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“ Building a Community of Disciples ”

December 29th, 2013

Feast of the Holy Family

He Dwells Among Us

St. Ignatius Loyola's classic text, *The Spiritual Exercises*, leads a person by a series of imaginative meditations through the life of Christ. And Ignatius asks the retreatant to begin before the earthly life of Jesus even began.

In one of the loveliest of his meditations, St. Ignatius asks us to imagine the Holy Trinity in heaven. Looking down, they gaze upon all of humanity and see men and women greatly diverse in dress and behavior: “some white and others black, some at peace and others at war, some weeping and others laughing, some healthy and others sick, some being born and others dying...”

In their compassion, they decide that the second person of the Trinity should become human. “And thus when the fullness of time had come, they send the Angel Gabriel to Our Lady,” writes Ignatius. Christmas marks the time when God, out of compassion, became human, or, as the *Gospel of John* has it, “pitched his tent among us.”

Today the Holy Trinity watches over a world that would be virtually unrecognizable to the men and women in first-century Palestine. Just in the past decade, technological advances have enabled millions, at least in the West, to enjoy better health, increased educational opportunities and other unforeseen advantages. The place of women and minorities continues to improve in our country.

But the Holy Trinity also sees a world surprisingly similar to that of first-century Palestine, a world with “some weeping.” Jesus was born into a violent time. Today terrorism, its complex roots maddeningly confusing, frightens millions. Likewise, the poor in Jesus' day were, as today, powerless, marginalized and disenfranchised. Even St. Joseph was not exempt from financial woes. Like Palestinian peasant farmers, as the Rev. John Meier, a noted Scripture scholar, points out, he led a “precarious existence, sometimes at subsistence level.” How similar this is to our world this Christmas, when the poor are still marginalized and millions of middle-class Americans fear for their future in the wake of the frightening collapse of the financial markets.

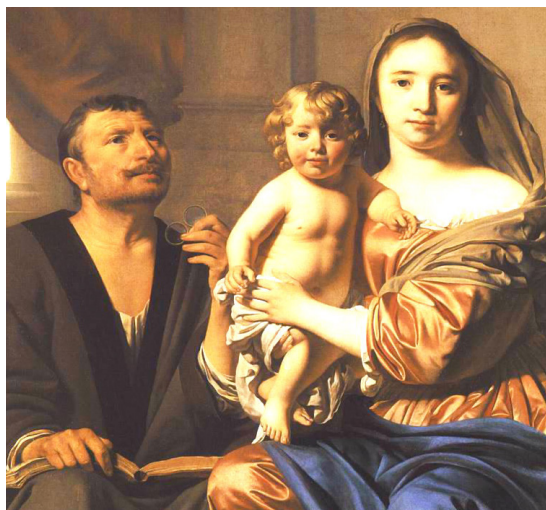
Into such a place came Jesus: a world riven with differences between rich and poor, facing the threat of violence and, like that world, hoping for salvation. To enter this world, Jesus was born into the Holy Family, each of whose members

offers a distinctive lesson for believers during Christmas — especially for those facing hard times, financial or otherwise.

Again we turn to Joseph, who is often relegated to second-class status in the Nativity scenes. A “righteous” man, as the *Gospel of Matthew* has it, Joseph shoulders the confusing task God has given him. Not only is he asked to accept the strange message from an angel about the miraculous circumstances of his wife's pregnancy; he is also charged, later, to guard his family in their perilous trip to Egypt. This would have been a particularly hard road for a Jewish family — Egypt lies in the wrong direction. Joseph trustingly accepts God's upending of his expectations.

Mary's great yes to God offers not only a model for women, but for any disciple. Indeed, Mary's encounter with the angel Gabriel

offers a model of discipleship for those under duress. When God invites Mary to accept a strange future, she initially hesitates and, like any believer, voices her honest emotions. “How can this be?” she asks in the *Gospel of Luke*. In reply, the angel points to the example of her cousin, Elizabeth, in essence saying, “Look what God has already done.” How often this happens in our own lives. When doubtful, we are invited to look backward, to see God's hand more clearly and magnify our trust. But even after Mary's Fiat, her story provides a lesson. “Then the angel left her.” Then comes the part that we know well: faith.



Holy Family, c. 1660, Caesar van Everdingen

Mary's son came, as one hymn has it, “not as a monarch, but a child.” The Word of God chose to dwell among us in that most fragile of human states — as a newborn. When the Magi arrived, they may have wondered, “This little child is the king?” Entering into perilous situations and accepting the need to be protected, to be cared for and to be nurtured by others is another lesson that God offers us at Christmas. “The secret of life,” said Blessed John XXIII, “is to let oneself be carried to God.”

The Holy Trinity chose “in the fullness of time” to enter into the complicated world of first-century Palestine. Christ, in his Spirit and in the church, continues to dwell in our lives. Christians are also called to insert themselves into what is becoming a more complicated world. For ways to do this, we need look no farther than the crèche, to the example of the Holy Family.

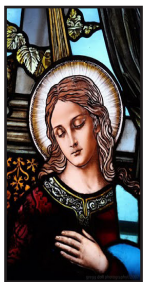
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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29th

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

Details on page 3.



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31st

Daily Masses at 8:30 AM and 12:10 PM
5:30 PM Vigil Mass in the Church

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1st

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
One Mass will be celebrated
at 10:30 AM in the Church.
(The Parish House will be closed.)

FRIDAY – SUNDAY

JANUARY 3rd – JANUARY 5th

Shelter Weekend. Wallace Hall.
For information on volunteering
in the Shelter, see details at right.



NEXT WEEKEND: SPECIAL COLLECTION



Next weekend, January 4th & 5th,
our Parish will take up a special
collection at all Masses for the

Catholic Communication Campaign
and
The Catholic University of America.



*Visit our website to read a message
from Cardinal Dolan about this upcoming collection.*

BLOOD DRIVE

Sponsored by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Sunday, January 12th

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

McKinnon Hall

The New York Blood Center requires 2,000 donations
daily to meet the transfusion needs of our community.

To register:

Online – [https://drm.nybloodcenter.org/](https://drm.nybloodcenter.org/PublicScheduler/GroupLanding.aspx?s=06239)

[PublicScheduler/GroupLanding.aspx?s=06239](https://drm.nybloodcenter.org/PublicScheduler/GroupLanding.aspx?s=06239)

Telephone – (800) 933-2566 (Group Code 06239)

Walk-ins are also welcome.

*Scan the QR code at right from your smartphone
to be directed to the registration page.*



For your convenience...

To reach the **Giving** page on the parish website,
scan the **QR Code** at left from your smartphone.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12TH



We look forward to welcoming
Cardinal Dolan to the Church of St.
Ignatius Loyola. The Cardinal will
be celebrating the 7:30 PM Mass
and attending the Ignatian Young Adults Social.

All are welcome!

Pope Francis Canonizes Blessed Peter Faber



More than 140 years after being named *Blessed*,
Jesuit Father Peter Faber was canonized by
Pope Francis on December 17th, the pope's
77th birthday, in a decree of "equivalent
canonization." Pope Francis has long admired
Faber, one of the first Jesuits and a close
companion of St. Ignatius Loyola.

For Faber's equivalent canonization, the pope adds the name
of the new saint to the universal calendar of saints, without
verifying that a miracle was performed through his intercession
and without holding a formal canonization ceremony.

Source:

<http://www.jesuit.org/news-detail?TN=NEWS-20131217083326>



Shelter Volunteers Needed

Friday, January 3rd to Sunday, January 5th
Wallace Hall

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Women's Shelter needs
set-up and stay-over volunteers every other weekend
through April.

There is a particular need for stay-over volunteers, especially on
Sunday nights. Both men and women are invited to volunteer.

*To volunteer, please leave a message for Teresa Abruzzo
at the Parish House or e-mail svdp.shelter980@gmail.com*

MUSIC



SUNDAY, JANUARY 5th

The Epiphany of the Lord

11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS

Langlais *La Nativité: La Crèche, Les Anges,
Les Bergers, La Sainte Famille**

Durufle *Prelude sur l'introit de l'Epiphanie*

Lassus *Videntes stellam*

Byrd *Surge illuminare*

Pachelbel *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern**

** Also played at 7:30 PM Mass*

11:00 AM FAMILY MASS

Larson, arr. *Jesus What a Wonderful Child*



Praying with Yoga

with Jesuit Scholastic Bobby Karle, S.J.

For Young Adults in Their 20s and 30s

Learn how the practice of yoga can deepen your spiritual life and relationship with God, and enrich your Christian faith.

Participants should wear comfortable clothing appropriate for yoga. If you have a yoga mat, bring it to the sessions.

Sundays

January 12th February 9th
March 9th April 13th May 11th
6:00 PM-7:15 PM in the Parish Lounge

\$10 donation requested.
All proceeds will benefit a charitable cause.

For information and registration,
email bobbykarle@gmail.com

IGNATIAN YOUNG ADULTS

Sunday Socials Winter 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.

Sunday Social Dates:

Dec. 29 Jan. 12* & 26

To receive updates on IYA events and other opportunities, you can follow us on Facebook at "Ignatian Young Adults (NYC)."

* Special Social to be attended by Cardinal Dolan.

IYA Women of Faith

What role does faith play in your life?



The IYA Faith & Spirituality committee is looking for women in their 20s & 30s 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 end of today to FaithIYA@gmail.com



IGNATIAN 40s

We are the St. Ignatius Loyola ministry for parishioners in their 40s (those in their late 30s and early 50s are also welcome). We organize spiritual, service and social activities, and events that support a deeper understanding of our faith as well as building community and a deeper connection with one another.

Please join us for our upcoming events:

- Friday, Jan. 10th – Potluck Wine, Cheese & '80s Music Social
- Friday, Jan. 24th to Sunday, Jan. 26th – Retreat at Jogues Retreat House, Cornwall, NY

To join our mailing list and learn more about our upcoming events, please email Ignatian40s@gmail.com

LAY MINISTERS' ENRICHMENT



Sunday, January 26th, Wallace Hall

Presented by Rev. Gregory C. Chisholm, S.J.
Pastor, St. Charles Borromeo Church

All Lay Ministers at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola are invited to attend.

Registration details to follow in an upcoming Bulletin.

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week



Monday, December 30th (Sixth Day in the Christmas Octave)

1 John 2:12-17 Psalm 96 Luke 2:36-40
8:30 MEM Margaret Sullivan
12:10 MEM Elizabeth Sciotto
5:30 MEM William Powers

Tuesday, December 31st (Seventh Day in the Christmas Octave)

1 John 2:18-21 Psalm 96 John 1:1-18
8:30 MEM Mercy Abello
12:10 MEM Giuseppina Arlistico

Wednesday, January 1st (Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord & Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)

Numbers 6:22-27 Psalm 67 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21

Thursday, January 2nd (St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen)

1 John 2:22-28 Psalm 98 John 1:19-28
8:30 MEM Joseph Theodore Yuska
12:10 MEM Paul Wier
5:30 MEM Sose & Mark Prekelezaj

Friday, January 3rd (The Most Holy Name of Jesus)

Sirach 51:8-12 Psalm 8 Philippians 2:1-11 Luke 2:21-24
8:30 MEM Juergen Heise
12:10 MEM Kevin Lawler
5:30 MEM Dolorita Wallace

Saturday, January 4th (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton)

1 John 3:7-10 Psalm 98 John 1:35-42
8:30 MEM Patrick Murphy

Sunday, January 5th (The Epiphany of the Lord)

Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12



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New York Encounter: The Time of the Person. The Origins of a People. Friday, January 17th – Sunday, January 19th, 2014. Manhattan Center, 311 West 34th Street at 8th Avenue. A three-day cultural festival that will explore the intersection of faith and the public sphere of life through presentations, artistic performances, conferences, and exhibits. All events are open to the public, most events are free. For more information, visit newyorkencounter.org or call (646) 571-2341.

Men's Weekend Retreat, Thursday, January 23rd – Sunday, January 26th, 2014. Loyola House of Retreats, Morristown, NJ. Directed by Fr. Thomas R. Marciniak, S.J., Fordham University. The retreat will begin Thursday night following 7:00 PM dinner. Cost: \$400 free will offering. To RSVP, call 973-539-0740 and reference the group name "St. Ignatius New York – Men's." For additional information, contact Peter Riordan at 212-877-5134 or visit loyola.org

Gregorian University for a Day. Saturday, February 1st, 2014. Fordham University, Lincoln Center. Now you can get a feel of what happens in our classrooms in Rome right here in Manhattan. Instructors: Rev. George Coyne, S.J., Le Moyne College; Rev. Norman Tanner, S.J., Gregorian University; Dr. Pauline A. Viviano, Loyola University of Chicago; Professor Donna Orsuto, Gregorian University. Suggested donation: \$200/person, \$300/couple. Reservations are limited. For more information or to register for the Gregorian University for a Day, visit the-gregorian.com

Pilgrimage to Rome with the Archdiocese of New York for the Canonization of Blessed John Paul II and Blessed John XXIII. Thursday, April 24th – Thursday, May 1st, 2014. Includes a special Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Basilica of St. Paul-Outside-the-Walls. Six-night package prices start at \$4,245 per person, sharing a twin room. Deadline is February 15th, 2014. For additional details and rate information, visit petersway.com

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 to learn more.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor

Rev. George M. Witt, S.J.

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Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J.

Rev. Thomas H. Feely, S.J.

Rev. Ugo R. Nacciarone, S.J.

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Joanne Cunneen

Kathryn King, F.S.P.

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Rev. James Martin, S.J.

Rev. Anthony P. SooHoo, S.J.

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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. Bergen

Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Witt

9:30 AM Fr. Judge

Wallace Hall 11:00 AM Fr. Ugo

Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Bergen

7:30 PM Fr. Bergen

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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