As our Lenten journey draws to a close, before we are awash in the brilliance of the risen Christ on Easter, the church invites us into an intense and uncomfortable encounter with God through the drama of Holy Week. It is a time in which the focus of our Lenten meditation becomes more concentrated as the tension in the narrative takes on excruciating proportions. Thus far, Jesus has spent his ministry showing us how to live. He continues to do that during his final days by showing us how to approach ours. Paradoxically, our attention to his death—and ultimately our own—draws us back to life, as we ponder how best to spend our remaining days.

In our concert this Wednesday, March 21, we turn to the music of J. S. Bach—on the occasion of his 333rd birthday—and the texts of some of the great German Pietist theologians of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. These texts point our attention beyond the veil, to our ultimate meeting with God. Hence the title, *Visions of Eternity*. This period in Central Europe was a time of great tumult and insecurity. In addition to the Thirty Years’ War (1618–1648), there were numerous conflicts between minor principalities and fiefdoms. The plague still terrorized communities, and life expectancy was much lower than today, due mainly to a high infant mortality rate. Bach was a “man of sorrows” in his own right, having buried ten of his twenty children before they reached adulthood. Given the harsh conditions of earthly life, theologians understandably looked to death as the great escape, a theme we will recognize in one of the arias sung by contralto Heather Petrie:

*Strike then, longed for hour,*
*Dawn, beautiful day!*
*Come, you angels, to me,*
*Open for me the fields of heaven,*
*So that I am able to behold my Jesus*
*In contented peace of soul!*
*I yearn from the bottom of my heart*
*Only for the very last tick of the clock!*

As our times and conditions have improved, our theology has shifted from the desire for escape to an intention to leave this life with a sense of completion. The great twentieth century theologian Howard Thurman used to read to his students Admiral Richard Byrd’s account of being alone and near death at the North Pole. Thurman would read slowly, drawing his students deeply into the emotional complexities of the narrative. He then paused for a very long time, looked intently at each student, and asked, “If you were alone, a thousand miles from any other person, it was fifty below zero, and you were dying, what would have to have happened to allow you to die with integrity and a sense of completion?”

When I think of Simeon, the “just and devout man” in the Temple at Jerusalem, Thurman’s question comes to mind. All we know about Simeon comes from a few verses in the Gospel of Luke, in which the infant Jesus is presented at the Temple. Simeon takes the eight-day old baby boy into his arms and says, “Lord, now let your servant depart in peace; for my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared before the face of all people.” This is Simeon’s moment of completion, an ultimate transformation, which I imagine left him shaken to his core, and yet at great peace. We will hear this text sung by our baritone, Tim Krol, in a heart-wrenchingly poignant setting from the cantata *Ich habe genug*.

Our own stellar Choir of St. Ignatius Loyola punctuates the evening with the sublime—and very difficult—motets *Komm, Jesu, komm,* and *Singet dem Herrn ein neues Lied.* The latter is an exultant expression of faith in our God who, though we fade like the flower, cares for us through life, in death, and into eternity.

I hope you will join us for J. S. Bach: Visions of Eternity, an evening of deep soul-searching and profound comfort.

— K. Scott Warren
Director of Music Ministries
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, MARCH 18th
Family Stations of the Cross.
12:30 PM. Church.

Ignatian Young Adults Sunday Social.
8:30 PM. Wallace Hall.
Details on page 3.

MONDAY, MARCH 19th
Moms, Pops & Tots.
10:30 AM. Meeting Room.
Details on page 3.

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 20th
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Church.
Details on page 3.

Parish Men's Faith Group.
7:00 PM. Meeting Room.
Details on page 3.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21st
Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting.
7:00 PM. Conference Room.

Sacred Music in a Sacred Space presents
J.S. Bach: Visions of Eternity.
8:00 PM. Church.
Details on page 5.

THURSDAY, MARCH 22nd
Ignatian Social Justice.
7:00 PM. Conference Room.

FRIDAY – SUNDAY
MARCH 23rd – MARCH 25th
Shelter Weekend. Wallace Hall.
For information on volunteering, see page 3.

SATURDAY, MARCH 24th
Lay Ministers’ Enrichment:
The Evolving Role of the Laity in the Catholic Church.
9:30 AM. Wallace Hall. Details on page 5.

Available at the Parish House
The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola:
A Walking Tour
The updated Walking Tour provides a
详细 overview of the rich architectural
history of the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola.
Cost: $8

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
Liturgies 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
forgiveness–
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Tuesday, March 20th | 7:00 PM | Meeting Room

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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, April 4th
3:00–5:00 PM & 6:00–8:00 PM
Jesuit Provincial Center
39 East 83rd Street
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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.

Wallace Hall Available for Rental
For more information, contact Caroline Fernandes at 212-288-3588 or fernandesc@saintignatiusloyola.org

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11 AM SOLEMN MASS

Chant
The Passion according to St. Mark
Lassus
Improperium
Handl
In nomine Jesu

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 15TH at 3:00 PM

The N.P. Mander Organ Recital Series presents
DAVID HIGGS
Chair, Organ Department, Eastman School of Music

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.

LAY MINISTERS’ ENRICHMENT

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.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE
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Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J.

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Carly-Anne Gannon

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Maureen Haley

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### Religious Education for Children

**Ms. Carly-Anne Gannon, Director**

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(212) 861-4764

### St. Ignatius Loyola Grammar School

**Ms. Mary Larkin, Principal**

M.S. Ed. (Admin.), M.S. Ed. (Literacy)  
48 East 84th Street  
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(212) 861-3820  
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### 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

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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 Fallam, 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.

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### 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.


### ArchCare Care Navigation Center: Resources for Seniors

Need help caring for yourself or someone else but not sure where to turn? ArchCare, the healthcare system of the Archdiocese of New York, has a Center staffed by health and social service professionals dedicated to helping people better understand and access the services for which they are eligible. Call 855-951-2273 between 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM seven days a week.

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### We pray for the faithful departed

Barbara Curry Walsh  
May she rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

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