:30 MEM Niki Leon Mancera

You’ve notified your friends, you’ve notified your credit cards, you’ve notified your magazines. Please don’t forget to notify your church.

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
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 is accepting donations of food for the Community Pantry at the Church of St. Gregory the Great.

The items requested each week are listed below:

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Please bring donations to the Parish House.

NEW!

SOCK & T-SHIRT DRIVE

Through Wednesday, March 16th

Benefiting the homeless community of The Church of the Holy Apostles

Please bring donations to the Parish House.

Requested

- New tube socks (Standard adult size)
- New t-shirts (white or black) – Adult sizes M, L, XL

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Passion Sunday, March 20th
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, March 24th
Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 7:00 PM

Good Friday, March 25th
Celebration of the Lord’s Passion at 7:00 PM

Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 26th at 8:00 PM

Easter Sunday, March 27th
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
Volunteers Needed: Brooklyn Jesuit Prep, a Jesuit middle school for low-income children in Crown Heights, is in need of volunteers to support its programs. There is a particular need for volunteers who are willing to tutor students during daily study halls and on Saturdays, help with grant writing, organize extracurricular programs in cooking, the arts, music, sports, double-dutch, and more. If you are interested in volunteering, email info@brooklynjesuit.org or call 718-638-5884 and speak with the Principal, Brian Chap, or the President, Patricia Gauvey.

WAY OF THE CROSS OVER THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE

On Good Friday, March 25th, Communion and Liberation will sponsor the Way of the Cross over the Brooklyn Bridge. Participants will congregate for the first station at St. James Cathedral-Basilica, Brooklyn, at 10:00 AM. After a station on the Brooklyn Bridge, the procession will follow the cross to a third station at City Hall Park in Manhattan and a fourth station near Ground Zero. The final station will be at St. Peter's Church on Barclay Street, concluding at 1:30 PM. At each station, there will be readings from the Passion, a meditation, a reflection, and hymns. All are invited.

For more information, call Communion and Liberation at (212) 337-3580 or visit www.wocbrooklynbridge.org

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

We pray for the faithful departed
Hugo Herbert Beit
Imre Molnar
May they rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

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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. Confessions will be heard at St. Ignatius Loyola Church during the Archdiocesan Day of Reconciliation on Monday, March 21st, beginning at 3:00 PM. This will be followed by our Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service at 7:00 PM.

Baptisms: Please call Teresa Cariño at the Parish House (212-288-3588 x632) 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 Teresa Cariño at the Parish House (212-288-3588 x632) 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.

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. Sawyer
Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Feely
9:30 AM Fr. Feely
Wallace Hall 11:00 AM Fr. Yesalonia
Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Bergen
7:30 PM Fr. Bergen