



# CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA

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*The Ignatian Way: Prayer, Service, Community*

December 4, 2016  
Second Sunday of Advent

## The Glimmer of an Undeniable Beauty

*Today at the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass, 21 people will participate in the Rite of Welcome and Entrance into the Catechumenate, marking the end of the inquiry phase of the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). During Advent, the next phase of this journey begins for these adults—preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Philip Lauer, author of this reflection, participated in this Rite four years ago.*

After spending at least 25 years of my life as a self-identifying atheist, I find that conversion to a life of faith takes more than going to Mass every Sunday. While Sunday Mass is, of course, necessary to my faith and is, in fact, the high point of my week, there still remain six days of distraction in between. For me, without constant and diligent effort, I easily slip into doubt, unbelief, and even, at my most intellectually slack, a sort of passive nihilism. The will and stamina to sustain this effort I can only attribute to grace, as they are not particularly at hand in other areas of my life.

I was raised in a large, loving and devoutly Christian family, very active in the local Assembly of God church. The entire atmosphere of my youth was so saturated in Pentecostal faith that I was unaware of even the possibility of a different worldview until my early teens. For whatever reason, whether typical teen rebellion or genuine disillusionment, by my late teens I had rejected not only Pentecostalism but all religious belief, and revolted against it angrily.

After high school, art school exposed me to all variety of contemporary secular thought and I drank it in. Soon it was the 90s when the so-called New Atheists were on the rise. I read all of their books as fast as I could get them. I was sold on the idea that the world would be better off without religion, sold on the belief that science would soon be sufficient to explain everything.

I also read books of scripture scholarship written by non-believers as well as books by believers, all in order to

prepare myself to debate, often ruthlessly, any believer willing to cross swords. Once in a while, though, an undeniable beauty would glimmer from these readings, momentarily piercing my certainty. I saw only later that Christ was always quietly but tenaciously holding my attention.

As Dostoevsky's Tikhon from *The Devils* remarks, "The absolute atheist stands on the next-to-last rung before most perfect faith (whether he steps over it or not), while the indifferent man has no faith at all, nothing but dismal fear, and that, too, only occasionally, if he is a sensitive man."

Thankfully, indifference to religion was never possible for me. There was no shattering event or obvious turning point, though there were a number of shining influences—individuals, ideas, texts—along the way. The materialist philosophy that I had been touting for my entire adult life gradually began to feel inadequate and superficial.

Then there were, here and there, fleeting moments of wonder, of a sudden staggering awareness of the immeasurable, inexplicable gratuitousness of being. I have now been stepping to that next rung for more than a decade. Four years ago, I was baptized here at St Ignatius Loyola, followed two years later by my wife, and just months after that by our two daughters.

My faith practice has to remain as near to unceasing as I can manage, by continuing to engage with such individuals, ideas and texts as those that guided me here, by frequent prayer, by opening myself to others, and by seeking opportunities to 'produce good fruit'—at least to try. I am especially grateful for being allowed to join the RCIA team, though clearly now my motivation is not without self-interest. With Saint Paul, I will pray for this group of men and women, "May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 15:5-6).

— Philip Lauer  
Parishioner & RCIA Team Member



*The Conversion of Mary Magdalene.*  
Paolo Veronese. 1548.

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4th**

*Second Sunday of Advent*

**1st Annual Christmas Tree Lighting.**  
Immediately following the 11:00 AM Mass.  
Wallace Hall. *Details below.*

Sacred Music in a Sacred Space *presents*  
A Chanticleer Christmas. 4:00 PM. Church.  
*Details on page 5.*

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8th**

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

8:30 AM, 12:10 PM, 5:30 PM & 7:30 PM

*Vigil Mass*

Wednesday, December 7th at 5:30 PM

All Masses will be celebrated in the Church.  
*The Feast is a holy day of obligation.*

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10th**

**IGNITE! Teen Ministry.**

6:30 PM. Parish Lounge. *Details on page 3.*

## FAMILY MINISTRY



**1st Annual Christmas Tree Lighting**  
**TODAY**

Immediately following the 11:00 AM Mass.  
Wallace Hall.

All are welcome.

## GRAMMAR SCHOOL



Saint Ignatius Loyola Grammar School  
extends a cordial invitation to join us at our

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR**



*Today from 10:00 AM–3:00 PM, McKinnon Hall*



**Ministries**

## CALL TO MINISTRY

We need to expand the number  
of our parishioners serving as

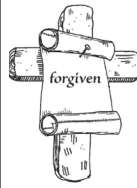
Eucharistic Ministers    Hospitality Ministers  
Lectors

Response forms and brief descriptions of  
each ministry are available in the Narthex  
(Church lobby) and in the Parish House.

Instruction for new ministers will be offered in January.

For more information, contact Fr. Feely  
at [feelyt@saintignatiusloyola.org](mailto:feelyt@saintignatiusloyola.org)

## ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE



**MONDAY, DECEMBER 19th**

**RECONCILIATION MONDAY**

All parishes in the Archdiocese of New York  
will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation on  
Monday, December 19th.

*Confessions will be heard beginning at 4:00 PM.*

*Many priests will be available for Confession.*

## ADDITIONAL CONFESSION TIMES

*Thursday, December 22nd & Friday, December 23rd*

*6:00 PM–8:00 PM in the Parish House*

## HOSPITALITY MINISTRY



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



**Saturday, December 24th**

*Christmas Eve*

- 4:00 PM Family Mass I    • 6:00 PM Family Mass II
- 8:00 PM Mass of Christmas    • Midnight Mass

**Sunday, December 25th**

*Christmas Day* • 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM\*

\* There is a particular need for volunteers  
at the 11:00 AM Mass

*If you are available, please email Rob Manning  
at [robbiefmanning@gmail.com](mailto:robbiefmanning@gmail.com)  
to let him know at which Mass you can assist.*

## THE ANNUAL APPEAL



As you plan your Christmas gift-giving,  
please remember to include your  
contribution to the Annual Appeal  
on your to-do list.

In order to fund the current level of service and  
programming, we rely on the Annual Appeal,  
which is now underway.



If you have not yet made a donation, you  
can do so by visiting the Annual Appeal  
page on the St. Ignatius website by  
scanning the QR code at left.

To electronically access the Annual Report for Fiscal  
Year 2016 and a letter from Father Yesalonia about the  
Annual Appeal, visit our website at [stignatiusloyola.org](http://stignatiusloyola.org)  
Copies are also available at the Parish House.

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

## IGNATIAN YOUNG ADULTS



### Sunday Social Winter Schedule

The Sunday Socials are held in Wallace Hall at 8:30 PM, following the 7:30 PM Mass. They are hosted by the Ignatian Young Adults. All young adults (ages 21–39) are welcome.

#### Sunday Social Dates

**Dec. 11    March 5**

## IGNITE! TEEN MINISTRY



**Saturday, December 10th  
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM  
Parish Lounge**

*All high school students are welcome!*

Ignite is a Catholic community of high school students rooted in the Ignatian way of prayer, service, and community. We meet twice a month on Saturdays from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM.



To register,  
scan the QR code at left  
or visit

<https://goo.gl/forms/fUpawgmEXNRGJjc53>

## RANGER ROSARY MINISTRY



**Monday, December 12th  
7:00 PM in the Meeting Room**

The Ranger Rosary ministry, which started at St. Ignatius in August 2009, meets twice a month to make rosaries for Catholics who are serving in the armed services. These rosaries are constructed from materials with no metal parts that might reflect light or make a rattling noise.

**New members are always welcome!**

## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



**FRIDAY – SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 16th – DECEMBER 18th**

**SVdP Women's Shelter  
Wallace Hall**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is in need of volunteers for the Women's Shelter, which is located in Wallace Hall, every other weekend through April.

If you would like to volunteer in the Shelter, please leave a message for Teresa Abruzzo at the Parish House or email [svdp.shelter980@gmail.com](mailto:svdp.shelter980@gmail.com)

## BOOMERS & BEYOND



Calling all  
*Boomers & Beyonders*  
and *Ignatian Young Adults*  
for our annual Christmas Caroling event.

You don't have to be a super soprano or terrific tenor ... just someone who wants to join with us in sharing some Christmas joy through song... and perhaps stop at a local spot for a snack and drink afterwards.

**Date & Time:** Sunday, December 11th at 1:30 PM

**Place:** Lott Assisted Living Residence  
– 5th Avenue (between 107th and 108th Streets)



## ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE

*Hosted by the Ignatian Young Adults  
at the IYA Sunday Social*

**December 11th at 8:30 PM in Wallace Hall,  
following the 7:30 PM Mass**

All parishioners are welcome.

*Bring your homemade cookies to swap with others!*

### To participate:

**BAKE** your favorite Christmas cookies.  
(If you're not a baker but would still like to participate in the exchange, treats from a bakery are fine, too!)

We recommend bringing 2 dozen cookies (24), but any amount is fine as long as you bring that many home!

**BRING** your treats to Wallace Hall on Sunday, December 11th, before or after the 7:30 PM Mass. Please bring your treats in a container you can reuse for carrying your new cookies home.

**EXCHANGE** your cookies.

All are welcome to stay for our Christmas Social, also in Wallace Hall!

If you are interested in donating baked goods for the Christmas Social or have any questions about the event, please email [ignatianyoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:ignatianyoungadults@gmail.com)

## Pope Francis' December Prayer Intentions



**Universal: End to Child Soldiers**  
That the scandal of child soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

**Evangelization: Europe**  
That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

## WALLACE HALL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



**Sunday, December 18th**

*Immediately following the  
11:00 AM Family Mass*

We hope that your family will join us  
in this celebration of our Lord's birth.  
There is a role for everyone!

### To participate



1. Scan the QR Code at left to be directed to the online registration form or visit [http://stignatiusloyola.org/index.php/outrreach/family\\_ministry/2016\\_wallace\\_hall\\_christmas\\_pageant\\_registration](http://stignatiusloyola.org/index.php/outrreach/family_ministry/2016_wallace_hall_christmas_pageant_registration)

### OR

2. Download the form found on our website [stignatiusloyola.org](http://stignatiusloyola.org) and return the completed form to the Parish House or email it to Mary Jo Ward at [mjward@med.cornell.edu](mailto:mjward@med.cornell.edu) by 11:59 PM on Friday, December 9th.

### Two rehearsals are required:

**Sunday, December 11th & Sunday, December 18th**

We would also be grateful for help from parents in organizing rehearsals, costumes, and props.

*Please contact Mary Jo Ward at [mjward@med.cornell.edu](mailto:mjward@med.cornell.edu) with any questions or to volunteer.*



### *Daily Reflections for Advent & Christmas*

Bishop Robert Morneau of Green Bay, WI offers Advent and Christmas meditations and prayers, reflecting on Scripture readings from the daily Mass.

### *Advent/Christmas Prayer Booklet*

Based on the writings of the late Bishop Kenneth Untener, this booklet features daily scripture reflections for the Advent/Christmas season.

**Both booklets are available at the Parish House**

### **Advent Brochure**

Copies of our Advent Brochure are available in the Narthex, at the Parish House, and online at [stignatiusloyola.org](http://stignatiusloyola.org)



### **Next Weekend: Special Collection**

The annual collection for the retired women and men religious of the New York Archdiocese will be taken next weekend.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

### Monday, December 5th

*(Second Monday of Advent)*

Isaiah 35:1-10 Psalm 85 Luke 5:17-26

**8:30 MEM** Caroline Choix

**12:10 MEM** Bettina Caiola

**5:30 ANN** Dolorita Wallace Moore

### Tuesday, December 6th

*(Second Tuesday of Advent)*

Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 96 Matthew 18:12-14

**8:30 MEM** Kelly Gillebaard

**12:10 MEM** Gilda Scandiffo

**5:30 MEM** Margaret Phelan

### Wednesday, December 7th

*(St. Ambrose)*

Isaiah 40:25-31 Psalm 103 Matthew 11:28-30

**8:30 MEM** Jerry Johnson

**12:10 MEM** Virginia Persson Morales

### Thursday, December 8th

*(The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary)*

Genesis 3:9-15, 20 Psalm 98

Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12 Luke 1:26-38

### Friday, December 9th

*(Second Friday of Advent)*

Isaiah 48:17-19 Psalm 1 Matthew 11:16-19

**8:30 MEM** Nettie Crisci

**12:10 MEM** Deborah Ann Horan

**5:30 MEM** Catherine Scanlon

### Saturday, December 10th

*(Second Saturday of Advent)*

Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11 Psalm 80 Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

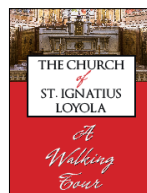
**8:30 MEM** The Meehan Family

### Sunday, December 11th

*(Third Sunday of Advent)*

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10 Psalm 146

James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11



### *Available at the Parish House*

## **The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola: A Walking Tour**

Updated in commemoration of our  
Sesquicentennial Celebration, the redesigned

*Walking Tour* provides a detailed overview of the rich  
architectural history of the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola.

**Cost: \$8**

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**



**Christmas Angel Project**

*Concludes Next Weekend!*

to benefit

**The Church of Our Lady of Lourdes in Harlem and St. Mary's Church on Grand Street**

All Christmas Angel Project cards have been selected.

Thank you for remembering those in need!

Gifts must be returned to the Parish House no later than **Sunday, December 11th.**



**Annual Toy Drive**

*Continues This Weekend!*

to benefit the children from the **Church of St. Mary of the Assumption + Our Lady of Mt. Carmel – St. Benedicta**

*Through Monday, December 12th*

Please bring new, unwrapped toys or games for boys and girls between the ages of 6–12 to the Parish House.

See the flyer in the Narthex and on our website for a list of suggested toys.



**ADVENT FOOD DRIVE**

*Continues This Weekend!*

*Benefiting the Community Food Pantry at the Church of St. Gregory the Great*

Through **Monday, December 19th**, SVdP will be accepting donations of food for the Community Food Pantry at the Church of St. Gregory the Great.

Please bring donations to the Parish House through **Monday, December 19th.**

Week 2

(Dec. 4th – 10th):  
canned fruits & vegetables

Week 3

(Dec. 11th – 17th):  
rice, beans, and cereals

Week 4

(Dec. 18th – 19th):  
tuna fish, soups, and canned meals, such as Chef Boyardee, stews, or hash

**MUSIC**



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11th**



**11 AM SOLEMN MASS**

**Biery, Peeters & Statham**

Three settings of *Veni, Emmanuel*

**Palestrina**

*Fuit homo missus a deo*

**Lassus**

*Confortamini et jam nolite*



**December at Sacred Music in a Sacred Space**

**A Chanticleer Christmas TODAY at 4:00 PM**

Now for its fourth year at St. Ignatius Loyola, *A Chanticleer Christmas* accompanies your holiday season with joy and tranquility in music old, new, and familiar.

Seasonal anthems and carols by Americans from Billings to Ives to Steven Sametz will make for a classically rich and resplendent *Chanticleer Christmas*.

Called “the world’s reigning male chorus” by *The New Yorker* magazine, Chanticleer is known around the world as “an orchestra of voices” for the seamless blend of its twelve male voices ranging from soprano to bass and its original interpretations of vocal literature, from Renaissance to jazz and popular genres, as well as contemporary composition.

**Heaven and Nature Sing: Annual Christmas Concerts**

**Sunday, December 11th at 3:00 PM & Sunday, December 18th at 3:00 PM**

The *New York Times* calls these concerts “part of the essence of Christmas in New York,” and our sellout audiences year after year agree!

The Vivaldi *Gloria* is the centerpiece of this year’s concerts, accompanied by well-known seasonal favorites and festive carols for everyone to join in singing.

*Featuring the Choir & Orchestra of St. Ignatius Loyola, the Parish Community Choir, and the Children’s Choirs.*

Tickets for all concerts are available online at [www.smssconcerts.org](http://www.smssconcerts.org) or by calling 212-288-2520.



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**Mass for the Feast of St. Lucy, Patron Saint of the Blind. Tuesday, December 13, 6:30 PM.** St. Patrick's Cathedral, Lady Chapel, East 50th Street and 5th Avenue. Presented by the Xavier Society for the Blind. Readings for the Mass will be available in large print and braille. All are welcome. For further information, call 212-473-7800.

**U.S. National Rosary Pilgrimage to Lourdes, France. Thursday, June 22, 2017–Saturday, July 1, 2017.** Includes all meals, a guided tour of Lourdes, a guided visit to Gavarnie, and scheduled liturgical services. The group will be accompanied by medical staff, clergy, and volunteers to assist with the needs of the pilgrims. Prices start at \$2,745 (for a JFK/New York departure). Reservation deadline is Wednesday, March 15, 2017. For additional details and rate information, visit [lourdes-pilgrimage.com](http://lourdes-pilgrimage.com), call 877-276-7279, or email [lourdespilgrimageoffice@comcast.net](mailto:lourdespilgrimageoffice@comcast.net)

**ArchCare Care Navigation Center: Resources for Seniors.** Need help caring for yourself or someone else but not sure where to turn? ArchCare, the healthcare system of the Archdiocese of New York has a Care Navigation Center staffed by health and social service professionals dedicated to helping people better understand and access the services for which they are eligible. Call 855-951-2273 between 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM seven days a week.

**Sunday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Every Sunday, 3:15 PM–5:30 PM.** Saint Joseph's Church, 404 East 87th Street. An opportunity for quiet prayer and silent adoration. All are welcome.



## PRAYER SUGGESTION

### Sacred Space

Spend 10 minutes in prayer, as you sit at your computer, with the help of on-screen guidance and scripture chosen specially every day. Visit [www.sacredspace.ie](http://www.sacredspace.ie)

## For your convenience



To reach the *Giving* page on the parish website, scan the *QR Code* at left.

## PARISH STAFF

### Pastor

Rev. Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J.

### Associate Pastors

Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J.

Rev. Thomas H. Feely, S.J.

Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.

### Pastoral Associates

Teresa Marie Cariño

Carly-Anne Gannon

### Assisting Priests (Sunday)

Rev. Philip G. Judge, S.J.

Rev. James Martin, S.J.

### Music Ministries

Scott Warren, *Director*

Daniel Beckwith

Robert Reuter

Michael Sheetz

Maureen Haley

Philip Anderson

Sara Murphy, *Executive Director of SMSS Concerts*

Danya Katok, *Administrator*

### Assistant to the Pastor

Diane M. Boyle

### Administrative Assistant

Patricia Schneider

### Communications Coordinator

Elizabeth O'Sullivan

### Director of Facilities

Michael Gardiner

### Asst. to the Director of Facilities

Caroline Fernandes

### Treasurer

Fernando Castro

## Weekday Masses

### Monday – Friday

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

**Saturday: 8:30 AM**

### Masses for Next Weekend:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM Fr. Hilbert

Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Feely

9:30 AM Fr. Feely

Wallace Hall 11:00 AM Fr. Yesalonia

Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Bergen

7:30 PM Fr. Bergen

## Religious Education

### for Children

Ms. Carly-Anne Gannon, Director

M.Phil., M.Ed.

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## St. Ignatius Loyola Grammar School

Ms. Mary Larkin, Principal

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## St. Ignatius Loyola Day Nursery

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Executive Director

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## Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sundays at the 9:30 AM Mass.

## Centering Prayer

Mondays at 6:30 PM.

## Confessions

4:30 PM Saturday or by appointment.

*Confessions will be heard at St. Ignatius Loyola Church during the Archdiocesan Day of Reconciliation on Monday, December 19th, beginning at 4:00 PM.*

## Baptisms

Please call Teresa Cariño at the Parish House (212-288-3588 x632) 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 Teresa Cariño at the Parish House (212-288-3588 x632) 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.

**Music Information:** (212) 288-2520 Email: [music@stignatiusloyola.org](mailto:music@stignatiusloyola.org)