



# Church of St. Ignatius Loyola

---

980 Park Avenue  
New York, NY 10028-0858  
(212) 288-3588 Fax (212) 734-3671  
[www.stignatiusloyola.org](http://www.stignatiusloyola.org)

Office of the Pastor

October 30, 2015

Dear Parishioners,

Of all the talks Pope Francis gave during his time in the United States, I found his homily at Mass in Madison Square Garden the most moving. It was a profound reflection on life in the city and the role of faith in city life.

Pope Francis noted the richness of the city's mixture of languages and traditions, opportunities and dreams, but he also pointed out how the pressures of the city's pace and anonymity can cause people to lose their way spiritually, emotionally and economically. Quoting from the Prophet Isaiah, Pope Francis reminded us that city people frequently find themselves walking in darkness and that our role as believers is to offer them a glimpse of the light of Jesus Christ.

St. Ignatius Loyola Parish exists to offer people a glimpse of that light. We find occasions to let that light suffuse our hearts in our liturgies and prayer groups, and we offer opportunities to grow in understanding that light in our faith enrichment programs. We bring people together in Parish societies so that where two or three are gathered in Jesus' name his light can shine, and by responding to our brothers' and sisters' needs through our service programs we strive to make our faith in Jesus our light more credible.

Your generous financial support enables St. Ignatius Loyola Parish to fund the programs and maintain the physical plant that make our Parish a place where the light of Jesus shines forth. That is why we come to you each year with our Annual Appeal. Even if you give to our regular collections, your support of our Annual Appeal is vital to help us meet our financial obligations, keep our programs alive, and make our Parish grow.

Last year, the success of our Annual Appeal allowed us to eliminate an additional appeal in the spring. Our Finance Committee is hopeful we can do the same this year. So I ask you to consider prayerfully how much you can contribute. Every household's situation is different, so I hesitate to suggest a specific dollar amount. Only you know how much you can afford to give. But I suggest that the household that is able to do so contribute \$1,200. Of course, some can afford much more, others less.

Whatever you can contribute, I am deeply grateful for your goodness and generosity. It enables us to do what Pope Francis, echoing our Lord, asked in his homily: be yeast in the dough of the city so that the Church can help the light of Jesus shine on us all.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Thomas H. Feely, S.J.  
Parish Administrator



# CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA

980 PARK AVENUE AT 84TH STREET • NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10028 • (212) 288-3588

[WWW.STIGNATIUSLOYOLA.ORG](http://WWW.STIGNATIUSLOYOLA.ORG)

*The Ignatian Way: Prayer, Service, Community*

## Parish



## Annual Report



## Fiscal Year 2015



September 1, 2014 – August 31, 2015





*"Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved, and forgiven."* – Pope Francis

In recent months much has been written about the virtue of mercy. Indeed, Pope Francis has made it a hallmark of his papacy. On December 8th an extraordinary Jubilee year – a Holy Year of Mercy – will commence. To quote His Holiness, "We want to live this Year in the light of the Lord's words: 'Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.'"

Mercy is also our overarching theme this year. You will see it tightly woven into the fabric of the Parish. In reviewing the highlights of the past fiscal year, then, it seems appropriate to do so not only through the tenets of The Ignatian Way (prayer, service, and community) but also through the lens of mercy.

### Highlights of Fiscal Year 2015

- The 26th season of *Sacred Music in a Sacred Space*, featuring Mozart's *Great Mass in C minor* and Bach's *Mass in B minor*. SMSS serves as an outreach to the community and a source of spiritual edification for the faithful. New this year was the *Caritas* Concert series. All proceeds from these benefit concerts were given directly to charities that address social justice concerns. This season's beneficiaries were Jesuit Volunteer Corps and LifeWay Network.
- The creation of the *Ignite!* teen ministry in March 2015.
- Gathering as a Parish family for the Celebration of Parish Ministries and the Ignatian Way Lenten Dinner. The Family Ministry also held two very successful Potluck Dinners.
- The Commissioning of our Parish ministers and the Ministers' Night Annual Supper Social.
- A CD (*Hallelujah!*) recorded by the Wallace Hall Choir and Orchestra for the parishioners of St. Ignatius Loyola.
- Lectures on Pope Francis, slave labor and consumerism, a series on law in the Roman Catholic Church, the challenges of Christians in the land where Jesus preached, plus art/slide presentations during Advent and Lent.
- Three Lay Ministers' Enrichment programs: "The God Whom Lay Ministers Serve and Represent;" "Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness: Music and Worship at St. Ignatius Loyola;" and "See What Love the Father Has Bestowed on Us: A Mini-Retreat Experience of the *First Exercises*."
- Two Liturgies of the Anointing of the Sick and the annual Easter Memorial Liturgy.
- Bible study classes focusing on the Gospel of Mark and the Book of Psalms.
- Two sessions of *Meeting Christ in Prayer*, an eight-week guided prayer retreat based on the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius.
- The continued incredibly generous response to the drives and service projects sponsored by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul throughout the year. Parishioners were also offered the opportunity to contribute to Jesuit Refugee Service for the Education of Syrian Refugees, Jesuit high schools in Micronesia (damaged by Typhoon Maysak in March), and relief efforts by Jesuits in Nepal (following the earthquake in April).
- Advent and Lenten Days of Reconciliation.
- The joyous Christmas Masses and the solemn beauty of our Holy Week liturgies. Attendance during Christmas and Holy Week/Easter totaled 13,069 worshippers!

### Parish News

**Making All Things New:** In November Cardinal Dolan proposed that St. Thomas More be merged with St. Ignatius Loyola. Our cluster team reconvened to consider his proposal. The unanimous conclusion was that the proposal was not a viable construction. Fr. Witt received word from the Archdiocese in early May that no merger would take place.

**Staff Changes:** We were very saddened to receive the news this spring that our pastor, Fr. George Witt, S.J., would be leaving the Parish, having been asked by the Jesuit Provincial to take on a new assignment: Provincial Assistant for Spirituality Ministries. Hundreds of parishioners attended a reception following Fr. Witt's last Mass as pastor in mid-June to extend their thanks and best wishes. We are deeply grateful for the privilege of having had Fr. Witt missioned to the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola for eight years, six of them as pastor, and pray that God will continue to bless him as he undertakes his new assignment.

In early April Cardinal Dolan approved the Jesuit Provincial's appointment of Fr. Thomas Feely, S.J., as temporary Administrator of the Parish. It is anticipated that a new pastor will be named sometime during 2016.

This summer we also bid a fond farewell to Joanne Cunneen, Jose Garcia, Sr. Kathryn King, Nancianne Parrella, and Sr. Clare Roche, all of whom retired.

## Parish Staff

- 4 Full-Time Priests
- 3 Pastoral Associates
- 3 Weekend Associate Priests
- 7 Music Staff Members  
4 full time/3 part time
- 9 Operations/Administrative  
Staff Members
- 12 Support Staff Members  
5 full time/7 part time

## Music Ministries

In over 400 liturgies each year, our communal voice is raised to God in prayer and thanksgiving.

### • *Canticum Sacrum*

(7:30 PM Mass Choir) – 12

- Choir of St. Ignatius Loyola – 19
- Parish Community Choir – 45
- Wallace Hall Mass Choir  
and Orchestra – 37

Children's Choirs: • Middle School Choir – 18  
• Training Choir I – 20 • Training Choir II – 25

## Sacramental Life and Religious Formation

	<u>Fiscal 2014</u>	<u>Fiscal 2015</u>
Registered Families	4,300	4,320
Average Attendance at Sunday Masses	1,701	1,643
Average Attendance at Weekday Masses	115	115
Baptisms	225	255
Confirmations	140	138
First Holy Communions	220	231
Marriages	81	68
Funerals	33	42
Adults in the RCIA Program	24	30

## Faith Formation

DAY NURSERY	Faculty: 19	Students: 141
GRAMMAR SCHOOL	Faculty: 34	Students: 536
IREP	Faculty: 20	Students: 585

**Children's Liturgy of the Word (9:30 and 11:00 AM Sunday Masses):**  
2 teachers serving approximately 85 children each week

## Parish Ministries

An anti-human trafficking forum and advocacy campaign was co-sponsored this year by Boomers & Beyond, Ignatian Social Justice, and the Ignatian Young Adults (in collaboration with St. Francis Xavier Parish).

Altar Servers: 49 servers

Boomers & Beyond: 150 participants. Activities included: Christmas Caroling (in collaboration with the Ignatian 40s), private tour of the Met and cocktails on the roof terrace, 6 book club meetings

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: 2 adults, 12 children

Compassionate Care: 45 members serving the sick/homebound.

Emmaus Bereavement Ministry: 6 members, reaching 225 individuals. Sponsored the Annual Easter Memorial Liturgy.

Eucharistic Ministers: 108 ministers

Family Ministry: 8 committee members. The Family Ministry's mission is to strengthen our faith community through participation in the sacraments, prayer, and service.

Finance Committee: 9 members

Hospitality Ministry: 86 ministers

Ignatian 40s: 4 team members, serving 303

Activities included: Christmas Caroling (in collaboration with Boomers & Beyond), group Mass and dinner, occasional Saturday socials, retreat weekend, and a speaker series on Ignatian Spirituality.

Ignatian Social Justice: 3 team members, serving 200+

Activities included: Affordable Housing Campaign (Habitat for Humanity), Lenten Cross Project, and Prayer for Life on Death Row: A Cities for Life Memorial Prayer Service. ISJ members met with Congressional and State Representatives to speak about environmental justice, human trafficking, immigration reform, and slave labor. Members also attended Habitat builds several times during the year.

Ignatian Young Adults: 20 team members, serving 700+

Activities included: Advent and Lenten reflection groups, Hour Children drive, knitting for charity, Parish Christmas cookie exchange, retreats, service activities, Sunday Evening socials, Women of Faith fellowship group.

Ignite! Teen Ministry: 13 members. Meetings held every first and third Saturday following the 5:30 PM Mass.

Lay Ministers' Enrichment: 5 team members, serving all lay ministers. Three programs were presented in 2014-2015.

Lectors: 47 lectors

My Faith/Your Faith: An interfaith program for teens.  
2 adults, 7 teens

New Parishioners Committee: 5 members

Prayer Shawl Ministry: 18 members

Ranger Rosary Ministry: 12 core members, who made 1,892 rosaries for soldiers last year. The Rosary Rangers have made 13,451 rosaries since the inception of the ministry in August 2009.

RCIA: 7 team members, 30 new adult Catholics

Retreat Programs: 25 facilitators, reaching 150+ parishioners. Includes Centering Prayer, Meeting Christ in Prayer groups, 19th Annotation Retreat, retreat weekends, Thursday Prayer group.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul: 19 active members  
170 associate members

Activities included: blood drive, Christmas Angels, Christmas toy drive, food drives, Friends of the Poor Walk, person-to-person assistance, Ronald McDonald House dinners, Senior luncheon, women's shelter.

Spiritual Direction: 8 directors, reaching more than 60 individuals.

# Church of St. Ignatius Loyola

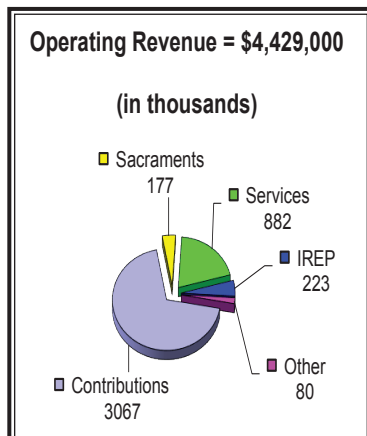
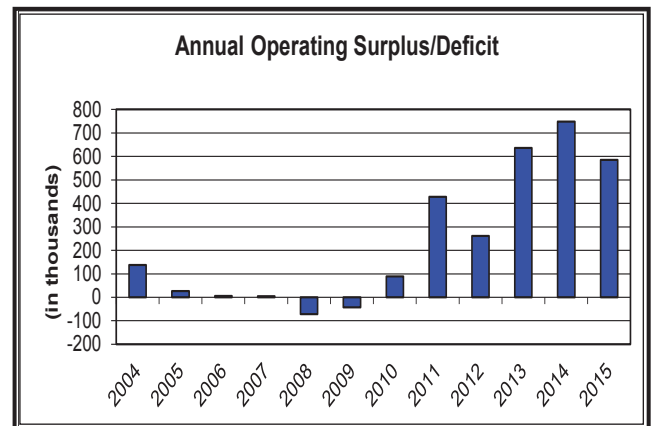
## Operating Revenue Report, 2014-2015

It is said there is nothing permanent in life except change. As I reflect on what has transpired over the last year, I realize our Parish is no exception. We saw a transition in leadership, changes in staff, and various smaller changes. But through it all, the one thing that has remained consistent and strong is your love and commitment to this Parish. We are blessed with a faithful, kind and generous Parish community. Thank you for all that you do!

I am now pleased to report to you that our Parish has had another year of positive financial results, as the attached accountings will show. For the fiscal year just concluding (FY15), the Parish realized an operating surplus of \$584,997. This could not have happened without your consistent and generous financial support. Although smaller than the operating surplus of FY14, we nonetheless ended FY15 with a robust surplus. The financial detail, prepared by our treasurer, Mr. Fernando Castro, is as follows:

### Revenue

Total operating revenue for FY15 reflects an increase of 3.0% over FY14. Income from Contributions were on a par with that of FY14, showing a modest collective increase of 5.0% in the Sunday, Christmas, and Easter collections. Although the FY15 Annual Appeal resulted in a significant level of income to support the operations of the Parish, the total amount represented a modest decrease from the FY14 Annual Appeal. Given the strong results of the Annual Appeal both in FY14 and FY15, there was no need to conduct a Spring Appeal for those years. It is my hope that this year's Annual Appeal will be equally successful, thereby eliminating the need for another appeal in the Spring.



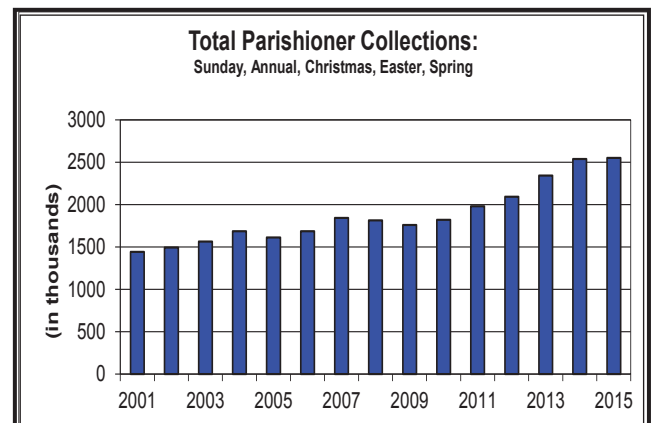
Other Gifts and Collections were also on a par with the FY14 financial results and remains a significant source of income to the Parish. This category includes both unrestricted donations and gifts restricted for specific Parish ministries, such as spiritual direction and retreats.

The Sacramental Offerings for baptisms and weddings experienced a modest decrease over FY14, as the Sacramental Offerings for funerals increased at the significant rate of 44.0%. Historical data indicate that the income derived from all of the categories of Sacramental Offerings show only minor fluctuations from year to year, which suggests that the increase in funeral offerings was an anomaly.

Rental Income increased 23.0% over FY14 because of the greater incidence of large rental events in Wallace Hall, such as the antique show.

Music Ministry, under the leadership of our Director of Music, Scott Warren, has increased its revenue for each of the prior two years, as indicated in the 10.0% increase for FY15 over FY14.

Finally, the income derived through the Interparish Religious Education Program decreased by 9.0% from FY14, primarily due to a decrease in gifts to the program. And Other Revenue increased over FY14, due, in large part, to a one time rebate received from Con Ed as a result of the replacement of the old boiler.



# CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA

## OPERATING REVENUE

	Fiscal Year 2014	Fiscal Year 2015
<b>Parishioner Contributions</b>		
Sunday Collections	1,377,574	1,445,987
Christmas Collection	129,516	134,541
Easter Collection	96,066	107,935
Annual Appeal	884,887	847,292
Spring Appeal	50,209	15,090
Other Gifts & Collections	536,580	516,534
<b>TOTAL PARISHIONER CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>3,074,832</b>	<b>3,067,379</b>
<b>Sacramental Offerings</b>		
Baptisms	51,650	43,255
Weddings	106,385	91,350
Funerals	29,300	42,100
<b>TOTAL SACRAMENTAL OFFERINGS</b>	<b>187,335</b>	<b>176,705</b>
<b>Parish Services</b>		
Rentals	308,427	378,254
Music (Gifts & Concert Revenue)	457,995	503,529
<b>TOTAL PARISH SERVICES</b>	<b>766,422</b>	<b>881,783</b>
<b>Interparish Religious Education</b>	<b>246,568</b>	<b>223,268</b>
<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>21,436</b>	<b>79,639</b>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>4,296,593</b>	<b>4,428,774</b>

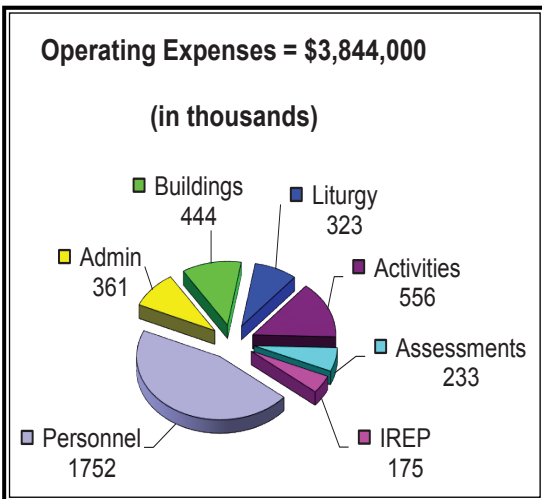
# Church of St. Ignatius Loyola

## Operating Expense Report, 2014-2015

### Expenses

Overall expenses for FY15 increased 8.0% over those of FY14, primarily attributed to an increase in personnel costs, administrative expenses, and a growth in Parish activities.

Personnel costs, which constitute the largest part of the Parish's operating expenses, increased 13.0%. The Archdiocese offered an early retirement program which three of our staff decided to accept. The program required a significant contribution on the part of the Parish. Additional hours were required of the facilities staff in order to meet the maintenance needs of the church and Parish House, due in large part to increased use of Wallace Hall for special events and the growth in Parish ministries, especially the growth in activities of our Teen Ministry and Family Ministry programs.



An increase in Music Ministry expenses correlate to the increase in Music Ministry revenue, as has already been noted in this report.

On the upside, expenses related to the Interparish Religious Education Program decreased 18.0% and expenditures for liturgical supplies decreased 20.0%.

There were no major capital projects in FY15. However, several smaller projects were completed in the Parish House, including the renovation of several bathrooms in the residential area, the replacement of ceilings on two floors, and the conversion of two residential rooms into an administrative office suite.

### Conclusion

The FY15 operating surplus will be added to the Parish's operating reserves so that these funds are readily available for unanticipated needs of the Parish.

As I continue in my role as Parish Administrator, I can assure you that the Parish Treasurer and I will continue to exercise prudent financial management. I am grateful for the role of the Parish Finance Committee in advising me on all matters of financial administration and wish to express my sincere appreciation to the members of the committee and its subcommittees for their guidance and service to the Parish. A special thank you to John O'Brien, Chip Burke, and Robert Drbul who are leaving the committee for their many years of service!

Finally, I wish to thank you again for your continued support and generosity which allows the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola to be a vibrant place of worship and extraordinary caring community.

In our Lord,

**Rev. Thomas H. Feely, S.J.**  
**Parish Administrator**

### MEMBERS OF THE 2014-2015 FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Rev. George M. Witt, S.J.,** Pastor  
**John O'Brien,** Chair  
**Marissa Blackett**  
**William J. Burke,** Investments \*  
**Fernando Castro,** Parish Treasurer  
**Robert Drbul,** Day Nursery \*  
**Kenn Kern,** Development \*  
**Danielle Klyap,** Grammar School \*  
**Mary Rutherford,** Music \*

\* Sub-Committee Chair

*Please note: The annual operating budgets of the Grammar School and Day Nursery are \$5.8 million and \$3.1 million, respectively. The annual reports for these important ministries are not included in the Parish report. They are reviewed by the Parish Finance Committee and are submitted, along with the Parish report, to the Archdiocese. I can assure you both ministries are in good financial health and are fiscally sound under the strong leadership of the Principal of the Grammar School, Mary Larkin, and the Director of the Day Nursery, Theodora Crist.*



# CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA

## OPERATING EXPENSES

	Fiscal Year 2014	Fiscal Year 2015
<b>Personnel</b>		
Salaries	1,065,560	1,133,924
Benefits	443,390	459,319
Other Personnel Costs	43,933	158,853
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL COSTS</b>	<b>1,552,883</b>	<b>1,752,096</b>
<b>Administration</b>	323,032	361,078
<b>Physical Plant Expenses</b>	453,602	443,966
<b>Liturgical Expenses</b>		
Cantors, Choirs, Instrumentalists	212,208	236,457
Supplies	109,709	87,009
<b>TOTAL LITURGICAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>321,917</b>	<b>323,466</b>
<b>Parish Activities</b>		
Concerts	362,608	418,459
Other Activities	97,807	137,111
<b>TOTAL PARISH ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>460,415</b>	<b>555,570</b>
<b>Archdiocesan Assessments</b>	222,435	232,951
<b>Interparish Religious Education</b>	212,980	174,650
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>3,547,264</b>	<b>3,843,777</b>

### SUMMARY OF OPERATING FINANCES

<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE</b>	4,296,593	4,428,774
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	3,547,264	3,843,777
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS</b>	<b>749,329</b>	<b>584,997</b>





### **ONLINE GIVING**

Many of our parishioners are making automatic online gifts to St. Ignatius. By giving online you will no longer need to receive monthly envelopes in the mail.

In addition, you may make gifts to our annual Parish collections, as well as to Archdiocesan special collections.



For further information, or to enroll in the St. Ignatius Loyola Online Giving Program, please visit our website, which can also be accessed by scanning the QR Code at left.

### **PLEASE REMEMBER US IN YOUR WILL**

A donation to the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola in your will is fully tax deductible and will help sustain our work, our mission, and our ministries for future generations.

If you choose to include us in your will, won't you let us know?

You can contact Fernando Castro, Treasurer, with information and/or questions at 212-288-3588 or email [castrof@saintignatiusloyola.org](mailto:castrof@saintignatiusloyola.org)

He can also assist you and your attorney with the standard language necessary to establish your charitable bequest. Any information you provide will be held in strict confidence.

Thank you for ensuring the legacy of your memory through a bequest to the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola.

### **Have You Registered?**

If St. Ignatius Loyola is where you regularly worship, we invite you to fill out a Parishioner Registration Card located in the pew racks, at the Parish House, and on our website.

Registration is our only means of certifying membership in the Parish.

**CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA**

**980 Park Avenue New York, NY 10028**

**212-288-3588**

**[www.stignatiusloyola.org](http://www.stignatiusloyola.org)**