O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

As our spiritual forbears waited in ancient times for the Messiah, we come once again to Advent, a time of expectation, pregnant with possibility, as we await Christ’s presence to be born anew in our lives. The great spiritual traditions teach us that Emmanuel—God is with us—is true to His name. Our spiritual journey is one of discovery, realizing that the grace we need is already available to us.

At the beginning of our Advent journey, we warmly invite you to spend part of these cold, short days here, in our church, our spiritual home. The Advent liturgies are a natural time to look inward, whether at Sunday or weekday Masses, to find God’s grace as it manifests itself in our everyday experiences. Our quiet evenings of contemplation, new this year, offer spiritual and mental space to pray and meditate.

We usher in the season with a service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, November 30th at 3:00 PM. Now in its third year, this service is a meditation on the Blessed Mother, her life, example, and service. The feminine manifestation of Wisdom in ancient literature is also lifted up in this gentle, contemplative service of prayer, poetry, scripture, and song. This is a quiet, restful way to open our hearts to the graces and gifts that will sustain us through the hectic holiday season. No admission is charged and no tickets are required.

As we move into the second week of Advent, we rejoice at the return of our dear friends, Chanticleer. Called “the world’s reigning male chorus,” these twelve gentlemen grace us with their beautiful voices and spirits. They will lead us through a gamut of human experience and emotion in their celebrated concert, A Chanticleer Christmas, on Friday, December 5th at 7:00 PM, and Sunday, December 7th at 4:00 PM. Few tickets remain, and I know you will not want to miss this!

Among my favorite events of the year are our parish Christmas Concerts, and one of the reasons I love them so much is that the entire music ministry comes together for this dazzling celebration. The Children’s Choirs, Parish Community Choir, Wallace Hall Choir, Canticum Sacrum, and the Choir and Orchestra of St. Ignatius Loyola sing and play their hearts out, and you get to join in on the carols! The concert on Sunday, December 14th at 3:00 PM is almost sold out, and a few seats remain for the concert on Wednesday, December 17th at 7:00 PM.

But we are far from finished: the final Sunday of Advent awaits, as do Christmas Eve and morning. This will be our second year to offer two Family Masses on Christmas Eve. At the 4:00 PM Mass, our combined Children’s Choirs and Wallace Hall Choir will regale us with carols and anthems. Our wonderful, dedicated Parish Community Choir anchors the 6:00 PM Mass. At the 8:00 PM Mass (helpful hint: this is the least crowded of our Christmas Eve Masses!), the Choir and Orchestra of St. Ignatius provide their customary leadership, as they do at the Midnight Mass. If Midnight is your preference, be sure to get here early. The prelude begins at 11:15 PM, and will feature our beloved Associate Organist, Nancianne Parrella, conducting the sopranos and altos in Benjamin Britten’s classic, A Ceremony of Carols. A long-time member of our extended musical family, Victoria Drake, accompanies on the harp. Finally, Christmas morning arrives and we celebrate with Masses at 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM.

For the parish staff, the month is exhilarating and exhausting. We count it as the highest privilege to act as conduits of grace in this vibrant worshipping community. As we begin the Advent journey in contemplation, and move toward the exalted joy of Christmas, I invite you to take full advantage of our parish offerings. Our website, Bulletin, and Advent brochure contain all the details. For concert tickets, visit http://smssconcerts.org

Our prayer for you during this Advent season is that the warm embrace of God’s love permeate every facet of your life, and draw you deeper into this community, and to the God who continues to become incarnate for us, every minute of every day.

— K. Scott Warren  
Director of Music Ministries
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30th
First Sunday of Advent

SVDP Christmas Angel Project continues through Sunday, December 7th. Details on page 5.

SVDP Annual Toy Drive continues through Monday, December 15th. Details on page 5.

SVDP Advent Food Drive begins this weekend. Details on page 5.

Sacred Music in a Sacred Space Presents Advent Lessons and Carols. 3:00 PM. Church. Details on page 3.

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

Private Prayer & Reflection
Monday, December 1st – Thursday, December 4th
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.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1st
Ranger Rosary Ministry. 7:00 PM. Meeting Room. Join us in making rosaries to send to our military. New members are welcome!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3rd
Job Transition Support Group. 10:00 AM. Parish Lounge. Details on page 4.

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4th
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. 7:00 PM. Wallace Hall. Details on page 5.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5th
A Christmas Journey... In the Light.
Sponsored by Boomers & Beyond. 11:00 AM. Parish House. Details on page 3.

FRIDAY – SUNDAY
DECEMBER 5th – DECEMBER 7th
Shelter Weekend. Wallace Hall.
To inquire about volunteering, email svdp.shelter980@gmail.com

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5th, 7:00 PM & SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7th, 4:00 PM
Sacred Music in a Sacred Space presents
A Chanticleer Christmas
Details on page 3.

ADVENT

Now Available at the Parish House

Light for the World: Advent Reflections
Adapted from the writings of Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, this brief booklet offers daily reflections throughout the Advent season. Cost: $1

Daily Reflections for Advent & Christmas
Bishop Robert Morneau of Green Bay, WI offers Advent and Christmas meditations and prayers, reflecting on Scripture readings from the daily Mass. Cost: $2

Advent/Christmas Prayer Booklet
Based on the writings of the late Bishop Kenneth Untener, this booklet features daily scripture reflections for the Advent/Christmas season. Cost: $1

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.

Advent Brochure
Copies of our Advent Brochure are available in the Narthex, at the Parish House, and online at signatusloyola.org

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IGNITIAN 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

Are you a young adult in your 20s or 30s?
CharisNYC invites you to attend one of our upcoming retreats.
Seekers Retreat – January 30 – February 1, 2015
Transitions Retreat – March 20 – March 22, 2015
For more information, email CharisRetreatNYC@gmail.com or call 347-619-2692.

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)

MUSIC

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH
2nd Sunday of Advent

11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS

J.S. Bach  Prelude on Nun Komm der Heiden Heiland BWV 659*
Buxtehude  Prelude on Nun komm der Heiden Heiland*
Missa cum jubilo  Kyrie and Sanctus
Handel  Messiah: And the glory of the Lord
Isaac  Jerusalem surge
*also at 7:30 PM Mass
7:30 PM MASS
Ellis  There is no rose

December at Sacred Music in a Sacred Space

Advent Lessons and Carols
Today 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.

Interested in becoming Catholic?
Call 212-288-3588 or email church@stignatiusloyola.org
THANK YOU!
HandCrafting Justice and the Sisters of the Good Shepherd offer their deepest thanks for your very generous response to their mission. The receipts of the recent sale on November 15th and 16th, which amounted to $7,412 and donations of $824, will enable them to continue their support for women and their families in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. This support makes a great difference in the lives of these women and their families. Thank you on their behalf. To read more about them, visit www.handcraftingjustice.org where you can also shop for more of their amazing work.

You’ve notified your friends, you’ve notified your credit cards, you’ve notified your magazines. Please don’t forget to notify your church.

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

Thursday, 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.

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, December 1st
(SS. Edmund Campion, Robert Southwell, & comps.)
Isaiah 4:2–6   Psalm 122   Matthew 8:5–11
8:30   MEM
Maria Amelia Montes
12:10   MEM
Margaret Voorhies
5:30   MEM
William Powers

Tuesday, December 2nd
(First Tuesday of Advent)
8:30   MEM
Peter Johnson
12:10   MEM
Margaret Gallacher
5:30   MEM
Anthony De Clemente

Wednesday, December 3rd
(St. Francis Xavier)
1 Corinthians 9:16–19, 22–23   Psalm 117
Matthew 16:15–20
8:30 MEM   The Choix & Gordon Families
12:10 MEM   Gregorio Dizon
5:30 MEM   Dolorita Wallace Moore

Thursday, December 4th
(First Thursday of Advent)
Isaiah 26:1–6   Psalm 118   Matthew 7:21, 24–27
8:30 MEM   Kelly Gillebaard
12:10 MEM   Catharine M. Miller
5:30 MEM   Mamie & Peter Vitarelli

Friday, December 5th
(First Friday of Advent)
8:30 MEM   Caroline Choix
12:10 MEM   Josephine Engelbrith
5:30 MEM   Rita B. Miggins

Saturday, December 6th
(First Saturday of Advent)
Isaiah 30:19–21, 23–26   Psalm 147
Matthew 9:35–10:1, 5a, 6–8
8:30 MEM   Eva Collins

Sunday, December 7th
(Second Sunday of Advent)
Isaiah 40:1–5, 9–11   Psalm 85
2 Peter 3:8–14   Mark 1:1–8

JOB Transition Support Group
Wednesday, December 3rd
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

GRAMMAR SCHOOL
Saint Ignatius Loyola Grammar School extends a cordial invitation to join us at our
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR
Sunday, December 7th, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
McKinnon Hall
Offered at the Fair are seasonal 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 to purchase gifts for giving 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 7th.
Please call the Grammar School at 212-861-3820, x135 if you are interested in attending.

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New York and New England Provinces to Merge into Single Province

The New England Province and the New York Province of Jesuits will unite to form the USA Northeast Province on December 3, 2014, the Feast of St. Francis Xavier. Fr. John J. Cecero, S.J., recently appointed provincial of the New York Province, becomes the provincial of this new province.

The USA Northeast Province will include eight states and will stretch from Maine to New Jersey and beyond to Jamaica, Micronesia, and the Middle East. Roughly 550 Jesuits will comprise the new province.

The creation of this new province has been in planning for years as part of the larger reconfiguration of the U.S. Jesuit provinces. The new structure will allow the Society of Jesus to better respond to the changing needs and demographics of the Church.

Please pray for the Northeast Jesuits during this time of transition.

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 at 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 from John XXIII to Francis. The images will try to help us realize more concretely what peace requires.

WALLACE HALL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Sunday, December 21st

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 12th.

Two rehearsals are required:

Sunday, December 14th & Sunday, December 21st.

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.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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.

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.

ANNUAL TOY DRIVE Continues This Weekend!

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

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.

ADVENT FOOD DRIVE Begins This Weekend!

Benefitting the Community Food Pantry at the Church of St. Gregory the Great

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.

Please bring donations to the Parish House between Sunday, November 30th and Sunday, December 21st.

Thank you for remembering those in need.

Week 1
(Dec. 7th – 13th):
- pasta, tomato sauce, canned fruits

Week 2
(Dec. 15th – 21st):
- tuna fish, soups, cereals (preferably oatmeal)

Week 3
(Nov. 30th – Dec. 6th):
- 1-2 lb. bags of rice, canned vegetables, Goya beans
Lecture: Human Trafficking: What is it? What can be done? Presented by Crossroads Cultural Center and AVSI-USA, Inc. Speakers: Simon Deng, Human rights activist, and John M. Klink, President, International Catholic Migration Commission. Wednesday, December 3rd, 7:00PM. Crossroads Auditorium, 125 Maiden Lane, 15th Floor (ID required to enter the building). The discussion will focus on human trafficking and the persistence (or return) of forms of slavery around the world. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.crossroadsculturalcenter.org

An Ignatian Advent Meditation: The Difficult Journey to Bethlehem. Sponsored by The Jesuit Collaborative. Presented by Fr. Thomas J. Feely, S.J. and featuring the Ignatian Schola. Tuesday, December 9th. Meditation begins at 6:30 PM. Reception to follow at 7:30 PM. Church of St. Francis Xavier, 46 West 16th Street. Space is limited. RSVP by Wednesday, December 3rd.

To register, visit www.crossroadsculturalcenter.org

We pray for the faithful departed
Phyllis Browne
May she rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

More than 10,000 New Yorkers are currently waiting for a life-saving transplant... in other words, they are waiting for a chance to live.

New York ranks 49th out of 50 states with regard to the percentage of residents registered as organ donors. New York ranks 3rd in the country in people waiting for organ donations, yet only 23% of New Yorkers are registered organ donors. The Roman Catholic Church has long supported organ and tissue donation. In this context, donation is seen as an opportunity for individuals to foster a culture that values life.

Learn more about becoming a donor by visiting the New York Organ Donor website: http://www.donatelifeny.org/

Copies of the brochure Organ and Tissue Donation: A Catholic Perspective are available in the Narthex and at the Parish House.

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. 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

Religious Education for Children
Ms. Carly-Anne Gannon, M.Phil., M.Ed. Director
(212) 861-4764

St. Ignatius Loyola Grammar School
Ms. Mary Larkin, Principal
M.S. Ed. (Admin.), M.S. Ed. (Literacy)
48 East 84th Street
New York, NY 10028
(212) 861-3820  Fax: (212) 879-8248

St. Ignatius Loyola Day Nursery
Ms. Theodora Crist, M.S.
Executive Director
240 East 84th Street
New York, NY 10028
(212) 734-6427  Fax: (212) 734-6972

Children’s Liturgy of the Word:
Sundays at the 9:30 AM Mass and the 11:00 AM Mass in Wallace Hall.
Centring Prayer:
Mondays at 6:30 PM

Confessions:
4:30 PM Saturday or by appointment.
Confessions will be heard at St. Ignatius Loyola Church during the Archdiocesan Day of Reconciliation on Monday, December 15th, 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM.
This will be followed by our Parish Advent Reconciliation Service at 7:00 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.