In the past decade, we have become very acquainted to fictional accounts of our society in ashes. Whether it’s young adult literature (The Hunger Games, Maze Runner), zombie apocalypse (World War Z, 28 Days Later), or the world after cataclysmic conflict (Mad Max, Total Recall). Books and films have stretched us in every direction to conjure up the ashes of our world.

On the other hand, are we aware of and attentive to our own personal grief—the ashes formed from our own setbacks or the loss of a loved one? Kierkegaard writes in The Sickness unto Death that we naturally pursue in freedom most of the opportunities that present themselves, but we eventually are confronted with our limitations, incapacities, and sometimes even disappointments, merely arising from circumstances. The human self is a construct of seeming infinitude and unavoidable finitude. Only certain careers will be available to us, or types of living arrangements, or even modes of physical activity and recreation. The cognizance of all these freedoms and opportunities is what sets human beings over animals, but it also gives us a unique unrest and inner strife among all species. To be cured of this sickness is a Christian’s blessedness. “The believer has the ever infallible antidote to despair—possibility—because for God everything is possible at every moment. This is the good health of faith that resolves contradictions.”

In A Grief Observed, C.S. Lewis maintains that grief can be like an emptiness that gives life a permanently provisional feeling. The door to expectations and joy are shut and bolted. Lewis uses the analogy of an amputated limb—there may always be recurrent pains. Pleasures and activities once enjoyed will be abandoned, and even duties. The grieving need Christ and divine consolations, and no partial substitute.

Lewis offers us a profound insight: that what needs to be in ashes is our old, worn images of the Holy. I meet with many people in spiritual conversation, and discover that for many, prayer is simply speaking to the skies, to a God with no personhood. Others do envision God as a personal interlocutor, but as the angry parent, mere therapist, or speechless Santa Claus. Lewis writes, “My idea of God is not a divine idea. It has to be shattered time after time. He shatters it Himself. He is the great iconoclast. Could we not almost say that this shattering is one of the marks of His presence? The Incarnation is the supreme example; it leaves all previous ideas of the Messiah in ruins.” The Repentance that we undertake in this season is not for the sake of self-discipline or punishment, but to recognize the Holy in an entirely new way.

So how do we arrive at a fresh and divinely-inspired image of the Holy? As a contemplative and individual practice, perhaps we might take a single healing or teaching from the Gospels as a focal point to develop a new image of God. Each week of Lent, as you pray with the passage, take the perspective of a different person in the scene, a portrayal by a different painter, or a different Bible translation.

It bears repeating: Most Galileans had their lives permanently transformed by a single encounter with Jesus. It was this one powerful moment that saved them, and directed all their decision-making for the rest of their lives. What one teaching of Jesus might be drawing you into a new form of conversion, or which one miracle might be helping you heal an old wound?

—Rev. Brett B. McLaughlin, S.J.
Assistant Pastor
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12th
Moms, Pops & Tots.
10:30 AM. Meeting Room.
Details on page 4.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14th
ASH WEDNESDAY
Masses
- 8:30 AM
- 12:10 PM
- 5:30 PM (organ/cantor)
- 7:30 PM (organ/cantor)
Ashes will be distributed at all Masses
4:00 PM in Wallace Hall
Ash Wednesday Service for children and families, led by Carly-Anne Gannon, Director of Religious Education.
(Adults must remain with their children at this service. Ashes will be distributed.)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15th
Learn About the Jewish Feast of Purim.
7:00 PM. Wallace Hall.
Details below.

More Than a Book Club February Selection
Book Discussion.
2:00 PM. Meeting Room.
Details on page 4.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17th
IGNITE! Teen Ministry.
6:30 PM. Parish Lounge.
Details on page 3.

PARISH INTERFAITH MINISTRY
LEARN ABOUT THE JEWISH FEAST OF
PURIM
with Rabbi Neil Zuckerman
Associate Rabbi of Park Avenue Synagogue
Thursday, February 15th
7:00 PM in Wallace Hall

Available at the Parish House
The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola: A Walking Tour | Cost: $8

LENTEN REGULATIONS
During the Season of Lent, the Church urges the faithful to reflect a spirit of penance in their daily lives through Fast and Abstinence.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fast and Abstinence.
Fridays in Lent are days of Abstinence.

Fasting requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two other smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength, but these two meals together should not equal a full meal in quantity.
Fasting obliges all those who have reached the age of 18 and continues to oblige through age 59. Those not specifically obliged to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able.

Abstinence prohibits individuals from eating meat on a particular day. Abstinence obliges all those who have reached the age of 14 and continues to oblige throughout their lives. Those not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are encouraged to join in this discipline of abstaining to the extent that they are able.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday Evenings,
February 20th–March 27th
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM in the Church
The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 6:00 PM. The church will be open for private adoration until shortly before 8:00 PM when the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed and the church will close.

FLU SEASON & MASS ETIQUETTE
Due to the severity of this year’s flu season a notice was sent from Cardinal Dolan’s office to all parishes of the archdiocese to remind us that at the exchange of peace it is permissible to simply nod your head or use a wave of your hand rather than shaking hands.

Also, through the end of the flu season, we ask that you use good judgment in deciding whether to drink the Precious Blood from the chalice at Communion.
If you have flu symptoms, please refrain from receiving from the chalice.
Finally, let us keep in our prayers all those who are now suffering from the flu.
**IGNITE! TEEN MINISTRY**

*Saturday, February 17th*
*6:30 PM*
*Parish Lounge*

*Ignite* is forming a community of high school students guided by Ignatian spirituality through Saturday sessions, small groups, retreats, and more.

Parents can register their teens by scanning the QR code at left or by visiting [https://form.jotform.com/71575444498166](https://form.jotform.com/71575444498166)

**PARISH MEN’S FAITH GROUP**

*Tuesday, February 20th*
*7:00 PM*
*Parish House*

With Fr. Michael Holleran, priest of the Archdiocese of New York, Zen Sensei, and former Carthusian monk

Men famously do not ask for directions. Yet, there is a map of the male spiritual arc; of the stages, opportunities and challenges across a man’s lifetime. Come, learn, and discuss.

For more information, contact Brian Pinter at brianbpinter@gmail.com

**RANGER ROSARY MINISTRY**

*Monday, February 26th*
*7:00 PM in the Conference Room*

The Ranger Rosary ministry meets twice a month to make rosaries for Catholics who are serving in the armed services.

**EMMAUS BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

A six-session support group for those who have experienced the death of a loved one will begin on *Tuesday evening, February 13th*, at the Parish House, from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM.

The sessions, both educational and supportive, are run by experienced facilitators.

To register, email EmmausBereavementGroup@gmail.com

**IGNATIAN YOUNG ADULTS**

*Sunday Social 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.

**Sunday Social Dates**
March 4       March 18

To receive updates on IYA events, you can follow us on Facebook at [facebook.com/IgnatianYoungAdults](https://facebook.com/IgnatianYoungAdults)

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

Shawls, made for centuries, are universal and embracing. Members of our Prayer Shawl ministry knit or crochet shawls that are blessed and given to those in need of comfort or solace.

For more information or to join this ministry, contact Diane Boyle at boyled@saintignatiusloyola.org

**THE ANNUAL CHANGE FOR CHANGE DRIVE**

Donations this year will be forwarded to the Community of Sant’Egidio.

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 in care of Carly-Anne Gannon.

Moving? Please don’t forget to notify us! This information helps us to keep our database current.

**Special Collection This Weekend:**

*Peter’s Pence*

This weekend, our Parish will take up the annual Peter’s Pence Collection.

This worldwide collection supports the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, natural disasters, and others in need of emergency assistance.

*Thank you for your generosity.*
Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, February 12th
(Sixth Monday in Ordinary Time)
James 1:1–11    Psalm 119    Mark 8:11–13
8:30 MEM Elizabeth Brevett
12:10 MEM Jack Kehoe
5:30 MEM Josephine Arena

Tuesday, February 13th
(Sixth Tuesday in Ordinary Time)
James 1:12–18    Psalm 94    Mark 8:14–21
8:30 MEM John & Margaret Reilly
12:10 MEM John Sasso
5:30 MEM Irene Sager

Wednesday, February 14th
(Ash Wednesday)
Joel 2:12–18                        Psalm 51
2 Corinthians 5:20–6:2      2 Matthew 6:1–6, 16–18

Thursday, February 15th
(Thursday After Ash Wednesday)
8:30 MEM Henry Howard Puccinelli Jr.
12:10 MEM Jack O’Leary
5:30 MEM Nora Terriberry

Friday, February 16th
(Friday After Ash Wednesday)
Isaiah 58:1–9a    Psalm 51    Matthew 9:14–15
8:30 MEM William T. Fielding
12:10 ANN Cathleen McGoldrick
5:30 MEM William Sympson

Saturday, February 17th
(Saturday After Ash Wednesday)
8:30 MEM Albert Lindsay

Sunday, February 18th
(First Sunday of Lent)
Genesis 9:8–15    Psalm 25
1 Peter 3:18–22    Mark 1:12–1

FEBRUARY SELECTION BOOK DISCUSSION
Thursday, February 15th
2:00 PM
Meeting Room

FEBRUARY BOOK SELECTION
 Mercy in the City by Kerry Weber

For those who feel they are already overscheduled and too busy, for those who assume that they are not “religious enough” to practice the Works of Mercy, for those who worry that they are alone in their efforts to live an authentic life, Mercy in the City proves that by living as people for others, we learn to connect as people of faith.

Available for purchase from most book retailers, including Amazon.com and Barnes & Noble.

To register for the February 15th book discussion, email MoreThanABookClubSIL@gmail.com

IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS invites you to a reading/signing/celebration of
God Isn’t Finished With Me Yet: Discovering the Spiritual Graces of Later Life by Barbara Lee

Wednesday, March 7th | 3–5 PM & 6–8 PM
Jesuit Provincial Center, 39 East 83rd Street

To RSVP, email blee_aida@msn.com and specify afternoon or evening session

MOMS, POPS & TOTS
Monday, February 12th
10:30 AM
Meeting Room

Meets every Monday!

This gathering provides parents with young children the opportunity to make friends and develop community while strengthening their own spiritual lives. Coffee and treats are available for the parents.

No RSVP is required.

NEW!

Strengthened by the Eucharist, we respond to God’s generosity in our lives with gratitude by using and sharing our gifts in the service of others.

Please consider a gift, even a modest one, in support of this year’s Appeal.

Gifts can be made online at www.cardinalsappeal.org
**MUSIC**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18th**

11 AM SOLEMN MASS  
arr. Hogan  
*I want Jesus to walk with me*  
Purcell  
*Hear our prayer, O Lord*

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**The N.P. Mander Organ Recital Series presents**

**RENÉE ANNE LOUPRETTE**  
University Organist, Rutgers University

|| Sunday, February 18th at 3:00 PM ||

Renée Anne Louprette celebrates the 25th anniversary season of the N.P. Mander Organ with a retrospective performance. The recital coincides with the release of her latest recording, *Une voix française (A French voice)*, a collection of 20th-century French organ masterworks recorded on the N. P. Mander Organ; a reception celebrating the album release will be held immediately following the recital.

The performance is a homecoming for Louprette, who served as Associate Director of Music and curator of the Mander organ recital series at St. Ignatius Loyola from 2005 to 2011.

**Tickets:** $25

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**J.S. BACH: VISIONS OF ETERNITY**

|| Wednesday, March 21st at 8:00 PM ||

**Choir and Orchestra of St. Ignatius Loyola**  
K. Scott Warren, conductor  
Andrew Henderson, organ

Timed to celebrate the unique genius of J.S. Bach on his birthday, this program of chorales, motets and arias portrays the complex emotions of a person approaching death, from world weariness to the joyful anticipation of being united at last with God.

**Tickets:** $25 – $80

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**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

**LENTEN FOOD DRIVE**

Throughout Lent, SVDp will be accepting donations of food for the Church of the Ascension.

The items requested each week are listed below:

**Week 1**  (February 18–24)  
pasta and tomato sauce  
**Week 2**  (February 25–March 3)  
rice and canned beans  
**Week 3**  (March 4–10)  
cereals and canned fruits  
**Week 4**  (March 11–18)  
tuna fish, canned vegetables, soups and rice

Please bring donations to the Parish House.

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**LECTURE**

**The Jesuits and Revitalizing the Church**  
Presented by Chris Lowney  
**Thursday, February 22nd**  
7:00 PM  
Wallace Hall

Chris Lowney will discuss how Jesuit parishes (and others) can revitalize a Catholic Church that is suffering its worst crisis in five centuries.

He is the author of the book, *Everyone Leads: How to Revitalize the Catholic Church*

The book will be available for sale and signing by the author.

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We welcome new parishioners and invite you to fill out a Parishioner Registration Card located in the pew racks, at the Parish House, and online at [www.stignatiusloyola.org](http://www.stignatiusloyola.org)

Registration is our only means of certifying membership in the Parish.

To stay up-to-date on parish events and programs, follow us at [facebook.com/churchofstignatiusloyolanyc](http://facebook.com/churchofstignatiusloyolanyc)
Religious Education for Children
Ms. Carly-Anne Gannon, Director
M.Phil., M.Ed.
(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

St. Ignatius Loyola Day Nursery
Ms. Theodora Crist, M.S.
Executive Director
240 East 84th Street
New York, NY 10028
(212) 734-6427 Fax: (212) 734-6972

Children's Liturgy of the Word
Sundays at the 9:30 AM Mass.

Centering Prayer
Mondays at 6:30 PM.

Confessions
4:30 PM Saturday or by appointment.

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.

Walking Retreat-Pilgrimage to Fatima and Santiago de Compostela.
May 15 to May 25. Walk the last 100 kilometers of the Portuguese 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: Fr. Daniel Corrou, S.J., Associate Pastor at St. Francis Xavier Parish. Cost: $3,599. Full payment due by Thursday, March 15th. Price includes roundtrip flight, daily breakfast and dinner, and all accommodations (double occupancy; single room is an extra $750). Space is limited. For more information and reservations, call 917-607-0937 or email angiecruzphd@gmail.com

Sunday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Every Sunday from
3:15 PM to 5:30 PM. Saint Joseph’s Church, 404 East 87th Street. An opportunity for quiet prayer and silent adoration. All are welcome.