What Sweeter Music

What sweeter music can we bring than a carol,
For to sing the birth of this our heavenly King?
Awake the voice! Awake the string!

– Robert Herrick
(1591-1674)

Just as a choir spends hours rehearsing or an orchestra tunes before a concert, so do we prepare ourselves year after year for the coming of Emmanuel, God with Us.

Two years ago, our time of preparation focused on the new Roman missal. We listened to lectures, read Bulletin essays, and practiced the old familiar music that would soon serve as a vehicle for new words. The First Sunday of Advent 2011 marked the beginning of a new liturgical journey for us all. As we took those first steps as a community, we made appropriate adjustments with our worship materials — notably, the use of additional Order of Mass supplements. This was meant as a temporary measure while the parish took time to become familiar with the new missal. It was clear that we would eventually purchase new hymnals, which would include the revised and newly composed settings of the Mass.

This Sunday we take the next step on that journey as we welcome two new hymnals into our community: in the church, the 4th Edition of Worship, and in Wallace Hall, the 3rd Edition of Gather.

Why two hymnals? I count it a supreme blessing that the musical umbrella at St. Ignatius Loyola is so large. As a parish that is over 4000 families strong, we embrace Gregorian Chant, Catholic and Protestant hymnody of the 16th through 21st centuries, Catholic popular and “crossover” hymns composed since Vatican II, and hymnody of various ethnicities and cultures the world over. When Fr. Witt asked me for hymnal recommendations, I was of two minds: I liked the idea of having one hymnal to serve the entire community because it sends the message that we are one body, undivided. On the other hand, I was drawn to the manifold opportunities to shape our experiences according to the dominant musical language and style of each Mass. In other words, a hymnal with more pop and folk hymns (Gather) offered more flexibility to the Wallace Hall Mass, while a more traditional hymnal (Worship) did the same for Solemn Mass and the other weekend Masses. After much analysis and discernment, it became clear that our embrace of multiple styles would be best served by the use of two hymnals.

It is important to note that as we go forward, you will find that Gather is not exclusively pop/folk, just as Worship is not exclusively traditional. This was a very important issue in the decision-making process for several reasons. First, traditional hymns are sung regularly during the Wallace Hall Mass and will continue. Also, the character of the 7:30 PM Mass has long demanded that we maintain a blended style. We do a traditional hymn one moment and a folk hymn the next. This, too, will remain the case.

What can you expect? Our philosophy as a music staff is that, at all Masses, music communicates the warm embrace of God’s love, permeating the entire community. We feel that sudden changes in worship patterns that would catch the congregation off guard are not conducive to this aim. Our repertoire of hymns and service music will exhibit continued stability, with carefully chosen new music periodically introduced, just as now.

Most importantly, in the case of both hymnals, you will notice an even greater correlation between our hymns and the scripture lessons of the day, most notably the Gospel.

As a matter of hospitality and user-friendliness, parishioners will no longer have to negotiate the hymnal, the insert with the new prayers glued into the back, the supplemental booklet with the sung Mass parts, and the weekly worship aid, as has been the case for two full years. This should provide a much more streamlined worship experience for the entire community.

What can the congregation do to help? Be patient as we make this change. Let the music staff know how you feel — what you like and what you don’t particularly care for. We won’t promise that we can honor all requests, but your feedback offers a chance for dialogue that makes us stronger as a community.

And as the new year unfolds and we look forward to the coming of our Savior, may our music be sweet, and may your Advent season abound with God’s rich blessings.

- K. Scott Warren
Director of Music Ministries
SVDP Christmas Angel Project continues through Sunday, December 8th. Details on page 3.

SVDP Annual Toy Drive and Advent Food Drive continue. Details on page 3.

Sacred Music in a Sacred Space Presents Advent Lessons and Carols. 4:00 PM. Church. Details on page 5.

Ignatian Young Adults Advent Reflection Group. 6:00 PM. Parish Lounge.

Sunday Social. 8:30 PM. Wallace Hall. Hosted by the Ignatian Young Adults. Follows the 7:30 PM Mass. Details on page 3.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2nd
Ranger Rosary Ministry. 7:00 PM. Meeting Room. Join us in making rosaries to send to our military. New members are welcome!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4th
Daily Masses at 8:30 AM, 12:10 PM, and 5:30 PM: Time for Reflection. The Daily Mass on the Wednesdays of Advent will offer a few moments to reflect quietly upon the readings of the day (in lieu of a homily). Enjoy a few moments of quiet time during the busy Advent season.

The Role of John the Baptist as the Forerunner of Jesus & Model for Us Today. An art-slide lecture presented by Rev. Leo J. O’Donovan, S.J. 7:00 PM. Wallace Hall. Details on page 5.

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

FRIDAY – SUNDAY
DECEMBER 6th – DECEMBER 8th
Shelter Weekend. Wallace Hall. For information on volunteering in the Shelter, see page 4.

Office of the Cardinal
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November 13, 2013
Year of Faith

Dear Friends in the Lord,

This past August, I had the joy and privilege of traveling to Drogheda (Ireland) with the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal of our Archdiocese to re-open a convent staffed by a community of women religious who taught me in elementary school in Ballwin, Missouri. They will continue the exemplary work of caring for the elderly and poor of that region since the sisters who taught me are no longer able to do so inasmuch as most of them are now retired — well, from their active apostolates, not from their love of and commitment to the Lord and His Church.

The same is true here in New York. All of us are able to recall and give thanks to the Lord for the thousands of retired Catholic sisters and brothers whose hard work, prayer, and personal sacrifices helped build and sustain our schools, hospitals, and charitable agencies. I shudder to think where we would have been and where we would be without these dedicated women and men who gave and give tirelessly of their lives in extraordinary service to our Archdiocese.

On December 7 and 8, our parishes will take up the annual Archdiocesan collection for these sisters and brothers who are now in their senior years. This special collection affords us an opportunity to offer them, in return for all they have done for us, our love and support by helping to provide for their needs.

When Sister Bosco, who taught me in the third grade and is now retired, beamed as we re-opened her convent, I could not have been happier. Please help us in helping our retired sisters and brothers here in the Archdiocese by making as generous a contribution to their collection as you can.

With prayerful best wishes for a blessed Advent, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,
Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York

The annual collection for the retired women and men religious of the New York Archdiocese will be taken next weekend.

Proceeds will help to defray the cost of providing care for those who have given their lives in the service of the Church, administering and staffing Archdiocesan schools and hospitals.

Read a letter below from Cardinal Dolan regarding this special collection.
SVDP Christmas Angel Project
Only a few cards left!

Participants can select up to five Angel cards, which are 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.

ATTENTION LECTORS: Copies of the new Workbook for Lectors, Year A, 2014, are available for $10 at the Parish House reception desk.

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).”

Sunday Social Dates:
Dec. 1 and Dec. 15

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

Wednesday, December 11th
7:00 PM in the Conference Room

IYA Women of Faith
What role does faith play in your life?

The IYA Faith & Spirituality committee is looking for women in their 20’s & 30’s to participate in a women’s fellowship group that would meet once a month.

This group will focus on finding the balance between work and faith and how to center yourself by using Ignatian spiritual exercises.

If interested, please send an email by December 29th to FaithIYA@gmail.com

BOOMERS & BEYOND IGNATIAN 40s

Double the voices, double the fun!

Calling all Boomers & Beyonders and Ignatian 40s for our annual Christmas Caroling event at the Lott Assisted Living Residence.

You don’t have to be a super soprano or terrific tenor, just someone who wants to join with us in sharing some Christmas joy through song and perhaps stop at a local spot for a snack and drink afterwards.

Date: Sunday, December 15th
Time: 1:30 PM
Place: Lott Assisted Living Residence — 5th Avenue (between 107th and 108th Streets)
Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

**Monday, December 2nd**  
(1st Monday of Advent)  
Isaiah 4:2–6  Psalm 122  Matthew 8:5–11  
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12:10 MEM  Margaret Gallacher  
5:30 MEM  Gregorio Dizon

**Tuesday, December 3rd**  
(St. Francis Xavier)  
8:30 MEM  Barbara Charlton  
12:10 MEM  Andrew Embiricos  
5:30 MEM  Lena Franzetti

**Wednesday, December 4th**  
(1st Wednesday of Advent)  
8:30 MEM  The Choix and Gordon Families  
12:10 MEM  Paul J. Madden  
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**Thursday, December 5th**  
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Isaiah 26:1–6  Psalm 118  Matthew 7:21, 24–27  
8:30 MEM  Caroline Choix  
12:10 MEM  Winifred & Pasquale DiSalvio  
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**Friday, December 6th**  
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8:30 MEM  Jack Rogers  
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5:30 MEM  Deceased Members of the Scanlon & McLoughlin Families

**Saturday, December 7th**  
(St. Ambrose)  
Isaiah 30:19–21, 23–26  Psalm 147  Matthew 9:35 – 10:1, 5a, 6–8  
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**Sunday, December 8th**  
(2nd Sunday of Advent)  
Isaiah 11:1–10  Psalm 72  Romans 15:4–9  Matthew 3:1–12

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**HOSPITALITY MINISTRY**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Tuesday, December 24th**  
*Christmas Eve*  
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**Wednesday, December 25th**  
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If you are available, please email liturgicalministers@stignatiusloyola.org to let us know at which Mass you can assist.

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**GRAMMAR 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.  
*Reservations for the 1:00 PM seating are still available.*  
Please call the Grammar School at 212-861-3820, x135 if you are interested in attending.

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**IGNATIAN SOLIDARITY NETWORK**

Ignatian Solidarity Network invites you to join members of the Ignatian network for an 8-day journey to El Salvador from July 24–August 1, 2014 to commemorate the lives of the Jesuit martyrs.

The program will provide participants with a framework for exploring the historical elements of the martyrs’ lives while engaging very personally in the modern issues of social justice that our brother and sisters face in El Salvador.

Learn more about this exciting opportunity online at [http://bit.ly/13w9bpT](http://bit.ly/13w9bpT) or email Chris Kerr at ckerr@ignatiansolidarity.net

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**New Parishioners**

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**Interested in becoming Catholic?**  
Call 212-288-3588 or email church@stignatiusloyola.org
The Role of John the Baptist as the Forerunner of Jesus & Model for Us Today

An art-slide lecture 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 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.

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.

ADVENT 2013

Copies of our Advent Brochure are available in the Narthex, at the Parish House, and online at stignatiusloyola.org
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. Regardless, spiritual seekers are taking a lead in shaping the future of faith. 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 or call (212) 636-7347.

Fundraiser for the Home-Based Care Project at Good Shepherd Mission Hospital, Swaziland, Africa. Friday, December 6th, 7:00 PM. Blondie’s Sports Bar, 212 West 79th Street. The goal of Home-Based Care is to bring compassionate care to the sick in their homes. Past contributions have made it possible to build and repair huts and houses, provide food for the hungry, purchase medicine, and care for orphans. Donation: $40, which includes half-price drinks and a complimentary buffet.