When you stand praying, forgive whoever has done you wrong so that your Father in heaven may forgive your transgressions. — Mark 11:25

A priest friend recently told me about a funeral at which he presided. It was for the widowed mother of eight adult children. Two of the children would not come to the funeral if one of their siblings was present. The unhappy outcome was that their mother was buried without the three of them. Their bitterness had eaten so deeply into their freedom and peace that they could not forgive, or even momentarily suspend their animosity.

It distresses me mightily to encounter situations like this. I’m especially disturbed when it is Christian families that are so deeply divided. From the time most of us learned as small children to pray the Lord’s Prayer, the “Our Father,” the role of forgiveness in Christian living has been seen as one of the non-negotiables of our faith.

That being said, I think there is a lot of misunderstanding among Christians about what it means to forgive another. Forgiveness does not mean that I must pretend that nothing painful has happened. It doesn’t mean dismissing hurt or disregarding feelings. People do very hurtful things to one another and it is quite appropriate to feel offended. There is such a thing as righteous anger. At times, Jesus himself displayed anger when it was called for.

Christian forgiveness means at least two things: First, it means deliberately deciding to forego hatred and any desire to take revenge. Secondly, it means wanting the offender to come to realize the wrong done and take responsibility for it. Christian forgiveness intends the healing and transformation of the offending party so that the hurtful behavior will not simply go on repeating itself.

It is not easy to extend forgiveness. And it is not something that happens quickly. Forgiveness is a process that begins with the desire to forgive. Sometimes this is forgotten in Christian preaching and counseling. Sometimes forgiveness is presented as the first step in the process rather than the last! And that is most unfortunate. Unless it is a question of a slight offense, quick forgiveness is cheap forgiveness and unworthy of the harm done. Nor will any rush to forgive benefit the offender. That said, longstanding enmities must not be allowed to continue. Someone has to take the high moral ground. In his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus uses a very strong image to press this point. “If you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering.” (Matthew 5:23)

We need a lot of help for this. And what we cannot do ourselves, God can do for us. I am reminded of the advice given by one of our Jesuit saints, Alphonsus Rodriguez of Majorca, about four hundred years ago: “I place my bitterness between God and myself until God changes it into sweetness.”

Harboring anger and being unwilling to forgive is like carrying around a very heavy weight that can eventually destroy me. If I am angry, I cannot think right, talk right, eat right, or sleep right. To be free and to be myself again, I have to make the conscious decision to forgive. Then I can expect that the burden will be lifted and a great peace will come over me. The poison will begin to drain out of my system. And I will learn the truth of the saying that “the holiest of all the spots on earth is where an ancient hatred has become a present love.”

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

SVdP Thanksgiving Food Drive continues through tomorrow,
Monday, November 17th.
Details on page 5.

SVdP Christmas Angel Project begins this weekend, continues through Sunday, December 7th.
Details on page 5.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 15th & NOVEMBER 16th
Details at right.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17th
Prayer for Life on Death Row: A Cities for Life Memorial Prayer Service. Sponsored by Ignatian Social Justice, in conjunction with the Community of Sant’Egidio. 7:00 PM. Church.
Details at right.

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19th
Job Transition Support Group. 10:00 AM. Parish Lounge.
Details on page 3.

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

FRIDAY – SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 21st – NOVEMBER 23rd
SVdP Women’s Shelter Wallace Hall
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Women’s Shelter begins Friday, November 21st through Sunday, November 23rd. The Shelter season runs through April, and both men and women are invited to volunteer to set up and stay over. To inquire about volunteering, please email svdp.shelter980@gmail.com

Welcome, Pennsylvania Girlchoir!
This morning we welcome 25 singers from the Pennsylvania Girlchoir. The girls range in age from 10 through 15 and have been looking forward to their first NY appearance. All are invited to remain after the Solemn Mass for a mini-concert, which will include our own St. Ignatius Children’s Choir.

November is Jesuit Vocation Month
Please join us in praying for vocations to the Society of Jesus.
For more information, visit www.jesuit.org

Special Collection Next Weekend: Campaign for Human Development
The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is working to fight poverty at its core by funding community-led organizations that help people help themselves. Your support will help change communities for the better.
Thank you for your generosity in next weekend’s CCHD Collection.

IGNATIAN SOCIAL JUSTICE

HandCrafting Justice Fair Trade Handcraft Sale After all Masses (except the Sunday 7:30 PM Mass) Wallace Hall

Featuring handmade products from Africa, Asia & Latin America:
- Toys
- Religious Items
- Home Decor
- Bags & Purses
- Pottery
- Indigenous Art
- Cards & Gifts

Representatives of HandCrafting Justice, a Fair Trade economic justice project of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, will be selling handcrafts made by women in 20 countries throughout the developing world.

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For more information, email ignatiansocialjustice@gmail.com or the Community of Sant’Egidio at santegidiosusa@gmail.com

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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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).”

Sunday Social Dates:
Nov. 30 Dec. 14
Jan. 11 Feb. 8 & 22

IGNATIAN 40s

Speaker Series
Ignatian 40s invites all parishioners to its Third Annual Speaker Series. Led by the pastoral staff of St. Ignatius and external speakers, the goal of the series is to provide parishioners with opportunities to improve their knowledge of their faith and practice it daily, enable them to see God in all things, and increase their awareness of the history of the Catholic Church.

Sunday, November 23rd
Encountering Jesus
5:30 PM in the Parish Lounge
Presenter: Fr. James Martin, S.J., Editor-at-Large, America magazine

Come to know the ‘Jesus of history,’ the man who walked on earth in the first-century Palestine, and the ‘Christ of faith,’ the miracle worker and the one who rose from the dead.
Let Fr. Martin, author of the new book Jesus: A Pilgrimage, invite you into a new relationship with Jesus.
Email ignatian40s@gmail.com to register.

Job Transition Support Group
Wednesday, November 19th
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

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

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

MUSIC

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD

11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS
Franck Pièce Héroïque*
Bairstow Let all mortal flesh keep silence
Howells Requiem: Psalm 23
Langlais Hymne d'actions de graces*

11:00 AM FAMILY MASS
with Parish Community Choir
Batten O Sing joyfully
Bain, arr. Bullard The Lord’s my shepherd (Brother James’ Air)

7:30 PM MASS
Franck and Langlais also played at 7:30 PM Mass

December at Sacred Music in a Sacred Space

Advent Lessons and Carols
Sunday, November 30th at 3:00 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
Friday, December 5th at 7:00 PM & Sunday, December 7th at 4:00 PM

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 the seamless blend of its twelve male voices and its original interpretations of vocal literature.

Heavenly Light: Annual Christmas Concerts
Sunday, December 14th at 3:00 PM & Wednesday, December 17th at 7:00 PM

Centering on excerpts from J.S. Bach’s Christmas Oratorio, our ever-popular Christmas concerts will offer you and your family the inspiring warmth and joy of the season. Includes well-known carols for all to sing. Featuring the Combined Choirs & Orchestra of St. Ignatius Loyola.

Tickets for all concerts are available online at www.smssconcerts.org or by calling 212-288-2520 for 24/7 ordering.
Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

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1 Corinthians 15:20–26, 28   Matthew 25:31–46

BOOMERS & BEYOND

A Christmas Journey... In the Light

During the light of the day, come learn more about the Light of the World.
Friday mornings, December 5th, 12th & 19th
11:00 AM–12:00 PM in the Parish House

This Advent opportunity, offered in three one-hour morning sessions, will weave together the Christmas story through prose, poetry, and prayer. It will be led by John Lantry, former director of retreat ministry at Linwood Spiritual Center and former director of the St. Jean Baptiste Community Center.

Register at boomersandbeyond.st.ignatius@gmail.com or call 212-288-3588 by Wednesday, December 3rd.

Double the voices, double the fun!

Calling all Boomers & Beyonders and Ignatian 40s for our annual Christmas Caroling event.

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 7th   Time: 1:30 PM
Place: Lott Assisted Living Residence – 5th Avenue
(between 107th and 108th Streets)

Private Prayer & Reflection

Weekday Evenings:
December 1st–4th, December 8th–10th,
December 12th, December 15th & 16th,
and December 18th & 19th

The Lady Chapel will be open from 6:00 PM–8:00 PM as an opportunity to spend time in private prayer and reflection during the Advent Season.

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You've notified your friends, you've notified your credit cards, you've notified your magazines. Please don’t forget to notify your church.
Longing for the Prince of Peace, While Facing the Horrors of War
An art-slide lecture presented by Rev. Leo J. O’Donovan, S.J.
Thursday, December 4th
7:00 PM in Wallace Hall
This lecture will reflect on how 20th century artists protested war in the bloodiest of all centuries and prepared us imaginatively to hear the repeated calls for peace by all the recent popes: John XXIII, Paul VI, John Paul II, Benedict XVI, and now Francis. The images will try to help us realize more concretely what peace requires.

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, Stimmen der Zeit (Munich), the Los Angeles Times, and the National Catholic Reporter.

ANNUAL TOY DRIVE
Begins Sunday, November 23rd!
SVDP is sponsoring a toy drive to benefit the children of St. Mary of the Assumption Parish on Staten Island.
From Sunday, November 23rd through Monday, December 15th, please bring new, unwrapped toys or games for boys and girls between the ages of 6–12 to the Parish House.
Thank you for your generosity!

SVDP Christmas Angel Project
Begins This Weekend!
It has become a tradition at St. Ignatius for our parishioners to purchase Christmas gifts for parishioners in low-income parishes.
SVdP invites parishioners to select and register up to five Angel cards from the Christmas trees in the Narthex and Wallace Hall. Cards will also be available in the Parish House for pickup while the supply lasts.
Wrapped gifts must be returned to the Parish House no later than Sunday, December 7th.
Thank you for remembering those in need during the holiday season.

Thanksgiving Food Drive to benefit the New York Common Pantry
NYCP’s Food Pantry Program is New York City’s largest community-based food pantry which meets the needs of its families by providing nutritiously balanced food.

Please bring your non-perishable food items to the Parish House through tomorrow, Monday, November 17th
Items most in demand include:
stuffing mix, rice, and turkey gravy (No glass jars please.)

Annual Turkey Drive
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul invites you to participate in its annual Turkey Drive to support the New York Common Pantry. A donation of $30 will help the Common Pantry provide a full Thanksgiving meal to a family in need.
Please bring checks to the Parish House by Tuesday, November 18th and make them payable to: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul
(Please note Turkey Drive in the memo section)
Thank you for your generosity!

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SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

TAKE NOTE!
Beginning November 29th, the start time of Saturday afternoon Confessions will be 4:30 PM. Penitents are encouraged to come early so that Confessions can end before the 5:30 PM Mass begins.
PARISH STAFF

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Children’s Liturgy of the Word:
Sundays at the 9:00 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.

Beginning November 29th, the time changes to 4:30 PM.

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.

Masses for Next Weekend:
Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM Fr. Bergen
Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Feely
9:30 AM Fr. Bergen
Wallace Hall 11:00 AM Fr. Hilbert
Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Witt
7:30 PM Fr. Witt

Weekday Masses
Monday – Friday
8:30 AM, 12:10 PM, and 5:30 PM

Saturday: 8:30 AM

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Visit catholicextension.org to learn more.

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