



January 5, 2025 | The Epiphany of the Lord

## We Need Rational Minds Not Irrational Fears

In July 2021, Adewale Ogunyemi, a husband and father of two daughters, was working as a contract cleaner in a food production facility outside of Chicago. Responding to his screams, fellow workers found Adewale tangled in a machine. His right arm had been pulled through the conveyor and wrapped around his head. His chest was crushed. The fire department extricated him from the machine, but he was pronounced dead at the hospital.

On January 22, 2024, Elmer De Leon Perez was working as a welder at the Thoma-Sea shipyard in Houma, Louisiana helping to build a sophisticated ship for the United States that would do vital oceanographic research. Working at the bottom of a 12-foot ballast tank, using a welding tool that can burn as hot as 20,000 degrees, Elmer died from asphyxiation and fluid in his lungs. He left behind his partner with whom he had a two-year-old child.



What did Adewale and Elmer have in common? They were both undocumented workers doing work essential to our economy. *The New York Times* investigated staffing agencies that provided contract workers to factories, warehouses and distribution centers. Temporary workers supplied by these staffing agencies were found to have an injury rate 67% higher than their permanently hired counterparts. The *Times* found that at least 50 workplace deaths since 2017 involved staffing agencies.

Elmer's case is particularly notable. A recent *Wall Street Journal* column, "Worker Shortage Risks U.S. Security," reported that the United States lacks the skilled workers necessary to build the ships that the U.S. Navy requires. In the past three years, China has built 47% of all the world's ships, and the U.S. just 0.1%. In sheer numbers, the Chinese navy now has more ships than does the United States. Elmer was working for a staffing agency that classified him as an independent contractor. As an independent contractor, both the ship builder and the staffing agency denied compensation claims filed on behalf of his partner and child.

Millions of persons in this country begin this new year living in fear. President-elect Trump has made mass deportations of undocumented persons in the United States a central priority. Thomas Homan, appointed to serve as point person for all matters pertaining to border security, has been ubiquitous in the media, relentlessly stressing the need to secure the borders and begin mass arrests and deportations of persons without legal status. There are also expressions of support for revoking the temporary legal status granted by the Biden administration to different nationalities for different reasons.

The hysteria surrounding immigration in this country right now obscures a truth that has been known since at least the administration of George W. Bush (2001–2009). We need comprehensive immigration reform that will make our borders more secure, bring undocumented workers out of the shadows, and provide a means by which workers can enter the United States to work in response to specific needs that cannot be met by American workers. When you look at the broad principles put forward by the Bush administration in their efforts at such reform, they are not remarkably dissimilar from those put forward by the Center for American Progress, a progressive policy institute. The devil is in the details, but rational persons, using the wealth of data now available to us concerning the importance of migrant flows to the United States economy and how those flows can be managed and regulated so as to protect American workers, should be able to create a system that is well-administered, equitable, and in our nation's interest. Rather than cheering on those who want to pursue a policy of mass arrests and deportations that will be a shock to our nation's economy, we should be calling for leaders to step forward and to work for that comprehensive reform of our immigration laws and policies that we need.

— 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

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 5th**  
St. Ignatius College Connect.  
Noon. Wallace Hall Stage.  
*Details below.*

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8th**  
Society of St. Vincent de Paul.  
7 PM. Parish House.  
*Details on page 3.*

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 9th**  
Ignatian Social Justice.  
7 PM. Parish House.  
*Details at right.*

**Attention College Students  
and Their Families!**  
**Join Us for St. Ignatius College Connect**  
Sunday, January 5th  
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).

### Livestream Viewing Recommendation

For a consistently more reliable viewing of  
livestreamed Masses, we encourage you to use our  
parish YouTube channel, rather than Facebook.



You can find us on YouTube at  
[youtube.com/c/ChurchofStIgnatiusLoyolaNYC](https://youtube.com/c/ChurchofStIgnatiusLoyolaNYC)  
or by scanning the QR code at left.

### Offertory



You may contribute to today's Offertory  
collection by using the QR code  
made available here. Please designate  
your donation as "Offertory."

Thank you for your generosity.

### 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).

### 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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: Sikhi. 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)

## 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).

## Guided Church Tour

Sunday, January 26th  
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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

Our regular meetings take place every other Wednesday at 7 PM in the Parish House. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 8th—and all are welcome!

For more information, please contact us at  
[svdpmembership980@gmail.com](mailto:svdpmembership980@gmail.com).

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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.

### 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

### Music Ministries

Jen Arvay Kefalas Robert Reuter  
Daniel Beckwith Michael Sheetz  
Christina Kay Elizabeth Van Os  
Douglas Purcell  
Scott Warren, *Director*

### Assistant to the Pastor

Rebecca Brucas

### Administrative Assistant

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 12th

Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM Fr. Yesalonia  
Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Hallinan  
9:30 AM Fr. Yesalonia  
Wallace Hall Family 11:00 AM Fr. Casciotti  
Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Hilbert  
7:30 PM 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, January 6th

(Monday after Epiphany)

1 John 3:22–4:6 Psalm 2  
Matthew 4:12–17, 23–25

**8:30 MEM** Franca Fendi

**12:10 MEM** Ana M. Spadafora

**5:30 MEM** German Creamer

### Tuesday, January 7th

(Tuesday after Epiphany)

1 John 4:7–10 Psalm 72

Mark 6:34–44

**8:30 MEM** Caroline Choix

**12:10 MEM** Martin Philip Murphy

**5:30 ANN** Frances McCollum

### Wednesday, January 8th

(Wednesday after Epiphany)

1 John 4:11–18 Psalm 72

Mark 6:45–52

**8:30 MEM** The Choix & Gordon  
Families

**12:10 MEM** Mary Patricia Bartsch

**5:30 MEM** Kathleen Johnson

### Thursday, January 9th

(Thursday after Epiphany)

1 John 4:19–5:4 Psalm 72

Luke 4:14–22a

**8:30 MEM** Simona Saracino Fendi

**12:10 MEM** Christopher O'Connor

**5:30 MEM** Deceased Members of  
the Scanlon & McLoughlin Families

### Friday, January 10th

(Friday after Epiphany)

1 John 5:5–13 Psalm 147

Luke 5:12–16

**8:30 MEM** Agnes Burns Hughes

**12:10 MEM** Dora Lopez

**5:30 MEM** George Teriberry

### Saturday, January 11th

(Saturday after Epiphany)

1 John 5:14–21 Psalm 149

John 3:22–30

**8:30 MEM** The Meehan Family

### Sunday, January 12th

(The Baptism of the Lord)

Isaiah 40:1–5, 9–11 Psalm 104

Titus 2:11–14, 3:4–7

Luke 3:15–16, 21–22