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“ Building a Community of Disciples ”

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Solemnity of Epiphany

The star of Bethlehem shone in the night sky for all to see, but only the three wise men recognized it as a sign from God. They travelled from distant lands, following it, not knowing where it would lead them. Imagine, too, their surprise when they arrived at their destination and found their king, not in the splendor of Herod's royal court, but a poor child of a young mother with a questionable past. Rather than disappointment and despair, they chose to trust in God and rejoice that the Lord had indeed done something wonderful in their midst.

Like the wise men, God invites us to look at our world and see it through the eyes of faith. The Incarnation is the basis of our Christian hope because it reminds us that nothing can separate us from God. God became human so that we can know who God is and how God loves.

There is a story by John Donne about one man's search for God. Told that the Lord lives atop a tall mountain at the end of the world, the man sets out in search of God. As the man begins his ascent, God wonders, "What can I do to show my people how much I love them?" God's idea is to come down the mountain and live among the people as one of them. As the man climbs up one side, God is descending on the other. They don't see each other because they are on opposite sides of the mountain. When the man reaches the summit and finds no one there he is heartbroken and begins to doubt God's existence.

The point of Donne's story is this: God isn't found on unapproachable mountaintops or at the ends of the earth. God dwells among us. We don't have to look for God "out there." God searches us out and wants to be with us where we are.

In modern usage the word "epiphany" usually refers to the sudden comprehension of an aspect of reality. It is the "Aha!" moment that we experience when we understand. For the ancient Greeks, however, an "epiphany" was something slightly different. The verb *epiphainein* means "to reveal, to show oneself to." It referred to the visible manifestation of a deity through a personal appearance or a deed of power.

In the New Testament the word primarily is used to describe the appearances of Christ after the resurrection and at his Second Coming. By the 4th century "epiphany" was also associated with the celebration of the birth of Jesus, which included an account of the visit by the three magi from the



East. For the early Christians, incarnation and resurrection were two sides of the same coin. The birth of Jesus and the raising of Christ from the dead were different aspects of God's saving power at work in the world.

The Feast of the Epiphany recalls the visit of the wise men, but

their journey of faith did not end with their arrival in Bethlehem. Written from the point of view one of the three kings, T. S. Eliot's "Journey of the Magi" is not only a reflection on the long and arduous journey to the manger, but on life itself:

*All this was a long time ago, I remember,
And I would do it again, but set down
This set down
This: were we led all that way for
Birth or Death? There was a Birth, certainly,
We had evidence and no doubt. I had seen birth and death,
But had thought they were different; this Birth was
Hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our death.
We returned to our places, these Kingdoms,
But no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation,
With an alien people clutching their gods.
I should be glad of another death.*

Often, when we think of epiphanies, we focus on the moment of inspiration that comes out of nowhere like a lightning bolt. Some epiphanies, however, happen slowly over a lifetime. We don't realize they are epiphanies until long after the fact. Like the wise man in Eliot's poem our lives are transformed and we are left with more questions than answers. Belief is not about certainty, but about trust. Allowing something new into our lives involves the unsettling process of letting old ways die. In the midst of it all we come to recognize that God is constantly at work in our lives.

St. Augustine once wrote that the story of the magi foreshadows the journey of faith that each of us undertakes. There are moments in our lives when we have great clarity and it is easy to trust. Yet there are also times when it is like seeing through a glass darkly as we wrestle with our doubts or let go of what is familiar. Little by little, in our questioning and seeking, in our longing and hoping, in each of our deaths and rebirths, we are drawn ever closer to God.

-Rev. Anthony P. SooHoo, S.J.
Associate Pastor

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE



The Parish House will be closed Monday, January 3rd

in observance of the New Year holiday.

One Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 AM in the Lady Chapel.

There will be no 12:10 or 5:30 PM Masses.



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5th

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting. 7:00 PM. Conference Room. All are welcome.



Information Session

Thursday, January 6th. 10:30 - 11:45 AM. Parish Lounge. IVC provides men and women, age 50 and over, the opportunity to serve the needs of those who are economically poor, to work for a more just society, and to grow spiritually by reflecting and praying in the Ignatian tradition.

For more information, or to confirm your attendance, please contact IVC Regional Director Liz McMahon at 201-618-6924 or emcmahon@ivcusa.org



THURSDAY, JANUARY 6th

Scripture Reflections Group. 7:00 PM. Conference Room. Led by Fr. Robert O'Brien, S.J., of the St. Ignatius Jesuit Community. All are welcome.



IGNATIAN TEENS

Saturday Service Opportunities

January 8th: Xavier Food Pantry

We will meet at 8:30 AM in the Parish House and go as a group by subway to St. Francis Xavier Church. We will return to the Parish House by 1:00 PM for pizza.

Register by Thursday, January 6th.

January 15th: Mercy Center

We will meet at 8:30 AM at the Parish House and go as a group by subway to the Mercy Center in the Bronx. We will return to the Parish House as a group when our service is complete.

Register by Thursday, January 13th.

January 22nd: Father's Heart Ministries

We will meet at 8:00 AM in the Parish House and go as a group by subway to Father's Heart Ministries, a soup kitchen and food pantry located at 545 East 11th Street. We should be returning to the Parish House by noon. Register by Thursday, January 20th.

To register: call 212-288-3588 x610 or email: it@stignatiusloyola.org

Chaperones are needed.

If you can assist, please call the number above.

OF INTEREST

Special Collection at all Masses next weekend, January 8th and 9th: Catholic Communications Campaign and the Catholic University of America.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

REGISTER NOW:



TAG, YOU'RE IT!

An intergenerational evening with the author of the ultimate caregiver handbook

Wednesday, January 12, 2011

7:00 PM in Wallace Hall

GAIL SHEEHY, *New York Times* best-selling author, will share insights from her latest book,

Passages in Caregiving: Turning Chaos Into Confidence.

Based on her own experience and research, caring for her husband, Ms. Sheehy is again shaping the national conversation on a vital issue. She will offer practical advice and suggest resources for those who are or will be unpaid caregivers to family and friends – one third of all Americans!

A book signing will follow the lecture.

Sponsored by: Emmaus Bereavement Ministry, Boomers & Beyond, and Ignatian Young Adults.

RSVP online to: gailsheehy@saintignatiusloyola.org

Enter "Gail Sheehy" on the subject line

Or call 212-288-3588 and enter x632



IGNATIAN SOCIAL JUSTICE

Support the Fair Wages for New Yorkers Act: Thursday, January 13th at 6:30 PM Convent Baptist Church (145 Street and Convent Avenue)

Join ISJ to rally support for the **Fair Wages for New Yorkers Act**. If passed, businesses benefiting from a city-subsidized economic development project would be required to pay their workers a minimum wage of \$10 an hour (if benefits are provided) or \$11.50 an hour (if benefits are not provided). A crowd of 1,000 persons (clergy, community members, civic and labor leaders) is expected to make it clear that now is the time for a living wage for all New Yorkers.

If you would like to join the ISJ group at this rally, please e-mail ignatiansocialjustice@gmail.com

For additional information on the Fair Wages for New Yorkers Act please visit, www.livingwagenyc.org

ISJ Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, January 26th at 7:00 PM in the Meeting Room.



IGNATIUS YOUNG ADULTS

FINDING GOD IN ART

*Sense and the Sacred:
Painting in the Age of Ignatius
and Beyond*

Saturday, January 15th at 3:00 PM
Cost: \$16.00



Join Fr. Gregory Waldrop, a Jesuit art historian, for a tour of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and a discussion of Italian paintings from the 1500's to 1750. There will be a social afterwards in the Petrie Court Café.

**We will meet at the Group Registration Desk
on the south side of the Great Hall,
under the floral arrangement, at 3:00 PM.**

**For more information or to register, contact Fr. SooHoo
at soohoo@stignatiusloyola.org or 212-288-3588.**



**We pray
for the faithful departed
Keith Barket
May he rest in the peace
of the Risen Lord**



PRAYER SUGGESTION... Sacred Space

We invite you to make a "Sacred Space" in your day and spend ten 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**

SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY READING GROUP

**St. Ignatius Loyola Spiritual
Community Reading Group**
is pleased to welcome

Fr. Jim Martin, S.J.

to its upcoming meeting:

**Tuesday, January 18th at 7:15 PM
in the Meeting Room.**

Fr. Martin will be joining the group
for a discussion of his most recent book,
***The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything:
A Spirituality for Real Life.***

**RSVP by Sunday, January 16th to Chris Carney
at ccarney123@gmail.com or 914-316-3068
or Meg Gottemoeller at megcorp@aol.com**

New members are always welcome!



SAVE THE DATE!

LAY MINISTERS' ENRICHMENT Baptism, Confirmation...Then What?

**Saturday, January 29th
9:30 AM – 3:00 PM in Wallace Hall**

Rev. Walter Modrys, S.J.

*Treasurer of the New York Province of the Society of Jesus,
Former Pastor of the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola*

All Lay Ministers are invited to attend this program.

Details to follow...

Announced Masses and Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday, January 3rd

(Most Holy Name of Jesus)

1 John 3:22 – 4:6 Psalm 2 Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

8:30 MEM Peter J. Burke

12:10 MEM Alice Melchior Biesen

5:30 MEM Dolorita Wallace

Tuesday, January 4th

(St. Elizabeth Ann Seton)

1 John 4:7-10 Psalm 72 Mark 6:34-44

8:30 MEM Patrick Murphy

12:10 MEM Kenneth J. Dinnhaupt

5:30 MEM George Caruso

Wednesday, January 5th

(St. John Neumann)

1 John 4:11-18 Psalm 72 Mark 6:45-52

8:30 MEM Members of the Choix & Gordon Families

12:10 MEM Padre José Vallegas, S.J.

5:30 MEM Benedict Zumpetta

Thursday, January 6th

(St. André Bessette)

1 John 4:19 – 5:4 Psalm 72 Luke 4:14-22a

8:30 MEM Martin J. O'Brien

12:10 MEM William H. Meehan

5:30 MEM Dolores O'Neill Venhera

Friday, January 7th

(St. Raymond of Peñafort)

1 John 5:5-13 Psalm 147 Luke 5:12-16

8:30 MEM Caroline Choix

12:10 MEM Jim O'Connor

5:30 MEM Catherine M. Scanlon

Saturday, January 8th

(Saturday after Epiphany)

1 John 5:14-21 Psalm 149 John 3:22-30

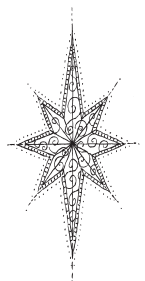
8:30 MEM Caterina Cannavo

Sunday, January 9th

(Feast of the Baptism of the Lord)

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 Psalm 29

Acts 10:34-38 Matthew 3:13-17





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Nativity in the World from Naples to New York: An exhibition of rare creche figures, each a work of art, from the Neapolitan tradition. December 14, 2010 - January 21, 2011 from 10:00 AM– 4:00 PM. Italian Cultural Institute, 686 Park Avenue (at 68th Street).

Choral Vespers for the Feast of the Lord's Baptism: Sunday, January 9th, 4:00 PM at Corpus Christi Church, 529 West 121st Street. Music by Bach, Lassus, and Marenzio. This service will include Gregorian chant antiphons, psalms, lessons, motets, hymns, and organ music. The Choir of Corpus Christi Church is directed by Louise Basbas. Guest organist: Matthew Lewis. A free-will offering will be received and refreshments will follow.

For additional information, call 212-666-9350 or visit www.corpus-christi-nyc.org

Torturing the Mind: U.S. Involvement in Psychological Torture. Sponsored by the Metro NY Religious Campaign Against Torture and featuring a panel of dynamic speakers from the Center for Constitutional Rights, the Bellevue/NYU Program for the Survivors of Torture, and the Unitarian Universalist Office of the U.N. Tuesday, January 11th at 7:00 PM. Pre-lecture reception at 6:30 PM. All Souls Unitarian Church, 1157 Lexington Avenue (between 79th and 80th). Free of charge.

For additional information, contact Rev. Mark Hallinan, S.J., at 212-774-5500 or saynototorture@gmail.com

PARISH STAFF

Pastor

Rev. George M. Witt, S.J.

Pastoral Associates

Joanne Cunneen
Kathryn King, F.S.P.

Associate Pastors

Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J.
Rev. James L. Dugan, S.J.
Rev. Ugo R. Nacciarone, S.J.
Rev. Anthony P. SooHoo, S.J.

Assisting Priests (Sunday)

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

Music Ministries

Kent Tritle, *Director*
Renée Anne Louprette
Nancianne Parrella
Robert Reuter
Mary Huff
Michael Sheetz
Philip Anderson
Erin Acheson, *Administrator*
Staff information: on the website at music/music-staff

Assistant to the Pastor

Diane M. Boyle

Administrative Assistant

Patricia Schneider

Director of Facilities

Czeslaw "Chester" Ciupinski

Treasurer

Fernando Castro

Weekday Masses Monday-Friday

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

Saturday: 8:30 AM

Masses for Next Weekend:

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

Religious Education for Children

Joanne Cunneen, M.A., M.S. Director
(212) 861-4764

St. Ignatius Loyola Grammar School

Ms. Mary Larkin, M.S. Ed.
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Ms. Theodora Crist, M.S.

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Children's Liturgy of the Word:

Sundays at the 9:30 AM Mass and the 11:00 AM Mass in Wallace Hall.

Centering Prayer:

Mondays and Thursdays at 6:30 PM

Confessions: 5:00 PM 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 9:00 AM-9:00 PM.

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