The calendar year is winding down. In case you are curious, thirty-seven days remain in the year 2013. The end of the Church’s liturgical year is even more imminent. How does six days sound? One week from today we will be celebrating the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of the new Church year. Today’s final Sunday of the Year, the Feast of Christ the King, amounts to an acknowledgment that the exalted, glorified Christ is the goal of the liturgical year as well as the final destination of our earthly journey.

At this time of year, as the days grow shorter, the Scripture readings at Mass tend to be about endings. The two endings that we hear most about are the ending of the world itself and the ending of individual life in death. Apart from the street preachers who periodically warn us that the end is near, not many of us give much thought to when the world will end. Most of us don’t see this happening in our own lifetime, despite the superabundance of nuclear power that has the potential to take us there. However, the ending of our own lives in death is another matter.

In the Gospel of two Sundays ago, a group of Jewish people come to Jesus with a question about life after death and the resurrection of the body. It was not a sincere question since they did not believe in life after death nor in the resurrection of the body. They believed, as many do, that once you’re dead, you’re dead. There is nothing beyond death. Absolutely nothing. At death, your body disintegrates and you disappear into nothingness.

In his reply to them, Jesus reminds them that God revealed himself to Moses as “the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” These three giants of Jewish history were long dead. How did they suppose God could be in relationship with people who no longer existed? So, Jesus bluntly tells them: “God is not the God of the dead, but of the living. All are alive in Him.” These are wonderful words from Jesus. The dead are not really dead. They are alive. To borrow from a prayer of the funeral Mass: “Life is changed, not ended.” Life continues, but in a new and totally different way.

Scripture is strangely agnostic about what is waiting for us after death. St. Paul simply says that it is beyond what we can imagine. It is completely hidden from us now in much the way that life outside the womb is hidden from the developing fetus. That fetus is quite comfortable with life in that moment, but its whole world is going to vastly change once it is born. What we do know about the afterlife is that it will involve the body — a resurrected and glorified body after the pattern of Christ’s resurrected body. St. Paul calls this a “spiritualized” body because words failed him. He could invent no other term and no theologian after him has tried. All we can say is that at death we are made again, created again. The whole human person lives on in a new way that defies imagination.

It is thrilling whenever we experience what the poet William Wordsworth called “intimations of immortality.” Not proofs, simply signs and hints. The best sign of immortality is a great and powerful love. If you love someone very much, that person never dies. They live on always, at least in your thoughts and in your heart.

I am reminded of a verse from one of the poems of W.H. Auden: “To love someone is to say you will never die.” This is what Jesus assures Martha at the death of her brother, Lazarus. “If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” This is what Jesus confirms in the Gospel of two Sundays ago when he says that “God is the God of the living, not of the dead.”

The liturgical year is about to end, with the end of the calendar year not far behind. But life goes on. Because once God gives life, life is forever. And endings only seem to be endings.

- Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J.
Associate Pastor
**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

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**Special Collection This Weekend: Campaign for Human Development**

The Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) provides funding for groups that make lasting change and uplift the poor in the United States. In the last five years, over 36% of CCHD’s grants have gone to improving housing in low-income neighborhoods.

Help the CCHD continue to defend human dignity and take poverty off the map.

*Thank you for your generosity.*

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**SVDP Christmas Angel Project continues through Sunday, December 8th.**

Details on page 3.

**SVDP Annual Toy Drive and Advent Food Drive**

* begin this weekend

Details on page 3.

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**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27th**

**Ignatian Young Adults Knitting Group.**

7:30 PM. Conference Room.

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**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28th**

**Thanksgiving Day Mass**

9:30 AM

This will be the only Mass celebrated on Thanksgiving Day.

_The Parish House will be closed._

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**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29th**

One Daily Mass will be celebrated in the Lady Chapel at 8:30 AM._The Parish House will be closed._

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**ATTENTION LECTORS:** Copies of the new Workbook for Lectors, Year A, 2014 (beginning the First Sunday of Advent, December 1st), are available for $10 at the Parish House reception desk.

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**For your convenience...**

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

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**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**


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**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 stignatiusloyola.org

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**November 16, 2013**

**Year of Faith**

**Dear Friends in the Lord,**

Thanksgiving Day. It’s the time of the year when you and I, hopefully, as a nation, a faith community, and individuals take time to express our heartfelt gratitude to the Lord for His many blessings.

At the same time, the Thanksgiving holiday affords us an opportunity to “give a little something back” to our less fortunate brothers and sisters in the Lord. This is why I come to you each year for a special Thanksgiving Day collection that enables the Archdiocese to assist in providing for the pastoral needs of the hungry, homeless, and physically and mentally afflicted in our communities throughout the nation, but especially here in New York.

Your contribution is distributed by Catholic Charities to those who are seeking affordable housing, food pantries, employment, and numerous Catholic Charities programs that make life a little easier for them.

First and foremost, I ask you to keep the less fortunate in your prayers. Let’s never forget them and their daily needs — needs that you and I too often take for granted. I also ask you for your financial support for them. Please be as generous as you can in this special collection so that Catholic Charities might be able to continue and even expand the good work it does for them in the Lord’s name.

A blessed and happy Thanksgiving Day to you and your loved ones.

With prayerful best wishes, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan

Archbishop of New York
SVDP Christmas Angel Project
Continues this week!

It has become a tradition at St. Ignatius for our parishioners to purchase Christmas gifts for parishioners in low-income parishes.

Participants can select up to five Angel cards from one of the tables that will be placed in the Narthex and Wallace Hall. Cards are also available at the Parish House while the supply lasts.

Gifts must be returned to the Parish House no later than Sunday, December 8th.

Thank you for remembering those in need during the holiday season.

ANNUAL TOY DRIVE
SVdP is sponsoring a toy drive to benefit the children of St. Mary of the Assumption Parish on Staten Island.

Please bring new, unwrapped toys or games to the Parish House by Monday, December 16th.

ADVENT FOOD DRIVE
Many New Yorkers depend upon food pantries to ensure that their families will not go hungry.

Throughout the first three weeks of Advent, SVdP will be accepting donations of food for the Community Food Pantry at the Church of St. Gregory the Great.

Donations can be brought to the Narthex on Sundays or to the Parish House during the week.

Week 1
(Dec. 1st – Dec. 7th):
- pasta or tomato sauce

Week 2
(Dec. 8th – 14th):
- tuna fish, canned fruit, or canned soup

Week 3
(Dec. 15th – 21st):
- canned vegetables, cereal, or oatmeal

Thank you for remembering those in need.

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Tuesday, December 24th
Christmas Eve
- 4:00 PM Family Mass I
- 6:00 PM Family Mass II
- 8:00 PM Mass of Christmas
- Midnight Mass

Wednesday, December 25th
Christmas Day
- 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM

If you are available, please email liturgicalministers@stignatiusloyola.org to let us know at which Mass you can assist.

IGNATIAN YOUNG ADULTS
Sunday Socials Fall 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. To receive updates on IYA events and other opportunities, you can follow us on Facebook at “Ignatian Young Adults (NYC).”

IYA Knitting Group
All IYAs are welcome to join us as we craft for charity. If you have questions or would like to be placed on the mailing list, contact Amy at amybalbierz@gmail.com

Wednesdays:
- Nov. 27 and Dec. 11
- 7:00 PM in the Conference Room

IYA Advent Reflection Group
Sundays:
- December 1st, 8th, & 15th
- 6:00 PM in the Parish Lounge

The Ignatian Young Adults (ages 21-39) are sponsoring a sharing group during Advent. We will explore the spirituality of the season using Sacred Space for the Advent and Christmas Season 2013-2014 as a starting point for reflection.

During each meeting, facilitated by a young adult peer leader, we will have an opportunity to reflect more deeply on the daily readings for the season of Advent.

*Registration closes today!*
Email FaithIYA@gmail.com to RSVP.

The book will be available for purchase at the first meeting. It can also be purchased on Amazon.com
Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, November 25th
(34th Monday in Ordinary Time)
Daniel 1:1–6, 8–20 Daniel 3 Luke 21:1–4
8:30 MEM John B., John A., & Elizabeth A. Rooney
12:10 LVG Kathryn V. Thorne
5:30 MEM Frieda Meiert

Tuesday, November 26th
(St. John Berchmans)
8:30 MEM Dr. Emil Wittek
12:10 MEM Jack Romito
5:30 MEM John Figge

Wednesday, November 27th
(34th Wednesday in Ordinary Time)
8:30 MEM Jeffrey Baurer
12:10 MEM Maryanne Liguori
5:30 MEM William Powers

Thursday, November 28th
(34th Thursday in Ordinary Time)
Thanksgiving Day
One Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 AM

Friday, November 29th
(34th Friday in Ordinary Time)
8:30 MEM Charlie Glowacki
One Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 AM

Saturday, November 30th
(St. Andrew)
Romans 10:9–18 Psalm 19 Matthew 4:18–22
8:30 MEM Michael J. DeSola

Sunday, December 1st
(1st Sunday of Advent)
Isaiah 2:1–5 Psalm 122
Romans 13:11–14 Matthew 24:37–44

We pray for the faithful departed
Kitty Dippel
Michael MacLeod
May they rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

MUSIC AT Masses
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1st
First Sunday of Advent
11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS
J.S. Bach Two settings of Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland
Praetorius Missa Brevis: Kyrie
Praetorius Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland
Praetorius Agnus Dei

4:00 PM
Advent Lessons and Carols
No tickets necessary. Free will offering.
Details on page 5.

7:30 PM MASS
J.S. Bach Two settings of Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland
Reuter, arr. O Come, Divine Messiah

GRAND SCHOOL
Saint Ignatius Loyola Grammar School extends a cordial invitation to join us at our
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR
Sunday, December 8th, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
McKinnon Hall
Offered at the Fair are decorations, housewares, greenery, ornaments, religious items, and many other things perfect for gift giving. Also featured will be a Secret Santa Shop for the children and a booth of fun seasonal activities hosted by our Brownie and Girl Scout Troops.

Our annual Brunch with Santa will also take place on December 8th. Attendance is by reservation only. Please call the Grammar School at 212-861-3820, x135 if you are interested in attending.

WALLACE HALL
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
Sunday, December 15th
Immediately following the 11:00 AM Family Mass
We hope that your family will join us in this celebration of our Lord's birth. There is a role for everyone!
To participate, complete the form found on our website, stignatiusloyola.org and return it to the Parish House or email it to Mary Jo Ward at mjward@med.cornell.edu by midnight on Friday, December 6th.

Two rehearsals are required:
Sunday, December 8th & Sunday, December 15th.
We would also be grateful for help from parents in organizing rehearsals, costumes, and props.
Please contact Mary Jo Ward at 917-846-5502 or mjward@med.cornell.edu with any questions or to volunteer.

Annual Turkey Drive
A donation of $30 will help the New York Common Pantry purchase a 12-pound turkey and side dishes for one of the many families in the pantry program. However, a donation of any amount is appreciated!
Please make checks payable to The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, with “Thanksgiving Drive” on the memo line and bring it to the Parish House.
THE CARDINAL’S ANNUAL APPEAL
Dear Parishioners,
I am very pleased to share good news about the 2013 Cardinal's Annual Appeal. Thanks to your generosity not only did we meet our assigned goal of $375,000 – we surpassed it and raised $400,338.26.
Congratulations to the entire parish!
We would never have attained our goal without your generosity, and for that I am deeply grateful. I join Cardinal Dolan in thanking you for your commitment to the local church of New York.
Gratefully yours in Christ,
Rev. George M. Witt, S.J.
Pastor

THANKSGIVING
The Parish House will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 28th and 29th in observance of Thanksgiving.
One Mass will be celebrated on Thanksgiving Day at 9:30 AM. One Daily Mass will be celebrated on Friday at 8:30 AM.

DECEMBER AT SACRED MUSIC IN A SACRED SPACE
Advent Lessons and Carols
Sunday, December 1st at 4:00 PM
Free will offering
This prayer service invites us into the stillness and anticipation of Advent, a foil to the bustling holiday pace throughout the city. The Choir of St. Ignatius Loyola will offer motets centered on the Annunciation.

A Chanticleer Christmas in New York
Sunday, December 8th at 4:00 PM
&
Monday, December 9th at 7:00 PM
Tickets (General): $60 (December 9th only)
A Chanticleer Christmas celebrates the mystery and wonder of Christmas with an elegant blend of traditional carols, medieval and Renaissance sacred works, and new holiday gems.
Called “the world's reigning male chorus” by The New Yorker magazine, Chanticleer is known around the world for its original interpretations of vocal literature.

The Role of John the Baptist as the Forerunner of Jesus & Model for Us Today
presented by
Rev. Leo J. O’Donovan, S.J.
Wednesday, December 4th
7:00 PM in Wallace Hall
The figures of Isaiah the prophet, Mary the Virgin Mother, and John the Baptist loom large in the Advent Liturgy. This slide lecture will meditate on John as a model for Christian discipleship today, emphasizing his recognition of God’s full saving presence in Jesus and also his sense of his own lowliness before it.

Rev. Leo J. O’Donovan, S.J., is President emeritus of Georgetown University and a past president of the Catholic Theological Society of America. He has written art criticism for publications such as America, Commonweal, The Washingtonian, and the National Catholic Reporter.

A Child is Born — Annual Christmas Concerts
Sunday, December 15th at 3:00 PM &
Wednesday, December 18th at 7:00 PM
Choir & Orchestra of St. Ignatius Loyola
Parish Community Choir & Children’s Choirs
K. Scott Warren, Maureen Haley,
Robert Reuter & Michael Sheetz, conductors
Nancianne Parrella, organ
Ann Wazelle, soprano; Kate Maroney, mezzo soprano;
Philip Anderson, tenor
Tickets (December 18th only): $75 preferred, $60 general, $50 reduced
Opening with Ralph Vaughan Williams’ beloved Fantasia on Greensleeves, and culminating with favorites from the Christmas portion of Handel's Messiah, our Christmas concerts will inspire you and your family during the height of New York City’s dazzling holiday season.
Tickets are available online at smssconcerts.org or by calling 212-288-2520 for 24/7 ordering and customer service.
### PARISH STAFF

#### Pastor
Rev. George M. Witt, S.J.

#### Associate Pastors
- Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J.
- Rev. Thomas H. Feely, S.J.
- Rev. Ugo R. Nacciarone, S.J.

#### Pastoral Associates
- Joanne Cunneen
- Kathryn King, F.S.P.

#### Assisting Priests (Sunday)
- Rev. Philip G. Judge, S.J.
- Rev. James Martin, S.J.
- Rev. Anthony P. SooHoo, S.J.

#### Music Ministries
- Scott Warren, Director
- Nancianne Parrella
- Robert Reuter
- Michael Sheetz
- Maureen Haley
- Philip Anderson
- Sara Murphy, Administrator

#### Assistant to the Pastor
Diane M. Boyle

#### Administrative Assistant
Patricia Schneider

#### Director of Facilities
Czeslaw “Chester” Ciupinski

#### Asst. to the Director of Facilities
Caroline Fernandes

#### Treasurer
Fernando Castro

### Advent/Christmas Prayer Booklet

Based on the writings of the late Bishop Kenneth Untener, this booklet offers daily reflections throughout the Advent/Christmas season.

Available at the Parish House while supplies last.

Cost: $1

### Spiritual and Religious: What Can Religious Traditions Learn from Spiritual Seekers?

**Monday, December 2nd, 6:00 PM.** Fordham University, Pope Auditorium, 113 West 60th Street. Organized religion faces a critical challenge: Americans increasingly identify as seekers who are not bound to a single tradition but are open to insights from multiple religious and spiritual sources. What accounts for this surge in spiritual seeking, especially among younger generations? What can traditional religious organizations learn from sustained engagement with spiritual seekers? Speakers: Nancy Tatom Ammerman, Boston University, Peter Phan, Georgetown University, Lauren Winner, Duke Divinity School, and Serene Jones, President, Union Theological Seminary. Free & open to the public. To RSVP, email [CRCevent@fordham.edu](mailto:CRCevent@fordham.edu) or call (212) 636-7347.

**Are you a Catholic physician, health care professional, or medical student?** The Catholic Medical Association (CMA) helps doctors and health care professionals grow in faith and provide excellent health care in accordance with the teachings of the Church. Be part of the New Evangelization and join the CMA to help build a culture of life in health care and to provide a voice for Catholic medical and ethical principles in society. Visit [www.cathmed.org](http://www.cathmed.org) to learn more about the CMA and the benefits of membership.

### Catholic Extension

Catholic Extension is a national fundraising organization committed to building and strengthening Catholic faith communities in the poorest regions of the United States. Visit [catholicextension.org](http://catholicextension.org) to learn more.

### Religious Education for Children

Joanne Cunneen, M.A., M.S. Director
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### St. Ignatius Loyola Grammar School

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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 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.

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

### 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. Martin
- **Sunday:**
  - 8:00 AM Fr. Feely
  - 9:30 AM Fr. Feely
- **Wallace Hall**
  - 11:00 AM Fr. Bergen
- **Solemn**
  - 11:00 AM Fr. Ugo
  - 7:30 PM Fr. Ugo