

Church of St. Ignatius Loyola

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December 29, 2019 | The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

The Holy Family, Refugees Then and Now

*When the magi had departed, behold,
the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said,
“Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt,
and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him.”
Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night
and departed for Egypt (Mt 2:13-15, 19-23).*

It was during the first week of Advent when my son was born on a cold, wintery December night, during a Nor'easter. The stirring of the Holy Spirit encouraged me to pack a bag and have it in the car as my husband drove us to pick up the boat cradle being built by a Stamford, CT shipwright. The second errand was to look for a rocking chair and, as I was testing out these chairs, the first pangs of labor began. And yes, Stamford Hospital was where this happy event would occur! I believe it was the gentle urging of the Holy Spirit that guided me to be ready to leave Weston, CT before the weather changed.

As I experienced the wonder, love, and magic of birth, I realized how this tiny life was really a miracle. My husband's eyes filled with tears as he held his son for the first-time, and I was overwhelmed to witness the love and joy this baby was bringing into our lives. I reflected on how Mary and Joseph must have felt when Jesus was born. Although Jesus was not born in the same conditions, the love and joy he brought to his parents was one of wonder.

Today, as we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, we are also reminded of the hardship they encountered in those first few days surrounding the birth of Jesus. No room at the inn, birth in a stable, and then an angel appears to Joseph in a dream telling him to flee Bethlehem and seek safe haven in Egypt. Joseph hastened to leave in the night and bring his family out of harm's way.

Although this narrative is 2,000 years old, we find parallels today in 2019 with families fleeing their homeland to escape persecution and death. Fear of “the other,” fear of losing their power and fear of a newborn child in Bethlehem! It is clear to see that Jesus, Mary and Joseph were not only the Holy Family, but also a refugee family. The word ‘refugee’ describes a person who has been forced to leave their country in order to escape war, persecution, or natural disaster.

This year, 63,311 refugees have crossed the Mediterranean Sea towards Europe, fleeing Christian persecution in Syria. Crossing this body of water in rafts and small boats has been a perilous passage for these families, and many people have died by drowning. Wars and persecution are the main reasons we are seeing an influx of refugees. The same holds true of refugees fleeing Central America and Mexico; they face perilous terrain and rivers to cross. Many have perished in their attempt to reach a safe haven. According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, as of January 2019, 70.8 million people have been displaced worldwide. These are desperate parents in desperate times giving up everything they own and traveling by car, truck, boat and on foot—whatever is available to them.

How will you choose to regard today's refugees and their flight into the wilderness? Paul reminds us in Colossians to have heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. We are urged to live with one another in forgiveness, precisely as God forgives us all. Just as the Holy Family exemplified living in love and peace, we must also live in love and peace toward “the other,” those who are refugees seeking a safe haven. May the peace of the baby Jesus infuse your heart with love, light and peace on this feast day of the Holy Family.



Refugees: La Sagrada Familia.
Kelly Latimore. 2016.

— Jean Santopatre
Pastoral Associate

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31st

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1st

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

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, December 30th

(Sixth Day in the Christmas Octave)

1 John 2:12-17 Psalm 96 Luke 2:36-40

8:30 MEM Margaret Sullivan

12:10 MEM Roy Chalatbosh

5:30 ANN John Butler

Tuesday, December 31st

(Seventh Day in the Christmas Octave)

1 John 2:18-21 Psalm 96 John 1:1-18

8:30 MEM Florence McCarthy

5:30 VIGIL MASS MEM William Wallace

Wednesday, January 1st

(Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God)

Numbers 6:22-27 Psalm 67

Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21

Thursday, January 2nd

(Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen)

1 John 2:22-28 Psalm 98 John 1:19-28

8:30 MEM Ciro Saracino

12:10 MEM Thomas Finnegan

5:30 MEM Peter Joseph Burke, Sr.

Friday, January 3rd *(The Most Holy Name of Jesus)*

Sirach 51:8-12 Psalm 8

Philippians 2:1-11 Luke 2:21-24

8:30 MEM Ken Thielen

12:10 MEM Inese Broglia

5:30 ANN Dolorita Wallace

Saturday, January 4th *(St. Elizabeth Ann Seton)*

1 John 3:7-10 Psalm 98 John 1:35-42

8:30 MEM Jay McNamee

Sunday, January 5th *(The Epiphany of the Lord)*

Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

In addition to a holiday season that celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ and the anticipation of welcoming a new year, it is a season of transitions at the parish. After a brief time with us, Father Frank Hannafey, S.J. has been assigned to the position of Parochial Vicar at Old St. Joseph's Church in Philadelphia where Father Walter Modrys, S.J. serves as Pastor. Father Hannafey leaves for the City of Brotherly Love in mid-January. This past week Father Chris Grodecki, S.J. joined the parish staff. Father Grodecki was ordained a priest in June of this year and will be with us until mid-summer when he will leave for graduate studies. I am also pleased to announce that Father Mark Hallinan, S.J. will return to the parish as an Associate Pastor, effective August 1st. Let us keep these Jesuits in our prayers as they enter their new assignments serving the people of God.

I also take this opportunity to thank the co-chairs of the Snow Ball Dance Committee, Carmen and Ram Akella, and Meg Castellano, and all the members of the committee for all that did to make this year's Snow Ball Dance the success that it was. Their tireless efforts resulted in the most successful Snow Ball Dance in its brief history. What pleases me more than anything else is the wonderful spirit and camaraderie that was very evident among the 420 people who attended this year's dance. Thank you to all who danced the night away! We look forward to seeing you again at the 2020 Snow Ball Dance.

As this year draws to a close, let us be mindful of the many ways in which God opened our minds and hearts to the reality of his love for us. And as we enter a new year, let us pray that the world be at peace, our country be united in common purpose, our faith be strengthened, and our families be blessed with all good things. And as a parish let us be united in prayer for one another.

Happy New Year!

Sincerely in the Lord,

Fr. Yesalonia



Calling All Snowbirds!

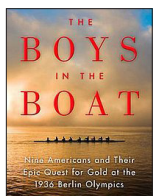
Are you in Florida during the winter months? Then we invite you to join us for events we will be hosting in Palm Beach & Naples in early March.

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

MORE THAN A BOOK CLUB

JANUARY SELECTION BOOK DISCUSSION

Thursday, January 16th
2:00 PM
Parish Lounge



OCTOBER BOOK SELECTION

The Boys in the Boat
by Daniel James Brown

Cast aside by his family at an early age, abandoned and left to fend for himself in the woods of Washington State, young Joe Rantz turns to rowing as a way of escaping his past.

What follows is an extraordinary journey, as Joe and eight other working-class boys exchange the sweat and dust of life in 1930s America for the promise of glory at the heart of Hitler's Berlin. Stroke by stroke, a remarkable young man strives to regain his shattered self-regard, to dare again to trust in others —and to find his way back home.

Told against the backdrop of the Great Depression, Daniel James Brown's *The Boys in the Boat* is narrative non-fiction of the first order; a personal story full of lyricism and unexpected beauty that rises above the grand sweep of history, and captures instead the purest essence of what it means to be alive.

To register for the book discussion,
email MoreThanaBookClubSIL@gmail.com

Registration required.

Special Collection



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Next weekend, our Parish will take
a special collection at all Masses
for the



Catholic Communications Campaign
and
The Catholic University of America.

Thank you for your generosity.



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

GIVING

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Making year-end gifts?
Please remember your Parish!

An IRA charitable rollover is a win-win. If you are 70 1/2 or older and have an IRA, you can make a tax-free, direct, charitable contribution to the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola from that IRA. You can transfer up to \$100,000 without having to pay income taxes on that money. This gift can satisfy all or part of your required minimum distribution.

Please contact your IRA administrator or Erin Pick at 212-288-3588 x608 for more information.

RETREATS



Two parish retreats will take place at Jogues Retreat Center, Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY (north of West Point). The retreats will begin with dinner on Friday, and end with lunch on Sunday.

“Retreat for People Who Don’t Pray (Much)”

March 6-8, 2020

Facilitator: Fr. Michael Hilbert, S.J.

Maximum 10 persons

To register, email march2020silretreat@gmail.com

“Choose Life, That You May Live” (Dt. 30:19)

April 24-26, 2020

Sponsors: LGBT Catholics and Friends

Maximum 20 persons

To register, email april2020silretreat@gmail.com

Cost per person: \$150

MOMS, POPS & TOTS

Tuesday, January 14th
10:00 AM

Gonzaga Meeting Room



This weekly gathering provides parents with young children the opportunity to make friends and develop community while strengthening their own spiritual lives. Coffee and treats are available for the parents.

For more information,
email Nicole O’Reilly at n_fusaro@yahoo.com.

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Gifts of \$100 and above are listed.

*We are also grateful for gifts received
 after December 15, 2019.*

Thank you to all!

LME RETREAT

An Overview of Sacred Music: From Beginnings to Today

Saturday, January 18th | 9:15 AM | Wallace Hall



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. 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.

LECTURE

Broken: My Journey from Addiction to Redemption and Beyond

Monday, January 27th
7:00 PM in Wallace Hall



PRESENTER

William C. Moyers

*Vice President, Public Affairs &
Community Relations,
Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation*

William C. Moyers uses his own personal story to emphasize the power of addiction and the promise and possibility of recovery from this chronic illness that does not discriminate.

A public advocate for the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation, Moyers has carried this message to audiences across the country and around the world for the past 25 years. Along the way the evolution of his journey of faith has become integral to the story he shares with us.

MUSIC

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5TH

11 AM SOLEMN MASS

te Velde

King of Orient

Bullard

Epiphany

Lassus

Omnes de Saba venient

Lassus

Videntes stellam

Durufié

Prelude sur l'Introit de l'Epiphanie



Concerts at
St. Ignatius

Park Avenue

Yale Schola Cantorum

Saturday, January 25th
2:00 PM

The astonishing Yale Schola Cantorum returns to the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola with a program to celebrate Epiphany.

Admission is free. No tickets needed.

Italy “Unplugged”

Tuesday, February 25th
8:00 PM

FEATURING

*Choir of St. Ignatius Loyola
K. Scott Warren, conductor*

Italian music excels at the grand and the intimate alike. Amidst a rich tapestry of musical styles and textures, we find the maestri Rossini and Verdi, masters of opera and other large forms, returning to the unaccompanied choir. Anchored by one of the great masses of Palestrina, the first half of this concert explores a seldom-encountered side of Rossini and Verdi with two sumptuous motets by each composer. We complete the evening with Ildebrando Pizetti's luminous *Requiem*, composed in the early 1920's.

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. Hilbert

Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Grodecki

9:30 AM Fr. Hilbert

Wallace Hall Family 11:00 AM Fr. Yesalonia

Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Martin

7:30 PM Fr. Martin

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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