In the deepest recesses of every human heart there resides the desire to be assured that living a good life will merit an eternal reward. This desire, however, co-exists with a restlessness that demands proof that living a good life is worth the effort. Doubt often inveigles its way in and tries to establish the present moment as the only reality that matters. What the faint of heart fail to grasp is that the eternal can be experienced in every moment if love directs all our actions. The deceptive shadow of doubt is dispelled by the pure radiance of love. In its brilliant glow we behold the divine and find the freedom from doubt we have been seeking. How do we know this to be true? It is because we believe our Savior lives.

The challenge that confronts us today is, how do we live authentically what we believe? Is it even possible? There are those who would argue that our current situation is like no other time in history, that defending ourselves from the power of darkness, in whatever guise it manifests itself, is of paramount urgency. If we see the world through this lens, we will surely find demons, real or imaginary. We will point to those who threaten our sense of security and well-being; and we will seek the means to eliminate them. We will imagine that we can create a reality that ensures the reward we deserve. We will foolishly attempt to build a wall around this chimera to protect it from those who are deemed unworthy of it. Hubris and fear guide our actions, rather than goodness. Our hearts become hardened; we substitute the false glamour of the present for the rapture of eternity.

Yes, we live in a world where temptation pushes and the allure of invulnerability pulls. There are forces at work that twist and confound us, that redirect the energies of our hearts’ authentic desire. We stand on ground where countless generations have stood, facing the conflict between the myth of greatness and the power of good. The question we can ask ourselves this Easter Sunday is, how has our faith prepared us to confront this challenge so that what we celebrate today has meaning, not simply for ourselves but for the world?

There is one abiding truth that we acknowledge as we celebrate Easter. God loves us, all of us, and God’s love is without any pre-conditions of worthiness. God loved us so much that God raised his Son from the dead so that we might embrace this truth and manifest it in how we live our lives. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ we are offered life, a life that will not end but is eternal. Respect for life is essential to our faith in Jesus Christ: respect for life from conception to natural death; respect for all our sisters and brothers no matter the color of their skin, their ethnicity, their religion, their sexual orientation, their national origin or their economic status; respect for the environment and all creation; and respect for the natural birthright of human dignity itself. Anything less would be a denial of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We who believe that our Savior lives have been given another lens through which we view reality and live our lives. The forces that tried to uproot what is good have been forever vanquished. Divine and eternal love itself dwells within us. Each moment invites us to reveal that part of our heart where the desire to be with God burns bright. We are summoned to break the chains of fear and lead lives worthy of a true disciple of Jesus Christ. In those moments of living fearlessly what we believe, we glimpse what is eternal, revel with joy in God’s love for us, and are gladdened by the sure hope of eternal reward. By our words and actions we proclaim, Our Savior Lives!

— Rev. Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J.
Pastor
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 22nd
The Parish House will be closed.
One Mass will be celebrated at
8:30 AM in the Lady Chapel.
There will be no 12:10 PM or 5:30 PM Masses.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24th
Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting.
7:00 PM. Conference Room.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25th
Ignatian Social Justice.
7:00 PM. Conference Room.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26th
Transgender and Catholic: A Journey of Faith.
7:00 PM. Wallace Hall.
Details at right.

May you always be blessed with the joy of the Easter Season and your hearts be gladdened!
- Fr. Dennis Yesalonia, Pastor, and the Parish Staff of the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola

SUGGESTION CONTRIBUTION: $5/person

Registrants will meet inside the entrance.
The tour is limited to 20 attendees
To RSVP the docent tour, email MoreThanABookClubSIL@gmail.com

MORE THAN A BOOK CLUB

DOCENT TOUR OF ST. PATRICK’S CATHEDRAL
Thursday, May 9th | 1:45 PM
St. Patrick’s Cathedral

You are most cordially invited to attend an
EASTER MEMORIAL LITURGY
to remember deceased parishioners and/or their family members who died during 2018.

Tuesday, May 7th at 7:00 PM
Refreshments following in Wallace Hall
RSVP by Saturday, May 4th to eastermemorialsil@gmail.com.
You are invited to submit the names of deceased loved ones no later than Friday, May 3rd.

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Moving? Please don’t forget to notify us!

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Spirituality of Chronic Pain
Four Sessions Beginning Tuesday, April 30th
11:00 AM
Gonzaga Meeting Room

The experience of chronic pain can open the door to spiritual transformation or spiritual crisis. Our gatherings will explore how we can cooperate with God’s grace to transform suffering into an opportunity for growth and deeper trust in God.

All sessions led by Brian Pinter, Pastoral Associate.
To RSVP, email brianbpinter@gmail.com.

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SPEAKERS
Michael Sennett
Saint Ignatius of Loyola Parish
Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts
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Noelle Marie Javier, MD
Assistant Professor,
Icahn School of Medicine

LECTURE
Transgender and Catholic: A Journey of Faith
Friday, April 26th
7:00 PM in Wallace Hall

Sponsored by LGBT Catholics & Friends
Continuing the Journey Through Holy Listening

If you treasured the faith sharing experiences of Meeting Christ in Prayer and long to deepen your relationship with Christ by sharing your prayer experience, you are invited to join either of two groups who will meet for four sessions of Holy Listening. Based on Resurrection readings, this program provides new opportunities for spiritual conversation.

For registration and information, email MCIP@saintignatiusloyola.org

MEETING CHRIST IN PRAYER

Tuesday Mornings
April 23, 30, May 7 & 14
9:30 AM to 11:00 AM
Faber Lounge

Tuesday Evenings
April 23, 30, May 7 & 14
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM
Parish Lounge

THE ART OF FORGIVENESS:
Connecting with Story

Monday, April 29th
7:00 PM
Gonzaga Meeting Room

A crucial step in the journey of forgiveness is connecting with stories of those who have forgiven. Our gathering will explore and pray with some classic and contemporary stories of healing and reconciliation. We will also discuss future directions with this group.

Brian Pinter, Pastoral Associate, will facilitate the discussion.

All are welcome.

THE ART OF FORGIVENESS:
Grief

Wednesday, June 5th
7:00 PM
Gonzaga Meeting Room

Grieving our emotional and spiritual wounds is a painful but necessary step toward forgiveness. Our gathering will explore how we can do our grief work and the resources available to assist us in this sacred process.

Brian Pinter, Pastoral Associate, will facilitate the discussion.

All are welcome.

IGNATIAN INTERFAITH MINISTRY

Second Annual Ramadan Iftar Dinner
Friday, May 10th at 7:00 PM
Wallace Hall

SPEAKERS
Imam Ahmet M. Atlig, Ph.D. & Fr. Michael Hilbert, S.J.

During the month of Ramadan—a holy period of fasting for Muslims from sunrise to sundown—each day's fast concludes with the main meal of the day, Iftar.

The Turkish Cultural Center along with the Ignatian Interfaith Ministry will host an Iftar dinner open to all in Wallace Hall. The evening will include live traditional sufii music by the group Amir Vahab and Ensemble.

This will be an opportunity for us to experience this wonderful feast while also learning more about Islam from our Muslim neighbors. While there is no charge, advanced registration is required.

Please RSVP by Friday, May 3rd to ignatianinterfaithministry@gmail.com

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
Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, April 22nd (Easter Monday)
Acts 2:14, 22–32    Psalm 16    Matthew 28:8–15
8:30 MEM Robert Blackstock

Tuesday, April 23rd (Easter Tuesday)
Acts 2:36–41    Psalm 33    John 20:11–18
8:30 MEM Ron Ferreri
12:10 MEM Beatrice Scott-Hansen
5:30 MEM Nathan Davidson

Wednesday, April 24th (Easter Wednesday)
8:30 MEM Cornelius Keating
12:10 MEM Harriet Finegan
5:30 MEM George Adams

Thursday, April 25th (Easter Thursday)
8:30 MEM Emil Wittek
12:10 MEM Antal M. Oroszlany
5:30 MEM Thomas Flammer

Friday, April 26th (Easter Friday)
8:30 MEM Nora Blackstock
12:10 MEM Mary Dos Passos Singleton
5:30 MEM Nick Moramarco

Saturday, April 27th (Easter Saturday)
Acts 4:13–21    Psalm 118    Mark 16:9–15
8:30 MEM Living & Deceased Members of the Regan & Burke Families

Sunday, April 28th (Second Sunday of Easter)
Acts 5:12–16         Revelation 1:9–11, 12–13, 17–19
Psalm 118             John 20:19–31

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

It is with sadness that I bring to your attention something you may have already read in last Sunday’s edition of the New York Post. An allegation of sexual abuse of a minor has been brought against Fr. Charles Hoefner who served for many years at the parish. He died in 1992. There is currently an active investigation of this matter. Let us keep in prayer all those affected by this continuing crisis in the Church.

- Fr. Yesalonia
We extend warm congratulations to our RCIA Catechumens and Candidates who celebrated their entrance into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

**Catechumens**
- James Allen
- Ohad Badani
- Neza Bevc
- Wakana Edmister
- Jennifer Godyn
- Graeme Harcourt
- Phoroger Keo
- Siobhán Muldoon
- Nikhil Sikand
- Emily Steimel

**Candidates for**
- **Full Communion**
  - Jeff Lorefice
  - Guyte McCord
  - Marianne (Missy) Napoli
  - Kelly O'Shaughnessy

- **Candidates for Full Initiation**
  - Katie Bahan
  - Jessica Callard
  - Meghan Foley
  - Stephanie Guitard
  - Elizabeth Kraidich
  - Alexander Robinson
  - Anthony Rondinone

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**MUSIC**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 28th**

11 AM SOLEMN MASS

Whitlock
Five short pieces: Folk tune
Handl
Quia vidisti me, Thoma
Thatcher
Come, ye faithful
Webber
Solemn procession

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**Handel Dixit Dominus & Haydn Harmoniemesse**

Wednesday, May 22nd
8:00 PM

**FEATURING**

Choir and Orchestra of St. Ignatius Loyola
Parish Community Choir
K. Scott Warren, conductor

Wendy Baker, soprano
Kate Maroney, mezzo soprano
John Tiranno, tenor
Neil Netherly, bass

**Tickets:** $20 – $80

**Tickets are available online at**

smssconcerts.org or by calling 212-288-2520.

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**THE AMAZING RACE**

Saturday, May 4th
10:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Join St. Ignatius Loyola Church at our second annual scavenger hunt – this year at The Metropolitan Museum of Art! All parishioners, families, friends and ministries are welcome to participate.

The Amazing Race is part race and part scavenger hunt. A series of clues leads you around The Metropolitan Museum of Art performing mental challenges along the way. It is a great way to connect with friends and meet other parishioners. Prizes for the winning teams!

Who: Enter individually and be teamed up on the day, enter as a family, or team up with friends.
Team size is between 2-4 people.

Where: The race will start and finish at the Grammar School’s McKinnon Hall (48 East 84 Street). Participants will walk over to the Museum together.

Cost: $10/person, plus cost of Museum admission. For New York State residents (and New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut students), the amount you pay for admission is up to you.

What you’ll need: Comfortable shoes. Plus, at least one member of each team should have a smartphone to download the ScanQuest app before the event. If you don’t have a smartphone, we will pair you with someone who does.

To register, visit http://bit.ly/amazing-race-the-met
For more information, email j.vernon@me.com.
Travel: Two Pilgrimages in the Footsteps of Ignatius of Loyola: *Ignatius in Rome* (June 14th–20th) & *The Loyola Experience* (July 4th–14th). Following Ignatius Loyola's footsteps in Rome and Spain, you will experience the Spiritual Exercises with a renewed and revitalized appreciation for their place in the history of Christian spirituality through daily talks at critical sites in the life of one of the Catholic Church's great spiritual guides. For more information about the *Ignatius in Rome* trip, visit paulist.org/pilgrimages/rome. To learn about *The Loyola Experience* pilgrimage, visit paulist.org/pilgrimages/loyola.

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