write this essay for people who identify St. Ignatius Loyola Church as their parish church and who come here to celebrate the Eucharist with some regularity. If you come to St. Ignatius only occasionally, or if you are a visitor, of course you are invited to continue reading. But the people I wish to address primarily are those I see here at church with some frequency.

Let me not beat around the bush. I’m making an appeal. It is not an appeal for your financial help (though we certainly need that). It is not even an appeal for your volunteer help. We need that, too, for the important, worthwhile services we offer as a Christian community. It truly is impossible to function as a vital parish without a coalition of men and women who generously donate their financial resources and offer their time and talent to the myriad ways we follow Christ’s bidding to serve the needs of others. Some of these generous volunteers teach Christian doctrine to grade school children in our afterschool religious education program for public and private school children. Others act as lectors and Eucharistic ministers and ministers of hospitality at our liturgies. Others care for the homeless in our shelter program on weekend nights during the winter months, or help to run toy, food and blood drives. Throughout the year we will be soliciting your volunteer services for a wide range of activities and interests.

But today my appeal to you is much more modest and basic. It is an appeal to register as a parishioner of St. Ignatius, to stand up and be counted, as it were, as one who identifies with this parish and with our community. For registering as a parishioner is more than putting your name on a mailing list. It is more than signing up for Sunday offertory collection envelopes. Registering is really a statement about how you see yourself as a Catholic in New York City. It is about your sense of belonging and connectedness to a particular parish church. It is about ownership, and about your endorsement for what this local church is attempting to do.

Sometimes I wonder why some people who regularly attend our church never become members. What does it mean when you don’t want to put your name to something? I can answer only for myself. For me, it means I don’t want to be involved. I don’t want to go on record as a supporter of a particular organization or group. I may enjoy receiving benefits from the organization now and then, but don’t ask me to give anything, not even my name. It is all very safe and sanitary. It allows me to feel part of something from a safe distance and quite anonymously.

If you react the way I do, maybe it is time you thought through the decision to register. As a priest on the staff of a large church in a very large city, it is a great help in my ministry to know, as best I can, the people I am called to serve in a special way: the parishioners of St. Ignatius Loyola. I wish never to exclude anyone from my ministry as a priest, but I can’t claim to serve the entire Catholic population of New York City. I am most strongly committed to the people who make up St. Ignatius Parish. But some of you remain anonymous. How am I to know who you are if you won’t give your name to a list of parish members? How can any organization function with members it cannot identify?

I am reminded of the invitation John Daly used to give every Sunday night during the twenty-five years he hosted the popular TV show “What’s My Line?” The panelists on the show would try to guess the occupation of several guest contestants during the evening. At the end of the show, the panelists would be blindfolded and a celebrity would make a guest appearance amid howls and applause. And gesturing to the blackboard, John Daly would say: “Will the mystery guest sign in, please?” So how about it, you mystery guests out there, would you sign in, please!

— Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J.
Associate Pastor
SVdP Thanksgiving Food & Turkey Drives continue through Wednesday, November 18th. Details on page 5.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11th
Job Transition Support Group.
10:00 AM. Parish Lounge.
Bringing together experienced professionals looking to secure employment. Details on page 3.

THE BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD
During the month of November, we remember our loved ones who have died.

The Book of the Names of the Dead has been placed on the altar of the Jesuit Boy Saints (at the back of the church, on the 84th Street side). Individuals are invited to write the names of deceased loved ones in this book, which will be kept on the altar during Masses until the Feast of Christ the King, Sunday, November 22nd.

Departed loved ones will be remembered in prayer at all Masses during the month.

Coming in December
- A Chanticleer Christmas
  Friday, December 4th & Sunday, December 6th
- Hodie Christus natus est: Poetry and Art Celebrating the Birth of Jesus
  A lecture by Fr. Leo J. O’Donovan, S.J.
  Wednesday, December 9th at 7:30 PM, Wallace Hall
- Sing We Noel: Annual Christmas Concerts
  Sunday, December 13th & Sunday, December 20th
- Book Reading and Signing: Fr. James Martin, S.J.
  Wednesday, December 16th at 7:30 PM, Wallace Hall

As a parish dedicated to The Ignatian Way of prayer, service, and community, we invite you to pick up a copy of our Guide to Parish Ministries, which details the various ministries and programs available here at St. Ignatius Loyola.

Copies are available in the Narthex, at the Parish House, and online at www.stignatiusloyola.org

ANNUAL APPEAL
The Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2015 is now available. It details the parish’s spiritual and financial highlights of the past year.

Thankfully, our ministries are flourishing and there are many opportunities for service and spiritual growth.

In order to fund the current level of service and programming, we rely heavily on the Annual Appeal, which is now underway. We ask that you please be generous.

To electronically access the Annual Report and a letter from Father Feely about the Annual Appeal, scan the QR code at left or visit our website at stignatiusloyola.org

Copies are also available at the Parish House.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

November is Jesuit Vocation Month
Has anyone ever suggested you might have a Jesuit vocation? Have you ever asked yourself the question? If so, the Jesuits of the Maryland and USA Northeast Provinces would be happy to help you learn more about the Society of Jesus.

For more information, including details about vocation activities sponsored by the provinces, visit www.jesuitvocations.org or contact one of the Jesuits on the parish staff.

FAMILY MINISTRY
Rosary Family Activity
Sunday, November 15th
Following the 11:00 AM Mass
Wallace Hall
The St. Ignatius Family Ministry would like to invite all parents and children to join us for a rosary family activity. Each family will make and learn how to pray a rosary.

Parents with children of all ages are encouraged to attend.
**Sunday Social 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).”

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**MAGIS:**

A Night of Reflection and Community Exploring Ignatian Values

Wednesday, November 18th
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM in Wallace Hall

The Magis Night will bring young adults together in fellowship to explore what Ignatian Spirituality means for our daily lives.

The night will offer an opportunity to reflect on topics surrounding Ignatian Spirituality, to share and to ask questions, and to come together to form bonds and build relationships.

A social, with drinks and light refreshments, will follow.

To RSVP, visit https://ignatianyoungadults.typeform.com/to/J1rI4M or scan the QR code at left.

**BOOMERS & BEYOND**

Not Retired … Rewired!

Monday, November 16th at 7:00 PM
Wallace Hall

Boomers and Beyond and the Ignatian Volunteer Corps invite you to join us for an evening of seasonal beverages and light refreshments. During this social gathering learn more about what some of our parishioners are doing in (semi) retirement to change lives — including their own.

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps recruits remarkably talented mature adults — like you — to serve others in local nonprofits by utilizing skills they’ve honed over a lifetime. They also deepen their own spiritual life through formation in the Ignatian tradition, participate in a wonderful community, and have great fun together.

To RSVP, email BoomersandBeyond.St.Ignatius@gmail.com or call 212-288-3588.

**IGNATIAN YOUNG ADULTS**

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

THANK YOU!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul and Sacred Music in a Sacred Space offer a great big THANK YOU to the attendees and donors that made the “Philip Anderson and Friends” Caritas Concert such a huge success!

Because of your generosity, SVdP received over $10,000!

Our most sincere thanks to all who attended and donated.

**WALLACE HALL AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL**

The space is available for a variety of events including fundraisers, lectures, receptions, and formal banquet-style dinners.

For more information, contact Caroline Fernandes at 212-288-3588 or fernandesc@saintignatiusloyola.org

**IGNITE! TEEN MINISTRY**

Saturday, November 21st
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM, Hoefner Lounge

Teens 13–19 years old are welcome!

IGNITE! offers a forum through which high school students and their families may find a deeper relationship with God and each other.

Registration for each session is encouraged but not required.

For more information and/or to register, contact Teresa Cariño at carinot@saintignatiusloyola.org

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**JOBS**

Job Transition Support Group

Wednesday, November 11th
10:00 AM
Parish Lounge

A group of experienced professionals looking to secure employment and helping one another in the job search process.

For more information, contact John Holewa at jfholewa@gmail.com or Christian Nolan at ctnolan59@gmail.com
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.

PRAYER RESOURCES

Pray as You Go
www.pray-as-you-go.org

Pray as You Go is a daily prayer session designed for use on your iPod or other portable MP3 player.

3-Minute Retreats
www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer.htm

Take a short prayer break right at your computer. Spend some quiet time reflecting on a Scripture passage.

Ready to try a 500-year-old workout regimen with proven results?

The Jesuit Collaborative invites you to share the gift of Ignatian spirituality and the opportunity to meet interesting people who are ready to further develop their spiritual lives.

Just like exercise for the physical body, St. Ignatius believed that we need spiritual exercise as well. We invite you to find God in all things through our rewarding and unique programs.

Please visit us at www.jesuitcollaborative.org or email pmcdonough@jesuitcollaborative.org

Available at the Parish House

New York Catholics: Faith, Attitude & the Works!
The legacy of New York City’s largest religious community comes alive in these biographies of 76 women and men who have helped make New York and America great, and whose character and qualities are uniquely New York and Catholic.

Cost: $20

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, November 9th
(The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica)
Ezekiel 47:1–2, 8–9, 12 Psalm 46
8:30 MEM Gordon Stanton
12:10 MEM Joe Camarda
5:30 MEM Deceased Members of the Scanlon & McLoughlin Families

Tuesday, November 10th
(St. Leo the Great)
8:30 MEM Nicholas Katsouros
12:10 MEM Valentino Mazzia
5:30 MEM Avelina Go Sesaldo

Wednesday, November 11th
(St. Martin of Tours)
8:30 MEM Giro & Elina Zullo
12:10 MEM Phyllis Browne
5:30 MEM Deirdre Murphy Bader

Thursday, November 12th
(St. Josaphat)
8:30 MEM Fred Viscusi
12:10 MEM Leona & Oscar Verhoff
5:30 MEM Gayle Britt

Friday, November 13th
(St. Frances Xavier Cabrini)
8:30 MEM Golven FitzGerald
12:10 MEM Alice Galli
5:30 MEM Andrew Jeffries

Saturday, November 14th
(St. Joseph Pignatelli)
8:30 MEM Luigi Raccanelli

Sunday, November 15th
(Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Daniel 12:1–3 Psalm 16
Hebrews 10:11–14, 18 Mark 13:24–32

Interested in Becoming Catholic?
For more information, contact Maureen Fullam at 212-288-3588 or email church@stignatiusloyola.org

“What a beautiful truth of faith this is for our lives: the mercy of God! God’s love for us is so great, so deep; it is an unfailing love, one which always takes us by the hand and supports us, lifts us up and leads us on.”
— Pope Francis, The Church of Mercy
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH

11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS
with Middle School Choir
Alain  Postlude pour l'office de complies*
Duruflé  Requiem: Domine Jesu Christe
Hogan/Jacobson  Like a Mighty Stream
Naplan  Al Sh’losha
Duruflé  Fugue sur le theme du Carillon des Heures de la Cathédrale de Soissons, Op. 12*
*also played at 7:30 PM Mass

11:00 AM FAMILY MASS
Maddux, McCall & Mulongoy  O Sifuni Mungu

The N.P. Mander Organ Recital Series presents
STEPHEN JON HAMILTON
Minister of Music Emeritus
Church of the Holy Trinity, New York
Sunday, November 15th at 3:00 PM
Tickets: $20

December at
Sacred Music in a Sacred Space
A Chanticleer Christmas
Friday, December 4th & Sunday, December 6th

Sing We Noel: Annual Christmas Concerts
Sunday, December 13th & Sunday, December 20th
Combined Choirs & Orchestra of St. Ignatius Loyola

Tickets are available online at www.smssconcerts.org or by calling 212-288-2520 for 24/7 ordering.

SOCIAL OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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. Throughout the holiday season NYCP will serve meals to over 2,000 low-income families.

Please bring your non-perishable food items to the Parish House by Wednesday, November 18th.
Requested items include: stuffing mix, rice (1 lb.), and turkey gravy
(No glass jars please.)
A flyer with a complete list of food items can be found in the Narthex and on our website.

Annual Turkey Drive
to benefit the New York Common Pantry
A donation of $35 will help the Common Pantry to purchase a turkey plus plenty of delicious side dishes and dessert for one of the thousands of families who rely on their Choice Pantry services.

Please bring checks to the Parish House by Wednesday, November 18th, and make them payable to: Society of St. Vincent de Paul
(note Turkey Drive in the memo section).

Christmas Angel Project
Begins the weekend of November 21st–22nd!
to benefit The Church of Our Lady of Lourdes in Harlem and St. Mary’s Church on Grand Street
Beginning the weekend of November 21st and 22nd, after all Masses, participants will be able to select up to five Angel cards from one of the tables that will be placed in the Narthex and Wallace Hall. Cards will also be available at the Parish House while the supply lasts.
Gifts must be returned to the Parish House no later than Monday, December 7th.
Thank you for remembering those in need!

Annual Toy Drive
Begins Sunday, November 22nd!
to benefit the children from the Church of St. Mary of the Assumption + Our Lady of Mt. Carmel – St. Benedicta
Sunday, November 22nd through Monday, December 14th.
Please bring new, unwrapped toys or games for boys and girls between the ages of 6–12 to the Parish House.
See the flyer in the Narthex and on our website for a list of suggested toys.
Thank you for your generosity!
Music Information: (212) 288-2520 Email: music@stignatiusloyola.org