

Church of St. Ignatius Loyola

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December 1, 2019 | First Sunday of Advent

Waiting

The Church's season of Advent begins today. Advent is often described as a time of waiting. For children, it may principally be about waiting for Christmas. For Santa Claus. And if you bring up Jesus—"We're waiting for Jesus"—you may be reminded by your child, "But you told us he was already here!"

And so he is. He is here in the supreme sacrament of the Eucharist which we call his real presence. But God is truly present in the word of scripture as well, the word of the Lord. The word of scripture actually does announce him, presents him as teacher, and conveys his mercy and forgiveness of sinners. He is also here in humanity, in the neighbor. He is especially present in the neighbor who is hungry and you feed; who is homeless and you shelter; who is sick and you help to heal. And one more place: God, you can tell a child, is within you. The church is the building we call God's House, but each of us is really a house of God, or what St. Paul calls a Temple of the Holy Spirit. Yes, God, Jesus is already here.



So what are we waiting for in Advent if Jesus is already here? We're waiting for an anniversary, for a birthday party, a celebration of when he first came in the flesh, in our flesh, and into our world. But much more needs to be said. We are waiting for a fresh coming, so to speak, of Jesus into our lives.

How does this happen? How does God come? This has been answered by Christian theologians and writers in spirituality in many different ways over many centuries. Let me offer my short answer. I think the short answer is that God comes wherever true love is, love that is given or received. When God became human in Jesus Christ, the people who knew him best were the twelve apostles who were his closest friends in the final three years of his life. One of them, John, "*the disciple Jesus loved*" (John 13:23) gives us the

very best description of Jesus in the New Testament: "*God is love*" (1 John 4:8). It is fair to say that God is love and nothing *but* love. And love shows itself in many different ways in many different people. I am reminded of the verse from Gerard Manley Hopkins' poem *As Kingfishers Catch Fire*: "*For Christ plays in ten thousand places, lovely in limbs, and lovely in eyes not his, to the Father through the features of men's faces.*"

What love brings is best revealed by Saint Paul in his letter to the Christians of Galatia. Paul writes that the fruit of the Spirit is "*joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control*" (Galatians 5:22-23). Whenever I observe these qualities in someone, I know God surely is working there. In his *Rules for the Discernment of Spirits*, Saint Ignatius writes that the characteristic gift of God is inner peace. In Luke's account of the birth of Jesus, a great throng of angels sing: "*Glory to God in the highest and peace to men who enjoy his favor.*" At Mass, the initial greeting is frequently: "Peace be with you." And at every Mass there is a prayer before the Sign of Peace that begins: "Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you." Inner peace is God's great gift to us.

Over the next several weeks of Advent, the one constant message we will be hearing in scripture is this: "The Lord is coming! The Lord is coming!" This is the promise that resounds through a thousand years of Hebrew scriptures, a promise we believe has been fulfilled with the birth of Christ. With anticipation, we await the anniversary of that coming, and we look forward to his coming again as we pray in the Creed every Sunday: "He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end." As we look to the future, our hope is to be convinced that it is the presence of God with us right now that matters most, even though we still speak of a Christ who is to come.

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

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1st

First Sunday of Advent

Ignatian Young Adults Social.
Following the 11 AM Mass. Parish Lounge.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2nd

Ranger Rosary Ministry.
7:00 PM. Conference Room.

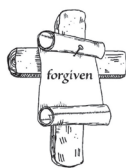
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4th

Welcoming the Divine Child.
7:00 PM. Gonzaga Meeting Room.
Details on page 3.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6th

Concert | A Chanticleer Christmas.
8:00 PM. Church. *Details on page 5.*

ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE



MONDAY, DECEMBER 16th

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

All parishes in the Archdiocese of New York
will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation
on Monday, December 16th.

Confessions will be heard from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Tuesday, December 24th

Christmas Eve

- 4:00 PM Family Mass I • 6:00 PM Family Mass II
- 8:00 PM Mass of Christmas • Midnight Mass

Wednesday, December 25th

Christmas Day • 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM*

*If you are available, please email Rob Manning at
robbiefmanning@gmail.com*

Your Parish, Your Home Giving Challenge

Through Sunday, December 8th

*Your parish,
your home.*

Campaign for
the Church of
St. Ignatius Loyola

Three anonymous donors are
challenging those who have
not made a gift to the *Your Parish, Your Home Capital
Campaign* to participate in our giving weeks. They are
sponsoring this challenge with a \$275,000 gift.

**YOUR GIFT + THEIR MATCH =
DOUBLE YOUR DONATION**



*To contribute,
visit donate.stignatiusloyola.org/capital
or scan the QR code at left.*

LME RETREAT

An Overview of Sacred Music: From Beginnings to Today

— SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2020 —

Dr. Jennifer Pascual will present an overview of sacred music of the Church, including different styles and forms from the early beginnings of sacred music to the practices of today. The morning presentation will cover the early beginnings of sacred music up until Vatican II, touching on forms such as Gregorian Chant & Polyphony and briefly discussing sacred music through the major musical periods—Medieval, Renaissance, Baroque, Classical, Romantic and Contemporary periods, including the Caecilian movement. Sacred musical works by men and women composers will be discussed and how they can be utilized in modern-day liturgies.

The afternoon presentation will cover sacred music as practiced today, church documents pertaining to sacred music, and styles and forms such as hymnody, contemporary music and ritual music.

*Continental breakfast and lunch will be served.
The day will conclude with an optional Mass.*

Email layministersenrichment@gmail.com for more information. Stay tuned for full registration details!



McKinnon Hall Coffee Hour

Sunday, December 8th | McKinnon Hall

We hope you will join us at **12 Noon**
as we welcome the RCIA Candidates who will be
participating in the Rite of Welcome and Entrance
into the Catechumenate at the 11 AM Solemn Mass.

Copies of the
Christmas and Holiday Mass Schedule,
which includes the listing of music being sung
at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses,
are available in the Narthex, the Parish House,
and at stignatiusloyola.org

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Christmas Angel Project

Continues This Weekend!

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

Through Sunday, December 15th, 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 Sunday, December 15th.



Annual Toy Drive

Continues This Weekend!

to benefit the children from the St. Mary of the Assumption & Our Lady of Mt. Carmel-St. Benedict on Staten Island

Through Sunday, December 15th

Please bring new, unwrapped toys or games for boys and girls between the ages of 6-12 to the Parish House.



BOOMERS & BEYOND



Christmas Caroling

TODAY at 1:30 PM

*Lott Assisted Living Residence
Fifth Avenue (between 107th and 108th Streets)*

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



Join Our Email Mailing List!

Whether you're traveling or staying close to home, stay current on parish news and events.

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



Welcoming the Divine Child

**Three Wednesdays Beginning December 4th
7:00 PM in the Parish House**

Within each of us is an inner child, a part that remains immature and unconsciously clings to past hurts and wounds. Our presentations and conversations will explore how we can allow the grace of Christ's birth to heal and transform our hearts.

Sessions will include short presentations by Brian B. Pinter, Pastoral Associate, Q & A, prayer, and quiet time for reflection.

FAMILY MINISTRY



Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

**Sunday, December 8th
Wallace Hall**

Immediately following the 11:00 AM Family Mass.

All are welcome.

WALLACE HALL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Sunday, December 15th

***Immediately following the
11:00 AM Family Mass***



We hope that your family will join us in this celebration of our Lord's birth.
There is a role for everyone!



To participate: Scan the QR Code at left to be directed to the online registration form or visit stignatiusloyola.org

Two rehearsals are required:

Sunday, December 8th at noon in Wallace Hall &
Sunday, December 15th at 9:30 AM in Wallace Hall

Questions?

Email Mary Jo Ward at mjward@med.cornell.edu.



Bambinelli Sunday

**December 15th
At the 11 AM Wallace Hall Mass**

At the December 15th 11 AM Mass, we will bless Infant Jesus figurines that will be placed in crèches. We invite parishioners to bring in their figurines for the blessing.

ANNUAL APPEAL



Please support this year's Annual Appeal.

The Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2019 is now available.

A copy of the Annual Report is available online at stignatiusloyola.org or by scanning the QR Code at right.



Thank you for your generosity!



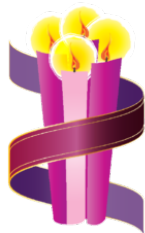
IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS *Experience Making a Difference*

Join the Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) and become a contemplative in action in the spirit of St. Ignatius Loyola and the Jesuits!

IVC volunteers are adults over 50 years of age who offer their life skills and experience one to two days a week to directly serve those in need. Volunteers gather monthly to prayerfully reflect on their service and to deepen their spirituality in the Ignatian tradition. There is also the opportunity for spiritual guidance.

Interested? Contact Maureen Fullam,
Regional Director, at 917-859-0928 or
email mfullam@ivcusa.org and
visit our website at ivcusa.org

FORMED Daily Advent Reflections



Share the joy of the season with those you love by creating a space for Christ in your day and in your heart. Receive daily meditation, formation, and motivation in preparation for Christ's coming.

To sign-up, visit formed.org/advent.



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 www.stignatiusloyola.org

Registration is our only means of

Moving? Please don't forget to notify your church.
This information helps us to keep our database current.

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, December 2nd (First Monday of Advent)

Isaiah 4:2-6 Psalm 122 Matthew 8:5-11

8:30 MEM Ciro Saracino

12:10 MEM Margaret Gallacher

5:30 MEM Alice Boswell

Tuesday, December 3rd (St. Francis Xavier)

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 Psalm 117

Matthew 16:15-20

8:30 MEM Peter Johnson

12:10 MEM Nora Dore

5:30 MEM Jay McNamee

Wednesday, December 4th (First Wednesday of Advent)

Isaiah 25:6-10a Psalm 23 Matthew 15:29-37

8:30 MEM The Choix & Gordon Families

12:10 MEM Daniel F. Kelly

5:30 ANN Dolorita Wallace Moore

Thursday, December 5th

(First Thursday of Advent)

Isaiah 26:1-6 Psalm 118 Matthew 7:21, 24-27

8:30 MEM Caroline Choix

12:10 MEM Charlie Glowacki

5:30 MEM Jack Kehoe

Friday, December 6th (First Friday of Advent)

Isaiah 29:17-24 Psalm 27 Matthew 9:27-31

8:30 MEM Thomas Flammer

12:10 MEM Marcos Federico Derkhien

5:30 MEM Tracey O'Keeffe Ramponi

Saturday, December 7th (St. Ambrose)

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26 Psalm 147

Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

8:30 MEM Jerry Johnson

Sunday, December 8th (Second Sunday of Advent)

Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72

Romans 15:4-9 Matthew 3:1-12



Calling All Snowbirds!

Are you in Florida during the winter months? Then we invite you to join us for events we will be hosting in Palm Beach & Naples in early March.

For more information, contact Erin Pick at
picke@saintignatiusloyola.org or (212) 288-3588 x608.

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 TODAY),
email MCIP@saintignatiusloyola.org.

Space is limited.

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!

Interested in Becoming Catholic?



For more information on the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults program, contact Maureen Fullam at 212-288-3588 or email church@saintignatiusloyola.org.

MUSIC

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

11 AM SOLEMN MASS

Archer & Thorne

Two settings of Merton

Guerrero

Canite tuba

Fauré

Messe basse pour voix de femmes: Sanctus

Martinson

Lions and oxen



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



Star of Wonder:

Annual Christmas Concerts

Sunday, December 15th at 3:00 PM

&

Sunday, December 22nd at 3:00 PM

Christmas is our favorite time of year, when we accompany your holiday season with joy and tranquility in music old, new, and familiar.

In our most popular concert year after year, raise your voice with the Choirs and Orchestra in traditional carols and a thundering "Hallelujah Chorus" sing-along. Over 100 musicians deliver the heart-warming melodies of Christmas.

Tickets: \$30-\$78

Tickets are available online at ignatius.nyc.



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Weekday Masses (Monday to Friday)

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

Saturday: 8:30 AM

Saturday Vigil	5:30 PM	Fr. Amiot
Sunday:	8:00 AM	Fr. Yesalonia
	9:30 AM	Fr. Martin
Wallace Hall Family	11:00 AM	Fr. Hilbert
Solemn	11:00 AM	Fr. Bergen
	7:30 PM	Fr. Bergen

Religious Education for Children

Ms. Nicole Bedard, M.A.

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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.

ArchCare Care Navigation Center: Resources for Seniors.

Need help caring for yourself or someone else but not sure where to turn? ArchCare, the healthcare system of the Archdiocese of New York has a Center staffed by health and social service professionals dedicated to helping people better understand and access the services for which they are eligible. Call 855-951-2273 between 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM seven days a week.

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