I t is the time of gathering up and sorting out, distinguishing between the lasting and the evanescent. It is the time of reckoning, of laying in provisions for the winter. What have I reaped? It was harder than I thought.

The liturgical year ends with the Solemnity of Christ the King. In two weeks the Jubilee Year of Mercy begins. A kingdom of justice and peace, of truth and life, an eternal sovereign judge who embraces with merciful love.

This year November, the late harvest, has seen tragic, violent events in Egypt and Beirut and Paris, to name only the most horrible. The month of November, in which we remember the dead, pray for the dead, is the month of Veterans Day and Election Day and Thanksgiving. We tremble with gratitude at our dinners together. This November Pope Francis asked us to pray that we may be open to personal encounter and dialogue with all, even those whose convictions differ from our own. Is there still space for dialogue with Muslims? Topaz and citrine, the birthstones of November, protect against snake venom and evil thoughts. What have I reaped?

“Any violence which seeks religious justification warrants the strongest condemnation because the Omnipotent is the God of life and peace. The world expects those who adore God to be men and women of peace who are capable of living as brothers and sisters, regardless of ethnic, religious, cultural or ideological differences.”

— Pope Francis, Ankara, Turkey, November 28, 2014

I wonder how to respond. Some want to say, ‘You will reap what you sow,’ and ‘those who live by the sword will die by the sword.’ The cruel fanaticism that plagues people into grief and despair, the poison that destroys trust, is the abandonment of reason, the incapacity for compassion. “…a low and effective cunning stirs in the most inhuman minds” (Wendell Berry).

Pope-emeritus Benedict addressed this quandary when he spoke at the World Youth Day in 2005 in Cologne: “Dear friends, I am convinced that we must not yield to the negative pressures in our midst, but must affirm the values of mutual respect, solidarity and peace. The life of every human being is sacred, both for Christians and for Muslims.” Those who are responsible for the safety of the nation have the right and obligation to repel the unjust aggressor. Blind violence is intolerable.

“Liberté, égalité, fraternité. The phrase, coined by the French philosopher Fénelon in the seventeenth century, has become the deeply-rooted ideal of the French Republic. Together with the Marseillaise, it encapsulates the valorous identity of the French people, and we have in these past days witnessed and shared the extraordinary solidarity demonstrated in what has been called the French 9/11.

There is a progressive logic to the order of the words, one ideal being the necessary condition for the next. Full liberty for all is only possible if there is true equality of each, and equality is only possible if there is a vital acknowledgment of fraternity. A nine-year old Parisian girl wrote this poem:

“Whether you are Catholic, Muslim or Jewish,
Or if you are none of those, we are all equals!
Whether you wear a cross, a kipa or a veil,
Or if you wear none of those, we are all equals!
Whether you go to a Church, a synagogue or a mosque,
Or if you go to none of those, we are all equals!”

All religious extremism, whether Christian, Muslim, or Jewish, is an aberration of religion, and nothing can justify the murderous brutality, all the more deplorable because it hides behind a perverted moral righteousness. It is imperative to render the aggressor unable to cause more harm. The Universal King commands us to pray unceasingly for peace.

Now we need a harvest, a late but abundant harvest, of Mercy, the most beautiful name of God for Muslims. As the world mobilizes to secure safety and root out evil, we can mobilize the spiritual resources at hand. It starts with the recognition that we are all brothers and sisters, beloved children of the One God. We pray for Paris, for Beirut, for Jerusalem. We pray as Jesus prayed, with steadfast faith, joyful hope, untiring love.

— Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.
Associate Pastor
**SVdP Christmas Angel Project**  
begins this weekend, continues through Monday, December 7th.  
Details on page 5.

**SVdP Annual Toy Drive**  
begins this weekend, continues through Monday, December 14th.  
Details on page 5.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25th**  
Job Transition Support Group.  
10:00 AM. Parish Lounge.  
Bringing together experienced professionals looking to secure employment.

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26th**  
**Thanksgiving Day Mass**  
9:30 AM  
This will be the only Mass celebrated on Thanksgiving Day.  
The Parish House will be closed.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27th**  
One Daily Mass will be celebrated in the Lady Chapel at 8:30 AM.  
The Parish House will be closed.

---

**Special Collection This Weekend:**  
**Campaign for Human Development**

The Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) provides funding for groups that make lasting change and uplift the poor in the United States. In the last five years, over 36% of CCHD's grants have gone to improving housing in low-income neighborhoods.

Help the CCHD continue to defend human dignity and take poverty off the map.

Thank you for your generosity.

---

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

Fr. Thomas Feely, S.J., and the Staff of St. Ignatius Loyola, extend best wishes for a blessed Thanksgiving.

The Parish House will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 26th and 27th in observance of Thanksgiving.

One Mass will be celebrated on Thanksgiving Day at 9:30 AM.

One Daily Mass will be celebrated on Friday at 8:30 AM.

---

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

---

**GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

Saint Ignatius Loyola Grammar School extends a cordial invitation to join us at our  
**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR**  
Saturday, December 5th & Sunday, December 6th  
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM in 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.

---

**HOSPITALITY MINISTRY**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Thursday, December 24th**  
**Christmas Eve**  
- 4:00 PM Family Mass I  
- 6:00 PM Family Mass II  
- 8:00 PM Mass of Christmas  
- Midnight Mass

**Friday, December 25th**  
**Christmas Day**  
- 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM*  
* There is a particular need for volunteers at the 11:00 AM Mass

If you are available, please email Rob Manning at robbiefmanning@gmail.com to let him know at which Mass you can assist.

---

**Congratulations**

to Nana Belmonte, Madison Kelly, Pia and Lara Daliana, Nora Mawe, and Lily Talarico!

These singers, representing 4 different schools, are members of our Parish Middle School Choir. They have been accepted into the National Honor Choir for students of music educators.

They, along with young singers from all over the country, will be traveling to Long Beach, California in March for a series of rehearsals and a performance!
**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).”

| Sunday Social Dates | Nov. 29 | Dec. 13 | Jan. 10 | Feb. 7 |

**December at Sacred Music in a Sacred Space**

**A Chanticleer Christmas in New York**
Friday, December 4th at 7:00 PM & Sunday, December 6th 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.

**Sing We Noel: Annual Christmas Concerts**
Sunday, December 13th at 3:00 PM & Sunday, December 20th at 3:00 PM

Christmas joy abounds in these beloved annual concerts, featuring works by Cecilia McDowall, Pietro Yon, Howard Helvey, and Handel’s iconic Hallelujah Chorus from Messiah. Includes well-known seasonal favorites rendered by the Choirs and Orchestra of St. Ignatius Loyola and the N.P. Mander Organ, as well as carols for everyone to join in singing.

Featuring the Choir & Orchestra of St. Ignatius Loyola, the Parish Community Choir, and the Children’s Choirs.

**MUSIC**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH**

*1st Sunday of Advent*

11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS
Corl  Triptych on Veni, Emmanuel
Byrd  Mass for Four Voices: Kyrie, Sanctus, Agnus Dei
Manz   E’en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come

11:00 AM FAMILY MASS
with the Children’s Choirs
Patterson  Will You Be Ready

**SEEKERS’ RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS**
January 29th – January 31st
Friday Evening – Sunday Afternoon
Mariandale Retreat Center, Ossining, NY

For young adults in their 20s and 30s

“What’s important in my life? What am I looking for? How can I let God in?”

Charis NYC presents a peer-led, weekend retreat inspired by Ignatian spirituality and the Jesuit tradition. Take time away to reflect with others in similar situations and on your own, as you consider how faith can make a difference in your life.

Transportation included. Financial aid available.

For more information, please visit www.Charis.nyc or email CharisRetreatNYC@gmail.com

**BOOMERS & BEYOND**

**Double the voices, double the fun!**

Calling all Boomers & Beyonders 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 6th **Time:** 1:30 PM **Place:** Lott Assisted Living Residence – 5th Avenue (between 107th and 108th Streets)

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.
NEW! Pope Francis: Living Advent with Joy & Peace

This booklet joins the words of Pope Francis with a prayer for each day of the Advent season and a reference to the Scripture reading of the day.

**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.

Both booklets are available at the Parish House.

Available in the Narthex and Parish House

Free copies of Magnificat

We are pleased to announce that Magnificat has provided us with copies of its December issue.

Magnificat is the most popular Catholic worship resource in the United States. It is perfect for anyone who wants to stay in touch with the Eucharistic and prayer life of the Church on a daily basis.

Magnificat features daily Mass readings, prayers for the morning and evening, articles, inspiring profiles on saints ancient and modern, daily meditations and commentaries on art. We encourage you to take home a copy and use it prayerfully for the month.

For more information, visit www.magnificat.com

**Announced Masses and Readings for the Week**

**Monday, November 23rd**
(Thirty-fourth Monday in Ordinary Time)
Daniel 1:1–6, 8–20 Daniel 3 Luke 21:1–4
8:30 MEM John B., John A. & Elizabeth Rooney
12:10 MEM Sose & Mark Prekelezaj
5:30 MEM Michael Billian

**Tuesday, November 24th**
(St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc)
8:30 MEM Frank DeBenedetto
12:10 MEM Sose & Mark Prekelezaj
5:30 MEM Raymond M. Fields

**Wednesday, November 25th**
(Thirty-fourth Wednesday in Ordinary Time)
8:30 MEM Emil Wittek
12:10 MEM Michael Persico
5:30 LVG Connor Schmitt

**Thursday, November 26th**
(St. John Berchmans)
One Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 AM

**Friday, November 27th**
(Thirty-fourth Friday in Ordinary Time)
8:30 MEM René Rondia
One Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 AM

**Saturday, November 28th**
(Thirty-fourth Saturday in Ordinary Time)
8:30 MEM Vivian Grech

**Sunday, November 29th**
(First Sunday of Advent)
Jerome 33:14–16 Psalm 25

**Wallace Hall Christmas Pageant**

Sunday, December 20th

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 11:00 PM on Friday, December 11th.

**Two rehearsals are required:**
Sunday, December 13th & Sunday, December 20th

We would also be grateful for help from parents in organizing rehearsals, costumes, and props.

Please contact Mary Jo Ward at mjward@med.cornell.edu with any questions or to volunteer.

“Situations can change; people can change. Be the first to seek to bring good. Do not grow accustomed to evil, but defeat it with good.”

— Pope Francis, The Church of Mercy
Christmas Angel Project

Begins this weekend!

to benefit
The Church of Our Lady of Lourdes in Harlem
and St. Mary’s Church on Grand Street

Beginning this weekend at all Masses, participants will
be able to select up to five Angel cards from one of the
trees 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.

Annual Toy Drive

Begins this weekend!

to benefit the children of 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!

ADVENT FOOD DRIVE

Begins Next Weekend!

Benefiting 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 29th and
Saturday, December 19th.

Week 1
(Nov. 29th – Dec. 5th):
1-2 lb. bags of rice,
canned vegetables,
Goya beans

Week 2
(Dec. 6th – 13th):
pasta, tomato sauce,
canned fruits

Week 3
(Dec. 14th – 19th):
tuna fish, soups, cereals
(preferably oatmeal)

Hodie Christus Natus Est:
Poetry & Art Celebrating
the Birth of Jesus

An art-slide lecture
presented by
Rev. Leo J. O’Donovan, S.J.

Wednesday, December 9th
7:30 PM
Wallace Hall

This lecture will combine the poetry
of John Milton, Martin Luther,
George Herbert, Thomas Hardy,
and others with some of the most
stirring visual portrayals of the
birth of Jesus, examining how the
incarnation gives history its
deepest meaning by turning it
toward an “Eternal Now.”

Rev. Leo J. O’Donovan, S.J., is President
emeritus of Georgetown University. He has
written art criticism for publications such
as America, Commonweal, the Los Angeles
Times, and the National Catholic Reporter.

Lecture

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

BOOK SIGNING & READING

Join us as
REV. JAMES MARTIN, S.J.
reads excerpts and sign copies
of his debut novel, The Abbey

Wednesday, December 16th
7:30 PM in Wallace Hall

About The Abbey
A story of three lives intersecting —
a grieving mother, an ambitious
young architect who finds himself
working as a handyman, and the
wise, yet uncertain abbot of a local
monastery. While each struggles
with their unique challenges alone, it is when
their lives come together that they begin their
shared journey toward faith, hope and love.

Copies of The Abbey will be available for purchase.
Music Information: (212) 288-2520 Email: music@stignatiusloyola.org