The Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Mary Oliver died last month at the age of 83. Acclaimed for the simplicity of her poetry she saw what was sublime in nature and captured, for a fleeting moment, what is eternal. She believed that poetry “mustn’t be fancy.” Rather poetry opens a doorway to the divine, to what appears to be incomprehensible, through the ordinary. To help us understand her craft she wrote the poem “What We Want.”

Mary Oliver found her inspiration in nature. She would often stop in the midst of her long walks and begin to write. She would hide pencils along the paths of her walks in case she found herself without the means to record her thoughts. Her love of nature became her key to the notes of a harmonic passage that lifted her spirit into a realm of tranquility in an otherwise chaotic world. And her readers were transported with her.

As the words of “What We Want” are still fresh in my reading of them, I am reminded of the opening verse of Psalm 137: “By the rivers of Babylon there we sat weeping when we remembered Zion. On the poplars in its midst we hung up our harps. For there our captors asked us for words of a song; our tormentors, for joy: ‘Sing for us a song of Zion!’ But how could we sing a song of the Lord in a foreign land?”

How are we to recapture our song of joy in a land that at times seems so foreign to us, when we agonize over forces or circumstances beyond our control? Our daily lives are often caught up in the cacophony of a “difficult and sometimes dissonant symphony.” For some it is living in a country where the familiar has been wantonly displaced; for others it is belonging to a Church that has betrayed the trust placed in it and appears to be heading in a direction of irrelevance; and for many it is finding the routine burdensome because of fear or loneliness. How are we to find that harmonic passage that will rescue us from the torment of whatever it is that holds us captive?

For those who trust in the gentleness and mercy of God there is no time for weeping. Nothing and no one can hold us hostage to the whims of the times or the circumstances of today’s world, whether writ large or small. If we but open our minds and hearts to the world around us in all its abundant beauty, we will see the hand of the Creator at work. The beauty of the world may be hidden at times, but God is always pursuing us, courting us. God’s Son is our eternal harmonic passage. Our joy is to discover the pencils hidden in our paths and inscribe in our hearts the song of God’s love that lies open before us in the ordinariness of our lives. Life, like poetry, isn’t fancy; in the midst of it we find God.

— Rev. Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J.
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.

SCRIPTURE CLASS

The Prophetic Imagination

Six Sessions Beginning March 5th
Tuesdays at 11:00 AM
Gonzaga Meeting Room

The prophets of ancient Israel were missioned to speak uncomfortable truth to power. Their role was to criticize but also energize, to invite their people to imagine an alternative future, the future as God dreams it can be.

Our presentations will explore the creative ways and words the prophets chastised, inspired, and inspirited. Our discussions will seek to translate prophetic teaching for our own troubled, pivotal times.

To register, email Lent2019BibleStudy@gmail.com

All sessions led by Brian Pinter, Pastoral Associate.

Space is limited. Early registration is recommended.

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, to grow in faith, to be nurtured in mind and spirit, and to be joyful disciples of Jesus Christ in today’s world.

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.

CAMPAIGN GOAL: $7,500,000

To learn more about the Your Parish, Your Home Capital Campaign, scan the QR code at left.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24th
Brahms Requiem & Mendelssohn Motets.
3:00 PM. Church. Details on page 5.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25th
Moms, Pops & Tots.
10:00 AM. Gonzaga Meeting Room. Details on page 3.

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27th
Screening of the Film
The Courageous Heart of Irena Sendler.
2:00 PM. Parish Lounge. Details on page 4.

Separated or Divorced Catholics.
7:00 PM. Conference Room. Details on page 3.

The Art of Forgiveness.
7:00 PM. Gonzaga Meeting Room. Details on page 3.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2nd
Seniors Luncheon.
1:00 PM. Wallace Hall. Details on page 3.

Saturday Night Liturgy.
7:00 PM. Lady Chapel.
For middle and high schoolers.

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**The Art of Forgiveness**

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

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.

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**SEniors of the Parish and Neighboring Community are Invited to the Seniors Luncheon**

**Mardi Gras: Let the Good Times Roll**
Saturday, March 2nd at 1:00 PM
Wallace Hall

To RSVP, call the Parish House at (212) 288-3588 or email pattiehughes110@gmail.com with your full name by Monday, February 25th.

Space is limited.

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**Lay Ministers’ Enrichment**

**LME invites all parishioners to a day of individual reflection, faith sharing, and guided prayer.**
Saturday, April 6th
9:30 AM to 4:00 PM
Wallace Hall

The Rev. Kaji Dousa, senior pastor of Park Avenue Christian Church, will lead a reflection on compassionate connections.

The day will include continental breakfast and catered lunch, and will conclude with a prayer service.

To register, visit tinyurl.com/lme-april-2019.

Registration is required.

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To sign-up, scan the QR code at left or visit stignatiusloyola.org/index.php/about_us/parish-email-list

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**Moms, Pops & Tots**
**Monday, February 25th**
**10:00 AM**
**Gonzaga 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.

For more information, email Nicole O’Reilly at n_fusaro@yahoo.com

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**Ranger Rosary Ministry**
**Monday, February 25th**
**7:00 PM**
**Gonzaga Meeting 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!

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**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

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

All are welcome.
Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, February 25th
(Seventh Monday in Ordinary Time)
Sirach 1:1–10 Psalm 93 Mark 9:14–29
8:30 MEM Emil Wittek
12:10 MEM John Gelardin
5:30 MEM Tom Donovan

Tuesday, February 26th
(Seventh Tuesday in Ordinary Time)
Sirach 2:1–11 Psalm 37 Mark 9:30–37
8:30 MEM Donald Gordon
12:10 MEM Cecilia & Joseph McSweeney
5:30 MEM François Tartamella

Wednesday, February 27th
(Seventh Wednesday in Ordinary Time)
Sirach 4:11–19 Psalm 119 Mark 9:38–40
8:30 MEM Maureen C. O’Brien
12:10 MEM Teddy Carmel & Billy McSweeney
5:30 MEM Eric Judge

Thursday, February 28th
(Seventh Thursday in Ordinary Time)
Sirach 5:1–8 Psalm 1 Mark 9:41–50
8:30 MEM Ann Figge Nawn
12:10 MEM Toni Brown
5:30 MEM William Powers

Friday, March 1st
(Seventh Friday in Ordinary Time)
Sirach 6:5–17 Psalm 119 Mark 10:1–12
8:30 MEM Ciro Saracino
12:10 MEM Jack Mathieson
5:30 MEM Ann Nawn

Saturday, March 2nd
(Seventh Saturday in Ordinary Time)
Sirach 17:1–15 Psalm 103 Mark 10:13–16
8:30 MEM John & Nora Reilly

Sunday, March 3rd (Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Sirach 27:4–7 Psalm 92

NEW PARISHIONERS
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 stignatiusloyola.org
**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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**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](http://retreat.social/catholicsinaction).

For more information, email catholicsinactionretreat@gmail.com

*Sponsored by Ignatian Social Justice and LGBT Catholics & Friends*

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**MUSIC**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 2nd**

**11 AM SOLEMN MASS**

**Marchand**  
Dialogue in C Major

**Batten**  
Let my complaint come before thee

**Dilworth**  
Jordan's Angels

**Rossi**  
Tov l'hodot Adonai

**Duruflé**  
Fugue sur le theme du Carillon des Heures de la Cathédrale de Soissons, Op. 12

**Tickets** are available online at [smssconcerts.org](http://smssconcerts.org) or by calling 212-288-2520.

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**Brahms Requiem & Mendelssohn Motets**

**TODAY at 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

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

**presents**

**STEPHEN THARP**  

*Sunday, March 3rd at 3:00 PM*

Stephen Tharp is recognized as one of the great concert organists of our age.

Having played more than 1400 concerts across 50 tours worldwide, Stephen Tharp has built one of the most well-respected international careers in the world, earning him the reputation as the most traveled concert organist of his generation.

**Tickets:** $25

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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  
New York, NY 10028  
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St. Ignatius Loyola Day Nursery
Ms. Joy L. Blom, Executive Director  
(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.

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