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Christmas 2008

Peace on Earth Good Will To All

In too many places, for too many people, Christmas is all about the presents, even in this current economy. Now I know that for some it is the giving of presents that matter more. We make baskets of food and collect gifts for the poor and for orphans and for hospitals. But at some level, it is still about the presents.

As they get older, many people talk about being disappointed at Christmas. Once the presents are opened, no one quite knows what to do. People go to sports events, they throw parties, they search for specials on television. There are even places where they open the stores on Christmas afternoon so people can get an early start on sales or exchanging their unwanted gifts. Indeed, most of us do work very hard at trying to make Christmas special, especially for our children.

But for many, Christmas Day still remains slightly anticlimactic after all the anticipation and the build-up. There is always the problem of expecting more than you could ever receive, and obviously I am not talking just about presents, but happiness, satisfaction, and personal fulfillment. When parties and decorations and events mount up (not to mention shopping and buying and advertising) it is hard for the day itself to live up to expectations. If the day is more about presents than Christ, I suspect it will always be slightly disappointing.

Christmas is a time when people miss family the most, when they are aware that things are not “perfect,” when memories seem golden and the present can too easily pale in comparison. Even for people whose lives are good, there is a let down once Christmas Day has come and gone. All the anticipation is over, and whether the day was a tremendous success, or just OK,

or even a failure, there is bound to be a let-down. Someone special didn't call; you didn't get a particular gift you were hoping for; the dinner didn't turn out the way you wanted; you realized how much you missed people you can't be with.

Perhaps it is more important after Christmas than before to remember what the day is really supposed to be

about – Peace on earth, good will to all. This is the day that celebrates God becoming human, and once that took place, everything in our world was changed forever. All the definitions changed, all the visions of “reality” were forever shifted. Of course, what it means in our own individual lives is still up to us.



That is the hardest challenge of being a Christian – truly finding God in all things. It can be easy enough to find God in the beautiful sunset, the birth of a child, a successful operation. But God is also in death, and suffering, and what the world views as tragedy. The central mystery of our faith is the suffering and death of Jesus Christ; finding the connection to that mystery in our own lives is our most difficult calling.

Just as we pray, “Lead us not into temptation,” we also join with Jesus in Gethsemene, asking that the cup of pain and sorrow not come to us. But like Jesus, we also close with, “Not my will, but your will be done.” As we come together to celebrate the birth of Christ, let us continue to pray to be able to see Christ in all things, and find God in all the events of our lives.

Fr. George Witt, S.J., Parish Administrator
(Inspired by the musings of Fr. John Sheehan, S.J.)

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



A Gentle Reminder:
The Christmas Masses here in the Parish are unusually crowded, especially the Family Mass and Midnight Mass.

People will be seated as they arrive. In fairness to all, please do not attempt to “save” or “hold” seats for those who are expected later. The ushers will not honor such arrangements.

Thank you for your cooperation!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED **For our Homeless Shelter**

We are in desperate need of overnight volunteers for our Women's Homeless Shelter. The Shelter program runs every other weekend Friday-Sunday nights through April. Please leave a message for Pattie Hughes at the Parish House if you wish to volunteer.

ADVENT CHRISTMAS PRAYER BOOKLET

Again this year we recommend a small prayer booklet based on the writings of the late Bishop Kenneth Untener of Saginaw, MI. The booklet takes you through the 43 days of the Advent/Christmas seasons and offers reflections for at least six minutes each day. Cost: \$1 available at the Parish House.

NOTICE: The Sunday Social following the 7:30PM Mass is cancelled for Sunday, December 28. We will resume in January. See our calendar listing for details.



We pray for the faithfully departed
MAIREAD SISK
May She Rest in the Peace of the
Risen Lord



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS MUSIC FUND 2008

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CONTRIBUTION FORM FROM
OUR WEBSITE AT:
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OR PICK UP A FORM IN THE
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OR AT THE PARISH HOUSE.

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Making it Easier to Give

Did you know that many of our parishioners are already making automatic online gifts to St. Ignatius? By giving online monthly to St. Ignatius you will no longer need to receive monthly envelopes in the mail. In addition, you may also make gifts to our annual Parish collections, as well as Archdiocesan special collections.

Make this year's end of year gift a gift that keeps on giving.



For further information, or to enroll in the program please visit our website at: www.stignatiusloyola.org (click on About Us: Stewardship/Giving) or email rsvp@stignatiusloyola.org and an enrollment form will be sent to you.



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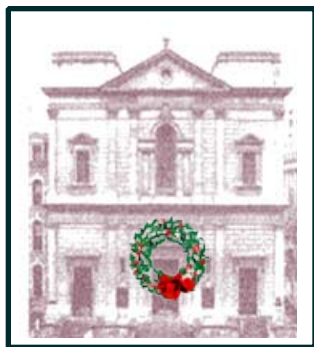
The Schnittke Concerto for Choir
Pick up the Choir of St. Ignatius Loyola's brand new CD featuring Ginastera's *Lamentations of Jeremiah* and Schnittke's *Concerto for Choir*, which were recorded live at our February 13, 2008 concert. CDs are \$15 (+ \$3 shipping/handling if mailed) and are available in the Parish House or by calling 212-288-2520.

Great Stocking Stuffer and New Year's gift!

You may view and hear soundclips from our CD selections on our website.

NOTE

DURING MASS TIMES, RESTROOMS ARE AVAILABLE IN WALLACE HALL. ENTER THROUGH THE GATE ON THE 83RD STREET SIDE OF THE CHURCH STEPS.



MUSIC

CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00PM Family Mass

(Prelude begins at 4:30PM)

Children's Choirs and
High School Choir,
Parish Community Choir,
Canticum Sacrum and
Wallace Hall Music Group
Biery *O Come, Divine Messiah*
arr. Butt *If Ye Would Hear the
Angels Sing*

8:00PM Mass

(Prelude begins at 7:45PM)

Choir and Orchestra of
St. Ignatius Loyola
Bach *Magnificat* (movement 1)
Rachmaninoff *Vespers:*
Bogoroditse Djevo

Midnight Mass

(Prelude begins 11:15PM)

Choir and Orchestra of
St. Ignatius Loyola
Bach *Magnificat* (complete)
Gabrieli *Missa Brevis*
Bach *Mass in B Minor:*
Gloria in excelsis
Rachmaninoff *Vespers:*
Bogoroditse Djevo

CHRISTMAS DAY

The Nativity of the Lord

9:30AM Mass

Organ and Cantor

11:00AM Solemn Mass

Dickau *What Sweeter Music*
Victoria *Pastores Loquebantur*

CHRISTMAS AND HOLIDAY MASSES

Church of St. Ignatius Loyola

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Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24

8:30AM Daily Mass

5:00PM Family Mass

(Doors open at 4:15PM; Prelude begins at 4:30PM)

8:00PM

(Doors open at 7:30PM; Prelude begins at 7:45PM)

Midnight Mass

Doors open at 10:45PM

Prelude begins at 11:15PM



Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25

9:30AM *(organ & cantor)*

11:00AM Solemn Mass *(organ & choir)*

(The Parish House will be closed)



New Year's Eve, Wednesday, December 31

8:30AM, 12:10PM Daily Masses

5:30PM *(Vigil Mass for New Year's Day; with organ & cantor)*



New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1, 2009

11:00AM *(Feast Day with organ and cantor)*

(The Parish House will be closed)

A PREVIEW OF THE NEW YEAR

SAVE THESE DATES

Thursday, January 15, at 7PM in Wallace Hall "Love and Art in Renaissance Italy"

Andrea Bayer, *Curator, Department of European Paintings and Interim Head of the Education Department at the Metropolitan Museum of Art* will speak about this exhibit, which runs through February 16, 2009. This lecture is part of our series sponsored by the Veronica Lally Kehoe Faith and Culture Programs at St. Ignatius in collaboration with the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Thursdays, beginning January 22, 6:30PM-8:20PM Fordham on Park (eight sessions) "**The Gospel of Mark**" with Rev Charles James Parr, MA, Ed.S, Ph.D. For information contact Sr. Kathryn King at kingk@stignatiusloyola.org. Registration forms can be downloaded and printed from our website.

Tuesday, January 27, at 7PM

Preparing for Passing - hosted by the *Emmaus Bereavement Ministry*. An opportunity to consider the spiritual, financial and legal issues in preparation for the death of a loved one or oneself. For further information, please contact Sr. Kathryn King, FSP at the Parish House at 212.288.3588 or by email at: kingk@stignatiusloyola.org

Monday, February 2, at 7PM in Wallace Hall
What happened at Vatican II? *What difference does it make almost five decades later?* A talk by Fr. John O'Malley, S.J., *well known author and lecturer, and Georgetown University Professor*. Sponsored jointly by Loyola School and Church of St. Ignatius Loyola.

Monday, February 9, at 7PM Faith and Film Symposium: *Crimes and Misdemeanors* - Movie Night and Discussion with Antonio Monda.

Wednesday, February 11, at 8PM Sacred Music in a Sacred Space **A Cappella Plus** Concert. Tickets may be purchased online at www.smssconcerts.org, or call 212.288.2520.

Thursday, March 12, at 7PM in Wallace Hall. Fr. Greg Boyle will speak about his charity, **Homeboy Industries**. *Jobs not Jails: Homeboy Industries* assists at-risk and formerly gang-involved youth to become positive and contributing members of society through job placement, training and education. Sponsored jointly by Loyola School and Church of St. Ignatius Loyola.

Monday, March 23, at 7PM An evening with Immaculée Ilibagiza, author of *Left To Tell, Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust*. Hosted jointly by Saint Ignatius Loyola Grammar School and Church of St. Ignatius Loyola. Tickets available in January.

JANUARY CALENDAR LISTINGS

2009

Wednesday, January 7, 21, at 7PM
St. Vincent de Paul Society. All are welcome.

Thursday, January 8, at 1PM Ignatian Volunteer Corps: Information Session.

Volunteer opportunities for the retired and semi-retired. Contact Elizabeth McMahon for more information at 201.618.6924 or email her at: emcmahon@jvcusa.org.

3-5PM God's Club. For children 3-5 years and their parents or caretakers.

Saturday, January 10, 8:30AM-12:30PM Ignatian Teens Community Service Project. Package and deliver emergency food bags to needy families. Meet at the Parish House at 8:30AM and we will travel together to the Pantry at St. Francis Xavier Church. Email Judy for information or to rsvp: judy@bchicart.com.
1PM SVDP Senior Luncheon. RSVP to 212.288.3588.

Sunday, January 11 and 25, at 8:30PM Sunday Social follows the 7:30PM Mass. Hosted by the Ignatian Young Adults. All are welcome.

Sunday, January 18, 9AM-2:30PM Blood Drive in McKinnon Hall. Appointments can be made in advance the week before, on January 11, after Masses in the Church Narthex.

Tuesday, January 20, at 7:30PM

St. Ignatius Spiritual Community Reading Group. Book selection *Mysteries of the Middle Ages...and the Beginning of the Modern World*, by Thomas Cahill. For information contact Jane Campbell by email: jtcjane@aol.com or call: 212.536.7746.

Friday, January 23, 7:30-9:30PM Boomers and Beyond: Wine Tasting in Wallace Hall. Please RSVP to: boomersandbeyond.eastside@gmail.com.

Wednesday, January 28, at 7PM Ministry Night. Details to follow.

Of Interest to Parishioners

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION - Would you like to nourish your faith, grow in prayer, and clarify God's action in your life with an attentive listener? Then consider the individual spiritual direction sessions being offered by advanced candidates in Fordham's Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education in January, 2009. For more information, or if you wish to take advantage of this opportunity, call 718.817.4816 or e-mail Ruffing@fordham.edu January 13th. Leave a message for Dr. Janet Ruffing with your name and telephone number. No Fee. Time and place of sessions to be arranged.



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Men's Three Day Winter Retreat THE CROSS IN DAILY LIFE

St. Ignatius Retreat House Manhasset, NY
Begins Thursday evening, January 8
through lunch on Sunday, January 11
Presented by Leo J. O'Donovan, S.J.,
President Emeritus, Georgetown University.

Early in the Spiritual Exercises, St. Ignatius invites the retreatant to come before Christ on the cross and to ask: What have I done for Christ? What am I doing for Christ? What will I do for Christ? In our days together, we will pray over these questions from the perspective of "ordinary time," the plain experiences of day-to-day living when great decisions may perhaps not be made, but nevertheless anticipated, and prepared for--in our work, our family life and friendships, our health (and sickness), our leisure and our prayer. Call Peter Riordan, 212-877-5134 or Carlos Cuartas, 917-509-5329 for further information and to register.

Metro NY Religious Campaign Against Torture – January 11, 3 - 4PM at Community Church (40 East 35th Street) Prayer Service on the 7th Anniversary of the Arrival of the First Detainees at Guantanamo. Please join us for this event as we pray together that our new President will act swiftly to declare an end to U.S. involvement in torture.

Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Program is seeking married couples to share the blessings of their marriage and the Catholic faith with engaged couples as they prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage. Commitment is flexible, training is provided, and the experience is rewarding. Contact: Lisa Dunleavy-Jennings at 212.371.1000 x3189.

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Weekday Masses Monday-Friday

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

Saturday: 8:30AM

Masses for Jan 4, 2009

Saturday Vigil: 5:30PM Fr. Gyves
Sunday: 8:00AM Fr. Van Dyke
9:30AM Fr. Witt
Wallace Hall 11:00AM Fr. Ugo
Solemn 11:00AM Fr. Witt
7:30PM Fr. Gyves

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Children's Liturgy of the Word:

Sundays at the 9:30AM Mass and the 11AM Mass in Wallace Hall.

Eucharistic Adoration: Fridays and First Saturdays at 9AM (Lady Chapel)

Centering Prayer: Mondays and Thursdays at 6:30PM.

Confessions: 5PM Saturday or by appointment. Communal Penance Services are celebrated during Advent and Lent.

Baptisms: Please call Joanne Cunneen at the Parish House 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 Joanne Cunneen at the Parish House to begin preparation for Marriage, normally one year in advance.

Visits to the Sick: Please contact the Parish House between 9AM-9PM.