



CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA

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The Ignatian Way: Prayer, Service, Community

December 25, 2016

Feast of Christmas

A Christmas Letter

Dear Father Yesalonia, My name is Emily, but I like being called Emmy. I am in the third grade. I usually say my prayers each night, but recently I don't want to. My mother tells me I should because Jesus loves me and that I should be happy because it is Christmas. But why are so many people angry and sad and mean to each other? I don't remember it being this way before. Is it because Jesus doesn't love them, or is it because there really never was a baby born on Christmas who was named Jesus? Mommy said you would know. Do you? XOXO, Emmy

Dear Emmy,

You are a remarkable young girl, and I would bet all the apple pie in the world that your mother and father are very proud of you and love you very much. I also suspect that you are a very bright student in school and have many friends because you are brave to ask the questions which you wrote in your letter. I hope you realize even now at your age that God has given you a special gift of sensitivity to the feelings of other people and an awareness of differences which sometimes frighten people and turn them into bullies. Your letter shows me how much you care about people, how much you want to believe what your mother has told you, and how challenging it sometimes is to be in the third grade! And above all else, your words reveal how much you value prayer and yearn for Jesus to make himself known—to you and to those you care about.

Before I answer your questions, Emmy, I want to let you know why I am responding to you in such a public fashion on Christmas Day. The simplicity of your letter captured for me the essence of what so many adults are struggling with today. It is not that we are dramatically different from who we were even one year ago. It is that when our faith is tested and our values challenged we fear what the future will bring and who we will become, whether as individuals, as a parish, or as a nation. When threatened by the complexities of an ever more diverse world, we sometimes fall victim to our own egos, distrust others, and believe we can go it alone and rely on our own resourcefulness. The difficulty is that when there is no need for God, there is no need to pray and we lose a sense of purpose other than our own self-interest.

Emmy, Jesus is not someone your mother made up to trick you into praying each night. He was born on Christmas Day in a stable in Bethlehem. His birth pierced the veil of darkness and illuminated the majesty of God for all the world to behold. By his birth he has silenced the hollow boasts of those who would seek to sow the seeds of fear and division. How do we know that? We know it by the ways we experience love each day. Whenever shelter is provided to refugees and the homeless, Jesus is there. Whenever barriers that separate us are shattered and the walls of fear torn down, Jesus is there. Whenever the dignity of people is revered no matter the color of their skin, the religion they practice, the countries of their heritage, or the manner of their labor, Jesus is there. Whenever people of good will stretch out their arms to welcome those who are in need or who live on the margins of society, they hold in their arms the child Jesus. The truth Jesus taught us is that love will always triumph over hatred and deceit.

The brilliant star of human longing for a world of peace, justice and happiness will always lead to a stable in Bethlehem, to a child named Jesus. As they have done for centuries on Christmas morning, the bells of churches around the world will ring out to announce His birth. In dazzling wonder and celestial chorus, the world will herald in joyous refrain that Jesus Christ, our Savior, is born this glorious morn. And so, dear Emmy, Jesus does exist and lives in the love which we share with everyone. In your prayers tonight, may you hear the angels sing glad tidings of great joy of what we celebrate on Christmas Day! God bless you and your family! Merry Christmas!

XOXO, Fr. Yesalonia

— Rev. Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J.
Pastor

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

The Parish House will be closed on
Monday, December 26th
in observance
of the Christmas Holiday.

One Daily Mass will be celebrated
at 8:30 AM.

FRIDAY – SUNDAY
DECEMBER 30th – JANUARY 1st

Shelter Weekend. Wallace Hall.

For information on volunteering, see page 3.

2016 CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Day

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

9:30 AM MASS

Fr. Bergen, Presider

11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS

Fr. Yesalonia, Presider

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26TH

One Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 AM

(The Parish House will be closed)

New Year's Eve

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

Masses at 8:30 AM and 5:30 PM

New Year's Day

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1ST

*Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God*

Masses at 8 AM, 9:30 AM,
11 AM (Solemn & Wallace Hall),
and 7:30 PM

MONDAY, JANUARY 2ND

One Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 AM

(The Parish House will be closed)

Merry Christmas!



Fr. Dennis Yesalonia, S.J.,
and the Parish Staff
of the
Church of
St. Ignatius Loyola
extend best wishes
for a
blessed Christmas.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

SAVE THE DATE



BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, January 29th
McKinnon Hall

The New York Blood Center requires
2,000 donations daily to meet the
transfusion needs of our community.

Your donation could enable a premature baby to live,
a burn victim to recover, a cancer patient to be treated,
or an accident victim to survive.

Registration details to follow
in an upcoming bulletin.



PRAYER RESOURCES

Pray as You Go

www.pray-as-you-go.org

Pray as You Go is a daily prayer session
designed for use on your iPod or
other portable MP3 player.

3-Minute Retreats

www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer.htm

Take a short prayer break right at your computer.
Spend some quiet time reflecting on
a Scripture passage.

For your convenience...



To reach the Giving page on the parish
website, scan the QR Code at left
with your smartphone's camera.

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

Jan. 8 Feb. 19 March 5

To receive updates on IYA events and other opportunities, you can follow us on Facebook at "Ignatian Young Adults (NYC)."

IGNITE! TEEN MINISTRY



Saturday, January 14th, 2017

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>

New Parishioners

We welcome new parishioners and invite you to fill out a Parishioner Registration Card located in the pew racks, at the Parish House, and online at www.stignatiusloyola.org

Registration is our only means of certifying membership in the Parish.

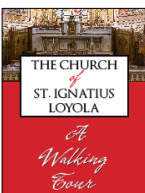


Available at the Parish House

The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola: A Walking Tour

Updated in commemoration of our Sesquicentennial Celebration, the redesigned *Walking Tour*—with all-new photographs—provides a detailed overview of the rich architectural history of the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola.

Cost: \$8



WALLACE HALL AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL

For more information, contact Caroline Fernandes at 212-288-3588 or fernandesc@saintignatiusloyola.org

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



FRIDAY – SUNDAY

DECEMBER 30th – JANUARY 1st

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

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

THE ANNUAL APPEAL



As a new year approaches, 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 Copies are also available at the Parish House.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

2016 ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS LITURGICAL MUSIC FUND DONORS

With our sincere gratitude

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 with loving memory for my son
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*We also thank those whose donations
 were received after December 16, 2016.*

MUSIC



SUNDAY, JANUARY 1st

11 AM SOLEMN MASS



J.S. Bach

The old year has passed away, BWV 614

Near
Ave Maria

Near
Ave Maris Stella

Cook
Paeon on Divinum Mysterium

COMING IN FEBRUARY

**Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir:
Arvo Pärt**

Wednesday, February 1st, 7:00 PM



The leading proponent of Arvo Pärt's music in the world, The Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir has won two

Grammy awards for recordings of Pärt's works. Arvo Pärt is the most performed living composer in the world today. People of all religious faiths—and of none—find his music riveting and spiritually stirring.

Co-presented with the Arvo Pärt Project at
St. Vladimir's Seminary.

Tickets: \$35–\$85

WORLD PREMIERE OPERA



Upon this handful of Earth

Friday, February 24th, 7:00 PM

In honor of the publication of "Laudato Si," Pope Francis' recent encyclical about the environment, SMSS and The New York Opera Society have commissioned a new chamber opera from renowned Norwegian composer Gisle Kverndokk and librettist Aksel-Otto Bull based on the writings of Father Pierre Teilhard de Chardin.

Tickets: \$25–\$80

Tickets for all concerts are available online at
www.smssconcerts.org or by calling 212-288-2520.

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, December 26th (St. Stephen)

Acts 6:8–10; 7:54–59 Psalm 31 Matthew 10:17–22
8:30 MEM Sose & Mark Prekelezaj

Tuesday, December 27th (St. John)

1 John 1:1–4 Psalm 97 John 20:1a, 2–8
8:30 MEM Claire Daunt
12:10 MEM Salvatore Miglio
5:30 MEM Efren Bernado Cordova

Wednesday, December 28th (The Holy Innocents)

1 John 1:5–2:2 Psalm 124 Matthew 2:13–18
8:30 MEM Elizabeth Higgins Sciutto
12:10 MEM Nancy Tracy
5:30 MEM Laura C. Szejka Zimmer

Thursday, December 29th

(Fifth Day in the Christmas Octave)

1 John 2:3–11 Psalm 96 Luke 2:22–35
8:30 MEM Margaret Sullivan
12:10 MEM Barbara McAllister
5:30 MEM Living & Deceased Members of the
Wallace Family

Friday, December 30th

(The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph)

Sirach 3:2–7, 12–14 Psalm 128
Colossians 3:12–21 Matthew 2:13–15, 19–23
8:30 MEM Michael Santangelo
12:10 MEM Matyi Geza
5:30 MEM William Wallace

Saturday, December 31st

(Seventh Day in the Christmas Octave)

1 John 2:18–21 Psalm 96 John 1:1–18
8:30 MEM Paul Hendricks

Sunday, January 1st

(Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God)

Numbers 6:22–27 Psalm 67
Galatians 4:4–7 Luke 2:16–2



**Please support the
Advent and Christmas
Liturgical Music Fund**

This fund supports the liturgical music program throughout the year — our musicians, staff, music, robes, and maintenance of instruments.

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Travel: 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. Reservation deadline is Wednesday, March 15, 2017. For additional details and rate information, visit lourdes-pilgrimage.com, call 877-276-7279, or email lourdespilgrimageoffice@comcast.net

Travel: An Ignatian Journey to Spain, Plus Lourdes. Sunday, October 1, 2017–Wednesday, October 11, 2017. Trip includes visits to Loyola, San Sebastian, Montserrat, and Barcelona. Trip leaders: Fr. George Witt, S.J. (Trip Spiritual Director), Provincial Assistant for Spiritual Ministries, Maryland & USA Northeast Provinces of the Society of Jesus, and Mr. Joe Naylor (Group Coordinator), Provincial Assistant for Advancement and Communications, Maryland and USA Northeast Provinces of the Society of Jesus. Prices (not including airfare) start at \$3,899 (if paid by check)/\$4,098 (if paid by credit card). Accommodations, sightseeing, and meals are included. To download a brochure, visit GoCatholicTravel.com/NaylorWitt For more information, contact Joe Naylor at jnaylor@jesuits.org or call 212-774-5529

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.

Services: 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 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.

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.

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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. Bergen

Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Yesalonia

9:30 AM Fr. Yesalonia

Wallace Hall 11:00 AM Fr. Hilbert

Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Feely

7:30 PM Fr. Feely

Religious Education

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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.

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