Conflict is neutral. What matters is our response to it. We can either be closed and defensive in the face of conflict, or we can be open to it and learn from it.

The Church is embroiled in several crises—the sexual abuse crisis, the crisis of leadership failures that covered up abuse and led to distrust, the crisis of civil legislation that expands abortion rights. Where is God in all this?

Addressing the third crisis in his letter to the People of the Archdiocese last week, Cardinal Dolan wrote, “No matter the hurt, frustration, the disappointment, and yes, even the anger we may feel now…, we should not respond with more bitterness and divisiveness, but continue to put our trust in the Lord and ask for his guidance and inspiration.” These words can certainly be applied to the other two crises mentioned above. The Chinese character for “crisis” is the combination of two other characters: “danger” and “opportunity.” The church today is perceived as not caring in a heartfelt way for God’s most precious gift to us, our children.

Anger can be justified, proportional, and holy; it can be a ‘beautiful daughter’ of hope. However, anger in the face of conflict can lead us to a closed, defensive stance, an avoidance of responsibility for our thoughts, feelings, and actions. We can react with aggressive control that blames the other and leads to tyranny, or with submissive compliance that apologizes and leads to complacency.

Or we can respond to conflict by introducing Anger to her sister Courage: assuming our responsibility, learning about ourselves and others, clarifying our assumptions, communicating understanding.

Let us not have as our goal to defend the church, but to change the church by listening to victims, implementing effective norms for accountability, transparency, checks and balances. Blessed John Henry Newman tells us, “Ten thousand difficulties do not make one doubt. Let us act on what we have, since we have not what we wish.” Let us act to restore trust for those of us who are older, and to store up trust for the young.

Saint Ignatius provides us with “Rules for the Discernment of Spirits,” guidelines for recognizing the work of the Holy Spirit on the one hand, and the evil spirit (“the enemy of our human nature”) on the other hand. The first steps in discernment are: emptying the self of pre-conceptions; presuming the good will of the other; getting the facts straight. Then, in the context of conflict and crisis, attending to the following observations:

- **Desolation** drives us down. **Consolation** lifts us up.
- **Desolation** cuts us off from community. **Consolation** binds us to community.
- **Desolation** makes us want to give up. **Consolation** generates new ideas and creativity.
- **Desolation** takes over our consciousness and locks out reason. **Consolation** restores balance and inner vision.
- **Desolation** covers up our landmarks, we lose our way. **Consolation** shows us where God is leading us.
- **Desolation** fills us with lassitude. **Consolation** offers wellsprings of energy and joy.

“Above all, trust in the slow work of God. We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay. We should like to skip the intermediate stages. We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new. And yet it is the law of all progress that it is made by passing through some stages of instability—and that it may take a very long time.” (Teilhard de Chardin)

— Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.
Associate Pastor
A Note for Our Hearing-Impaired Parishioners

An Audio Induction Loop has been installed in the church, which allows those with a hearing aid equipped with a T-COIL to connect automatically with our sound system if you are seated within the Loop area of the church; there is no need for you to use the headsets available in the rear of the church.

The Audio Induction Loop area is located on the high pulpit side of the church and is confined to the first twelve pews. The area can be identified by the gray rubberized strip on the floor at the end of each row of pews.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Your Parish, Your Home

CAMPAIGN FOR THE
CHURCH OF
ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA

At the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, we warmly welcome those who seek to be a part of a vibrant worshipping community.

We are always open to where God is calling us. But our magnificent church buildings don't reflect the welcome we extend to everyone.

You can help change that by making a gift to this important capital campaign.

To learn more about the Your Parish, Your Home Capital Campaign, visit stignatiusloyola.org/index.php/capitalcampaign

MONTHLY PARISH COFFEE HOUR

Monthly Parish Coffee Hour

Sunday, February 17th
Following the 11 AM Solemn Mass
McKinnon Hall

Share Your Heart (and your baked goods)
at the Parish Coffee Hour
in McKinnon Hall

We invite you to bring small baked goods (e.g. cookies, cupcakes, muffins, etc...) to share with your fellow parishioners. (If you’re not a baker but would still like to participate, treats from a bakery are great, too!)

If you are interested in contributing baked goods to the February 17th Parish Coffee Hour, please email silcoffeehour@gmail.com by the end of today.

Upcoming Coffee Hour Dates

February 17     March 17     May 19     June 16

RETREAT

Catholics in Action:
Lord, What Would You Have Us Do?

Friday, March 22nd to Sunday, March 24th
Jogues Retreat House, Cornwall, NY

Our very own personal commitment to a cause or social action activity can be a source of deep spiritual reward and fulfillment.

Through personal prayer and reflection, along with guided group sharing, we will discover what brought us to our work, what sustains us throughout and what our future efforts can achieve. Our goal is to leave spiritually renewed in our commitments and equipped with insights and tools to energize our efforts for the future.

Cost: $150

To register, scan the QR code at left or visit http://retreat.social/catholicsinaction.

For more information, email catholicsinactionretreat@gmail.com

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To stay up-to-date on parish events and programs, follow us at stignatiusnyc
MEETING CHRIST IN PRAYER
Are you longing for a deeper relationship with God through Christ? Is your childhood way of relating to God insufficient now that you are an adult? Are you curious to learn what your Jesuit-educated friends mean by Ignatian Spirituality?

Meeting Christ in Prayer is an interactive 8-week guided prayer experience for small groups. Based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola, it introduces participants to various ways of praying and provides an opportunity to support one another through faith sharing.

Morning Sessions
Tuesdays, February 19th – April 10th | 9:30 AM–11 AM
Closing Mass: Wednesday, April 10th at 7:00 PM

Evening Sessions
Wednesdays, February 20th – April 10th | 7 PM–8:30 PM
Closing Mass: Wednesday, April 10th at 7:00 PM

The cost of the program is a sliding scale of $30-$50.
To register, email MCIP@saintignatiusloyola.org

IGNATIAN INTERFAITH MINISTRY
SCREENING OF THE FILM
THE SULTAN AND THE SAINT

Wednesday, February 20th
6:30 PM | Gonzaga Meeting Room

Please join the Ignatian Interfaith Ministry as they explore historic Catholic/Muslim dialogue through a screening of the film The Sultan and the Saint.

On the battlefields of the Crusades, The Sultan and the Saint explores how Saint Francis of Assisi and the Sultan of Egypt—two men of faith—fought against a century of war and distrust in a search for mutual respect and common ground. A reflection and discussion will follow the film.

To RSVP, email ignatianinterfaithministry@gmail.com
Space is limited.

BOOMERS & BEYOND
THE ART OF FORGIVENESS

Session 1
Wednesday, February 27th at 7:00 PM
Gonzaga Meeting Room

Session 2
Tuesday, March 12th at 7:00 PM
Parish Lounge

Forgiveness and reconciliation are a journey we are all called to undertake. If we are to answer God's invitation to ever deeper conversion, we must become practitioners of the art of forgiveness. Our presentations and conversation will focus on self-forgiveness, moving beyond the "soul suicide" of revenge and control, and transforming brokenness into wisdom and compassion.

Brian B. Pinter, Pastoral Associate, will facilitate the discussion.

This will be a two-session class. Attendance at both sessions is recommended but not required.

All are welcome.

Please don't forget to notify us! This information helps us to keep our database current.
Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, February 11th
(Fifth Monday in Ordinary Time)
Genesis 1:1–19    Psalm 104    Mark 6:53–56
8:30 MEM The Meehan Family
12:10 MEM Valentino Mazzia
5:30 MEM Deceased Members of the Scanlon & McLoughlin Families

Tuesday, February 12th
(Fifth Tuesday in Ordinary Time)
Genesis 1:20–2:4a    Psalm 8    Mark 7:1–13
8:30 MEM Elizabeth T. Brevett
12:10 MEM Sose & Mark Prekelezaj
5:30 MEM Joseph & Margaret Phelan

Wednesday, February 13th
(Fifth Wednesday in Ordinary Time)
Genesis 2:4b–9, 15–17    Psalm 104    Mark 7:14–23
8:30 MEM Catherine Masse
12:10 MEM Abigail Feerick
5:30 MEM Robert Mueller

Thursday, February 14th
(Ss. Cyril & Methodius)
Genesis 2:18–25    Psalm 128    Mark 7:24–30
8:30 MEM Carl Vitale
12:10 MEM Pat Grant
5:30 MEM Living & Deceased Members of the Wallace Family

Friday, February 15th
(St. Claude La Colombière)
Genesis 3:1–8    Psalm 32    Mark 7:31–37
8:30 MEM Jack O’Leary
12:10 MEM Barbara Ann Cronin
5:30 ANN Nora Terriberry

Saturday, February 16th
(Fifth Saturday in Ordinary Time)
Genesis 3:9–24    Psalm 90    Mark 8:1–10
8:30 ANN Kathleen McGoldrick

Sunday, February 17th
(Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Jeremiah 17:5–8    Psalm 1

For your convenience
To reach the Giving page on the parish website, scan the QR Code at left.
**MUSIC**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17th**

**11 AM SOLEMN MASS**

**Brahms**

_Herzlich tut mich erfreuen; Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele; O wie selig seid ihr doch, ihr Frommen_

**Brahms**

_Geistliches Lied, Op. 30_

**Pärt**

_The Beatitudes_

**J.S. Bach**

_Fugue in A minor, BWV 543_

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

_presents_

**Renée Anne Louprette & Ivan Goff**

**TODAY at 3:00 PM**

Following a celebratory début at St. Ignatius Loyola last season, acclaimed concert organist Renée Anne Louprette and renowned Irish musician Ivan Goff return to present an eclectic program featuring original compositions and stunning arrangements for uilleann pipes, Irish concert flute, and the N. P. Mander pipe organ.

**Tickets: $25**

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**Brahms Requiem & Mendelssohn Motets**

**Sunday, February 24th**

**3:00 PM**

**FEATURING**

_choir of St. Ignatius Loyola_

_K. Scott Warren, conductor and piano_

_Robert Reuter, conductor_

_Michael Sheetz, piano_

_Elisa Singer, soprano_

_Kristin Gornstein, mezzo soprano_

_Tim Krol, baritone_

**Tickets: $20 – $80**

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

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**LECTURE**

**The Joy of God**

_Monday, February 11th_  

7:00 PM in Wallace Hall

**Speaker**  

Rev. James Carr, S.J.  

_Superior of the St. Ignatius Jesuit Community & Loyola School Chaplain_

God, we know, is love. How often do we consider God to be JOY? Exploring the scriptures, Fr. James Carr, S.J., reflects on the joy of God and what gives God joy.

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**LECTURE**

**Fortunate Families: The Blessings (and Challenges) of Being LGBT Family**

_Wednesday, February 27th | 7:00 PM_  

_Wallace Hall_

**Featured Speaker**  

JR Zerkowski  

_Executive Director of Fortunate Families, a ministry to Catholic parents of LGBT children_

Plus, members of the LGBT Catholics and Friends ministry will share how they handled their children coming out to them, as well as their experiences coming out to their own families.

**Sponsored by LGBT Catholics and Friends**

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**THE ANNUAL APPEAL**

Our parish is flourishing and there are many opportunities for service and spiritual growth.

In order to fund the current level of service and programming, we rely on the Annual Appeal, which is now underway.

If you have not yet made a donation, you can do so by visiting the Annual Appeal page on the St. Ignatius website by scanning the QR code at left.

_Thank you for your continued generosity!_
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. Joy L. Blom, Executive Director
M.A., M.Ed.
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 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.

Volunteer Eucharistic Ministers Needed. The Mary Manning Walsh Home (1339 York Avenue, at East 72d Street) needs volunteers to act as Eucharistic Ministers to distribute communion to its patients and residents. Volunteers are asked to commit to one hour, one day a week. Volunteers are most needed on Tuesdays and Fridays. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Sr. Helena at 347-913-2650.

Caring for the Caregiver. Saturday, February 23rd. 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM. Christ Church Methodist, 524 Park Avenue. Many are required to care for elderly or ill family members. Providing care can be one of the most spiritually, emotionally, and physically challenging experiences we pass through. But who cares for the caregiver? Without self-care, we run a high risk of burning out. Our presentations will seek to name the challenges of caregiving and explore ways we can create space to care for ourselves. Brian B. Pinter, Director of Spiritual Formation, will facilitate. To RSVP, email brian@christchurchnyc.org

Academics: Fordham Preparatory School Higher Achievement Program (HAP). Monday, June 24th to Wednesday, July 24th. Fordham Preparatory School, Fordham University Rose Hill Campus, 441 E. Fordham Road, Bronx. Applications are being accepted for this five-week program open to rising 8th grade boys. HAP combines academics, athletics, and creative enrichment activities that prepare participants for 8th grade and the high school application process. To apply, visit fordhamprep.org/HAP. The online application and school evaluation form are due Friday, March 22nd. For more information, call 718-367-7500 x263 or email HAP@fordhamprep.org.

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

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. Konzmann
Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Bergen
9:30 AM Fr. Konzmann
Wallace Hall Family 11:00 AM Fr. Hilbert
Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Sullivan
7:30 PM Fr. Sullivan