Entertaining Angels

“All are welcome in this place” we sing. That’s a powerful claim and it is essential to the experience of forming community. In so many ways, the act of welcoming is the first gesture that opens a door. It is surely the hallmark of hospitality.

When we come together as church, hospitality is what makes a community out of individuals, because the welcoming is not selective but all-embracing. Indeed, the New Testament cautions us:

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

Hebrews 13: 2

The Gospel reading for this Sunday speaks loudly and clearly to the spirit of hospitality. Jesus, his mother, and friends have been invited to a wedding feast in Cana. And as the supply of wine begins to run dry, imagine the embarrassment of the bride and groom! At Mary’s urging, Jesus saves the day through the first miracle recorded in the Gospel of John. Consider the placement of this account for a moment: The very first miracle that Jesus performs is one that keeps the party going! This transformative miracle allows the bridal party to save face while offering a higher level of hospitality in return, all with the aid of God’s grace. It is the stuff of life, to be sure.

This morning’s Gospel reading is truncated for the purposes of the liturgy. It omits the opening clause of the story at Cana, which reads: “On the third day…” Biblical scholars tell us that the use of this phrase matches the opening verse of Israel’s epic encounter of God at Mt. Sinai (Exodus 19:16). See the comparison for yourself. “On the third day,” the glory of the Lord was revealed at Sinai amid deafening peals of thunder and the blasts of trumpets. And “on the third day,” the glory of the Lord was revealed at Cana when ordinary water was turned into the choicest wine. The same God was at work in both times and places, visible at first through fearsome acts of nature but then visible a second time dressed in a tunic and sandals. In both cases, this one God sought to keep the celebration going.

Why do we come to church? Is it the element of routine? The reassurance of seeing familiar faces? Of course, in part. But we also come here week after week in order to keep the celebration going. Our participation in the life of the Church parallels our life in Christ. It is an exercise in fidelity, but it is never without renewal. We change, week-to-week, even day-to-day as the conditions of our lives continue to shift. One day we are lighthearted and confident, on another we carry a burden of sadness or ill health. Beyond our Sunday attendance, we celebrate the sacraments in the context of all our life events. There are weddings, funerals, baptisms and for all of these sacramental moments, there must be hospitality. Without it there is no welcome, no sense of belonging.

It is for this reason that hospitality is considered a ministry. It consists of humble gestures – a smile, a worship aid or bulletin, directions to a rest room, assistance for someone taken ill, a consoling word for a crying child, finding a seat in the crowd, gathering up the weekly offerings. All of this can be mightily reassuring to someone who needs our assistance.

Ministers of Hospitality are practitioners of welcome. They are the face of the parish, the first connection with the community. They practice small kindnesses and thoughtful gestures. Our steady parishioners count on this and our visitors are pleasantly surprised and grateful, no longer feeling like strangers but honored guests.

So we welcome you to join us in this worthwhile ministry if your time allows. “All are welcome” as the glory of the Lord continues to be revealed in our very midst. Who knows? You might be entertaining angels after all!

Adele Gallo
Coordinator, Hospitality Ministry

Rev. Joseph G. Marina, S.J.
Associate Pastor

For information about volunteering as a hospitality minister, contact Adele Gallo at amdgallo@me.com
SUNDAY, JANUARY 20th
Our Catholic Faith: Life in Christ
(Moral Teachings of the Catholic Church).
5:30 PM. Parish Lounge.
Details on page 3.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23rd
Ignatian Young Adult Knitters/Crocheters.
7:00 PM. Parish House.
Details on page 3.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26th
Lay Ministers’ Enrichment Winter Program.
The Power of Invitation: Friendship and Ministry with Christ.
9:30 AM – 3:30 PM. Wallace Hall.
Details on page 5.

FRIDAY – SUNDAY,
JANUARY 25th – 27th
Shelter Weekend. Wallace Hall.
If you would like to volunteer, please contact Chris Halem at the Parish House.

Feeding Our Neighbors:
Archdiocesan-Wide Food Campaign
The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola will be participating in the food drive scheduled from Sunday, January 27th through Sunday, February 3rd.
All donations will go to the Community Pantry at the Church of St. Gregory the Great. Please bring donations of non-perishable foods to the Parish House during the week or to the Narthex before Masses on Saturday and Sunday.
All donations are greatly appreciated, but especially needed are rice, canned vegetables, pasta, tomato sauce, and canned tuna.

Join Fr. Witt, Members of the Parish Staff, and Members of Our Parish Ministries for
The Ignatian Way Dinner:
Feeding the Hungry, Feeding Our Souls
Saturday, February 2nd in Wallace Hall immediately following the 5:30 PM Mass.
As we prepare to enter the Lenten Season, this will be a wonderful opportunity to come together as a Parish Community to share a meal and learn a little more about the work being done at St. Gregory’s. Maureen Albert, head of the St. Gregory’s Community Food Pantry, will present a short talk about how the food we donate gets to those in need.
Dinner will consist of meatless lasagna, salad, and beverages. Can you contribute a dessert? Please let us know when you RSVP. Families are encouraged to attend!
RSVP to silsupper@gmail.com or 212-288-3588 by Monday, January 28th. Space is limited! Free will offering.

January 18th – 25th, is the annual observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
This year’s theme is “What does God require of us?” (cf. Micah 6:6-8).
The Week of Christian Prayer invites Christians throughout the world to pray in communion the prayer of Jesus: “that they all may be one... so the world may believe” (John 17:21).
For more information visit: www.geii.org

Catholic Schools Week:
January 27th – February 3rd
Catholic Schools Week is an annual national celebration of Catholic elementary and secondary schools and the important role they play in providing a values-added education for America’s young people.

Grammar School Tour:
Sunday, January 27th
In recognition of Catholic Schools Week, parishioners are invited to take a tour of our Grammar School immediately following the 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, and 11:00 AM Masses on Sunday, January 27th.
The Grammar School is located at 48 East 84th Street.

Inner-City Scholarship Fund
For generations, Catholic schools have served boys and girls in the poorest areas of New York City. 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 information about how you can make a tangible difference for the children who are suffering the greatest educational disadvantage.

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

Please open for pages 3 and 4
IRA Charitable Rollover is Back for 2012-2013

Did you know that you can once again make a gift to the parish from your IRA and avoid paying taxes on your withdrawal?

If you make the gift before February 1, 2013, you can elect to have that distribution counted retroactively for the 2012 tax year.

To learn more, visit our website or call Fernando Castro, Treasurer, at the Parish House: 212-288-3588.

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:
Feb. 3  Mar. 3  Apr. 14
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).”

Calling All IYA Knitters & Crocheters!
Come join other Young Adults for socializing and making knitwear for charity. Join us this winter on the following Wednesdays from 7:00 – 8:30 PM in the Parish House:

Jan. 23rd
Feb. 6th & 20th
Mar. 6th & 20th

Email molly.nora@gmail.com with questions or to join the email list.
All skill levels are welcome.

Organ Concert: Nigel Potts
Organist and Choirmaster at Christ & Saint Stephens Episcopal Church in New York City

Sunday, February 3rd at 3:00 PM

Program to include works by Bach, Elgar, Guilmant, Handel, Howells, Reger, and Wagner.

Tickets: $20 general, $10 student/senior rush
Visit www.smssconcerts.org for tickets and additional information.

Calling All Singers!
The volunteer choirs – Parish Community Choir, Canticum Sacrum and Wallace Hall Music Group – are looking for new members. Details and schedule information can be found in the Volunteer Choirs brochure in the Narthex, Wallace Hall literature rack, Parish House reception area, and online at www.stignatiusloyola.org.

Be a part of the wonderful music you hear each Sunday!
For more information, or to schedule an audition, contact the Music Office at 212-288-3588 x612 or email music@stignatiusloyola.org.

Sunday, January 27th
11:00 AM Solemn Mass
Blow Teach me thy way, O Lord
Bloch Sacred Service: Yih’yu L’Ratzon

11:00 AM Family Mass
Copland Shall We Gather at the River
Spiritual arr. Dawson There is a Balm in Gilead

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**Women’s Lenten Retreat:**
*In the Desert with Jesus*
Friday – Sunday, March 8th - 10th
St. Ignatius Loyola Retreat House (Inisfada)
Manhasset, NY  
**Presenter:** Dr. Susan Stabile
Dr. Stabile is a law professor, spiritual director, retreat director, mother, wife, and author of the recently published book, *Growing in Love and Wisdom: Tibetan Buddhist Sources for Christian Meditation.*

**Cost:** $300 private room. $250 semi private. Room with private bath – $50 extra.  
*This is an opportunity for a final retreat before Inisfada closes on June 1st!*

For information or registration, contact Sr. Kathryn King at the Parish House: kingk@saintignatiusloyola.org

$100 deposit is due by February 15th. Please make checks out to St. Ignatius Loyola Church and indicate “Women’s Retreat.”

Final payment will be made to the retreat house on arrival.

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**FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE:**  
**Flu Concerns**
Due to concerns about the flu virus, some parishioners have asked if they should refrain from shaking hands during the sign of peace at Mass.

It is important to emphasize that the invitation to offer the sign of peace permits individual parishioners to choose how that sign will be expressed. For example, some may choose to wave their hands or nod their heads as a sign of peace. While shaking hands is not obligatory, it is another acceptable expression of the sign of peace.

Consequently, those parishioners who are concerned about spreading the flu virus by shaking hands at the sign of peace should express peace in another manner.

The faithful are also advised to practice good hygiene and hand washing. If they are ill, they should not receive from the cup.

Note: All Presiders and Eucharistic Ministers at St. Ignatius Loyola are sanitizing their hands before Mass.

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**Looking for a way to serve the Parish?**

**Consider these opportunities:**

**Lenten Cross:**
The Lenten Cross Project invites parishioners to commit to a positive act of service, advocacy, or prayer during the Lenten Season. Volunteers are needed to help prepare materials for Lent 2013.

For more information, email lentencross@gmail.com

**New Parishioners’ Committee:**
The Committee’s mission is to welcome new members of the parish to our faith community. Whether you have been a member of St. Ignatius for a short time, or for many years, consider extending the hand of friendship to our new members.

For more information, call the Parish House at 212-288-3588.

**Women’s Shelter:**
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul needs volunteers for the women’s shelter held in Wallace Hall every other weekend, November through April. Volunteers are particularly needed to stay overnight on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday nights. If you volunteered in the past but have not done so in a while, we would love to have you rejoin us. New volunteers are also very welcome.

For more information, email Chris Halem: chrisalem@verizon.net

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**Announced Masses and Readings for the Week**

**Monday, January 21st** (St. Agnes)
Hebrews 5:1-10  Psalm 110  Mark 2:18-22
8:30 MEM  Alice Regan
12:10 MEM  Emanuel Gonzalez
5:30 MEM  Nathan Davidson

**Tuesday, January 22nd** (2nd Tuesday in Ordinary Time)
Hebrews 6:10-20  Psalm 111  Mark 2:23-28
8:30 MEM  John Figge
12:10 MEM  Thomas J. Lenihan
5:30 MEM  Sose & Mark Prekelezaj

**Wednesday, January 23rd** (St. Vincent)
Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17  Psalm 110  Mark 3:1-6
8:30 MEM  Jeffrey Ahn
12:10 MEM  Rosalie Riordan
5:30 MEM  Robert Kelly, Sr.

**Thursday, January 24th** (St. Francis de Sales)
Hebrews 7:25 – 8:6  Psalm 40  Mark 3:7-12
8:30 MEM  John B., John A., & Elizabeth Rooney
12:10 MEM  Lorenzo Corusone
5:30 MEM  Eugene Anthony Petracca

**Friday, January 25th** (Conversion of St. Paul)
Acts 22:3-16  Psalm 117  Mark 16:15-18
8:30 MEM  Nicholas Esposito
12:10 LVG  Anna Conlon
5:30 MEM  William Carroll

**Saturday, January 26th** (St. Timothy & St. Titus)
2 Timothy 1:1-8  Psalm 96  Mark 3:20-21
8:30 MEM  Dr. Emil Wittek

**Sunday, January 27th** (3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10  Psalm 19

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**We pray for the faithful departed:**
*Jack Feiner*
May he rest in the peace of the Risen Lord
LAY MINISTERS’ ENRICHMENT

Winter Program

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

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.
Based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola, it introduces participants to various ways of praying and provides an opportunity to support one another through faith sharing.

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

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

LENTEN RETREAT

The Spirituality of St. Ignatius:
Part 2: Ignatian Contemplation as a Method of Prayer

Presented by Joan Cavanagh, Associate Director of Campus Ministry, Fordham University
Monday, January 28th – 7:00 PM in Wallace Hall

Last November, Rev. Fred Pellegrini, S.J., Rector of the St. Ignatius Loyola Jesuit Community, presented part one of The Spirituality of St. Ignatius. Join us on January 28th for part two of this three-part series, designed in concert with our parish’s celebration of The Ignatian Way, as we explore contemplation as a method of prayer based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola. St. Ignatius encouraged others to use Contemplation as a way to help bring the Scriptures to life and to grow in intimacy with Jesus. Contemplation is a way to enter imaginatively into a scene from Scripture by using the senses.

Joan Cavanagh is a Director of Campus Ministry at Fordham University, where she accompanies Faculty, Students, and Staff through the Spiritual Exercises in everyday life. She has Masters degrees in Theology and Counseling, and is a trained hospital chaplain and bereavement counselor.

Part 3 April 10th, 2013:
Rules for the Discernment of Spirits
Michael Boughton, S.J., Formation Assistant for Maryland-New England-New York Provinces

http://january2013enrichment.eventbrite.com
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

Thomas Merton and Dorothy Day, Pilgrims and Prophets of Peace: A Readers’ Theatre-Style Play, written and presented by Sharon Halsey-Hoover and David Hoover. The production brings to life two of the most important and inspiring spiritual teachers of the last century. Sponsored by Pax Christi Metro New York. Sunday, January 27th, 2:30 PM. St. Joseph’s Greenwich Village Church, Sixth Avenue and Washington Place. All seats are $30 ($25 with a 2013 PCMNY Membership Card). For more information or to purchase tickets, contact: info@nypaxchristi.org or 212-420-0250.

HOPE 2013, The NYC Street Survey: On Monday, January 28th, the NYC Department of Homeless Services will conduct the Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE). Help is needed to survey streets, parks, subways, and other public spaces to estimate the number of people living unsheltered in our city. Anyone 18 years of age or older committed to helping the homeless of New York City is encouraged to volunteer. Training will be provided on the night of the survey. For more information or to register to volunteer, visit www.nyc.gov/dhs or call 311.

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
Sacred Space is a work of the Irish Province of the Society of Jesus.

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. Witt
Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Ugo
         9:30 AM Fr. Witt
Wallace Hall 11:00 AM Fr. Marina
Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Judge
         7:30 PM Fr. Judge

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.
Principal
48 East 84th Street
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St. Ignatius Loyola Day Nursery
Ms. Theodora Crist, M.S.
Executive Director
240 East 84th Street
New York, NY 10028
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Children's Liturgy of the Word:
Sundays: 9:30 AM Mass (all ages)
11:00 AM Wallace Hall Family Mass
   (ages 3-5 only)

Centering Prayer:
Mondays 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 the hours of 9:00 AM and 9:00 PM.