March 11, 2018 | Fourth Sunday of Lent

The Urgency of Discernment

This is the one month of the year that tells us what to do—March!

We are on our Lenten journey toward the most solemn week of the year—Holy Week. It is not a forced march, nor is it a death march. We might say it is a march from life, through death, to new life. From the triumphal entrance of the Lord into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, through the stirring and fearsome events of Holy Thursday and Good Friday, to the new fire and life-giving waters of the Easter Vigil, our hearts are filled with spiritual movements, which we can discern if we know how.

Every month Pope Francis asks us to pray with him for a special intention. These intentions, entrusted in a special way to the Apostleship of Prayer, address the challenges facing humanity and assist the mission of the Church. This March the Pope's intention is about Formation in Spiritual Discernment. His intention is "that the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels." Hey, Church, that means all of us!

Discerning the Spirits, "testing" the Spirits, identifying when the Holy Spirit is animating us in a given moment or on a particular issue, and distinguishing that good spirit from the evil spirit, what St. Ignatius calls "the enemy of our human nature," is an art that we all can practice, as long as we "appreciate the urgency" of guidance and formation, and understand that spiritual discernment is a growing attitude of the heart more than a technique to be taught.

Spiritual discernment is a great underpinning of Ignatian Spirituality, and it should be no surprise that this Jesuit Pope considers 'formation in discernment' a compelling challenge to the Church. "Ignatius's great legacy, the Spiritual Exercises, contains much wise guidance about discernment but, again, it must not be read as a how-to or a self-help book. Discernment is rooted in prayer and cannot be otherwise. Such prayer will gradually open us to that 'slow work of God’ (Teilhard de Chardin, S.J.) which we cannot appreciate unless we give time and space to prayer" (Pathways to God). Therefore, the Ignatian prayer of daily awareness (known as Examen) is an absolute prerequisite for discernment, for it opens us up to the mystery of God's presence and action in us and in our world. That is what we discern!

In the Ignatian tradition of formation in discernment, our parish offers a wide range of opportunities for learning and practicing the art of spiritual discernment. The mission of a Jesuit parish is, among other things, “to help individuals discern their vocation in life,” and “to provide well-developed programs in catechesis and formation for both individuals and families.”

This weekend we are blessed to have among us a Church leader from the “peripheries” who will teach us discernment on the pressing issue of climate change.

Cardinal John Ribat, distinguished recipient of the Loyola Medal, will give the inaugural Laetare Lecture on Monday evening in Wallace Hall. The title of his lecture is: A Sea of Change: Climate and the South Pacific. It promises to be an exercise in “the mysticism of choice,” a wise assessment of the light and the dark, and an urgent call for discernment and action. As the Cardinal has recently said about climate change, "It's happening at this time and we don't know where it is coming from and why it is happening…. We have islands disappearing, being washed because of the high-rise sea level and people there, they have to move." May the Holy Spirit move our minds and our hearts as we 'march' into the second half of Lent!

— Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.
Associate Pastor

For details on the Laetare Lecture, A Sea of Change: Climate and the South Pacific, see page 5.
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY, MARCH 12th
Moms, Pops & Tots.
10:30 AM. Meeting Room.
Details on page 3.

Laetare Lecture: A Sea of Change:
Climate and the South Pacific.
Presented by Cardinal John Ribat KBE, M.S.C.
7:00 PM. Wallace Hall.
Details on page 5.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13th
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Church.
Details below.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15th
More Than a Book Club.
2:00 PM. Meeting Room.
Details on page 4.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15th
LGBT Catholics & Friends.
7:00 PM. Parish Lounge.
Details on page 4.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17th
IGNITE! Teen Ministry.
6:30 PM. Parish Lounge.

LAETARE SUNDAY | TODAY
Reception following the 11 AM Masses in McKinnon Hall 48 East 84th Street

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.

Thank you for your generosity.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PASSION SUNDAY, March 25th
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

CONFESSION SCHEDULE
Monday, March 26th
ARCHDIOCESAN DAY OF RECONCILIATION
The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 3:00 PM to 8:30 PM.

Good Friday, March 30th
3:00 PM – Immediately following the Three Hours Devotion. Church.

Holy Saturday, March 31st
4:00 PM – 5:30 PM in the Parish House Parlors.

LITURGIES OF THE TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY, March 29th
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 30th
Celebration of the Lord’s Passion
Liturgy at 7:00 PM (doors open at 6:30 PM)
Rev. Thomas H. Feely, S.J., Presider

HOLY SATURDAY, March 31st
Easter Vigil
8:00 PM (doors open at 7:30 PM)
Rev. Dennis J. Yesalonia, 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 1st
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/Omega Dance Company
Noon (Solemn) – Organ/Cantor/Choirs/Brass/Omega Dance Company
LME invites all parishioners to a day of reflection, discussion and sharing on

The Evolving Role of the Laity in the Catholic Church

Saturday, March 24th
9:30 AM to 3:30 PM
Wallace Hall

Presenter
Fr. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.

Fr. Hilbert will present and explain the rights and obligations of Catholic lay women and men, the recent changes introduced by Pope Francis in the rules governing their participation in the life of the Church, and the expanded role of the laity in the future.

There will be two presentations—one doctrinal and one pastoral. Group activities, a question and answer session, and the opportunity for sharing will round out the day’s program.

Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided and the program will conclude with Mass.

To register, visit https://tinyurl.com/y7cjc2vk or call the Parish House at (212) 288-3588.

The registration deadline is Wednesday, March 21st.
Registration is required.

SCHEDULE CHANGE

Apples and Eve: Creation, Evolution and Original Sin
Monday, March 12th

The Bible class, Apples and Eve: Creation, Evolution and Original Sin, scheduled for Monday, March 12th at 7:00 PM has been cancelled. The class will resume on Monday, March 19th at 7:00 PM.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

MOMS, POPS & TOTS

Monday, March 12th at 10:30 AM
Meeting Room

This weekly 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.

LGBT CATHOLICS & FRIENDS

Thursday, March 15th at 7:00 PM
Parish Lounge

Presenter
Bill Torres, Executive Director, Ali Forney Center

Bill Torres will talk about the work of the Ali Forney Center, the nation’s largest community center dedicated to assisting LGBT homeless youth.

All are welcome.

PARISH MEN’S FAITH GROUP

Forgiveness–Giving Up The Hope For a Better Past

Tuesday, March 20th | 7:00 PM | Parish House

Forgiveness is an essential spiritual task of Christian discipleship, yet perhaps the most challenging. Our Christian tradition offers us much wisdom and many resources for undertaking this sacred work. Rev. Dr. Stephen Bauman, Senior Minister of Christ Church Methodist, will share his reflections on forgiveness and facilitate the discussion.

To RSVP, email Brian Pinter at brianbpinter@gmail.com
Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

**Monday, March 12th** (Fourth Monday of Lent)
- Isaiah 65:17–21    Psalm 30    John 4:43–54
- 8:30 MEM Margaret & Peter Voorhies
- 12:10 MEM Lily Mae Mazur Barras
- 5:30 MEM Douglas Handal

**Tuesday, March 13th** (Fourth Tuesday of Lent)
- Ezekiel 47:1–9, 12    Psalm 46    John 5:1–16
- 8:30 MEM Ciro Saracino
- 12:10 MEM Dan Strach
- 5:30 MEM Noel McEnlligott

**Wednesday, March 14th** (Fourth Wednesday of Lent)
- Isaiah 49:8–15    Psalm 145    John 5:17–30
- 8:30 MEM Nora & Robert Blackstock
- 12:10 MEM Quinn & Iervolino Families
- 5:30 MEM Nino Langiulia

**Thursday, March 15th** (Fourth Thursday of Lent)
- 8:30 MEM Catherine Breen
- 12:10 MEM Jack O’Leary
- 5:30 MEM David Oing

**Friday, March 16th** (Fourth Friday of Lent)
- Wisdom 2:1a, 12–22    Psalm 34    John 7:1–2, 10, 25–30
- 8:30 ANN Charles Denihan
- 12:10 MEM Barbara Boyle
- 5:30 ANN Charles Denihan

**Saturday, March 17th** (Fourth Saturday of Lent)
- Jeremiah 11:18–20    Psalm 7    John 7:40–53
- 8:30 MEM Steven McFadden

**Sunday, March 18th** (Fifth Sunday of Lent)
- Jeremiah 31:31–34    Psalm 51
- Hebrews 5:7–9    John 12:20–33

**MARCH SELECTION BOOK DISCUSSION**

**Thursday, March 15th at 2:00 PM**
Meeting Room

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*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

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- Sunday: 8:00 AM
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**Easter Sunday, April 1st**
- 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

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**Stations of the Cross for Families**

**Sunday, March 18th at 12:30 PM**

**Stations of the Cross for the Parish Community**

**Wednesday, March 28th at 7:30 PM**
**LAETARE LECTURE**

*A Sea of Change: Climate and the South Pacific*

Monday, March 12th at 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.

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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:

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Please bring donations to the Parish House.

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**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.

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**Lent 2018 BROCHURE**

A complete list of Lenten activities, including Holy Week Mass times, can be found in the Lenten brochure.

Copies are available in the Narthex.

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**MUSIC**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 18th**

**11 AM SOLEMN MASS**

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*Mass for five voices: Kyrie, Sanctus*

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*Miserere mei, Deus*

Allegri

*Miserere mei, Deus*

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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
Kate Maroney, mezzo-soprano
Heather Petrie, contralto
Tim Krol, baritone
Enrico Lagasca, bass-baritone

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

presents

DAVID HIGGS

Chair, Organ Department, Eastman School of Music

**SUNDAY, APRIL 15TH at 3:00 PM**

The magnificent pipe organ at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola—at 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. 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 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. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.

Assistant Pastor
Rev. Brett B. McLaughlin, S.J.

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

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Pastoral Assistant
Maureen Haley

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Caroline Fernandes

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Treasurer
Fernando Castro

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. Yesalonia
Sunday:  8:00 AM Fr. Hilbert
         9:30 AM Fr. Judge
Wallace Hall Family      11:00 AM Fr. McLaughlin
Solemn                 11:00 AM Fr. Bergen
         7:30 PM Fr. Bergen

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Films: 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/
nuclear-requiem-movie-screening-
tickets-42126306918?aff=efbevent

Annual Pax Christi Metro New York
Way of the Cross. Friday, March 30, 8:30 AM. On Good Friday, Pax
Christi Metro New York, a division of Pax Christi, the international
Catholic movement for peace, will organize their annual Good Friday
reenactment of the Way of the Cross, praying for peace and justice on the
streets of New York. The walk begins at Dag Hammerskjold Plaza (47th
Street at First Avenue) and ends at 42nd Street between Eighth and
Ninth Avenues. Please wear or bring a cross. For more information, contact
Pax Christi Metro New York at 212-
420-0250 or info@nypaxchristi.org

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