



December 26, 2021 | The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Loving Our Holy Family

We are all part of a family. Our family encompasses most of our first experiences in life. In the small intimate setting with our parents and siblings, we take our first steps, speak our first words, and have our first tantrums. Early in our lives, our entire world is experienced with our family unit. Our homes are our first church giving us the blueprint for how we ought to act. As children, we are each taught, through the examples and directives we receive at home, how to behave in the world.

Reminding parents they are the first church for their family is a great joy and privilege of mine as the director of the Interparish Religious Education Program. In the busyness and striving of parenting we are often swept up focusing on our children's milestones, doctor's appointments, and school placements. We get caught up in the demands of the world. When our focus is on the external we may be remiss at remembering the true qualities that make us Christian. In our homes we are called to love, honor, cooperate and be patient with one another. Each of our families is a reflection of the Holy Family who were mired in the tasks of daily life and were literally living a God-filled life.

As I contemplate the Holy Family, my thoughts turn to Joseph and his role in the Holy Family. We know Mary said yes. We are often reminded of her blessed willingness in our faith tradition. Joseph's yes has a more subtle quality than Mary's yes. He is a man who remains dedicated to his commitment even with its challenges. I imagine being the father in the Holy Family household may have been fraught with personal, emotional, and spiritual challenges.



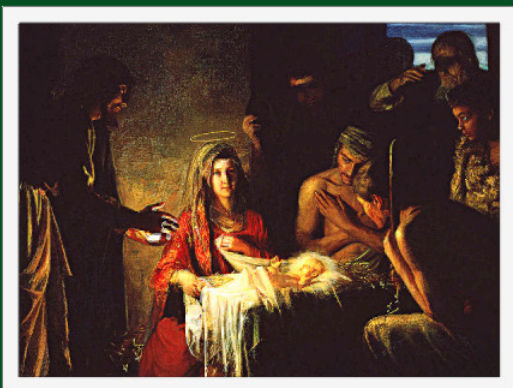
The Family. John Dickson Batten. 1886.

When I was 12 my mother married my stepfather, Henry. Middle schoolers are not always understanding, cooperative, and kind creatures. I was no exception. I was offended at the addition of a stepfather in our lives. What my 12-year-old self did not know is we needed my stepfather, a lot. Henry joined our family and participated in extraordinary ways. Reflecting on Henry's willingness and graciousness today I am brought to tears. He readily and enthusiastically cared for my mother, my brother, my sister, and myself. Henry signed on for a new wife and three stepchildren, ages 12, 10, and 9. Henry's journey must have been fraught with personal, emotional, and spiritual challenges.

Today Henry is the primary caregiver for my mother in her final days. It is jarring to prepare for the loss of a beloved family member. My siblings, we are 4 in total now, and I am all feeling the impending pain of separation as we accompany both Henry while he cares for our mother in her final weeks. Henry continues to lead our family as husband and father, without pride. Henry's kindness, compassion, and dedication remain a blessing to our family. He is an inspiration.

In this Sunday's second reading Paul reminds us in his letter to the Colossians to put on, *as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another*. Striving for these qualities is timeless; families today and millennia ago needed gentle guidance towards these principles. We can each ask for Grace to be the best version of ourselves both in our homes and out in the world. With the gift of Grace and the examples of our family, we can be the church in the world loving our holy family near and far.

— Kate Noonan
Pastoral Associate



*May you be filled with the
Light of Hope during the
Christmas Season and
throughout the New Year*

Merry Christmas

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

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27th

The Parish House will be closed
in observance of Christmas.

One Daily Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 AM.
There will be no 12:10 PM or 5:30 PM Masses.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28th

Moms, Pops & Tots.
11 AM. Outside the Parish House.

A Catholic Perspective on Issues of War and Peace

Monthly meetings beginning Monday, January 10th
7 PM in the Parish Lounge



Parishioners interested in discussing
contemporary Catholic teaching on
war and peace, and the implications
of that teaching for United States
defense policies and weapons

spending. Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J., will guide our
sessions. Coordinators of these meetings for Ignatian
Social Justice will be Lorraine and Matt.

Readings for the first session can be
obtained from Fr. Hallinan by emailing him
at hallinanm@saintignatiusloyola.org.

FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL ATTENDEES.

Lady Chapel Open for Private Prayer



The Lady Chapel is open daily for private
prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, from
1 PM to 4 PM. During those hours,
the Main Church will be closed.

**PLEASE WEAR A FACE MASK
WHILE IN THE LADY CHAPEL.**



Low-Gluten Hosts

For parishioners wishing to
receive a low-gluten host at the distribution of Holy
Communion, please speak with a Hospitality Minister.

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.**

IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS



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.

**Interested? Contact Maureen Fullam,
Regional Director, at 917-859-0928 or
email mfullam@ivcusa.org, and visit us at ivcusa.org.**

2021 Annual Report



A copy of the Annual Report for
Fiscal Year 2021 is available online
on our parish website ignatius.nyc.

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Weekday Masses (Monday – Friday)

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

Saturday: 8:30 AM

Masses for the Weekend of January 2nd:

Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Bergen
 9:30 AM Fr. Hallinan
Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Yesalonia
Wallace Hall Family 11:00 AM Fr. Hilbert
 7:30 PM Fr. Yesalonia

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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 27th

(St. John)

1 John 1:1-4 Psalm 97

John 20:1a, 2-8

8:30 MEM Mary McDonald

Tuesday, December 28th

(The Holy Innocents)

1 John 1:5-2:2 Psalm 124

Matthew 2:13-18

8:30 MEM Beverly Maher

12:10 MEM John Mahoney

5:30 MEM Dr. & Mrs. Edward
Brenner

Wednesday, December 29th

(Fifth Day in the Christmas Octave)

1 John 2:3-11 Psalm 96

Luke 2:22-35

8:30 MEM Bela Sihare

12:10 MEM Frank English

5:30 MEM William Powers

Thursday, December 30th

(Sixth Day in the Christmas Octave)

1 John 2:12-17 Psalm 96

Luke 2:36-40

8:30 MEM Roderick McLeod

12:10 MEM Raymond Casey

5:30 ANN John Butler

Friday, December 31st

(Seventh Day in the Christmas Octave)

1 John 2:18-21 Psalm 96

John 1:1-18

8:30 LVG Patricia Gillin

12:10 MEM William Wallace

Saturday, January 1st

*(Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother
of God)*

Numbers 6:22-27

Psalm 67

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:16-21

Sunday, January 2nd

(The Epiphany of the Lord)

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 72

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12