CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA

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

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In Residence Rev. James A. Casciotti, 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 1st

Saturday Vigil	5:30 рм	Fr. Yesalonia
Sunday:	8:00 am	Fr. Hallinan
	9:30 am	Fr. Yesalonia
Wallace Hall Family	11:00 am	Fr. Hallinan
Solemn	11:00 am	Fr. Hilbert
	7:30 рм	Fr. Hilbert

Religious Education for Children

Ms. Kate Noonan, Director (212) 288-3588 x609 noonank@saintignatiusloyola.org

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 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.

Ignatian Young Adults (IYA)

For more information about our IYA ministry, email Jean Santopatre at santopatrej@saintignatiusloyola.org.

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, November 25th

(34th Monday in Ordinary Time)
Revelation 14:1–3, 4b–5 Psalm 24
Luke 21:1–4
8:30 MEM Dennis Hayes
12:10 MEM Pauline Gardiner
5:30 MEM Albert Araneo

Tuesday, November 26th

(St. John Berchmans) Revelation 14:14–19 Psalm 96 Luke 21:5–11 8:30 MEM Julia Grant 12:10 MEM Albert Araneo 5:30 MEM Mae & Charles Tantillo

Wednesday, November 27th

(34th Wednesday in Ordinary Time)
Revelation 15:1–4 Psalm 98
Luke 21:12–19
8:30 MEM Marylou Moran
12:10 MEM Richard Sygar
5:30 MEM Francis Mazurkiewicz

Thursday, November 28th

(34th Thursday in Ordinary Time) Revelation 18:1–2, 21–23; 19:1–3, 9a Psalm 100 Luke 21:20–28

Friday, November 29th

(34th Friday in Ordinary Time) Revelation 20:1–4, 11–21:2 Psalm 84 Luke 21:29–33 8:30 MEM Malgorzata Rozmus

Saturday, November 30th

(St. Andrew) Romans 10:9–18 Psalm 19 Matthew 4:18–22 **8:30 MEM** Lucas Anthony Argiro

<u>Sunday, December 1st</u>

(1st Sunday of Advent) Jeremiah 33:14–16 Psalm 25 1 Thessalonians 3:12–4:2 Luke 21:25–28, 34–36



November 24, 2024 | Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

"Pilgrims of Hope": St. Ignatius Loyola Lecture Series

The ancient Romans constructed temples to their many gods—Apollo and Diana, Mercury and Minerva, Vulcan and Vesta, to name a few. One temple, the Pantheon, was dedicated to all the gods, and on the Feast Day of Hope (August 1st—my birthday!) the priests of the Pantheon hosted a banquet for the gods, according to the historian Livy. The gods were seated in a circle, boy-girl-boy-girl. The first to be seated and the last to leave was the goddess Spes ("Hope"). Hope was known as the last goddess ("*spes ultima dea*"), because she was the last resort of humans, the goddess who accompanied humans to the grave. Something akin to, "Hope springs eternal," Cicero wrote, "While there's life there's hope" ("*dum spiro spero*").

Joan Chittister in her book "Scarred by Struggle, Transformed by Hope" (2005), calls memory the "seedbed of hope." Hope is not "in spite of" struggle and pain, she says. Hope is born in the midst of struggle and pain from the memory of goodness and beauty and truth. "Biblical hope sees the present circumstance with the eyes of memory." The memory of the stories and songs of the Bible gives us hope. The memory of home gives us hope, even when those memories are filled with pain and heartache.

The Bible instructs us to be "prepared" to "give reason for the hope that is in you" (1 Peter 3:15). Did you catch it? The assumption is that disciples of Jesus are known as those who have hope. We are assumed to be a people of hope! "Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul – and sings the tunes without the words – and never stops at all" (Emily Dickinson).

In last week's Bulletin Essay, Fr. Hallinan presented Our Lady as a model of hopefulness: "What lessons does Mary offer us, if we are to live in hope even in times that test our faith? To live in hope, we must be persons of prayer. We must cultivate a living relationship with God in which we consciously call to mind the many ways God has proven to be faithful to God's people. We also have to call to mind our own personal experience of God's fidelity to us and of God's gratuitous love for us. Remembering our own lived experience of God's fidelity and love, it makes sense for us to persevere in hope, even in the darkest moments of our lives, because we know that God will not disappoint us."

"Hope Does Not Disappoint" (Romans 5:5), is the title of Pope Francis' Bull of Indiction of the Jubilee Year of 2025, and "Pilgrims of Hope" is the title of our 2025 Lecture Series. I am pleased to present today the dates and speakers for the five lectures.

1. January 27: "The Risk of Hope"

Rev. Sam Sawyer, S.J., Editor-in-Chief, AMERICA Magazine.

2. February 10: "Giving Hope to Homeless Youth"

Mr. Carl Siciliano, Founder of the Ali Forney Center, the nation's largest and most comprehensive housing program for homeless LGBTQ youth.

3. March 31 (Laetare): "Dorothy Day: Messenger of Hope"

Mr. Robert Ellsberg, Publisher, Orbis Books.

4. April 28: "Doctor, Will You Pray for Me?"

Prof. Robert Klitzman, M.D., Director of the Masters of Bioethics Program, Columbia University.

5. May 12: "Creating a Shared Planetary Future"

Profs. Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Allen Grim Co-Founders and Co-Directors of the Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology, Yale University.

The lectures will be on Mondays at 7:00 PM in Wallace Hall. Please mark your calendars now!

Parish Mission Statement

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.

This Week at a Glance

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28th Thanksgiving Day Mass. 9 AM. Church. This will be the only Mass celebrated on Thanksgiving Day. The Parish House will be closed.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29th One Mass will be celebrated in the Church at 8:30 AM. The Parish House will be closed.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Tuesday Evenings, December 3rd to December 17th 6 PM to 8 PM Church

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 6 PM. The church will be open for private adoration until shortly before 8 PM when the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed and the church will close.

The Annual Appeal is Underway!

The Annual Appeal is an important source of funds for the many ministries and ordinary operations of the parish.

Please support your parish and contribute to the *Annual Appeal*.



To give online, visit ignatius.nyc/ annual-appeal or scan the QR code above.

Lady Chapel Open for Private Prayer

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

Low-Gluten Hosts

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

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Christmas Angels Gift Project Through Sunday, December 15th

Benefiting Our Lady of Lourdes Church, the Church of the Immaculate Conception, and the migrants accompanied by the Ignatian Social Justice Ministry

Angel Cards listing recipients' Christmas wishes will be on the trees in the Narthex and Wallace Hall.

There will be volunteers to help parishioners with their Angel registration at all Masses. It's very important to register your Angel card(s) with one of the volunteers so we can keep track of the hundreds of gifts.

Please bring your wrapped Angel gift(s) to the Parish House by *Sunday*, *December 15th*.

We ask each person or family to limit their number of Angel Cards to four.

Annual Toy Drive Through Sunday, December 22nd

Benefiting the children of St. Mary of the Assumption-Our Lady of Mt. Carmel–St. Benedict Parish on Staten Island

Please bring new, unwrapped toys or games for children between the ages of 3–12 to the Parish House. IREP students: May bring unwrapped gifts into class for collection

Toys must be new. No used toys, please.

Sponsored by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and the Interparish Religious Education Program

All Hearts Together: A Mass for the LGBTQ+ Community Monday, December 2nd 7 PM

Church

Presider Fr. Bryan Massingale

Join us for a special Mass in observance of World AIDS Day. Let's join together in faith and solidarity, lifting up the LGBTQ+ community and all affected by HIV/AIDS.

Reception to follow in Wallace Hall.

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook at *stignatiusnyc*.

Snow Ball Dance Saturday, December 7th at 7 PM Wallace Hall

Join us for what promises to be a very merry evening! Come eat, drink, and dance to live music by The Morris Brothers Band with your friends and fellow adult (21+)

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



To purchase, visit ignatius.nyc/snowballdance or scan the QR code at left.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul welcomes all St. Ignatius parishioners to volunteer with us—and join us at our meetings for prayer, reflection, spiritual growth, fellowship, and community service year-round. All levels of involvement are appreciated.

Our regular meetings take place every other Wednesday at 7 PM in the Parish House. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 4th—and all are welcome!

> For more information, email svdpmembership980@gmail.com.

Annual Christmas Caroling Sunday, December 8th 2 PM to 2:45 PM Vista Assisted Living Residence 1261 Fifth Avenue (between 107th and 108th Streets)

We've got the music and the songs. All we need is you! Come join our annual Christmas Caroling event and start the holiday season with a song. And while you're having a great time, you will bring Christmas joy to others.

Circle of Friends

Save the Date Tuesday, December 10th at 1 PM

Circle of Friends will present "Carols & Cookies" with Ricardo da Silva, S.J.

Details to follow in an upcoming bulletin.

Lost & Found

If you have lost an item while visiting the church, please stop by the Parish House to check if your misplaced article has been turned in.

Concerts at St. Ignatius

A Chanticleer Christmas Friday, December 6th at 8 PM & Sunday, December 8th at 4 PM Church

"A Chanticleer Christmas" brings with it warmth, light, familiar carols, and joy. This year's program is full of new arrangements of well-known tunes, presented with impeccable style and virtuosity by San Francisco's "Orchestra of Voices."

Equally at home in the worlds of Classical, Jazz, or Pop, Chanticleer weaves back and forth between styles to present an evening of wonder and merriment. The group begins with their traditional candlelight processional, and concludes with a litany of crowd-pleasers, coming to a raucous close with Joseph Jennings's classic Spirituals. We can't wait to celebrate the season with you!

For tickets, visit ignatius.nyc/concerts.

Laud to the Nativity: Annual Christmas Concert Sunday, December 15th at 3 PM & Sunday, December 22nd at 3 PM Church

Featuring Ottorino Respighi's "Laud to the Nativity" and culminating with "O Holy Night" and the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah," our Laud to the Nativity Christmas concerts will inspire you and your family during the height of New York City's dazzling holiday season. Includes beloved carols for everyone to sing.

For tickets, visit ignatius.nyc/concerts.

Meeting Christ in Prayer

Holy Listening: Advent and Beyond Mondays, December 9th to January 13th 7 PM Zoom

Are you looking for an opportunity to share your response to Scripture with others? Join us for six weeks of faith-sharing in a structured and welcoming listening environment. We will share our responses to an upcoming Sunday reading and then our responses to each other's shares. This is ideal for past participants of Meeting Christ in Prayer, but all are welcome. The program will take place on Zoom.

To register, visit tinyurl.com/SILHolyListening.