



## *New York Province of the Society of Jesus*

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Dear Parishioners of St. Ignatius Loyola Church, Peace of Christ!

In a letter from Archbishop Dolan this week, I received the good news that he has approved my appointment of Father George M. Witt, S.J. as pastor of St. Ignatius Loyola Church.

When making my request to Archbishop Dolan, I wrote that I believed Fr. Witt “would serve with prudence, fidelity, hard work, and a genuine pastoral care for the people of the parish.” I believe during his time as administrator of the parish Fr. Witt has done just that. It brings me great joy to present Fr. Witt to you with confidence that, as pastor of St. Ignatius Loyola Church, the parish and the Archdiocese will be well served.

I am most grateful to Fr. Witt for his generosity and willingness to accept this important mission in service to the Church here in New York. I want you to know that Fr. Witt is a deeply valued member of our Jesuit community and I ask you to care for him well and to support him as he leads the parish in his time as your pastor.

Fr. Witt’s appointment will become effective July 31, the Feast of St. Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus. Information regarding Fr. Witt’s installation as pastor will be shared with you once a date has been set.

Be assured of my prayers and best wishes for you and the parish.

Gratefully in our Lord,

David S. Ciancimino, S.J.  
Provincial Superior