



# St. Ignatius Loyola

Annual Report Fiscal Year 2018–2019



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### Letter from the Pastor

November 2019

Dear Parishioners,

The recently published mission of our parish is stated in thirty-one words. It reads as follows:

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.

To do all that we do as a parish, so we might truly become the community of faith we are called to be, requires resources, both human and financial, that go well beyond the word count of our mission statement.

The annual report provides us with a perspective of who we are by the numbers. As you read the 2018–2019 Annual Report it is my hope that you grow in appreciation of the breadth of activities and ministries supported by the parish, of the number of parishioners who contribute their time and talent on a regular basis so that our ministries might flourish, of the scale of our operations that requires a staff of competent and committed professionals and skilled workers, of the Jesuit priests who join a long line of those who have served this community for more than one hundred fifty years, of professional musicians and music directors who enrich our worship through a gracious harmony of voices, of a majestic church building that has been entrusted to our care, and of the responsible stewardship it takes to allow us to do all that we do so that our mission statement is not a sentence of empty words, devoid of grit, commitment, hard work, and sacrifice, but truly expresses the Ignatian vision of gratitude and generosity.

There is no doubt in my mind that our mission statement faithfully captures in thirty-one words who we are and what we hope to accomplish as joyful disciples of Jesus Christ. This Annual Report is replete with the flesh and bones, the muscle and tendons, the breath and heartbeat, and the spirit and resolve that bring this statement to life. I believe we can say with conviction that we are who we say we are. The numbers and statistics of this report are proof positive of that!

Sincerely in the Lord,

Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J.

**Pastor** 

### Committees

#### **Parish Trustees**

David Hogan Kathleen Walsh Murnion

#### **Finance Committee**

John J. O'Brien *Chair* 

Rev. Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J. Carmen Akella Frank Colalucci Ben Denihan Danielle Klyap Mary Rutherfurd

#### **Investment Committee**

Virginia Gildea *Chair* 

Rev. Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J. Nicholas Denefrio Richard Moreau Christian Rocchio

#### **Capital Campaign Committee**

Patricia & David Hogan Chairs

Honorary Members
Rev. William J. Bergen, SJ
Odessa & William Bourne
Adele & Robert Cahill
Hilary & Joseph Califano, Jr.
Barbara & Ben Denihan, Jr.
Michael F. Doyle
Patricia Figge
Peggy & John J. O'Brien
Mary & Winthrop Rutherfurd, Jr.

Steering Committee Members
Cynthia & James Braniff
Myong & Gene Caiafa
Judy & Didier Choix
Louis Csabay & Michael Makowsky
Vicki & Jeffrey Downey

Bridgette & Marc Foley Virginia & John Gildea Barbara & Herbert Gstalder Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J. Margaret Maruschak Karen & Richard Moreau Kathleen Walsh Murnion Ellen & James Riley Rev. Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J.

#### **Parish Ministry Council Members**

Rev. Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J.
Teresa Abruzzo
Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Rose DiMartino
Co-chair, LGBT Catholics
and Friends
Maureen Fullam
RCIA

Grace Gorman

Meeting Christ in Prayer

Patricia Hogan

Co-chair, More Than a Book Club

Barbara Lee

Co-chair, More Than a Book Club

**Emily Lowe** 

Family Ministry

Rob Manning Hospitality

Kevin McKeever

Music Ministries

Simone McKeever

*Ignatian Interfaith Ministry* 

Kathleen Walsh Murnion

Compassionate Care/Emmaus

Bereavement Ministry

John J. O'Brien

Finance Committee

Johanna Tappen

Ignatian Young Adults

Jacques Torchon

Lay Ministers' Enrichment

Eric Van Nostrand

Ignatian Social Justice

John Vernon

Co-chair, LGBT Catholics and Friends

### Staff

#### Clergy

Rev. Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J. Pastor
Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J. Senior Priest
Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J. Associate Pastor
Rev. Vincent B. Sullivan, S.J. Associate Pastor
Rev. Brian G. Konzman, S.J. Assistant Pastor
Rev. Philip G. Judge, S.J.

#### **Pastoral Associates**

Assisting Priest

Rev. James Martin, S.J. *Assisting Priest* 

Teresa Cariño
Teens/Young Adult Ministries
Carly-Anne Gannon
Director of Religious Education

#### **Pastoral Assistant**

Maureen Haley

#### **Music Ministries**

Danya Katok

Scott Warren
Director of Music Ministries
Robert Reuter
Associate Director of Music
Michael Sheetz
Music Associate
Maureen Haley
Director, Children's Choirs (PT)
Daniel Beckwith
Principal Organist (PT)
Philip Anderson
Principal Cantor (PT)
Sara Murphy
Executive Director,
Concerts at St. Ignatius

*Music Administrator (PT)* 

#### **Director of Development**

Erin Pick

#### Treasurer's Office

Fernando Castro *Treasurer*Nadiya Mykhaylovska *Sr. Accountant*Omayra Rodriguez *Accounts Payable/Payroll* 

#### **Communications Coordinator**

Elizabeth O'Sullivan

#### **Information Technology**

Anna Leung

#### Assistant to the Pastor

Diane M. Boyle

#### **Administrative Assistant**

Patricia Schneider

#### **Facilities**

Robert Cisternino Director of Facilities Caroline Fernandes Assistant to the Director of Facilities Julio Aguilar Sacristan Melbin Gonzalez Assistant Sacristan **Edgar Camey Facilities** Agnaldo Dos Santos **Facilities** Bruce Vera **Facilities** William Baerga Facilities (PT) Mayra Tavarez

Facilities (PT)

#### Clerical

Rebecca Brucas
Reception
Nichelle Cox
Reception (PT)
Lorraine O'Reilly
Reception (PT)
Agnes Peterson
Reception (PT)
Maria Tantillo
Reception (PT)
Tom Corbisiero
Clerical (PT)
Maria Fuentes
Clerical (PT)

### Ministries at St. Ignatius

Music Ministries	
Kevin McKeever, Chair	
•	Aiddle School Choir, Training Choir I, Training Choir II   Choir of St. Ignatius Allace Hall Mass Choir and Orchestra   Concerts at St. Ignatius Park Avenue
Altar Servers	
39 grammar school and high school alta	r servers
Boomers & Beyond	
Sherry Patterson & Teresa San Roman, C	Co-chairs

#### 2018-2019 Programming

- Wine and Cheese Night
- Metropolitan Museum: Heavenly Bodies Exhibit

2 facilitators serving approximately 100 active members

- Sunday Brunches
- Brian Pinter lectures on a variety of spiritual topics
- Meat Loaf Kitchen Volunteers for the Homeless
- Open House Weekend in New York
- Christmas Caroling at Lott Assisted Living Residence
- Sunday Afternoon of Laughter: Paley Center for Media
- Catholic Charities Volunteer Activities

#### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

1 catechist with the assistance of 1–2 student helpers, teaching 6–8 children

#### **Compassionate Care**

Kathleen Walsh Murnion, Chair

45 members visiting the sick at Lenox Hill, the Lott Assisted Living Residence, and the Upper East Side Rehabilitation and Nursing Home, in addition to making home visits

#### 2018-2019 Programming

• Alzheimer's talk in the Spring

#### **Emmaus Bereavement Ministry**

Kathleen Walsh Murnion, Chair

2 facilitators serving 100 individuals and families through group sessions and on-going communications

#### 2018-2019 Programming

• Annual Easter Memorial Liturgy

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

78 ministers

#### 2018-2019 Programming

2 Mornings of Renewal for Eucharistic Ministers

#### **Family Ministry**

Holly Curp & Emily Lowe, Co-chairs

#### 8 committee members

#### 2018-2019 Programming

- Fall Potluck
- Wallace Hall Tree Lighting
- Spaghetti Dinner (in collaboration with the LGBT Catholics and Friends Ministry)

#### Ignatian Interfaith Ministry

Simone McKeever, Chair

#### 20 members with an outreach to the entire parish community

#### 2018-2019 Programming

- Who We Are: Understanding Our Catholic Faith
- Interfaith Thanksgiving Service (hosted by Temple Shaaray Tefila)
- Armenian Vespers (at St. Vartan Cathedral)
- Tour of the Armenia Exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum
- Screening of the film "The Sultan and the Saint"
- The Rich Spirituality of the Sufi Music Tradition (Amir Vahab, musician/teacher)
- Lenten Reflection and Meditation on the Orthodox Jesus Prayer (Fr. Sergey Trostyanskiy) (in collaboration with the Lay Ministers' Enrichment Ministry)
- Second Annual Ramadan Iftar Dinner
- Potluck Supper

#### **Hospitality Ministers**

Rob Manning, Coordinator

76 ministers

#### Ignatian Social Justice

Eric Van Nostrand, Chair

15 members with an outreach to 250+ people

#### 2018–2019 Programming

- The Opioid Epidemic: No End in Sight (panel discussion)
- Offering of Letters Campaign for Bread for the World

#### **Ignatian Young Adults**

Johanna Tappen, Chair

#### 5 team members serving 1000+ people

#### **2018–2019 Programming**

- Light in the Darkness: Pilgrimage to the Elizabeth (NJ) Detention Center
- Soulful Friends Retreat Day at St. John's in the Wilderness
- Socials after the Sunday 7:30 PM Mass
- Annual Parish Christmas Cookie Exchange
- IYA Rescue Party: International Justice Mission presentation on ending slavery in our lifetime

#### Lay Ministers Enrichment

Jacques Torchon, Chair

5 team members who serve all parishioners interested in ministerial and spiritual enrichment

#### 2018-2019 Programming

- Fall 2018 Retreat Mysticism: The True Face of Religion (Presenter: Fr. Michael Holleran)
- Winter 2019 Retreat How to Pray: An Interfaith Approach (Presenters: Fr. Sergey Trostyanskiy & Fr. Mesrop Parsamyan) (in collaboration with the Ignatian Interfaith Ministry)
- Spring 2019 Retreat Compassionate Connections (Presenter: Pastor Kaji Dousa)

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41 lectors

#### **LGBT Catholics and Friends**

Rose DiMartino & John Vernon, Co-chairs

73 members

#### 2018-2019 Programming

- LGBT Mass of Welcome
- Fortunate Families: The Blessings (and Challenges) of Being LGBT Family
- Transgender and Catholic: A Journey of Faith
- Springtime Retreat
- Ali Forney Center Renew Days

- The Amazing Race at The Metropolitan Museum
- Spaghetti Dinner (in collaboration with the Family Ministry)
- Welcoming the Stranger: An Evening with Kevin Tuerff (in collaboration with the Music and Ignatian Social Justice Ministries)

#### Meeting Christ in Prayer

Rosario Conde & Grace Gorman, Co-chairs

2 facilitators leading approximately 30 participants in 2 interactive 8-week guided prayer experiences and 2 facilitators leading approximately 30 participants in Holy Listening, a follow-up to Meeting Christ in Prayer

#### Moms, Pops, and Tots

Natalie Fiedler & Nicole Fusaro O'Reilly, Co-chairs

5 moms/dads and 5 children

#### More Than a Book Club

Patti Hogan & Barbara Lee, Co-Chairs

2 facilitators, with 100 total attendees

#### 2018-2019 Programming

- 10 monthly book discussions
- Tours of MOMA and St. Patrick's Cathedral
- Screening of the film "The Courageous Heart of Irena Sendler"

#### Parish Coffee Hour (McKinnon Hall) Ministry

Joan Schultz, Chair

4 team members serving the parish community

Parish Men's Faith Group	
Brian Pinter, Facilitator	
15–20 members	
<ul> <li>2018–2019 Programming</li> <li>The Four Archetypes of Masculinity</li> <li>Receiving the Grace to Love Our Enemies</li> <li>Men and Grief</li> </ul>	
Parish Women's Faith Group	
Adele Gallo, Facilitator	
13 members	
Prayer Shawl Ministry	
3 members, making a variety of shawls	
Ranger Rosary Ministry	
Marilyn Esposito, Chair	
8 regular members who made 1,466 rosaries this past year August 2009, members of the ministry have created 20,8.	ar for members of the armed services. Since its inception in 34 rosaries
RCIA	
Maureen Fullam, Director	
9 team members who journeyed with 22 new adult Catho	olics
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	
Teresa Abruzzo, <i>Chair</i>	
15 active members and 252 associate members	
<ul> <li>2018–2019 Programming</li> <li>Home Visits</li> <li>Women's Shelter (between November and April)</li> <li>Seniors Luncheon</li> <li>Christmas Angels</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Friends of the Poor Walk</li> <li>Blood Drive</li> <li>Ronald McDonald House dinners</li> <li>Hour Children truck (Fall and Spring)</li> </ul>
Spiritual Direction	
7 directors reaching more than 40 individuals	
Wallace Hall Coffee Hour	
Members of the Family Ministry serving the Wallace Hal	!l Mass Community
Youth Ministry at St. Ignatius	
7 members	

# 2018–2019 ProgrammingWeekly service projectsLenten Reflection Series

- Young Neighbors in Action service trip to San Diego

### Financial Report

Dear Parishioners,

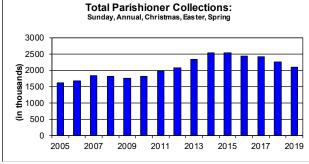
The parish's fiscal year ended on August 31, 2019 with an operating deficit of \$5,009. While this is an improvement over last year's year-end numbers, even a modest deficit is a matter of concern. The parish's annual operating budget is prepared on a break-even basis. That was true for FY19 as it was for FY18 and prior years. What we have experienced over the past several years is a greater than projected decrease in revenue that is derived from contributions. I commented on this in last year's Annual Report and in a recent letter *From the Pastor's Desk*. The generosity of parishioners is without question and allows the parish to do all that it does. The success of the capital campaign, *Your Parish*, *Your Home*, is a sure indicator of that. Nonetheless, we do need to right-size the parish's operating budget so that what we do is fully supported by the annual amount of revenue received by the parish. It is my hope that as we evaluate the programs and ministries of the parish we begin to realize an increase in income in all revenue areas so that we continue all the good work we do as a parish. In commenting on the prior fiscal year's operations, I would be remiss if I failed to state that the financial condition of the parish is both sound and stable. Together we have been good stewards of the resources of the parish. With your continued prayers, assistance, and financial support our future as a vibrant parish is assured.

The financial detail, prepared by the Parish Treasurer, Fernando Castro, is as follows:

#### Revenue

FY19 ended with a 4.0% decrease in total operating revenue. Collectively, there was a decrease of 10.0% in three main revenue areas: Offertory collections, and the 2018 Christmas and Easter collections. There has been a downward trend in these revenue sources since FY16.

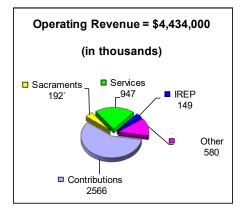
The 2018 Annual Appeal was consistent with that of FY18. However, the Spring Appeal experienced a decrease of 9.0%.



On a positive note, the revenue lines of Other Gifts-Collections and Sacramental Offerings increased significantly (Other Gifts-Collections by 41.0%, and Sacramental Offerings by 17.0%) This increase was primarily due to a large unrestricted gift received in FY19.

Rental revenue remained strong due to large rental events in Wallace Hall, such as the Antique Show.

Music revenue was higher in FY19 than in the prior year. However, this was offset by increased expenses in FY19. The



variance in revenue is attributed to an increase in Concert Gifts. The March 2019 Caritas Concert raised the largest amount to date and was entirely donated to the Society of Sant'Egidio NYC.

For a third successive year, enrollment in the Interparish Religious Education Program (IREP) decreased, while related expenses remained in line with historical figures. The proliferation of similar religious education programs continues to have a negative impact on enrollment.

In line with the parameters of the parish's spending policy there was a 4.0% draw down of investment earnings in FY19, as compared to a draw down of 3.0% in FY18. This explains the variance in Other Revenue.

Total operating expenses for FY19 reflect a modest 2.0% increase over FY18.

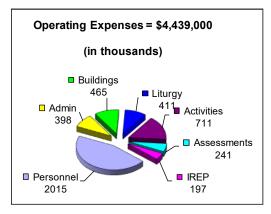
# CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA OPERATING REVENUE

	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year
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Parishioner Contributions	1 210 104	
Sunday Collections	1,318,486	2,561,260
Christmas Collection	126,643	97,433
Easter Collection	79,323	73,470
Annual Appeal	604,588	601,583
Spring Appeal	142,331	129,514
Other Gifts & Collections	289,889	460,803
TOTAL PARISHIONER CONTRIBUTIONS	2,561,260	2,565,598
Sacramental Offerings		
Baptisms	38,475	47,095
Weddings	99,850	117,260
Funerals	25,950	27,800
TOTAL SACRAMENTAL OFFERINGS	164,275	192,155
Parish Services		
Rentals	415,530	409,342
Music (Gifts & Concert Revenue)	516,615	537,420
TOTAL PARISH SERVICES	932,145	946,762
Interparish Religious Education	189,360	149,545
Other Revenue	435,699	579,606
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	4,282,739	4,433,665

#### **Expenses**

The most significant operating expenses relate to personnel costs. In FY19, there was an increase of 6.0% in personnel expenses, attributed in large part to a 3.0% wages and salaries increment for the parish staff, an increase in wage rates that comply with the new labor laws of New York State, and added security personnel for all weekend Masses and large scale parish events.

In FY19, significant cost savings were realized in the areas of Administration, Physical Plant Expenses, and Other Parish Activities



Liturgical Expenses increased 9.0% over FY18, primarily due to a raise in wages for the musicians. Additionally, Supplies includes a one-time expense for an induction loop system for the hearing impaired that was installed in the Church.

Music Ministry activity is discussed in the revenue section.

The Archdiocesan Assessment was adjusted downward in FY19, primarily due to the decrease in collection revenue.

IREP expenses remained consistent with prior years.

Major capital projects in FY19 included the installation of fire alarm system in the Church and Wallace Hall, a fire suppression system in Wallace Hall, the construction of an accessible bathroom at the floor level of Wallace Hall, the remodeling of the Wallace Hall entrance, the installation of LED displays in front of the Church, and major upgrades to the cooling system in the Parish House.

#### A Final Word

This annual report is a snapshot of the parish. Its financial data are but part of the story of who we are and who we aspire to be as Catholics committed to proclaim in word and deed our belief in Jesus Christ. We do this purposefully and joyfully. We can be confident that future generations of parishioners will look back with gratitude for the strong foundation of faith and commitment upon which this parish is built.

Finally, I am pleased to express my personal gratitude to the Parish Finance and Investment Committees for their expert advice, and to Fernando Castro for his prudent stewardship of the financial resources of the parish.

Sincerely in the Lord, Rev. Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J. Pastor

Important ministries of our Parish are represented by the Grammar School and Day Nursery. Their annual operating budgets, respectively, are approximately \$6.9 million and \$3.2 million. While we are not including information on these budgets in this report, I wish to assure you of the stability and strength of the overall financial health and good management of both institutions.

## CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA OPERATING EXPENSES

	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year
	2018	2019
Personnel		
Salaries	1,325,647	1,416,473
Benefits	484,237	502,960
Other Personnel Costs	83,104	95,347
TOTAL PERSONNEL COSTS	1,892,988	2,014,780
Administration	416,398	398,090
Physical Plant Expenses	476,290	465,270
Liturgical Expenses		
Cantors, Choirs, Instrumentalists	241,729	268,591
Supplies	135,142	142,881
TOTAL LITURGICAL EXPENSES	389,079	411,472
Parish Activities		
Concerts	458,533	491,169
Other Activities	258,296	219,966
TOTAL PARISH ACTIVITIES	861,355	711,135
Archdiocesan Assessments	258,529	240,704
Interparish Religious Education	201,164	197,222
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	4,339,069	4,438,674
SUMMARY OF OPERA	TING FINANCES	
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	4,282,739	4,433,665
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	4,339,069	4,438,674
OPERATING SURPLUS	(56,330)	(5,009)

### Music Department

November 2019

#### Dear Friends,

Music has a long history of underpinning our energetic liturgical life here at St. Ignatius. During the 2018–2019 season, approximately 200 musicians—volunteer and professional—directed their talents to the glory of God at over 300 weekend Masses; 30 feast day, holy day, and special services; 50 weddings; 48 funeral and memorial Masses, including the Firemen's 9-11 Memorial Mass and the Parish Memorial Mass; 22 Grammar School and 11 IREP services, including Confirmations, Reconciliations, First Holy Communions, and Graduations; 12 communal baptisms; and myriad services for our neighboring Catholic schools. Add to that over 275 regularly scheduled choral rehearsals and countless hours of organ, piano, and vocal practice.

Our choral program consists of seven choirs. The four adult groups are the Wallace Hall Choir and Orchestra; the Parish Community Choir; Canticum Sacrum, ministering at the Sunday 7:30 PM Mass; and the professional Choir of St. Ignatius Loyola, serving at the Solemn Mass. Our three children's choirs provide over 60 children with structured musical instruction and a multitude of opportunities to sing at masses, participate in festivals and competitions, and do community service outreach. Everyone involved is not only ministering TO the congregation through music, but is also being ministered TO via their interaction in the program. Keeping it all running smoothly requires an immense amount of organization: scheduling, interface, recruitment, personnel, music, library, planning, and logistics *times* the number of people in each group *times* seven! This is to say nothing of all the Mass leaflet design and production, furniture moving, instrument maintenance, maintenance of payroll and accounts payable and receivable, and other ongoing tasks.

We pride ourselves not only on the quantity of music being made, but on the quality and diversity of styles, embracing everything from Gregorian chant to pop and gospel. There really is something here for everyone! We are grateful for each person and family represented in the music ministry. Without these extraordinary folks, there is no music at St. Ignatius. Likewise, we are grateful for the financial support of you, the parishioners. Your monetary gifts help keep this program full of vigor and vitality.

There is no language adequate for me to express the honor, privilege, and joy I feel being your Director of Music Ministries. The work of the Holy Spirit in this place—through each of you— is powerful, and I feel it every day. May God grant you the richest of blessings in this coming year.

— K. Scott Warren, Director of Music Ministries

#### Message from the Executive Director

Concerts at St. Ignatius\* anchored by the resident Choir and Orchestra of St. Ignatius Loyola presents the finest sacred choral and organ repertoire from over 1,000 years of music history. The church's magnificent N.P. Mander Pipe Organ, the largest tracker organ in New York City, attracts exciting visits from internationally-acclaimed organists. The interfaith programming vision includes a range of sincere expression and spiritual inquiry by artists of many nationalities, ethnicities, races, religions and beliefs, offering a vibrant counterpoint to the Western classical sacred repertoire on which the series was founded. Values-based programming offers inspiring musical performances in service of social justice.

Our 12–18 concerts per season begin with the vision of Artistic Director K. Scott Warren. These plans come to life through a balance of long-range planning, fundraising, formation of production partnerships, and intense scheduling 1–2 years in advance. Each season, marketing, PR, e-commerce ticketing, on-site box office, budgeting, accounting, payroll, and internal reporting form the general operations backbone of the series as a whole. Each concert individually involves a budget, timeline, negotiations and contracts, rehearsal and performance scheduling, logistical planning, program design and production, staff and volunteer planning, as well as coordination with internal departments and multiple external vendors.

All of this effort is worth it to see the joy on our audiences' faces at our annual Christmas concerts, or when we surpass our personal best raising funds for a charitable organization. The 2018–2019 season brought many highlights:

- 17 concerts
- WQXR named our November 12 Arvo Pärt concert one of the Best Concerts of 2018
- WQXR named our February 8 Passion for Bach and Coltrane concert a "February concert not to miss."
- Our March 12 Caritas Concert raised the most to date: \$15,197 for the Society of Sant'Egidio NYC
- Sara Murphy, Executive Director, Concerts at St. Ignatius



<sup>\*</sup> Our concert series has a new name: Concerts at St. Ignatius. This is one element of an overall re-branding for St. Ignatius that will be introduced throughout 2019–2020.