# **CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA**

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# **PARISH STAFF**

Pastor Rev. Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J.

**Associate Pastors** Rev. Mark C. Hallinan, S.J. Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.

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

**Pastoral Year Priest** Rev. Daniel N. Gustafson, S.J.

**Pastoral Associates** Kate Noonan Jean Santopatre Brian Pinter

> **Pastoral Assistant** Maureen Haley

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

#### **Music Ministries** Scott Warren, Director Daniel Beckwith Maureen Haley Philip Anderson Robert Reuter Michael Sheetz

Danya Katok, Director of Concerts

Assistant to the Pastor Diane M. Boyle

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**Director of Communications** Elizabeth O'Sullivan

> **Director of Facilities** Robert Cisternino

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> Treasurer Fernando Castro

#### Weekday Masses (Monday - Friday)

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

#### Masses for the Weekend of December 12th:

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

#### **Religious Education** for Children Ms. Kate Noonan, Director (212) 288-3588 x609

#### Saint Ignatius Loyola School

Upper Campus

(*First Grade through Eighth Grade*) Ms. Mary Larkin, Head of School M.S. Ed. (Admin.), M.S. Ed. (Literacy) 48 East 84th Street (212) 861-3820 Fax: (212) 879-8248

Lower Campus (*PreK-3 through Kindergarten*) Ms. Mary Larkin, Head of School 240 East 84th Street (212) 734-6427 Fax: (212) 734-6972

#### Children's Liturgy of the Word Sundays at the 9:30 AM Mass.

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.

# Announced Masses and **Readings for the Week**

Monday, December 6th (2nd Monday of Advent) Isaiah 35:1-10 Psalm 85 Luke 5:17-26 **8:30 MEM** The Meehan Family 12:10 MEM John Emmett Cruickshank III 5:30 MEM Jack Kehoe

#### Tuesday, December 7th (St. Ambrose)

Isaiah 40:1–11 Psalm 96 Matthew 18:12-14 8:30 ANN Thomas Flammer 12:10 MEM Charlie Glowacki

#### Wednesday, December 8th

(The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary) Genesis 3:9–15, 20 Psalm 98 Ephesians 1:3–6, 11–12 Luke 1:26-38

#### Thursday, December 9th

(2nd Thursday of Advent) Isaiah 41:13–20 Psalm 145 Matthew 11:11-15 8:30 MEM Simona Saracino Fendi **12:10 MEM** Jack Cronin 5:30 ANN Catherine Scanlon

#### Friday, December 10th (2nd Friday of Advent) Isaiah 48:17–19 Psalm 1 Matthew 11:16–19 8:30 MEM John & Margaret Reilly 12:10 MEM Valentino Mazzia 5:30 MEM Living & Deceased Members of the Scanlon &

#### Saturday, December 11th

McLoughlin Families

(2nd Saturday of Advent) Sirach 48:1–4, 9–11 Psalm 80 Matthew 17:9a, 10-13 8:30 MEM Patricia Gause

#### Sunday, December 12th

(3rd Sunday of Advent) Zephaniah 3:14–18a Isaiah 12 Philippians 4:4–7 Luke 3:10-18



December 5, 2021

# A Special Welcome and a Call to Joy

The readings for the Second Sunday of Advent are filled with joy and drama. Jerusalem, a paradigm for us, is told to "take off the robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever." St. Paul then assures the early Christian community of Philippi that "I pray always with joy in my every prayer for all of you." In the Gospel we see the Baptizer burst on the scene and promise that "all flesh will see the salvation of God." These are such joyful and hope-filled readings as we live through the reality and challenges of our fragmented world.

This Sunday at the 11:00 Solemn Mass the Parish community, led by our Pastor Father Yesalonia, will celebrate the Rite of Welcome for those adults wanting to become Catholic or wanting to complete their Catholic initiation. Advent is such a fitting time to celebrate and affirm their desire!



As we join the universal Church in supporting these people, we at St. Ignatius are continuing the sacred tradition that began long ago in the early Church. The living faith community who would later receive these new members was called to pray and prepare along with them. Likewise, today here at St. Ignatius, the Parish community prays with and for the catechumens and candidates at ceremonies or "rites" at the start of Advent and Lent that give visible signs to their progress on their journey.

For these adults, who hail from ten states and five countries with an age range of fifty years, the RCIA process is a very personal one. Though their conversion journey began formally when the RCIA inquirers and Parish RCIA Team first began meeting, their desire to become closer to Christ started much earlier in their own hearts. God called them by name. God has loved them abundantly and chose them to follow.

Today at the **Rite of Welcome** these individuals publicly express their intent to respond to God's call and ask for the support of God's Church, the people of God represented by this Parish. You will notice during this Rite that there are many people from our Parish community who are serving as sponsors. Sponsors are Roman Catholic adults who are enthusiastic about their faith and will introduce these catechumens and candidates to the larger Parish and its ministries. How graced we are to have so many parishioners generously serving in this significant ministry.

The women and men who aspire to a new way of life in Christ have received the gift of God's love. They are joyfully responding to God's call to conversion and are trying to live their lives as Christ's disciples. Let us pray that they and we as a Parish use these days to become even more aware of God's love and action in our lives and the world during this Advent Season.

#### Second Sunday of Advent

Seventeen adults are participating in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. RCIA, the ordinary way the Church reaches out to adults who inquire into the Catholic faith, is a faith formation and sacramental preparation process. For these adults, Advent is an important step in their journey. It is the time when these women and men (called "catechumens" if they have not been baptized, and "candidates" if they have already been baptized) are in the initial stages of their preparation process to become Catholics at Easter and to receive the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist.

> - Mary Ann Fitzgibbon **RCIA Team Member and Parishioner**

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### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

<u>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5th</u> Concert: A Chanticleer Christmas. 4 PM. Church.

<u>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7th</u> Moms, Pops & Tots. 11 AM. Outside the Parish House.

Tuesday Night Book Group: St. Augustine's Confessions. 7 PM. Zoom.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception. 5:30 PM Daily Mass & 7:00 PM Vigil Mass (in Italian).

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

Masses at 8:30 AM, 12:10 PM, 5:30 PM & 7:30 PM.

The Feast is a holy day of obligation in 2021.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8th

Society of St. Vincent de Paul. 7 PM. Gonzaga Meeting Room.

Note: Proof of vaccination is required to attend. Email documentation to **svdpmembership980@gmail.com** prior to the day of the meeting.

## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Christmas Angel Project

Continues Through December 12th!

Benefiting Immaculate Conception/St. Mary's Church in Yonkers & St. Patrick-St. Mary's Parish in Newburgh

#### Through Sunday, December 12th,

participants will be able to select up to **five** 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 <u>Sunday</u>, <u>December 12th</u>.



#### **Annual Toy Drive**

Saturday, December 11th to Wednesday, December 15th

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

### Women's Voices: An Advent Reflection Series



This Advent, as we wait with joyful anticipation of Christ's birth, we are gifted with Women's Voices from our parish sharing their reflections. Each Sunday of Advent we will present a video reflection

from a female member of our parish community.

DECEMBER 4TH | Andrea Santoriello

DECEMBER 11TH | Nicole Bedard

DECEMBER 18TH | Karen Smith

DECEMBER 25TH | Jean Santopatre

You may view these video reflections through our e-newsletter and on our parish website.

# **IGNATIAN SOCIAL JUSTICE**

### Volunteer Opportunities at the New York Common Pantry

The New York Common Pantry is seeking volunteers from St. Ignatius Loyola to help at the Pantry.

They have a new mobile pantry on East 108th. Their "Help 365" Program offers social services. Their "Project Dignity" is for homeless people, offering showers, haircuts, mailing addresses, etc. The Pantry needs a pipeline of volunteers, especially Wednesdays. If you'd like to volunteer, please identify yourself as a St. Ignatius Loyola parishioner.

Their website is nycommonpantry.org and volunteers can sign up for times on the website.

For more information, contact Alan Pardee, SIL parishioner and member of the Ignatian Social Justice ministry, at alanpardee123@gmail.com.



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