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November 17, 2019 | Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Unopened Letters from God

dream uninterpreted is like a letter (from God) unopened." So wrote Rabbi Hisba, an ancient Israelite wisdom teacher. Our ancestors in faith viewed dreams as one of the primary ways God speaks to us. In Numbers 12:6 we read, "I the Lord reveal myself to them in visions, I speak to them in dreams." Recall the great dreamers of the Bible – the Josephs, Solomon, Daniel, Laban, the Magi, Pilate's wife, and Jacob with his ladder. Each received a sacred message in a dream, a message of guidance, instruction, warning, wisdom, or inspiration. Every night we too cross over to the dream world, where the Divine Dream-Maker has prepared a tailor-made pilgrimage for each of us. Working with dreams can be a spiritual practice. When we engage them we are on holy ground.

Dreams speak in symbolic language, just as Jesus spoke in parables. When Joseph the patriarch, for example, interprets pharaoh's dreams of fat and thin cows, Joseph realizes there's more to this story than farm animals! Pharaoh was receiving crucial information about what was going to happen in his land. Likewise, if you dream about a car, a forest, a house, or the sea, these symbols have been chosen because they hold deeper meaning for you.

Because dreams come to us when the ego is silenced, they are beyond our control. Dreams don't collude with our projections or our idealized images of ourselves. Therefore, dreams are more truthful about us than we are willing to be. They tell us what's really happening. For example, a woman dreamt that the man whom she was about to marry turned into a slithering snake. The dream shook her awake to a reality she didn't want to admit—that her fiancé was manipulative and deceitful; soon after she called off the wedding. I have had a recurring dream where I see myself in a mirror but I'm very aged. I feel shocked, but then I smile and accept that this is who I am. Perhaps the Dream-Maker is inviting me to embrace the reality that I am aging, that I am entering a new stage of life.



Jacob's Dream. Master of the Prodigal Son. c. 1550.

Dreams can come gently, posing questions, bringing to consciousness questions or wisdom we need for our growth, healing, and wholeness. The Dream-Maker might send recurring dreams as a way to underline something important. Such dreams could be highlighting deep longings of the heart, underscoring resistances to change, or initiating us into new phases of life. A nightmare could be the Dream-Maker saying to us, "Pay attention! Wake up!" Though frightening, nightmares are sent to help, to warn, to protect, to point to places deep within that are in need of healing.

Though we dream several times each night, remembering can be difficult. One way to improve dream recall is to become more intentional about working with dreams. The simple act of prayerfully asking for a dream is a statement of our willingness to listen. Keeping a bedside notebook so that the dream can be recorded immediately upon waking shows the Dream-Maker as well as the unconscious parts of ourselves that we reverence the dreaming state. In time, inner rigidity and blockages will soften, and dreams will flow. We will begin to discern patterns, themes, storylines, and characters who regularly visit us in our sacred sleep.

With Advent, Christmas, and the New Year approaching, I invite you to be especially attentive to your dreams. Holy days and festivals are fertile times for powerful, vivid dreaming. Spiritual energy courses through these days and nights as memories are stirred, familiar rituals enacted, and meaningful places revisited. The Dream-Maker might use this season of new beginnings to guide you toward deeper self-knowledge, renewal, and transformation. Sweet dreams!

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18th

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19th

Parish Men's Faith Group.
7:00 PM. Faber Lounge.
Details on page 3.

Lecture | The Opioid Epidemic & Medically-Assisted Treatment: Medical and Legal Perspectives. 7:30 PM. Wallace Hall.

Details on page 5.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21st

More Than a Book Club:
November Selection Book Discussion.
2:00 PM. Parish Lounge.

Details on page 4.

LGBT Catholics & Friends. 6:30 PM. Parish Lounge.

Ignatian Social Justice. 7:00 PM. Conference Room.

Parish Women's Faith Group. 7:00 PM. Faber Lounge. Details on page 3.

FRIDAY – SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 22nd – NOVEMBER 24th
Shelter Weekend, Wallace Hall.



Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 26th at 7:00 PM

Connect with your neighbors of all faiths and share a message of peace.

A reception in Wallace Hall will follow the service.



To stay up-to-date on parish events and programs, follow us at *stignatiusnyc*.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

If you are like me, you may scratch your head in mid-September wondering why stores are beginning to display Christmas decorations. By mid-October stores and radio stations are playing Christmas carols. Before you know it, many of us are in the midst of holiday planning as we enter the first week of November. I hope that part of your planning includes joining fellow parishioners at our third annual **Snow Ball Dance**.

When I became Pastor I recognized the need for more opportunities for parishioners to get together, enjoy one another's company, and have fun at the same time. I did not see it then nor do I now, as a fund-raising event. Its purpose, pure and simple, is to have a good time. The first dance was a big success; the second a bigger success; and now the third dance is upon us, so don't miss out. There is still time to purchase your tickets to the dance. For information on how to purchase tickets, please refer to the notice in this bulletin.

I hope to see you this year at the Snow Ball Dance, Saturday, December 14th, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM. And remember, be there or be square!

Sincerely in the Lord,

Fr. Gesalonia



Lectors Needed

New lectors needed for the Saturday 5:30 PM Mass and the Sunday 8:00 AM Mass.

For more information, email Fr. Bergen at bergenw@saintignatiusloyola.org.

THE ANNUAL APPEAL



The Annual Appeal 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 support of the Annual Appeal!

BOOMERS & BEYOND



Sunday Brunch

Today at 1:00 PM

Doc Watson's Outdoor Garden 1490 2nd Avenue

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

To RSVP, email boomersandbeyond.st.ignatius@gmail.com.



Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 1st 1:30 PM

Lott Assisted Living Residence–5th Avenue (between 107th and 108th Streets)

Come join us in bringing the magic of merriment to these wonderful residents.

PARISH MEN'S FAITH GROUP

Befriending the Life Not Chosen



Tuesday, November 19th 7:00 PM Faber Lounge

Every choice we make in life opens one door but closes another. We simply cannot experience every possibility, act on every inclination, pursue every avenue. Our conversation will explore how we find joy in accepting limitations, grieving roads not taken, and reclaiming the energy of unlived life.

To RSVP, email Brian Pinter at brianbpinter@gmail.com

PARISH WOMEN'S FAITH GROUP



Thursday, November 21st 7:00 PM Faber Lounge

We will consider the grace of Advent, savoring the anticipation and celebration of the Incarnation. We will be drawing on the works of Ron Rolheiser, David Haas, Jan Richardson, and Sacred Scripture.

Meetings are facilitated by Adele Gallo.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Thanksgiving Food Drive

to benefit the New York Common Pantry

NYCP's Food Pantry Program is New York City's largest communitybased food pantry. Throughout the

holiday season NYCP will serve meals to over 2,000 low-income families.

Please bring your <u>non-perishable</u> food items to the Parish House

through today!



Requested items:

- pasta (1 lb.)
- canned beans
- dry beans (1 lb.)
 - juice
- (46 oz. cans/bottles)
 - 1 qt. shelf-stable milk
- (No glass jars please.)



Annual Turkey Drive to benefit the New York Common Pantry

A donation of \$50 will help the Common Pantry to purchase a turkey plus plenty of delicious side dishes and dessert for one of the thousands of families who rely on

their Choice Pantry services.

Please bring checks to the Parish House by <u>Sunday, November 17th</u>, and make them payable to: *Society of St. Vincent de Paul* (note **Turkey Drive** in the memo section).



Christmas Angel Project

Begins the weekend of November 23rd-24th

to benefit the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Lower Manhattan & the Church of the Annunciation, West Harlem

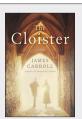
Beginning the weekend of November 23rd and 24th, after all Masses, participants will be able to select up to *three* Angel cards from one of the tables that will be placed in the Narthex and Wallace Hall. Cards will also be available at the Parish House while the supply lasts.

Gifts must be returned to the Parish House no later than <u>Sunday</u>, <u>December 15th</u>.

MORE THAN A BOOK CLUB

NOVEMBER SELECTION BOOK DISCUSSION

Thursday, November 21st at 2:00 PM Parish Lounge



NOVEMBER BOOK SELECTION

In *The Cloister* by James Carroll, Father Michael Kavanagh is shocked to see a friend from his

seminary days named Runner Malloy at the altar of his humble Inwood community parish. Wondering about their past, he wanders into the The Cloisters, and begins a conversation with a museum guide, Rachel Vedette.

Rachel, a scholar of medieval history, has retreated to The Cloisters after her harrowing experience as a Jewish woman in France during the Holocaust. She ponders her late father's greatest intellectual work: a study demonstrating the relationship between the famously discredited monk Peter Abelard and Jewish scholars. Something about Father Kavanagh makes Rachel think he might appreciate her continued studies, and she shares with him the work that cost her father his life.

At the center of these interrelated stories is the classic romance between the great scholar Peter Abelard and his intellectual equal Heloise.

To RSVP, email MoreThanaBookClubSIL@gmail.com.

Anyone who has read the book is welcome to attend.



SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, November 19th | 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM 240 East 84th Street

RSVP to Danielle Smith, Director of Admissions, at *smithd@saintignatiusloyola.org* or 212-734-6427.

THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

The *Book of Remembrance* has been placed on the altar of the Jesuit Boy Saints (at the back of the church, on the 84th Street side). Individuals are invited to write the names of deceased loved ones in this book.

<u>Announced Masses and Readings</u> for the Week

Monday, November 18th

(Thirty-third Monday in Ordinary Time)

1 Maccabees 1:10–15, 41–43, 54–57, 62–63 Psalm 119 Luke 18:35–43

8:30 MEM Robert Blackstock, Jr.

12:10 MEM Anna Gagen

5:30 MEM John Figge

Tuesday, November 19th

(Thirty-third Tuesday in Ordinary Time)

2 Maccabees 6:18-31 Psalm 3 Luke 19:1-10

8:30 MEM Carla Fendi

12:10 MEM Quinn & Iervolino Families

5:30 MEM Barbara Kersten

Wednesday, November 20th

(Thirty-third Wednesday in Ordinary Time)

2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31 Psalm 17 Luke 19:11-28

8:30 MEM Robert Blackstock, Jr.

12:10 MEM Kristin Kyley

5:30 MEM Michael Huebsch

Thursday, November 21st

(The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

1 Maccabees 2:15-29 Psalm 50 Luke 19:41-44

8:30 MEM John Sloan, Jr.

12:10 MEM Jay McNamee

5:30 MEM Nathan Davidson

Friday, November 22nd (St. Cecilia)

1 Maccabees 4:36–37, 52–59 1 Chronicles 29

Luke 19:45-48

8:30 MEM John McNamee

12:10 MEM James B. Tormey

5:30 MEM Sose & Mark Prekelezaj

Saturday, November 23rd

(Thirty-third Saturday in Ordinary Time)

1 Maccabees 6:1-13 Psalm 9 Luke 20:27-40

8:30 MEM Mary Long Blinderman

Sunday, November 24th

(Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe)

2 Samuel 5:1–3 Psalm 122 Colossians 1:12–20 Luke 23:35–43



You've notified your friends, you've notified your credit cards, you've notified your magazines.

Please don't forget to notify us!

MEETING CHRIST IN PRAYER

Continuing the Journey Through Holy Listening

Tuesday Mornings Dec. 3, 10 & 17 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM Parish Lounge Tuesday Evenings Dec. 3, 10 & 17 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM Faber Lounge



If you treasured the faith sharing experiences of Meeting Christ in Prayer and long to deepen your relationship with Christ, we invite you to continue

the journey and join us for three sessions of Holy Listening.

Based on Advent readings, this program provides new opportunities for spiritual conversation as you share your prayer experience with spiritual friends.

To register (by Sunday, December 1st), email MCIP@saintignatiusloyola.org.

Space is limited.

LECTURE



The Opioid Epidemic & Medically-Assisted Treatment: Medical and Legal Perspectives

Tuesday, November 19th 7:30 PM Wallace Hall

PANELISTS

Hon. George A. Grasso
Criminal Court of the City of New York

Dr. Scott Bienenfeld
Director and Addiction Psychiatrist, The Recovery Spot

This panel discussion will focus on Medically-Assisted Treatment, a treatment protocol that combines FDA-approved medications with counseling and behavioral therapies, to provide a 'whole-patient' approach to the treatment of substance use disorders.

November is *Jesuit Vocation Month*

Please join us in praying for vocations to the Society of Jesus.

For more information, visit www.jesuit.org

MUSIC

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH 11 AM SOLEMN MASS

Callahan

Partita on Duke Street

Havdn

Missa St. Joannis de Deo: Gloria, Sanctus, Agnus Dei

Rorem

Sing, my soul, his wondrous love

Corl

Trumpet Tune on Diademata

A Chanticleer Christmas

Friday, December 6th at 8:00 PM & Sunday, December 8th at 4:00 PM

The joy of Christmas comes once again to what we hope are fresh eyes and ears, hearts and voices. Gregorian chant and Biebl are never far away, but this year we turn also to carols in half-a-dozen languages, American hymns, Spanish villancicos that ask us to dance, and "I Wonder as I Wander," which calls us to pray. This is a tradition we cherish, and we can't wait to celebrate the holidays with you again.

Tickets: \$30-\$93

Tickets are available online at *ignatius.nyc*.

Snow Ball Dance



Saturday, December 14th 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM Wallace Hall

Come eat, drink and dance to live music with your friends and other fellow adult (21+) parishioners.

Tickets can be purchased at
https://snowballdance2019.eventbrite.com.

Tickets: \$50 adults/\$40 seniors (60+)

Please consider bringing an unwrapped toy in support of the toy drive sponsored by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

We look forward to welcoming you!



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Maureen Haley

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Weekday Masses (Monday to Friday)

8:30 AM, 12:10 PM, and 5:30 PM **Saturday:** 8:30 AM

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Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM Fr. Hannafey Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Amiot

9:30 AM Fr. Hilbert

Wallace Hall Family 11:00 AM Fr. Judge

Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. O'Connell

7:30 PM Fr. O'Connell

Religious Education for Children

Ms. Nicole Bedard, M.A. Director (212) 861-4764

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Children's Liturgy of the Word Sundays at 9:30 AM.

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.

Parish Mission Statement

The love of Christ impels us to welcome all, to worship joyfully and pray fervently, to walk together with those in need, and to reverence God in the wonder of Creation.

Lecture: U.S. v. Nixon at 45: An Evening with Philip Allen Lacovara, Esq. Wednesday, December 4th, 6:30 PM. America Media, 1212 Avenue of the Americas, 11th Floor. Presented by America magazine and Fordham University School of Law. Moderator: Matt Malone, S.J., Editor-in-Chief, America magazine. First Respondent: Jed Shugerman, J.D., Professor of Law, Fordham University To RSVP, email events@americamedia.org.

Ignatian Yoga Retreat. Friday, March 20th to Sunday, March 22nd, 2020. Mariandale Retreat Center, Ossining, New York. Join Bobby Karle, S.J. and the Ignatian Yoga Team for the only East Coast retreat this Spring. To register, visit ignatianyoga.com.

Interested in becoming Catholic?

For more information about this process, which is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, contact Maureen Fullam at 212-288-3588 or email church@saintignatiusloyola.org



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