

Church of St. Ignatius Loyola

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December 15, 2019 | Third Sunday of Advent

Youth Ushering in the Kingdom of God

“Aren’t there annunciations of one sort or another in most lives?” One of my favorite poems, “Annunciation” by Denise Levertov, poses this question. In the middle of her reflection on the Annunciation to Mary, Levertov points out Mary is not the only one invited to say “yes” to God. All of us experience moments when God opens a path for us. We just need to find the courage to say “yes.”

Advent readings call us to reflect not just on Christ’s coming at Christmas, but on the second coming as well. We reflect on the Kingdom of God—a place where, the Prophet Isaiah tells us, the desert will bloom, the blind will see, the mute will sing. This is an interesting theological topic because we believe we are living in the “already/not yet” of the Kingdom. In other words, the Kingdom of God has already been brought to Earth by Jesus, but it is not yet fully realized. We are already living in the Kingdom of God, but we are not yet living in its fullness.

That brings us back to the poem. Mary did her part to bring the Kingdom of God into the world by saying “yes” at the Annunciation to God’s invitation to bear Jesus. How can we help to usher in the fullness of the Kingdom? What are ways we can say “yes” to God’s daily invitations to be more Christ-like, and move from the “not yet” to the “fully realized”?

Working with young people, I am continually astonished by their prodigious wisdom surrounding these questions. I stand in wonder as I witness them bringing Christ, and being Christ, to those around them. For example, last month I had the privilege of accompanying a group of high schoolers to Washington, D.C., to attend the Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice. Over 2,000 young people attended this social justice conference, learning how to transform the world into a place where the Kingdom can flourish. Part of the conference was meeting with a Congressperson and advocating on behalf of those whose voices are silenced. Watching the youth of our parish, and the 2,000 other youth at the conference, engage in such a remarkable and transforming event on the same weekend that Disney+ started streaming left me awestruck and overjoyed!

The youth in IREP [Interparish Religious Education Program] bring God to me, to their classmates, and to the world every day in smaller, but equally significant ways. They lovingly welcome classmates who are tearful and apprehensive about entering a new classroom. They bring mountains of donations for our Thanksgiving and Christmas drives in order to help less fortunate families have an opportunity to celebrate the holidays. They set up beds in the Wallace Hall Women’s Shelter to provide our guests a hospitable place to sleep. I have heard them proclaim the readings at our IREP Masses so beautifully that I know they must have spent hours with the Word of God at home practicing.

My vision of God is often so clouded by responsibilities that I fail to accept or even see the small invitations in front of me to say “yes” to God in the way these young people do. The youth of our parish constantly build up the Kingdom here on Earth through their words and deeds. They are not the Church of the future. They are the Church of today.

This Advent, as we begin our new Church year, I encourage all to be open to receiving the annunciations in life that may be slipping past unnoticed or that we are willingly turning away from. Try saying yes! Let’s bring the Kingdom of God to earth! We can look to the youth of our parish as an example!



— Nicole Bedard
Pastoral Associate, Director of Religious Education and Youth Ministry

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15th

Third Sunday of Advent

Bambinelli Sunday. During the 11 AM Wallace Hall Family Mass. *Details on page 3.*

Ignatian Young Adults Sunday Social. Following the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass. Parish Lounge.

Wallace Hall Christmas Pageant. Following the 11:00 AM Wallace Hall Family Mass. *Details on page 3.*

Star of Wonder: Annual Christmas Concert. 3:00 PM. Church. *Details on page 5.*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16th

Reconciliation Monday. 4:00 PM– 8:00 PM. Church. *Details on page 3.*

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17th

Parish Men's Faith Group: The Divine GPS. 7:00 PM. Gonzaga Meeting Room. *Details on page 3.*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18th

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

Ignatian Social Justice. 7:00 PM. Parish Lounge.

2019 CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

4:00 PM FAMILY MASS I
Wallace Hall Choir & Children's Choirs
Fr. Judge, Presider
Doors open at 3:15 PM

6:00 PM FAMILY MASS II

Parish Community Choir
Fr. Hilbert, Presider
Doors open at 5:15 PM

8:00 PM VIGIL MASS

Choir & Orchestra of St. Ignatius Loyola
Fr. Bergen, Presider
Doors open at 7:30 PM

MIDNIGHT MASS

Choir & Orchestra of St. Ignatius Loyola
Fr. Yesalonia, Presider
Doors open at 10:45 PM

Christmas Day

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

9:30 AM MASS

Fr. O'Connell, Presider

11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS

Fr. Yesalonia, Presider

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26TH

One Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 AM
(The Parish House will be closed)

New Year's Eve

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

Mass at 8:30 AM in the Lady Chapel & the Vigil Mass of Solemnity at 5:30 PM in the Church
(The Parish House will be closed)

New Year's Day

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1ST

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
One Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 AM in the Church
(The Parish House will be closed)

A Gentle Reminder

The Christmas Masses here in the Parish are unusually crowded, especially the 4:00 PM Family Mass and the Midnight Mass.

People will be seated as they arrive. In fairness to all, please do not attempt to save or hold seats for those who are expected later. The ushers have been instructed not to honor such arrangements.



Bambinelli Sunday

TODAY

At the 11 AM Wallace Hall Mass

We will bless Infant Jesus figurines that will be placed in crèches. We invite parishioners to bring in their figurines for the blessing.



Welcoming the Divine Child

Wednesday, December 18th

7:00 PM in the Gonzaga Meeting Room

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.

LME RETREAT

**An Overview of Sacred Music:
From Beginnings to Today**

Saturday, January 18, 2020 | 9:15 AM to 3:30 PM



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.*

To register, visit tinyurl.com/lme-winter-2020.

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.

Many priests will be available for Confession.

PARISH MEN'S FAITH GROUP



Tuesday, December 17th

7:00 PM

Parish House

The Divine GPS

Our prayer and discussion will explore the opening genealogy of Matthew's Gospel, a text that relates how God works through deeply flawed men (and some extraordinary women!) to bring about salvation, despite their many "wrong turns."

To RSVP, email simensgroup@aol.com.



Please support the Advent & Christmas Liturgical Music Fund

This fund supports the liturgical music program throughout the year — our musicians, staff, music, robes, and maintenance of instruments.

Gifts of \$100 or more that are received by **today** will be listed in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship aids. Contributions of \$1000 or more and \$2500 or more will be featured in special sections.

To donate, visit

<https://donate.stignatiusloyola.org/christmasmusic>



Special Collection

Next weekend, we will take the collection for our parish Christmas Flowers Fund.

We thank you for your generosity.

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

ANNUAL APPEAL



Please support this year's Annual Appeal.

A copy of the Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2019 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

WALLACE HALL AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL

For more information, contact *Caroline Fernandes* at 212-288-3588 or fernandesc@saintignatiusloyola.org

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, December 16th

(Third Monday of Advent)

Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a Psalm 25 Matthew 21:23-27

8:30 MEM Jack O'Leary

12:10 MEM Daniel Johnson

5:30 MEM Daniel Johnson

Tuesday, December 17th

(Third Tuesday of Advent)

Genesis 49:2, 8-10 Psalm 72 Matthew 1:1-17

8:30 MEM Brenninkmeijer Family

12:10 MEM Gino Scalamandre

5:30 MEM Kevin Minihan

Wednesday, December 18th

(Third Wednesday of Advent)

Jeremiah 23:5-8 Psalm 72 Matthew 1:18-25

8:30 MEM William & Ann Reilly

12:10 MEM Vito A. Marcone

5:30 MEM Joseph Capone

Thursday, December 19th

(Third Thursday of Advent)

Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a Psalm 71 Luke 1:5-25

8:30 MEM Carla Fendi

12:10 MEM Manuela Agcaoli

5:30 MEM Living & Deceased Members of the Wallace Family

Friday, December 20th *(Third Friday of Advent)*

Isaiah 7:10-14 Psalm 24 Luke 1:26-38

8:30 MEM Tim Lewis

12:10 MEM Robert Fowler

5:30 MEM Nathan Davidson

Saturday, December 21st *(Third Saturday of Advent)*

Song 2:8-14 Psalm 33 Luke 1:39-45

8:30 MEM Eileen Sullivan

Sunday, December 22nd *(Fourth Sunday of Advent)*

Isaiah 7:10-14 Psalm 24

Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-24



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.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Christmas Angel Project

Ends This Weekend!

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

Through today, 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 **today**.



Annual Toy Drive

Ends This Weekend!

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

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



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*

* There is a particular need for volunteers at the 11:00 AM Mass

If you are available, please email Rob Manning at robiefmanning@gmail.com to let him know at which Mass you can assist.

MUSIC

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND

11 AM SOLEMN MASS

Warner & te Velde

Two settings of Conditor alme siderum

Martinson

Wide, wide in the rose's side

Victoria

Missa O magnum mysterium: Sanctus

Lehman

Rorate coel



Star of Wonder: Annual Christmas Concerts

Today 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.



Concerts at
St. Ignatius

Park Avenue

**Yale Schola Cantorum:
*Christ is Born***

*Saturday, January 25, 2020
2:00 PM*

The astonishing Yale Schola Cantorum returns to the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola with a program to celebrate Epiphany. Featuring works by Tallis, Poulenc, Howells, Bax, and Tavener.

Admission is free. No tickets needed.



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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. Hilbert

Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Bergen

9:30 AM Fr. Amiot

Wallace Hall Family 11:00 AM Fr. O'Connell

Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Yesalonia

7:30 PM Fr. Yesalonia

Religious Education for Children

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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.

Men's Weekend Retreat. Thursday, January 23rd – Sunday, January 26th. *Loyola Jesuit Center, Morristown, NJ.* Fr. George Collins, S.J. will offer reflections on the theme *Embracing Who You Are*. The weekend includes preached talks on the theme, daily Mass, optional private consultations with retreat leaders, Reconciliation, a Healing Mass, outdoor stations of the cross, the saying of the Rosary and free time for personal prayer and reflection. Cost: Free will offering. Retreatants should arrive on Thursday any time after 3 PM, with the retreat concluding on Sunday at 1:00 PM. For more information and to register, contact Peter Riordan at 347-525-4429 or Carlos Cuartas at 917-509-5329.

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.

Sunday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Every Sunday from 3:15 PM to 5:30 PM. *Saint Joseph's Church, 404 East 87th Street.* An opportunity for quiet prayer and silent adoration. All are welcome.

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