A Church Without Frontiers, Mother to All

If they traveled today, the wise men would pass through what we know as Iraq and Syria. An overland passage through these countries would not be easy. As they went, the wise men would find the roads clogged with migrants and refugees. They would encounter large numbers of people of various ethnicities and religions fleeing the devastation that is created when advocates of violence and destruction make use of fear and mistrust between religious communities and ethnic groups to achieve their ends.

This contemporary reality stands in stark contrast to the message of the feast we celebrate today. The Epiphany has always been celebrated as a feast of inclusivity. It reminds us that the offer of salvation Christ has come to bring is not limited to a few. The angelic light shone as brightly for the Gentile wise men and led them as surely to the Christ child as it did for the Hebrew shepherds. As Paul writes, “The nations are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.”

Perhaps the stark contrast between the universality of the message of the Epiphany and the discord-ridden reality of the contemporary Near East inspired Pope Francis’ choice of a theme for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees to be celebrated later this month. What follows is taken from Pope Francis’ message to the Church on his chosen theme: a Church without frontiers, mother to all.

“The Church opens her arms to all people, without distinction or limits, in order to proclaim that ‘God is love.’ From the beginning, the Church has been a mother with a heart open to the whole world, and has been without borders. This mission has continued for two thousand years.

“The Church without frontiers, mother to all, spreads throughout the world a culture of solidarity, in which no one is seen as useless, out of place or disposable. When living out this motherhood effectively, the Christian community nourishes, guides and indicates the way, accompanying all with patience and drawing close to them through prayer and works of mercy.

“Today this takes on particular significance. In fact, in an age of such vast movements of migration, large numbers of people are leaving their homelands, with a suitcase full of fears and desires, to undertake a hopeful and dangerous trip in search of more human living conditions. Often, however, such migration gives rise to suspicion and hostility, even in ecclesial communities, prior to any knowledge of the migrants’ lives or their stories of persecution and destitution. In such cases, suspicion and prejudice conflict with the biblical commandment of welcoming with respect and solidarity the stranger in need.

“We sense in our conscience the call to touch human misery, and to put into practice the commandment of love that Jesus left us when he identified himself with the stranger, with the one who suffers, with the innocent victims of violence and exploitation. Because of the weakness of our nature, however, we are tempted to be that kind of Christian who keeps the Lord’s wounds at arm’s length.

“The courage born of faith, hope and love enables us to reduce the distances that separate us from human misery. Jesus Christ is always waiting to be recognized in migrants and refugees, in displaced persons and in exiles, and through them he calls us to share our resources and occasionally to give up something of our acquired riches. Pope Paul VI spoke of this when he wrote that ‘the more fortunate should renounce some of their rights so as to place their goods more generously at the service of others’.

“The multicultural character of society today encourages the Church to make new commitments of solidarity, communion and evangelization. Migration movements, in fact, call us to deepen and strengthen the values needed to guarantee peaceful coexistence between persons and cultures. Achieving mere tolerance that respects diversity and ways of sharing between different backgrounds and cultures is not sufficient. This is precisely where the Church contributes to overcoming frontiers and encourages the moving away from attitudes of defensiveness and fear, indifference and marginalization towards attitudes based on a culture of encounter, the only culture capable of building a better, more just and fraternal world.”

— Rev. Thomas H. Feely, S.J.
Associate Pastor
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

THIS WEEKEND: SPECIAL COLLECTION
Catholic Communication Campaign
CUA
The Catholic University of America.
Thank you in advance for your generosity.

MONDAY, JANUARY 5th
Ranger Rosary Ministry. 7:00 PM.
Meeting Room. Join us in making rosaries to send to our military.
New members are welcome!

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7th
Job Transition Support Group
10:00 AM in the Parish Lounge
Bringing together a group of experienced professionals looking to secure employment, we hope to help one another in the job search process.
Please bring your resume.
For more information, contact John Holewa at jfholewa@gmail.com or Christian Nolan at ctnolan59@gmail.com

LAY MINISTERS’ ENRICHMENT
Saturday, January 31st
Wallace Hall
Presenter:  K. Scott Warren
Director of Music Ministries
Lay Ministers at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola are invited to attend.
Registration details to follow in an upcoming Bulletin.

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 www.stignatiusloyola.org
Registration is our only means of certifying membership in the Parish.

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

Have you made your donation to the Annual Appeal?
Thank you to those who have already responded to the Annual Appeal, which is now underway.

In order to fund the current level of service and programming, we rely heavily on this annual collection.

If you have not yet made a donation, you can do so by visiting the Annual Appeal page on the St. Ignatius website by scanning the QR code at left.
To electronically access the Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2014 and a letter from Father Witt about the Annual Appeal, visit our website at www.saintignatiusloyola.org
Copies are also available at the Parish House.
Thank you for your continued generosity!

MUSIC

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11TH
Baptism of the Lord
11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS
J.S. Bach  Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam, BWV 684
Palestrina  Sicut cervus
Palestrina  Alma redemptoris Mater
Scheidt  Wir glauben all an einen Gott

7:30 PM MASS
Spiritual  Lord, I want to be Christian in my heart

CARITAS CONCERT
Sara Murphy & Michael Sheetz
Thursday, February 12th at 6:30 PM
Wallace Hall
Caritas Concerts have the appeal of the less formal 19th-century salon concerts. The evenings begin and end with light refreshments and a chance to mingle with the performers, and intimate seating places the audience in close proximity to the music.
This concert will present an evening of song, featuring Mahler’s Rückert Lieder as well as works by Brahms, Elgar, and Lili Boulanger.
All proceeds benefit charities that address social justice concerns.

Tickets: $50
Call 212-288-2520 for 24/7 ticket ordering.
Tickets can also be purchased at www.smssconcerts.org
**Feeding Our Neighbors:**
Archdiocesan-Wide Food Campaign

The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola will be participating in the food drive scheduled from Sunday, January 25th through Sunday, February 1st.

Donations will go to the Community Pantry at the Church of St. Gregory the Great on West 90th Street. Please bring non-perishable foods to the Parish House.

Every item counts!

*Thank you for your generosity.*

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**Announced Masses and Readings for the Week**

**Monday, January 5th**

(St. John Neumann)

1 John 3:22–4:6  Psalm 2  Matthew 4:12–17, 23–25

8:30 MEM Robert J. Coleman
12:10 MEM Ann M. Spadafora
5:30 MEM Marie A. Sweeney & Morris N. Sweeney

**Tuesday, January 6th**

(Wednesday after Epiphany)

1 John 4:7–10  Psalm 72  Mark 6:34–44

8:30 MEM Martin J. O’Brien
12:10 MEM Agostino Farro
5:30 MEM Dolores O’Neill Ventura

**Wednesday, January 7th**

(Thursday after Epiphany)

1 John 4:11–18  Psalm 72  Mark 6:45–52

8:30 MEM Caroline Choix
12:10 MEM Patricia Hammond
5:30 MEM Deceased Members of the Scanlon & McLoughlin Families

**Thursday, January 8th**

(Thursday after Epiphany)


8:30 MEM The Choix & Gordon Families
12:10 MEM Eric Laschinger
5:30 MEM Daniel F. Kelly

**Friday, January 9th**

(Friday after Epiphany)

1 John 5:5–13  Psalm 147  Luke 5:12–16

8:30 MEM Giro & Elina Zullo
12:10 MEM Valentino Mazzia
5:30 ANN Dr. Stratford Wallace

**Saturday, January 10th**

(Saturday after Epiphany)

1 John 5:14–21  Psalm 149  John 3:22–30

8:30 MEM Louise Hughes

**Sunday, January 11th**

(Baptism of the Lord)

Isaiah 55:1–11  Isaiah 12
1 John 5:1–9  Mark 1:7–11

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**IGNATIAN YOUNG ADULTS**

Sunday Socials Fall/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.

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 IYAknitting@gmail.com

**Sunday Social Dates:**

Jan. 11  Feb. 8  March 8

**Monday, January 12th**

7:00 PM in the Conference Room

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**SEEKERS’ RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS**

January 30th – February 1st

Friday Evening – Sunday Afternoon

Mariandale Retreat Center, Ossining, NY

For young adults in their 20s and 30s

Join other young adults as they learn how their Catholic faith impacts their lives through Ignatian spirituality. Take time to reflect on your journey and God’s hopes and dreams for you.

Cost: $250/person; financial assistance available.

Registration ends Thursday, January 15th.

For more information, visit charis.nyc, email CharisRetreatNYC@gmail.com, or call 347-619-2692.
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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. Hilbert
Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Judge
9:30 AM Fr. Feely
Wallace Hall 11:00 AM Fr. Bergen
Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Witt
7:30 PM Fr. Witt

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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:
4:30 PM Saturday or by appointment.
Communal Penance Services are celebrated during Advent and Lent.

Baptisms: Please call Joanne Cunneen at the Parish House (212-288-3588 x632) 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 (212-288-3588 x632) 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