Lent is the special preparation period for receiving the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Today at the 11 AM Solemn Mass, 23 men and women will participate in various Rites: the Rite of Sending, the Call to Continuing Conversion (for those already baptized), and for those preparing for Baptism, the Rite of Election at St. Patrick’s Cathedral.

I participated in these Rites fifteen years ago, during Lent 2004. I have vivid memories that stand out like snapshots: I had butterflies dancing in my stomach all morning. I was nervous and excited. I remember my name being called at the Rite of Sending at the Parish, being welcomed by the late Cardinal Egan at the Cathedral, and signing my name in the Book of the Elect. Reflecting on the time that led up to those moments and the time since, I am struck by a few things.

When I began exploring the Catholic faith (of all religions!) I challenged God. “You want me, God?” I asked. “Well, you better overcome each and every one of my objections or forget it.” Today, I shake my head at my ignorance and, more especially, my arrogance.

I grew up in Los Angeles in a devoutly agnostic family: we celebrated Christmas and Easter, but we never went to church. We had no particular faith and it never occurred to me that this was odd. What was odd was that some friends went to church. It was a completely alien concept. My father instilled in us that religion “caused a lot of wars,” and “why would we want to be party to that?” It seemed that religious people didn’t question God—they weren’t supposed to question God.

After moving to New York City in 1999, I felt drawn to God and the Catholic Mass. This was disconcerting. What was I thinking? Intellectualism was a time-honored Duncan Family Tradition and religion was not invited. Or so I thought. The great questions of life, art, and politics were always topics of conversation at dinner, which my dad called “communion” and “breaking bread.” When my brother and I needed moral correction, my dad would say, “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you,” and, “Judge not, lest ye shall be judged.” It would be years before I would understand the Eucharistic foreshadowing of those verses in the Bible.

Second, I loved attending the RCIA sessions at St. Ignatius. It remains one of the happiest periods of my life. During the inquiry phase, I experienced new insights and consolations. Meeting with a group of people on a similar journey was exactly the support needed when feeling I might be betraying my family values. The RCIA Team was loving, open-minded, and down to earth. We became a family and it was safe to ask any question.

Looking back, I can see I was falling in love: with God, the world, and life. It was as though I had come home to a place I didn’t know was waiting for me. I finally decided to allow God to figure out the rest. More than anything else, I longed to know Jesus Christ more intimately. My challenge to God to overcome each and every one of my objections slowly turned into God’s invitation to surrender myself, to give myself in love and service.

The following of this call from God has completely changed my life: I now teach Theology at an all-girls Catholic high school in Manhattan where I am Department Chair. My husband, Brian, and I have been married for ten years and in September of 2018, we welcomed our son, Zachary Christopher, through God’s gift of adoption. God’s blessings never fail to overwhelm. I am so grateful to have been called home.

— Skye Christina Angioletti
RCIA Team Member and Parishioner
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Tuesday Evenings  
March 12th –April 16th  
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.

**Monthly Parish Coffee Hour**

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

Join your fellow parishioners for food, fellowship and fun!

**Upcoming Coffee Hour Dates**

May 19 & June 16

**BOOMERS & BEYOND**

**THE ART OF FORGIVENESS**

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 presentation and conversation will focus on self-forgiveness, moving beyond the "soul suicide" of revenge and control, and transforming brokenness into wisdom and compassion.

Brian Pinter, Pastoral Associate, will facilitate the discussion.

All are welcome.

**Sunday Brunch**

Sunday, March 24th  
1:00 PM  
Doc Watson’s Outdoor Garden (1490 2nd Avenue)  

Price: $24 per person (includes tax, tip and 2 complimentary drinks)  

Space is limited.  
To RSVP, email boomersandbeyond.st.ignatius@gmail.com

**PARISH MEN’S FAITH GROUP**

Tuesday, March 19th  
7:00 PM  
Parish House  

**MEN AND GRIEF**

Tending our grief is a crucial part of the process of receiving God's transforming grace. If we don't learn how to grieve, our pain and woundedness will be transmitted to others. Our meeting will explore naming what we need to grieve and how we go about this sacred work.

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To register, email simensgroup@aol.com

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Moms, Pops & Tots.  
10:00 AM. Gonzaga Meeting Room.

The Joy of Lent.  
7:00 PM. Wallace Hall. Details on page 5.

Ranger Rosary Ministry.  
7:00 PM. Gonzaga Meeting Room.

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

The Art of Forgiveness.  
7:00 PM. Parish Lounge.  
Details at right.

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Ignatian Interfaith Ministry.  
6:30 PM. Gonzaga Meeting Room.  
Details on page 3.

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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 in Wallace Hall

The Rev. Kaji Doua, Senior Pastor of Park Avenue Christian Church, will lead a reflection on compassionate connections.

Relationships are beautiful and complex, but they function best when we can find ways to connect with compassion. This workshop will explore how we can deepen in our capacities to love compassionately, following the example of Christ himself.

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

Continental breakfast will be served at 9:00 AM, with the program beginning at 9:30 AM.

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

Registration is required.

Capital Campaign

At the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, 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, scan the QR code at left.

Moving? Please don’t forget to notify us!
Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, March 11th
(First Monday of Lent)
8:30 MEM The Meehan Family
12:10 MEM Loretta Guerrin
5:30 MEM Phyllis Dragona

Tuesday, March 12th
(First Tuesday of Lent)
Isaiah 55:10–11 Psalm 34 Matthew 6:7–15
8:30 MEM Alfred Ziccardi
12:10 ANN Margaret & Peter Voorhies
5:30 MEM Marie Ruggiero

Wednesday, March 13th
(First Wednesday of Lent)
8:30 MEM The Choix & Gordon Families
12:10 MEM Valentino Mazzia
5:30 MEM David Oing

Thursday, March 14th
(First Thursday of Lent)
Esther 12, 14–16, 23–25 Psalm 138 Matthew 5:43–48
8:30 MEM William & Ann Reilly
12:10 MEM Eleanor & Thomas Jordan
5:30 MEM Living & Deceased Members of the Wallace Family

Friday, March 15th
(First Friday of Lent)
8:30 MEM John Figge
12:10 MEM Helen Galea
5:30 ANN Charles Denihan

Saturday, March 16th
(First Saturday of Lent)
Deuteronomy 26:16–19 Psalm 119 Matthew 5:43–48
8:30 ANN Charles Denihan

Sunday, March 17th
(Second Sunday of Lent)
Genesis 15:5–12, 17–18 Psalm 27

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
SUNDAY, MARCH 17th
11 AM SOLEMN MASS
Tallis
O nata lux
Fauré
Messe basse: Sanctus, Agnus Dei

CARITAS CONCERT
Songs Without Words
Thursday, March 21st
7:00 PM in Wallace Hall

Pianist Mark Markham is considered one of the finest artists of his generation and the breadth of his repertoire is unrivaled. He is known around the world for his twenty-year collaboration with soprano Jessye Norman, as well as his solo performances in recital and with orchestra. His program for this evening features solo works of Schumann, Poulenc and others that reflect the diversity of his experience as a pianist.

Held in Wallace Hall, Caritas Concerts are warm, enjoyable evenings of food, wine, friendship and great music.

All proceeds benefit the Community of Sant'Egidio.

Tickets: $50–$250

So We Must Make the Journey
Sunday, April 14th
4:00 PM

FEATURED
Lorelei Ensemble
Beth Willer, founder and artistic director

Take flight on a transcendent journey from the soaring perspective of birds, and trace humanity's parallel journey through the cycle of life with the Lorelei Ensemble.

Boston's Lorelei Ensemble is recognized nationally for its bold and inventive programs that champion the extraordinary flexibility and virtuosic capability of the human voice.

Tickets: $20–$80

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

Pastor
Rev. Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J.

Associate Pastors
Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.
Rev. Vincent B. Sullivan, S.J.

Assistant Pastor
Rev. Brian G. Konzman, S.J.

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

Pastoral Associates
Teresa Marie Cariño       Carly-Anne Gannon

Pastoral Assistant
Maureen Haley

Assisting Priests

Music Ministries
Daniel Beckwith       Maureen Haley
Robert Reuter       Philip Anderson
Michael Sheetz
Scott Warren, Director
Sara Murphy, Executive Director of SMSS Concerts
Danya Katok, Administrator

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Diane M. Boyle

Administrative Assistant
Patricia Schneider

Communications Coordinator
Elizabeth O’Sullivan

Director of Facilities
Robert Cisternino

Asst. to the Director of Facilities
Caroline Fernandes

Director of Development
Erin Pick

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

Religious Education for Children
Ms. Carly-Anne Gannon, Director
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St. Ignatius Loyola Grammar School
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M.A., M.Ed.
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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.

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

Travel: A Spiritual Journey to Portugal. Monday, October 21st to Thursday, October 31st. Hosted by the Maryland & USA Northeast Provinces of the Society of Jesus. Spiritual Director: Fr. Rodolfo Casals, S.J. Cost: $3,679 from New York (Air/land tour price is $3,279 plus $400 government taxes/airline surcharges). Price includes roundtrip airfare, most meals, first class/select hotels, comprehensive sightseeing with local guides, entrance fees, porterage, and hotel service taxes. For more information, contact James Skurka, Tour Coordinator, at 212-774-5548 or jskurka@jesuits.org

Lecture: The Tragedy & Triumph of Lyndon Johnson: An Evening with Joseph A. Califano, Jr. Wednesday, March 20th, 6:00 PM. America Media, 1212 Avenue of the Americas, 11th Floor. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the end of the Johnson administration. Joseph A. Califano, Jr., President Lyndon Johnson’s chief domestic policy assistant, and Matt Malone, S.J., will discuss the legacy of President Johnson. This event is free and open to the public. To RSVP, email events@americamagazine.org.

Available in the Parish House

Six-Minute Reflections for Lent
Based on the writings of the late Bishop Kenneth Untener of Saginaw, Michigan, the goal of these booklets is to find six minutes each day for quiet reflection during the season of Lent.

We pray for the faithful departed
Francine Ambrosino
May she rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.