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“ Building a Community of Disciples ”

December 21, 2008

Fourth Sunday of Advent

HOPE

For many of us the season of Advent is inextricably tied to the themes of hope and joyful expectation. During the season we not only remember how God broke into human history in the person of Jesus Christ, but we also prepare ourselves to recognize how the spirit of Christ becomes incarnate in our lives and in our world. If my meditating on the Incarnation has brought forth fruit in recent years, then it is due to a deeper appreciation of the infancy narrative of Luke's Gospel and above all, the scene of the Annunciation. By following the wise counsel of Ignatius; that is, by paying attention to the place, by seeing the characters and listening to what they say, as well as watching what they do, I give the text the chance to speak to me and let God reveal to me how best to understand and appropriate the theological significance of the Incarnation.

What never ceases to amaze me when I begin reading Luke's Gospel, is that I enter into a story that has already begun. The proper beginning of the Gospel extends further back than the birth of Jesus. It is situated deep within the past of a people, a past recounted in scripture as a history of redemption. The Incarnation, the culmination of God's plan of redemption, can only be understood within the framework of this history of redemption, remembered and recalled in the song and poetry of Israel. This dynamic recalling and remembering of the past, in order to understand the present, is at the heart of any good decision-mak-

ing (discernment) undertaken by the characters in the Gospel. In fact, isn't this Mary's interior posture or attitude? Her "yes" to God "*(May it be done to me according to your will)*" is possible because she reflects on how God has already acted in her life, a life inextricably tied to, and intimately part of, a people. This reflection enables her to understand what is happening to her in the present. By remembering

God's promise to help his servant Israel, Mary, the servant of the Lord, is able to say yes to God's will in the present.



Botticelli's Annunciation

Mary's attitude can help us in our own life, especially when we are confronted with new assignments or tasks at work or home, especially those tasks that seem to overwhelm or destabilize us. (Taking care of an elderly parent or a spouse

crippled with a chronic illness is a good example.) In those moments when despair seems imminent in front of an uncertain future, we can recall how God has been present to us and guided us in the past, how He has made His presence take flesh through our family, loved ones and friends. By rekindling past moments of consolation, by remembering how our past history has been woven into God's salvific history, we're better able to embrace Christ in the uncertainty of the present moment and better able to recognize His voice when mediated through new people and places. By doing this, we follow the example of Mary in front of her unexpected visitor, the angel Gabriel.

*Excerpted from a bulletin essay by
Fr. Charles Wrightington, December 2000*



Today is the
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 21, 5:30-7:15PM:

Ignatian Young Adults Advent Series. The readings are based on the homilies of Walter Burghart, a Georgetown Jesuit. For information contact Matthew by email at: mporcelli@svpglobal.com.

Monday, December 22, 7:00-8:30PM

**HOPE AT
HOLIDAY
TIME**



*An Evening of Prayer
for People Who are
Hurting and Those
Who Love Them*

Led by Sr. Kathryn King and Emmaus Ministers. This evening is designed to acknowledge both the sorrow and the longing for hope that rests deep within all of us. Please join us in the Lady Chapel.

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.



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!

ParishPay

Making it Easier to Give

Did you know that many of our parishioners are already making automatic online gifts to St. Ignatius? By giving monthly donations to St. Ignatius through ParishPay 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.



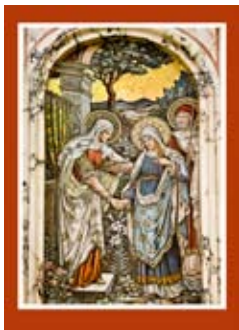
Make this year's end of year gift a gift that keeps on giving.

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.

NOTE

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

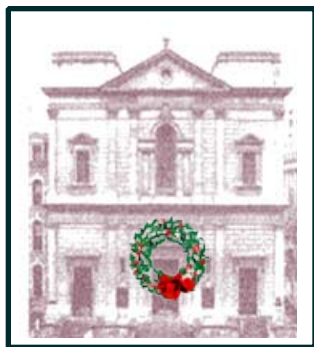
FOR SALE AFTER 11AM MASSES



It's not too late to send out those last minute Christmas Cards Celebrate and share the richness of our successful Church Restoration with the purchase of these one-of-a-kind cards. Card depicts the Baptistry Mosaic: *The Visitation*. [Cover photo by Laurie Lambrecht]. 12 cards per set for \$15. Cards will also be available for purchase at the Parish House as long as supply lasts. Proceeds support our Parish Ministries.



Fair Trade Coffee - is on sale through December. Not only is this coffee fresh roasted and delicious; purchasing Fair Trade is Faith in Action! When you support Fair Trade, you can be sure the growers and their workers have received a fair wage for their work. To sweeten the deal this year we have added yummy Fair Trade chocolate and Fair Trade teas.



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, January 22 through March 19, 6:30PM-8:20PM (excluding February 19). **Fordham on Park "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 from our website.

Tuesday, January 27, at 7PM
Preparing for Passing - Hosted by the *Emmas 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 in Wallace Hall. 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.



JANUARY CALENDAR LISTINGS

Sunday, December 28, at 8:30PM Sunday Social follows the 7:30PM Mass. Hosted by the Ignatian Young Adults. All are welcome.

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 212.234.2848.

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

Saturday, January 17 Soup Kitchen at Park Avenue Christian Church. If you wish to participate, please leave a message for Pattie Hughes at the Parish House. 212.288.3588

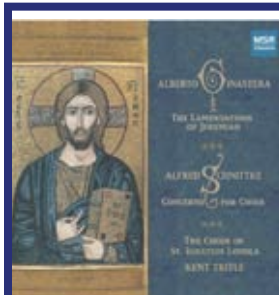
Sunday, January 18, 9AM-2:30PM Blood Drive in McKinnon Hall. Appointments can be made in advance the week before on January 11 after Masses, in the Narthex.

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.

Wednesday, January 28, at 7PM Ignatian Social Justice Meeting. All are welcome.

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.



Stocking Stuffer Deal!

Buy any 3 CDs and get 1 free!

NEW CD!

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.



Dear Friends and Parishioners,

We urgently need your support of the Advent and Christmas Music Fund. This fund supports the music program throughout the year, and especially in this holy season. Your contribution will help us pay for robes, the upkeep of instruments, staff salaries, our professional choral and instrumental musicians, even the sheet music itself! We rely on your support to be able to continue this exceptional music program.



Many parishioners feel this is a poignant way to remember family and friends who are no longer with us. Contributors before December 21st will be listed in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day music programs. Please be sure to fill in the form below when you leave your contribution at the Rectory.

With infinite gratitude I extend the thanks of the entire music department for your generous support of our ministry, and our best wishes for a blessed Christmas season!

Sincerely,
Kent Tritle, Director

(tear off and return with your donation)

Advent and Christmas Music Fund
Response Form for Contributors

We will be happy to list *contributions of \$75 or more* (received before December 21, 2008) in our music programs for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. If you wish to be listed, please print in the space below your name (or the way you wish another person to be honored or remembered) and return the bottom portion of this form with your contribution

to:

Music Office, Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, 980 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10028.

Thank you for supporting the Liturgical Music program of St. Ignatius Loyola Church.

My contribution of \$ _____

(Please print clearly how you wish your donation to be listed in the music program)

Make checks payable to Church of St. Ignatius Loyola. To charge your donation, please complete this section:

Name _____

Circle one: MC VISA AMEX DISCOVER

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(TWO FOR ONE PASSES)
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ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA PARISH HOUSE



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.



The Yorkshire Connection

Christmas Dinner at O'Flanagan's
1251 First Avenue (65-66 Streets)
Thursday, December 25, at 3PM
Call Bill at 212.927.0611



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.



Special Journeys for Spiritual Seekers in their 20's and 30's - Wouldn't be caught dead on a religious pilgrimage? Neither would most readers of BustedHalo.com, an innovative website run by the Paulist Fathers. Paulist Fathers Larry Rice and Frank Sabatte will be offering two journeys - one to Spain and Portugal and one to Paris this spring for young adults. For more information contact Bill McGarvey at editor@bustedhalo.com or John at 646.861.3634.

Music Information: (212) 288-2520 E-mail: music@stignatiusloyola.org

PARISH STAFF

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Rev. George M. Witt, S.J.

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Joanne Cunneen
Rev. Peter W. Gyves, S.J.
Kathryn King, F.S.P.

Senior Priest Associates

Rev. William Bergen, S.J.
Rev. John F. Replogle, S.J.
Rev. Ugo R. Nacciarone, S.J.

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Rev. Philip G. Judge, S.J.
Rev. Stephen Katsouras, S.J.
Rev. James Martin, S.J.

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Fernando Castro

Weekday Masses Monday-Friday

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

Saturday: 8:30AM

Masses for Next Weekend

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

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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 Bap-
tism 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, nor-
mally one year in advance.

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