In 1971, less than 6 years after the closing of the Second Vatican Council, representatives of the bishops of the world gathered in Rome for the second ordinary assembly known as a synod. The topic was “Justice in the World.” In that document we read: “Take, for example, the case of migrants. They are often forced to leave their own country to find work, but frequently find the doors closed in their faces because of a discriminatory attitude, or, if they can enter, they are often obliged to lead an insecure life or are treated in an inhuman manner.” (#22)

That same year, Pope Paul VI wrote a very powerful encyclical letter on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of the first social encyclical written in 1891. Paul VI wrote: “We are thinking also of the precarious situation of a great number of emigrant workers whose condition as foreigners makes it all the more difficult for them to make any sort of social vindication, in spite of their real participation in the economic effort of the country that receives them. It is urgently necessary for people to go beyond a narrowly nationalist attitude in their regard and to give them a charter which will assure them a right to emigrate, favor their integration, facilitate their professional advancement, and to give them access to decent housing where, if such is the case, their families can join them…. It is everyone’s duty, but especially that of Christians, to work with energy for the establishment of universal brotherhood, the indispensable basis for authentic justice and the condition for enduring peace. “We cannot in truthfulness call upon that God who is the Father of all if we refuse to act in a fraternal way toward certain people, created to God’s image. A person’s relationship with God the Father and his relationship with his fellow men and women are so linked together that scripture says: He who does not love does not know God.” (#17)

These texts from the teachings of the church inspired by the Second Vatican Council and by the long tradition of Catholic Social Teachings from the Popes and Bishops of the church are a genuine challenge to us. They demand an acceptance and openness to immigrants who come here looking for a more dignified life as human beings. We are, after all, a nation of immigrants. My grandparents came from Italy a long time ago to try and find a more stable and prosperous future for their families. But this is not just a matter of ethics and natural moral theology. It is also inspired by our faith and by our salvation history. Abraham left his homeland at the bidding of God, and settled in a strange land. Moses and the people of Israel left Egypt to settle in a new land. During their history, they were several times refugees as a result of conflict. During this Christmas season we are also reminded that Jesus, Mary, and Joseph were also refugees, fleeing their own country to escape the threats of a tyrant who was plotting the death of their child. They had to settle in Egypt. Fortunately, as far as we know, they were welcomed and Joseph could find work there to support his wife and child.

In 2003 the US Catholic Bishops Conference issued a pastoral letter together with the Mexican Conference of Bishops. They quote a passage from Pope Pius XII’s apostolic constitution Exsul Familia, which affirms the Church’s commitment to caring for all migrants. They quote a passage from Pope Pius XII’s apostolic constitution Exsul Familia, which affirms the Church’s commitment to caring for all migrants. The Pope affirms that all people have the right to conditions of human life and, if these conditions are not present, the right to migrate. While recognizing the right of the sovereign state to control its borders, Exsul Familia also establishes that this right is not absolute. The needs of immigrants must be measured against the needs of the receiving countries.

Today is the Feast of the Epiphany. Strangers from a foreign land were welcomed by the Holy Family. May the stranger always feel welcome by the Christian community. Let us pray, write letters, and work in every way possible so that this year may see reform of immigration legislation allowing families to remain united and to find a warm welcome in a country that prides itself on its immigrant history.

Rev. Ugo R. Nacciarone, S.J.
Associate Pastor
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Special Collection at all Masses this weekend:
Catholic Communications Campaign and the Catholic University of America.
Thank you in advance for your generosity!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6th
Our Catholic Faith: Life in Christ (Moral Teachings of the Catholic Church).
Presenter: Fr. Ugo Nacciarone, S.J.
5:30 PM. Parish House. Details on page 5.

Sunday Social. 8:30 PM. Wallace Hall.
Hosted by the Ignatian Young Adults (follows the 7:30 PM Mass).
All young adults (ages 21-39) are welcome.

MONDAY, JANUARY 7th
Ranger Rosary Ministry. 7:00 PM.
Meeting Room. Supplies and instructions are provided.
New members are welcome!

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10th
Thursday Morning Prayer Group. 9:30 – 11:00 AM. Parish House.
Open to those who have made the Meeting Christ in Prayer Retreat.
For information and registration, contact Sabina Fila at sabinaft@verizon.net

FRIDAY – SUNDAY, JANUARY 11th - 13th
Shelter Weekend. Wallace Hall.
If you would like to volunteer, please contact Chris Halem at the Parish House.

Can You Help?
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED
For the Ministry of Hospitality

Hospitality is all about welcoming and acknowledging one another as members of our parish community.
It embodies The Ignatian Way aspects of service and community. Act now. Sign up TODAY.
For more information, contact Adele Gallo, head of the Hospitality Ministry, amdgallo@me.com

January 24th – 27th
Men’s Retreat
The Gift of Surrender: Yielding to a Loving God
St. Ignatius Retreat House
Manhasset, NY

directed by
Rev. Thomas R. Marciniak, S.J., Fordham University

The retreat begins Thursday evening with check-in at 5:00 PM and dinner at 6:00 PM.
Retreatants are welcome to join the 4:00 PM Liturgy.

Cost: $390 pp private room
$345 pp semi-private; $330 pp commuter

For additional information, contact:
Carlos Cuartas cdcuartas@gmail.com
Peter Riordan pjriordan2001@yahoo.com
To register, contact Sandy Zaremba at 516-621-8300 x15 or s.zaremba@inisfada.net

Inner-City Scholarship Fund
Breaking the cycle of poverty through Catholic Education.

For generations, Catholic schools have served boys and girls in the poorest areas of New York City. Today, despite 68% of inner-city Catholic school students living at or below the poverty level, over 90% graduate high school and are accepted into college.

Inner-City Scholarship Fund, a not-for-profit organization founded in 1971, provides tuition assistance to students from low-income families who wish to attend Catholic schools within the Archdiocese of New York’s inner-city, thus making a values-based Catholic education a viable choice for all children.

On Sunday morning, January 27th, representatives from Inner-City Scholarship Fund will be visiting St. Ignatius Loyola Parish to provide detailed information about how you can make a tangible difference for the children who are suffering the greatest educational disadvantage.
We hope that you will join us!

You can also visit www.icsf-nyc.org or call Kelvin Gentles at (646) 794-3328 to learn more about Inner-City Scholarship Fund.

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THE 2012 ANNUAL COLLECTION

Thank you to those who have contributed to this appeal. The goal this year is $480,000. At present, the total stands at $398,377. If you have not yet made a donation, there are several ways to do so: • by check • by credit card (please contact Pat Schneider at 646-981-2610) • via the St. Ignatius Online Giving Program. Visit www.stignatiusloyola.org and click on the Giving tab on the upper right. Thank you!

IGNATIAN YOUNG ADULTS

Sunday Socials Winter Schedule

The IYA hosts socials for young adults (ages 21-39) in Wallace Hall from September through June following the Sunday evening 7:30 PM Mass.

**Sunday Social Dates:**
- Jan. 6
- Feb. 3
- Mar. 3
- Feb. 17
- Mar. 17

To receive updates on IYA events and other opportunities, please sign up for our email list at http://tinyurl.com/IgnatianYoungAdults and follow us on Facebook at “Ignatian Young Adults (NYC).”

From the Archdiocese:

A Reflection on Epiphany

The Feast of the Epiphany is a celebration of evangelization. Reflecting back on the prophecies of the Old Testament, the evangelist expands the minds of his hearers to accept the divine message of salvation. Salvation is open to everyone who comes to the Lord. The new chosen people are those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Anointed, the Christ.

The Magi studied systems far different from those of Abraham’s descendents but through divine grace they reached the same conclusion. God had intervened in history. The minds and hearts of the Magi told them that they were about to be part of an event of cosmic consequence. So they brought gold, frankincense, and myrrh: gifts for an individual destined to rule. Herod, however, was upset because he understood that this event would disrupt his power, position, and wealth. In his mind such a threat had to be eradicated.

It is hoped that we would act as the Magi: faithful to the Divine call, willing to go to others and witness to the power of Christ in our lives. But very often we resemble, in some ways, the character of Herod. We think of our own good and fail to stand before others and say that something is right or wrong.

On this great feast may our actions inspire others to do homage to the Child of Bethlehem, the Messiah, the Anointed, the Christ.

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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 13th**

*Baptism of the Lord*

11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS

Halley Verbum caro factus est

Walter Verbum caro factus est

7:30 PM MASS

Spiritual, arr. Reuter Shall we gather at the river

Organ Concert:

**Nigel Potts**

Organist and Choirmaster at Christ & Saint Stephens Episcopal Church in New York City

Sunday, February 3rd

3:00 PM

Nigel Potts is an active international recitalist, recording artist, well-known exponent of orchestral transcription, and a respected champion of 19th and 20th century British organ music.

Tickets: $20 general, $10 student/senior rush

Visit www.smssconcerts.org for tickets and information.
Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, January 7th
(St. Raymond of Penyafort)
1 John 3:22 – 4:6     Psalm 2     Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25
8:30 MEM Caroline Choix
12:10 MEM The Meehan Family
5:30 MEM Dolores O'Neill Ventura

Tuesday, January 8th
(Tuesday after Epiphany)
1 John 4:7-10     Psalm 72     Mark 6:34-44
8:30 MEM Mary & Henry Stenglin
12:10 MEM Sallie Carew
5:30 MEM Sr. Frances Smith, S.C.

Wednesday, January 9th
(Wednesday after Epiphany)
1 John 4:11-18     Psalm 72     Mark 6:45-52
8:30 MEM Giro & Elina Zullo
12:10 MEM Catherine Joyce
5:30 ANN Dr. Stratford Wallace

Thursday, January 10th
(Thursday after Epiphany)
8:30 MEM Peter Ottomanelli
12:10 MEM Valentino Mazzia
5:30 MEM Deceased Members of the Scanlon & McLoughlin Families

Friday, January 11th
(Friday after Epiphany)
1 John 5:5-13     Psalm 147     Luke 5:12-16
8:30 MEM Vincent Gaeta
12:10 LVG Rosemarie Nardiello
5:30 MEM Bridie Bell

Saturday, January 12th
(Saturday after Epiphany)
1 John 5:14-21     Psalm 149     John 3:22-30
8:30 MEM John Lynch

Sunday, January 13th
(Baptism of the Lord)
Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7     Psalm 29

We pray for the faithful departed:
Tad Burch
Michael G. Santangelo
May they rest in the peace of the Risen Lord

Weddings
Christopher Michael Bland and Kathleen Elizabeth Morrissey
Brian Michael Maloney and Courtney Suzanne Craig
Craig A. Salerno and Kristin M. Rutha
Andre Julius Schmid and Laura Elizabeth Sudano
Michael P. Smith and Gillian E. Pensavalle
Paul Henry Stuebe, Jr. and Sarah K. Quick

Baptisms
Mason Vincent John Assad
Matthew Shawki Assad
Joseph Matthew Bondarenko
John Rayburn Cullinane
Juan Bautista Goni-Ensenat
Isabella Blue Gotthard
Luca Miro Jaimes
Logan Bentley Landri
Nora Grace Leavell
Annalise Michelle Manfredini
Amala Ezinne Estelle Rice Obuah
Amani Efuru Estee Rice Obuah
Jonathon Michael Rauen
Adrian Urquiola Hosford Ruiz
Sydney Elizabeth del Valle

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Our Catholic Faith
40s & Fabulous invites all parishioners to its Speaker Series: Our Catholic Faith.
40s & Fabulous has launched its first Speaker Series: Our Catholic Faith. Using the framework of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, it is hoped that this series will deepen our understanding of our Catholic Faith and its practical applications in today’s complex world.

Upcoming:
Life in Christ (Moral Teachings of the Catholic Church)
- January 6th: Rev. Ugo Nacciarone
- January 20th: Rev. Ugo Nacciarone

Christian Prayer
- February 10th: TBA
- February 24th: Sr. Kathryn King

Wrap-up and Reflections
- April 14th: Rev. George Witt

All sessions will be held from 5:30 to 7:00 PM at the Parish House

Register your interest at 40sandfabulous@gmail.com

Emmaus Bereavement Support Group
Tuesdays, January 22nd to March 19th
7:00 – 8:30 PM in the Parish Lounge
A six session education and support group for those who are grieving the death of a loved one at least three months prior to the start of the program. The group is facilitated by two bereavement professionals. The six sessions are held over a period of nine weeks in order to give the participants time to absorb the material. Registration is required.

For information or registration, contact Sr. Kathryn King at the Parish House (212-288-3588) or kingk@saintignatiusloyola.org

Meeting Christ in Prayer

Morning Sessions: Tuesdays,
February 5th to April 2nd, 9:30 – 11:00 AM

Evening Sessions: Wednesdays,
February 6th to April 3rd, 7:00 – 8:30 PM
(No sessions during Holy Week. Both sessions conclude on Wednesday evening, April 3rd, with a liturgy and reception.

Meeting Christ In Prayer is an interactive 8 week guided prayer experience for small groups.

What does it offer?
Meeting Christ In Prayer combines 8 weekly group meetings with daily prayer and reflection exercises that are completed individually between each gathering. Weekly meetings are 90 minutes long and include group prayer, guided meditation, small group faith sharing, and an orientation for the following week’s prayer or prayer techniques. The cost of the program is a sliding scale of $30-$50 and covers all materials. Scholarships are available.

See the website for further details.

For information or registration, contact Sr. Kathryn King at the Parish House (212-288-3588) or kingk@saintignatiusloyola.org

Lenten Retreat

The Power of Invitation: Friendship and Ministry with Christ
with Fr. Joseph Marina, S.J.
Associate Pastor
Church of St. Ignatius Loyola
Saturday, January 26th
Wallace Hall 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM
This day of reflection will focus on the call of discipleship and the gift of friendship with Christ as invitations to draw closer to God’s love. We will explore the dynamics of call and reply through our own stories and those of some notable disciples in the history of Christianity.
Continental breakfast and lunch to be provided.
Space is limited.
Registration closes on Monday, January 21st.
Please register online at http://january2013enrichment.eventbrite.com
Postconciliar Catholicism: What John Courtney Murray Did Say, Did Not Say, and Might Have Said. Sponsored by America Press, Inc. Speaker: Rev. Bryan Hehir, Professor of the Practice of Religion and Public Life, Harvard Kennedy School. Monday, January 14th. Reception at 5:00 PM, Lecture at 6:00 PM. Pope Auditorium, Fordham University at Lincoln Center, West 60th Street and Columbus Avenue. Free and open to the public. RSVP: 212-581-4640 or development@americamagazine.org

Restless Heart: The Confessions of Augustine. Directed by Christian Duguay, this film uses a historic backdrop to tell the true story of Augustine of Hippo, one of the Catholic Church’s most beloved and well-known saints. Wednesday, January 16th, 12:00 PM and 6:30 PM. Church of St. Francis of Assisi, 135 West 31st Street. Tickets: $10.00 at Main Desk or online at www.stfrancisnyc.org. Call 212-736-8500 x365 for more information.

March for Life in Washington, D.C.: Friday, January 25th. A Manhattan bus (sponsored by the Archdiocesan Family Life/Respect Life Office) will leave from Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 457 West 51st Street. Mass at 6:15 AM/Depart 7:00 AM. Total cost for the trip: $50. If you are not able to make the trip, please consider making a donation so that others can attend. For further information and to register, call Sr. Shirley at 212-371-1011x3195 or sr.shirleyann@archny.org

Gregorian University for a Day: Now you can get a feel of what happens in the classrooms of Rome here in Manhattan. Saturday, February 2nd. Fordham University, Lincoln Center. Instructors: Rev. Lloyd Baugh, S.J., Professor at the Gregorian University; Rev. Drew Christiansen, S.J., former editor-in-chief, America magazine; Rev. James Martin, S.J.; Professor Donna Orsuto, Professor at the Gregorian University; Rev. Thomas Rosica, C.S.B., CEO of Salt and Light Television. Suggested donation: $150/person, $250/couple. Reservations are limited. For more information or to register for the Gregorian University for a Day, visit: www.the-gregorian.com