



December 4, 2022 | Second Sunday of Advent

## After Years of Quiet Contemplation, I Was Welcomed to God's Love

*[On December 4 at the Solemn Mass, eighteen women and men will participate in the Rite of Welcome, the first Rite leading up to their baptism and/or reception into the Church. Here is a reflection from Jennifer Henriquez, who became Catholic at the 2022 Easter Vigil.]*

In reflecting on my process to become Catholic, there are so many emotions that swell in my heart. I had felt the calling to seek a closer relationship with God in college and had even looked into the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) with my campus parish. Unfortunately, I never followed through with participating. I would find myself coming up with reasons why maybe later in life, it would make more sense for me.

Years passed, and life happened, including some very difficult losses of loved ones. Grief has been very complicated for me, and in my experience, grief is never linear. I often felt alone in it. However, praying at night before bed provided me with a quiet moment after a long and hectic day to just be, to sit with my thoughts and share them with God. In looking back over my journey, the one constant has been my faith, my relationship with God. It was and is the ever-present support, the warm embrace, the unconditional love that has never left my side throughout my life.



And so I thought, “Why not listen to that call in moving toward a closer relationship to God?”

What attracted me to the Catholic faith was the sense of home and peace I would feel whenever I sat in a church. I was raised to be what I like to call “culturally Catholic,” often taking part in rituals like always crossing myself when I left our house for the day or when I passed a Catholic church. However, I had never formally attended Mass or received any of the sacraments.

Going through the RCIA process was a beautiful experience beyond what I had expected. Our group would meet every week on Thursday nights and Sunday mornings for Solemn Mass. What started off as a group of strangers became a group of people I deeply care for and with whom I was able to relate in so many ways.

I find that we often feel alone when we are going through life's challenges. However, in sharing with one another, we learn that we have more in common than we think. I believe that this commonality and mutual understanding couldn't be a greater illustration of God's love.

RCIA classes always recentered me ahead of a new week. They also helped me learn a lot about myself through reflection and hearing other peoples' stories. I was able to be vulnerable (something I personally have found to be challenging) but was also uplifted. I always left class feeling such joy in my heart. There's really no other way to describe it.

As an active member of the Parish, I enjoy attending Mass every week and participating in the Ignatian Young Adults ministry. This has become a second home, and I feel the love and support whenever I walk into the Church. I'm looking forward to continuing to grow as a member of the Parish community.

The experience of becoming Catholic really pushed me to reflect on myself and my faith, what it meant to be present, and an example of God's love on this earth. I am so grateful and happy that I made the decision to finally go for it! It has changed my life forever in the best possible way, and I can only hope that it does the same for anyone else out there who has been hearing that voice whispering to come home to God's love.

— Jennifer Henriquez  
Parishioner & Ignatian Young Adults Ministry Member

## This Week at a Glance

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4th**  
Annual Christmas Tree Lighting.  
At the 11 AM Wallace Hall Family Mass.

Christmas Caroling at Vista on 5th.  
2 PM. Vista on 5th (1261 Fifth Avenue).  
To RSVP, email [boomersandbeyond.st.ignatius@gmail.com](mailto:boomersandbeyond.st.ignatius@gmail.com).

Concert | A Chanticleer Christmas.  
4 PM. Church & Livestreamed. *Details at right.*

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6th**  
Tuesday Night Book Group | *I Believe in Love: A Personal Retreat Based On the Teachings of St. Therese of Lisieux.* 7 PM. Zoom.  
To receive the Zoom link for this series, email [TuesdayNightBookGroup@gmail.com](mailto:TuesdayNightBookGroup@gmail.com).

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8th**  
Feast of the Immaculate Conception.  
Masses at 8:30 AM, 12:10 PM, 5:30 PM & 7:30 PM.  
*The Feast is a holy day of obligation in 2022.*

Scripture Course: Christ the Refugee.  
7 PM. Zoom. *Details on page 3.*

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10th**  
Snow Ball Dance.  
7 PM. Wallace Hall. *Details at right.*

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

### Christmas Angel Project Through Sunday, December 11th

*Benefiting The Parish of St. Charles Borromeo and  
Our Lady of Lourdes Church*

There will be volunteers in the Narthex and Wallace Hall to help parishioners with their Angel registration at all the Masses. It's important to register your Angel card with one of the volunteers prior to leaving. We have nearly 400 gifts to keep track of, and registering them with us helps us to avoid chaos.

**Gifts must be returned to the Parish House no later than Sunday, December 11th.**

## Advent Confession Schedule

### Advent Day of Reconciliation Monday, December 19th

Confessions will be heard in the Church from 3 PM to 5 PM and 6 PM to 8 PM.

## Daily Mass Livestream Update

Beginning *Tuesday, January 3, 2023*, we will begin livestreaming our 12:10 PM Daily Mass. As of that date, the 5:30 PM Mass will no longer be livestreamed.

## Concerts at St. Ignatius

### A Chanticleer Christmas Sunday, December 4th at 4 PM Church & Livestreamed

*A Chanticleer Christmas* offers joy and transcendence through beautifully sung music of all centuries from classical to carols. The joy of Chanticleer's Christmas season comes from sharing this precious moment in the year with you.

The multiple Grammy Award-winning all-male vocal ensemble Chanticleer is comprised of 12 singers hailing from across the United States.

**To purchase tickets, visit [ignatius.nyc/concerts](http://ignatius.nyc/concerts).**

## Snow Ball Dance

**Saturday, December 10th at 7 PM in Wallace Hall**

Join us for what promises to be a very merry evening. Come eat, drink, and dance to live music with your friends and fellow adult (21+) parishioners.

*Tickets are \$75 per person/\$65 for seniors (age 60+).  
Premium Tables for 10 guests are available for \$1,000.*



**To purchase tickets, visit [ticketsource.us/StIgnatiusnyc](http://ticketsource.us/StIgnatiusnyc) or scan the QR code at left.**

## 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** | Lori Bores  
**DECEMBER 11TH** | Kelley Girod  
**DECEMBER 18TH** | Moria Cappio  
**DECEMBER 25TH** | Rose DiMartino

You may view these video reflections through our e-newsletter and on our parish website [ignatius.nyc](http://ignatius.nyc).

## Scripture Course

### Christ the Refugee

Three Thursdays, beginning December 8th at 7 PM  
Zoom

This Advent, as the world witnesses the largest flow of displaced persons in a century, we focus on the evangelist Matthew's testimony that Jesus began his life as a refugee. Presentations and discussions will reflect on this pivotal story as well as other biblical texts that highlight God's command to care for the "sojourner."

Brian B. Pinter, Pastoral Associate, will present.

To RSVP, email [brianbpinter@protonmail.com](mailto:brianbpinter@protonmail.com).

## Wallace Hall Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 11th

Immediately following the  
11 AM Wallace Hall Family Mass

We hope that your family will join us in this celebration of our Lord's birth. There is a role for everyone!

Two rehearsals in Wallace Hall are required:  
Today at Noon and Sunday, December 11th at 9:30 AM.



To participate, scan the QR code at left to register or visit [ignatius.nyc/wallace-hall-christmas-pageant](http://ignatius.nyc/wallace-hall-christmas-pageant).

Questions? Email Mary Jo Ward at [mjward@med.cornell.edu](mailto:mjward@med.cornell.edu).

## The Heat is On at St. Ignatius

Please help us defray the increasing cost of providing heat and electricity to the parish.



To contribute, visit [ignatius.nyc/makepayment](http://ignatius.nyc/makepayment) (or scan the QR code at left) and note "Energy Collection" in the *Reason for Donation* box.

## Ignatian Volunteer Corps



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](mailto:mfullam@ivcusa.org), and visit us at [ivcusa.org](http://ivcusa.org).

## Annual Appeal

As you consider your end-of-year giving, please remember to include your contribution to the Annual Appeal on your to-do list.



If you have not yet made a donation, you can do so by visiting [ignatius.nyc/annual-appeal](http://ignatius.nyc/annual-appeal) or scanning the QR code at left.

*Thank you for your support!*

## Lay Ministers' Enrichment Ministry Day of Reflection - Spring 2023

Saturday, January 28th, 2023

Wallace Hall

You are invited to join the St. Ignatius Lay Ministers' Enrichment Ministry for a day of personal and group reflection led by Fr. Walter Modrys, S.J.

Doors open at 8:15 AM for registration and breakfast.

The day's activities will comprise two presentations by Father Modrys, each followed by time for personal reflection and group faith-sharing. There will be a Q&A session following the last group session.



To register, scan the QR code at left or visit [ignatius.nyc/lmespring2023](http://ignatius.nyc/lmespring2023).

## Home Communion Call



If you or a loved one is confined to home and would like to receive Communion on a periodic or regular basis, someone from the parish's Compassionate Care Ministry will come to your home and bring Communion.

If interested, email Fr. Hilbert at [hilbertm@saintignatiusloyola.org](mailto:hilbertm@saintignatiusloyola.org) or leave your name and phone number at the Parish House for Fr. Hilbert, and someone will be scheduled to visit.

## Join Our Email Mailing List

We invite you to join our email mailing list to receive updates on parish news and events.



To sign-up, scan the QR code at left or visit [ignatius.nyc](http://ignatius.nyc).

To stay up-to-date on parish news, follow us on Instagram and Facebook at [stignatiusnyc](https://www.instagram.com/stignatiusnyc).

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### Senior Priest

Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J.

### Assisting Priest

Rev. James Martin, S.J.

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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 December 11th

Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM Fr. Yesalonia

Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Yesalonia

9:30 AM Fr. Hilbert

Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Bergen

Wallace Hall Family 11:00 AM Fr. Hallinan

7:30 PM Fr. Bergen

## 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

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48 East 84th Street

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(PreK-3 through Kindergarten)

Ms. Mary Larkin

Head of School

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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 contact Maureen Haley at  
baptisms@saintignatiusloyola.org

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  
contact Maureen Haley at  
weddings@saintignatiusloyola.org  
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 5th

(Second Monday of Advent)

Isaiah 35:1-10 Psalm 85

Luke 5:17-26

**8:30 MEM** Caroline Choix

**12:10 MEM** Gregorio Dizon

**5:30 MEM** Dolorita Wallace  
Moore

### Tuesday, December 6th

(Second Tuesday of Advent)

Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 96

Matthew 18:12-14

**8:30 MEM** The Meehan Family

**12:10 MEM** Eileen Hanford

**5:30 MEM** Reginald F. Lewis

### Wednesday, December 7th

(St. Ambrose)

Isaiah 40:25-31 Psalm 103

Matthew 11:28-30

**8:30 ANN** Thomas Flammer

**12:10 MEM** Charles Glowacki

### Thursday, 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

### Friday, December 9th

(Second Friday of Advent)

Isaiah 48:17-19 Psalm 1

Matthew 11:16-19

**8:30 MEM** Simona Saracino  
Fendi

**12:10 MEM** Maria Bernadette  
Carrilho

**5:30 ANN** Catherine Scanlon

### Saturday, December 10th

(Second Saturday of Advent)

Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11 Psalm 80

Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

**8:30 MEM** Valentino Mazzia

### Sunday, December 11th

(Third Sunday of Advent)

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10 Psalm 146

James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11