

Church of St. Ignatius Loyola

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February 25, 2018 | Second Sunday of Lent

Questions and Answers

The Lenten season is a wonderful opportunity for prayer that includes a good deal of introspection. I have always been intrigued by the probing questions Jesus puts to certain people in the Gospels. I would like to think he asks these same questions of us from time to time.

For instance, in Mark's Gospel, to the blind beggar of Jericho, Jesus asks: *What do you want me to do for you?* And to his disciples while they are in a boat during a storm on the Sea of Galilee: *Why are you so frightened? How is it you have no faith?* And afterward to Peter: *Who do you say I am?*

In Matthew's Gospel, during the Sermon on the Mount, he asks: *Can any of you, for all his worrying, add one single cubit to his span of life?* And later in that same sermon: *Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own?*

In John's Gospel, Jesus asks a sick man at the Pool of Bethesda: *Do you want to be well again?* And to Mary, the sister of Lazarus, he asks: *If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?* I suggest that you imagine Jesus asking you these same questions. Ponder them slowly and deeply. How do you answer?

Let me presume to ask some questions of my own that may provide material for prayer as we prepare for the celebrations of Holy Week. I would resist the urge to go through these questions quickly, giving answers that come immediately to mind. The questions deserve more considered attention than that. In fact, it would be good to spend more than one day on a particular question as long as you feel drawn to that question and as long as you feel you haven't fully answered it. You may even want to return to the same question much later in Lent. This applies as well to any of the questions Jesus asks in the Gospels I've quoted. Be sure to ask God's help before you begin your prayer and allow God to accompany you as you pray. And create a time and space where you can be quiet and not subject to distraction. Here are my questions for your prayerful reflection:

Are you listening to what your life is saying to you?

Do you have preconceived expectations of life?

What are your worries?

What do you dream about?

What is it for you that makes life worth living?

Do you need to make certain changes in your life if the Gospel message is to be internalized?

What do you think God is like?

Where do you find God most easily?

What has been your experience of God over the past year?

What do you think God wants of you?

How has God been good to you in your life?

Do you sometimes live as though you do not need God?

Do you believe your future can be better than your past?

Do you believe that God loves you without any reservation?

Can you forgive yourself of past sins and mistakes?

Are you letting the past spoil the present?



May your prayer during these days of Lent deepen your faith in the God who yearns to become more real and present to you each day.

— Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J.
Senior Priest

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26th

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

Ranger Rosary Ministry.
7:00 PM. Meeting Room.
Details on page 3.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27th

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM.
Church.
Details below.

THURSDAY, MARCH 1st

Ignatian Social Justice.
7:00 PM. Conference Room.
Details on page 3.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3rd

Ignite! Stations of the Cross.
12:00 PM. Church.
Details on page 3.

**Celebration of the Sacrament
of the Anointing of the Sick.**
5:30 PM. Church.
Details on page 3.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



Tuesday Evenings Through 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.**



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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

The Latin antiphon which is customarily sung or said at the beginning of the Fourth Sunday of Lent, is *Laetare Jerusalem: et conventum facite omnes qui diligitis eam: Gaudete cum Laetitia, qui in tristitia fuistis.* "Rejoice, O Jerusalem: and come together all you that love her: rejoice with joy, you that have been in sorrow." It is from this antiphon that we refer to this Sunday of Lent as *Laetare* Sunday which will be observed this year on March 11th. Almost at the midpoint of the season of Lent, the Church invites us to rejoice in expectation of the celebration of Easter. It is a day to buoy and refresh our spirits during a solemn time of the Church's calendar when we reflect upon the reasons we long for God's healing and forgiveness and await the surest sign of God's love for us, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

To honor this tradition of the Church I have decided to introduce an annual parish event by inviting a prominent Catholic or representative of the Church's hierarchy to deliver a lecture on the Monday following *Laetare* Sunday. As part of our celebration we will confer The Loyola Medal on our distinguished guest. You may recall we conferred our first Loyola Medals on the occasion of our sesquicentennial anniversary.

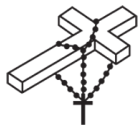
I am pleased to announce that Cardinal John Ribat, KBE, M.S.C., Archbishop of Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea will preside and preach at the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass on *Laetare* Sunday. At the conclusion of the Mass, The Loyola Medal will be conferred. On Monday, March 12th, at 7:00 PM in Wallace Hall, Cardinal Ribat will deliver the inaugural *Laetare* Lecture, *A Sea of Change: Climate and the South Pacific.*

Please join us on *Laetare* Sunday and March 12th to welcome Cardinal Ribat and to honor him for the timely work he has undertaken at the request of Pope Francis to raise our consciousness to the effects of climate change on our planet.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Fr. Yesalonia

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.

New members are always welcome!

IGNATIAN SOCIAL JUSTICE



Thursday, March 1st
7:00 PM
Conference Room

Important organizational meeting to plan programming of events.

New members are welcome.



Celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Saturday, March 3rd at the 5:30 PM Mass

All parishioners are invited to support our brothers and sisters who face the trials of illness or aging by celebrating the *Anointing of the Sick* with them during the 5:30 PM Vigil Mass on **Saturday, March 3rd**.

Those who feel the need of healing and strength because of illness, physical weakness or spiritual distress will be invited to come forward to receive the Sacrament of Anointing after the gospel and homily.

IGNITE! TEEN MINISTRY



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturday, March 3rd
12:00 PM
Church

All high school students are welcome to journey with Christ as we remember those who are experiencing poverty and oppression during the Ignite Stations of the Cross.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



FRIDAY – SUNDAY
MARCH 9th – MARCH 11th
SVdP Women's Shelter
Wallace Hall

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is in need of volunteers for the Women's Shelter, which is located in Wallace Hall every other weekend, from November through April.

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

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.

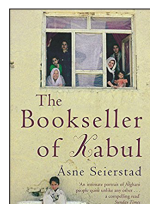
For more information or to join this ministry, contact Diane Boyle at boyled@saintignatiusloyola.org

MORE THAN A BOOK CLUB

MARCH SELECTION BOOK DISCUSSION

Thursday, March 15th
2:00 PM
Parish House Meeting Room

MARCH BOOK SELECTION



The Bookseller of Kabul by Asne Seierstad

A portrait of a proud man who, through three decades and successive repressive regimes, braved persecution to bring books to the people of Kabul.

The Bookseller of Kabul reveals the plight of Afghan women and a window into the realities of daily life in today's Afghanistan.

The Bookseller of Kabul is available for purchase from most book retailers, including Amazon.com and Barnes & Noble.

To register for the March 15th book discussion, email MoreThanaBookClubSIL@gmail.com

Registration required.

JANUARY SACRAMENTS



BAPTISMS

Andrew Lavin Astrachan
Ysabelle Baclay
Edward William Burns
Liam Jude Connorton
Caeli Madison Beleno Cu
Nolan George Cully
Alan Javier Gomez Regalado
Rory Brennan Hughes
Charlotte Emilia Kerecz
Frederique Lenor Medina-Lashko



WEDDING

Daniel Taylor Bethea &
Jennifer Lee Leaverton

NEW!

MOMS, POPS & TOTS



Monday, February 26th
10:30 AM
Meeting Room

Meets every Monday!

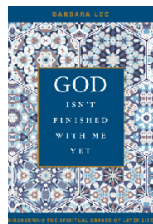
This gathering provides parents with young children the opportunity to make friends and develop community while strengthening their own spiritual lives.

Coffee and treats are available for the parents.

No RSVP is required.

For more information,
email Nicole O'Reilly at n_fusaro@yahoo.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
3:00–5:00 PM &
6:00–8:00 PM

Jesuit Provincial Center
39 East 83rd Street

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

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, February 26th

(Second Monday of Lent)

Daniel 9:4b–10 Psalm 79 Luke 6:36–38

8:30 MEM Donald Gordon

12:10 MEM Peter Meinig

5:30 MEM William Sympson

Tuesday, February 27th

(Second Tuesday of Lent)

Isaiah 1:10, 16–20 Psalm 50 Matthew 23:1–12

8:30 MEM Carla Fendi

12:10 MEM Assaad Samaan

5:30 MEM Pete Domenici

Wednesday, February 28th

(Second Wednesday of Lent)

Jeremiah 18:18–20 Psalm 31 Matthew 20:17–28

8:30 MEM Toni Brown

12:10 MEM Sose & Mark Prekelezaj

5:30 MEM William Powers

Thursday, March 1st

(Second Thursday of Lent)

Jeremiah 17:5–10 Psalm 1 Luke 16:19–31

8:30 MEM John & Nora Reilly

12:10 MEM William Fioravanti

5:30 MEM Faustina Calix

Friday, March 2nd

(Second Friday of Lent)

Genesis 37:3–4, 12–13a, 17b–28a Psalm 105

Matthew 21:33–43, 45–46

8:30 MEM Joseph P. Leader

12:10 MEM Michael Trepp

5:30 MEM Wy-Lea Verhoff

Saturday, March 3rd

(Second Saturday of Lent)

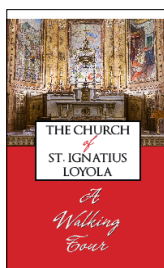
Micah 7:14–15, 18–20 Psalm 103 Luke 15:1–3, 11–32

8:30 MEM Paola Paoluzzi

Sunday, March 4th (Third Sunday of Lent)

Exodus 20:1–17 Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 1:22–25 John 2:13–25



Available at the Parish House

The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola: A Walking Tour

The *Walking Tour* provides a detailed overview of the rich architectural history of the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola.

Cost: \$8

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:

<u>Week 2</u> (February 25–March 3) rice and canned beans	<u>Week 4</u> (March 11–17) tuna fish, canned vegetables
<u>Week 3</u> (March 4–10) cereals and canned fruits	<u>Week 5</u> (March 18–21) soups and rice

Please bring donations to the Parish House.

LAETARE LECTURE

A Sea of Change: Climate and the South Pacific

Monday, March 12th
7:00 PM
Wallace Hall

Presented by
Cardinal John Ribat KBE, M.S.C.
Papua New Guinea



Cardinal John Ribat will discuss the climate change crisis that is affecting the Oceania region. Rising sea levels are washing away islands, putting the region's very survival and existence at stake.



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 in support of this year's Appeal.
Gifts can be made online at www.cardinalsappeal.org

MUSIC



SUNDAY, MARCH 4th

11 AM SOLEMN MASS



Lassus

Missa octavi toni: Kyrie, Sanctus, Agnus Dei

Tallis

Salvator mundi

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



The N.P. Mander Organ Recital Series
presents

DAVID HIGGS

Chair, Organ Department, Eastman School of Music

SUNDAY, APRIL 15TH
3:00 PM



The magnificent pipe organ at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola--at 5,000 pipes, 30 tons, 45 feet high, with 55,000 parts, four keyboards, 5,000 pipes and 68 different stops—is the largest tracker-action pipe organ in the New York metropolitan area. At a cost of

\$1.25 million in 1992, its creation by the English organ builder N.P. Mander involved a year of planning and construction in England, and a five-month on-site installation at St. Ignatius Loyola. The N.P. Mander Organ debuted to an audience of 1,800 with a recital by David Higgs on April 27, 1993.

Tickets: \$25

Tickets are available online at
www.smssconcerts.org or
by calling 212-288-2520.



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Rev. Brett B. McLaughlin, S.J.

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Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J.

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Weekday Masses (Monday to 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. Bergen

Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. McLaughlin

9:30 AM Fr. Yesalonia

Wallace Hall Family 11:00 AM Fr. Hilbert

Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Feely

7:30 PM Fr. Feely

Religious Education for Children

Ms. Carly-Anne Gannon, Director

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(212) 861-4764

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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 Maureen Haley at the Parish House (212-288-3588 x636)

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 Maureen Haley at the Parish House

(212-288-3588 x636) 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.

Lenten Weekend Retreat for Alumni & Friends of Fordham University—

The Spirituality of Pope Francis: Reflecting on God's Mercy and Grace.

Friday, March 9 to Sunday, March

11. Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington, Long Island.

Directed by Fr. Brendan Horan, S.J.

For more information, contact Fr.

Dan Gatti, S.J., at dgatti@fordham.edu

Film: *The Nuclear Requiem.* Wednesday, April 11. 6:15 PM.

The Town School, 540 East 76th

Street. A documentary that explores

the question, "Why do nuclear

weapons still exist?" A wine and

cheese reception to follow. Cost:

Free. To reserve tickets, visit

[https://www.eventbrite.com/e/](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nuclear-requiem-movie-screening-tickets-42126306918?aff=efbevent)

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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.

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