



December 29, 2024 | The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

## One Family in God

If our celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family is to have any relevance for us, we have to consider the hardships faced by the family of Mary, Joseph, and Jesus. We must also remember that we are all one family in God with responsibility for all of our brothers and sisters in God.

As Jesus sought to break forth from his mother's womb, his parents found themselves repeatedly rebuffed by innkeepers who either did not have room for them or would not make room for them. Think of the desperation that Mary and Joseph must have felt as Mary's condition grew more critical. As you think of them, think of those families who came to our border, having fled economic destitution, political unrest, or persecution for who they were or what they believed. They, too, were desperate, so desperate that some snaked their way through razor wire strung to prevent their passage. As Mary and Joseph had to accept less-than-ideal conditions in which to bring forth their child, these migrants have had to accept less-than-ideal conditions in which to try and create a new life for themselves and their families.



*The Holy Family (The Madonna del Velo; Madonna di Loreto). Copy after Raphael (Raffaello Sanzio). Mid-16th century.*

Mary and Joseph did not have long to celebrate the joy of bringing a son into this world. Word soon reached them of a slaughter of innocents being unleashed with the aim of killing their child. In terror, they fled south to Egypt to seek safe shelter—a forced migration requiring them to live as aliens in a foreign land. How many parents in Gaza have had little, if any, time to celebrate the birth of their child? How many of them have witnessed that tiny life snuffed out through disease, starvation, or bombings, unable, as they are, to seek and find safe shelter? How many parents in the conflict zones of Africa have also seen young lives lost through disease, starvation, and violence, as they were unable to seek, or find, safe shelter? Surely, the cries of these families must echo in the ears of a God who knew firsthand what it was like to face the situations these families faced. It must pain God to see how their suffering leaves so many unmoved, particularly those who

profess to love the God whom they do not see even as they are indifferent to the suffering of the God whom they do see.

Consider what it was like for Mary and Joseph to experience the loss of their twelve-year-old son after their celebration of the Passover in Jerusalem. Once more, a sense of desperation must have gripped Mary and Joseph as they sought to find him. Finding him in the temple, Mary made it clear that Jesus had caused her, and Joseph, great anxiety. Even so, they most likely felt an overwhelming sense of relief that Jesus was safe and unharmed. How many parents in our inner cities have done the best they could to keep their children safe from harm, only to lose them to the streets, never to know the relief Mary and Joseph experienced in finding their child unharmed? How many Palestinian children have been swept up in raids in the West Bank leaving behind anxious families who have suffered cruel periods of separation that have left them uncertain as to the safety of their children? Surely, God hears their cries and how it pains God, again, to see the indifference of other members of God's family to the plight of their brothers and sisters.

Our Feast of the Holy Family invites us to consider the one family to which all of us belong—the one family in God in which we are equal in dignity to each other and in which we are all really responsible for each other. Are we living as a holy family evidencing the care for each other that God expects of us?

— Rev. Mark C. Hallinan, S.J.  
Associate Pastor

## 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

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1st

**Feast of Mary, The Holy Mother of God.  
A Mass of Anticipation will be celebrated  
on Tuesday, December 31st at 5:30 PM.**

*The Parish House will be closed.*

**One Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 AM  
on Wednesday, January 1st.**

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### Travel

#### Trip to South Africa

At the end of February 2025, join us on a journey of discovery in South Africa to experience the vibrant nature of the relationship that exists between Christians and Muslims. Coordinated by Peace Islands Institute, the 8-day excursion includes visits with Cardinal Stephen Brislin, Archbishop of Cape Town, and representatives of both faith traditions at Catholic and Muslim educational institutions and the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference.

The trip will include a visit to Soweto Township and The Mandela House, as well as a ferry trip to Robben Island where Nelson Mandela spent 26 years. We will spend an afternoon at a Mosque complex that includes a school, a health clinic, a soup kitchen, and a bazaar. There will also be excursions to experience the natural beauty and wildlife of South Africa.

The cost of the 8-day tour is \$2,000 (\$500 supplement for Single travelers). All accommodations (3 and 4-star hotels), as well as meals, and internal transportation by plane or private coach bus, are covered by the cost of the tour. Travel to and from South Africa is your responsibility. Arrival should be booked into Johannesburg (where the tour will begin), and departure to the US from Cape Town (where the tour will end).



**To view the itinerary and to register,  
scan the QR code  
at left.**

### 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](http://ignatius.nyc/annual-appeal) or scan the QR code above.**

### Ignatian Social Justice

**Thursday, January 9th  
7 PM**

**Parish House**

Ignatian Social Justice is a ministry of the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola made up of parishioners committed to raising awareness of current Catholic social teaching and advocating for social justice on timely and underappreciated issues

The volunteer group embraces the responsibility to inform, engage, and mobilize parishioners to promote social justice in our local community as well as the global community.

**For more information, contact Jean Santopatre at [santopatrej@saintignatiusloyola.org](mailto:santopatrej@saintignatiusloyola.org).**

### Ignatian Social Justice

#### Donations Needed: Plastic Rosaries and Spanish Prayer Cards

We invite parishioners to join us in bringing hope and comfort to migrants in need by collecting plastic rosaries and Spanish prayer cards.

Your donation can provide solace and remind our migrant brothers and sisters that they are not alone on their journey.

**Donations may be dropped off at the Parish House by Wednesday, January 8th.**

### Join Our Email Mailing List!

Sign-up for our e-newsletter to receive regular updates on parish news and events.



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

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook at [stignatiusnyc](https://www.instagram.com/stignatiusnyc).

## Lecture

### What Did the Synod Do? And Where Do We Go From Here?

Wednesday, January 15th at 7 PM  
Wallace Hall



**PRESENTER**  
**Fr. James Martin, S.J.**  
*Editor at Large, America Magazine*

A behind-the-scenes look of the Synod of Bishops from Fr. James Martin, S.J., Synod delegate.

## Guided Church Tour

Sunday, January 26th at 12:30 PM  
Church (Meeting Point: Narthex)

The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola is a vibrant parish community whose foundation rests on the faith life and commitment of all who worship here.

We invite you to explore and learn more about our beautiful church through our monthly tours.

**To register, visit [ignatius.nyc/guidedtour/](http://ignatius.nyc/guidedtour/).**

*Group size will be limited, so registration is required.*

## Lectures at St. Ignatius Series

**The Risk of Hope**  
Monday, January 27th at 7 PM  
Wallace Hall



**PRESENTER**  
**Fr. Sam Sawyer, S.J.**  
*Editor in Chief, America Magazine*

Hope calls us to more than just optimism about things turning out well. When we take hope seriously, we are also called to take responsibility for what we hope for.

## College Connect

### Attention College Students and Their Families! Join Us for St. Ignatius College Connect

Sunday, January 5th at Noon  
Wallace Hall Stage

Kick off the New Year with fellowship and pizza! Join us for a gathering of college students and their families as they reconnect with our parish and share stories. High School seniors are also welcome.

**To RSVP, email [adelrosario@bhsusa.com](mailto:adelrosario@bhsusa.com).**

## Ignatian Interfaith Ministry

**Sat Sri Akal (Truth reigns eternal)**  
Monday, January 13th at 7 PM in Wallace Hall



**PRESENTER**  
**Harmeet Kamboj**  
*Senior State Policy Manager  
Sikh Coalition*

Join us as we learn more about one of the world's largest faith traditions: Sikhism. Founded in the 15th century by Guru Nanak, it is the fifth largest religion in the world and also monotheistic.

**To register,**  
**email [ignatianinterfaithministry@gmail.com](mailto:ignatianinterfaithministry@gmail.com)**

## Concert

**Harvard Glee Club**  
Friday, January 17th at 7 PM  
Church

An ensemble of tenor and bass voices, the Harvard Glee Club is the oldest collegiate choir in the United States.

The Harvard Glee Club's repertoire has historically drawn from the collegiate, folk, and sacred music of Europe and North America, incorporating pieces dating from the Renaissance onward. This season, the Glee Club will draw upon a variety of choral traditions, including that of the country of Georgia for its performances.

**This is a free concert. No tickets are needed.**

## Ignatian Volunteer Corps

Ignatian Volunteer Corps 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).**

## St. Ignatius Has an App!

It has never been easier to find current information on parish programming, participate in online giving, learn about our ministries, and more.



**To download our app, visit**  
**[parishsolutionsco.com/ignatiusnewyork.html](http://parishsolutionsco.com/ignatiusnewyork.html)**  
**or scan the QR code at left.**

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## PARISH STAFF

### Pastor

Rev. Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J.

### Associate Pastors

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Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.

### Assisting Priest

Rev. James Martin, S.J.

### In Residence

Rev. James A. Casciotti, S.J.

### Pastoral Associates

Kate Noonan Brian Pinter Jean Santopatre

### Pastoral Assistant

Maureen Haley

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Jen Arvay Kefalas                      Robert Reuter  
Daniel Beckwith                      Michael Sheetz  
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Douglas Purcell  
Scott Warren, *Director*

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Patricia Schneider

### Director of Communications

Elizabeth O'Sullivan

### Director of Facilities

Robert Cisternino

### Facilities Coordinator

Pattie Hughes

### 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 January 5th

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

## 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, December 30th

(*6th Day in the Christmas Octave*)

1 John 2:12–17 Psalm 96

Luke 2:36–40

**8:30 ANN** Yvonne Segarra

**12:10 MEM** Oliver Liegey

**5:30 ANN** John Butler

### Tuesday, December 31st

(*7th Day in the Christmas Octave*)

1 John 2:18–21 Psalm 96

John 1:1–18

**8:30 LVG** Keri Nash

### Wednesday, January 1st

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

Numbers 6:22–27 Psalm 67

Galatians 4:4–7 Luke 2:16–21

### Thursday, January 2nd

(*Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory  
Nazianzen*)

1 John 2:22–28 Psalm 98

John 1:19–28

**8:30 MEM** Ciro Saracino

**12:10 MEM** Peter Joseph Burke, Sr.

**5:30 MEM** Marcus Belmonte

### Friday, January 3rd

(*The Most Holy Name of Jesus*)

Sirach 51:8–12 Psalm 8

Philippians 2:1–11 Luke 2:21–24

**8:30 MEM** Walter Dye

**12:10 MEM** Dorothy Rode

**5:30 MEM** Joseph Calise

### Saturday, January 4th

(*St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton*)

1 John 3:7–10 Psalm 98

John 1:35–42

**8:30 MEM** Lillian Freniere

### Sunday, January 5th

(*The Epiphany of the Lord*)

Isaiah 60:1–6 Psalm 72

Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5–6

Matthew 2:1–12