I
t was all too appropriate that the Gospel reading on the
Sunday following the attacks in Beirut and Paris was the
apocalyptic vision from the 13th chapter of Mark. It has
now been more than two weeks since apocalypse visited
those cities, and as these events recede into the background
of the news cycle to be replaced by the frenzied mayhem of
the holiday season it seems fitting to revisit this lesson.

As we approach the end of ordinary time and the
beginning of Advent, the Gospel lessons take on a darker hue.
The Christ who once welcomed the little children, healed
the blind and lame, fed multitudes from a meager offering,
and patiently explained the
Kingdom of Heaven through
the wit and wisdom of parables,
begins to speak of the end of
the world, the destruction of
the Temple, and all manner
of frightening occurrences
that are to happen before the
coming of the Kingdom.

At the Solemn Mass
two weeks ago, the homilist
spoke of the early church, on pins and needles, waiting for
the “last days.” Two thousand years have passed, and the
collective wisdom of the church suggests that rather than a
preoccupation with the end of the world, our time is better
spent pondering the coming of Christ every day, into our
hearts and relationships. Most spiritual traditions suggest
that the most profound way to prepare for the coming of the
Kingdom, whatever that may look like, is to meditate not
on a hypothetical global apocalypse, but on our own. Two
passages from the Psalms come to me daily:

Lord, let me know my end, and what is the measure of my
days; let me know how fleeting my life is. (Psalm 39:4)

So teach us to number our days that we may gain a wise heart.
(Psalm 90:12)

To me, this is the essence of spiritual practice. In no
way do I find it to be morbid. On the contrary, it enables,
even ennobles me to recalibrate my life: to put down my
phone and pick up my daughter, to listen to what my wife
says and what she doesn’t say, or to call my parents while I’m
able to enjoy the luxury of hearing their voices.

Some of you know of my near-death experience
this past summer. Many of you have had your own at
various points in your lives. And if your physical existence
wasn’t threatened, you lost a loved one, or a job. Maybe a
relationship fell apart when you least expected. Whether
these events happened last month or decades ago is often
of little relevance. In those moments, the realization of the
fragility of our lives transforms from the quiet hum in the
back of our minds into a deafening, clanging terror we find
we can’t escape. Into that clamor, and into our vulnerability,
floods the quiet, confident peace of Christ, even when our
minds are too troubled to perceive it.

In fact, it was always there.

Why has your Music
Director chosen such a weighty
topic for this First Sunday of
Advent? Whether through music
or the written word, I feel strongly
that it’s my job to remind us that
in the holiday season whirling
around us, we have a choice.
We can be pulled in thousands
of conflicting directions and lose our bearings, or we can
remind ourselves daily of the brevity and frailness of life,
and choose the things that really matter, those things
that resonate deep in our souls.

Lest this sound like a nice churchy platitude, recall
for a moment the last time you experienced utter silence and
the world around became motionless. After you thought for
a moment about how nice it was, did you reach for your
phone or some other distraction? Being still and silent with
ourselves is unnerving because, in silence, the veil between
us and our mortality becomes brutally thin. But that, as the
Psalist says, is the beginning of wisdom. And the waiting
inherent to this practice is the essence of Advent.

May we find the courage this Advent to sit, silent and
motionless, with the deep soul knowledge of our inevitable
end. In the wisdom that comes, we find the One who has
been with us since our soul’s dawning, and the One who will
one day carry us home.

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29th
First Sunday of Advent

SVdP Christmas Angel Project continues through Monday, December 7th. 
Details on page 5.

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29th
Sunday Social. 8:30 PM. Wallace Hall. 
Hosted by the Ignatian Young Adults.
Follows the 7:30 PM Mass. Details on page 3.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30th
Ranger Rosary Ministry. 
7:00 PM. Meeting Room. Join us in making rosaries to send to our military. 
New members are welcome!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2nd
Job Transition Support Group. 
10:00 AM. Parish Lounge. 
Bringing together experienced professionals looking to secure employment. 
Details on page 4.

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4th, 7:00 PM & 
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6th, 4:00 PM
Sacred Music in a Sacred Space presents 
A Chanticleer Christmas in New York 
Details on page 3.

FRIDAY – SUNDAY
DECEMBER 4th – DECEMBER 6th
Shelter Weekend. Wallace Hall. 
For information on volunteering, see page 4.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5th
IGNITE! Teen Ministry. 
6:30 PM. Hoefner Lounge. 
Teens 13–19 are welcome! Details on page 4.

ADVENT

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

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

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.

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. 
We hope to see you at the Fair!

PLEASE OPEN FOR PAGES 3 AND 4
**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

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**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

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**BOOMERS & BEYOND**

Calling all Ignatian 40s and 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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**MUSIC**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH**

**2nd Sunday of Advent**

**11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS**

Phillips  *Savior of the Nations, come*
Powell  *Savior of the Nations, come*
Palestrina  *Fuit homo missus a Deo*
Isaac  *Jerusalem surge*

**7:30 PM MASS**

Stuttgart  *Come, O Long-Expected Jesus*
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12:10   MEM    Jose Maria Lopes
5:30   MEM    William Powers

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(St. Edmund Campion, Robert Southwell & comps.)
8:30   MEM    Alan Stromberg
12:10   MEM    Genoveva Moya
5:30   MEM    Crisanta Dapul

**Wednesday, December 2nd**
(First Wednesday of Advent)
8:30   MEM    The Choix & Gordon Families
12:10   MEM    Margaret Gallacher
5:30   MEM    Gregorio Dizon

**Thursday, December 3rd**
(St. Francis Xavier)
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12:10   MEM    Leona & Oscar Verhoff
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**Saturday, December 5th**
(Second Saturday of Advent)
Baruch 5:1–9    Psalm 126
Philippians 1:4–6, 8–11   Luke 3:1–6

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**The Tender Mercy of God**

**Wednesday, December 9th at 6:30 PM**
**Parish House**

Join the Contemplative Leaders in Action community for an Advent prayer service, including a reflection by Rev. George M. Witt, S.J., Executive Director of the Jesuit Collaborative. Refreshments to follow. Space is limited.

To RSVP, visit http://bit.ly/1Oh6ByA

For more information, contact Seán Sanford at ssanford@jesuitcollaborative.org

CLA is a program of the Jesuit Collaborative

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**Job Transition Support Group**

**Wednesday, December 2nd at 10:00 AM**
**Parish Lounge**

Bringing together a group of experienced professionals looking to secure employment, we hope to help one another in the job search process.

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

**FRIDAY – SUNDAY**
**DECEMBER 4th – DECEMBER 6th**

**SVdP Women’s Shelter**

**Wallace Hall**

There is a particular need for stay-over volunteers, especially on Sunday nights.

Both men and women are invited to volunteer.

If you would like to volunteer in the Shelter, please leave a message for Louise Decatrel at the Parish House or email svdp.shelter980@gmail.com

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**IGNITE! TEEN MINISTRY**

**Saturday, December 5th**
**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
Christmas Angel Project
Continues this week!
Benefiting
the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes in Harlem and St. Mary’s Church on Grand Street
Participants can select up to five Angel cards from one of the trees that are 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
Continues this weekend!
Benefiting the children from the Church of St. Mary of the Assumption + Our Lady of Mt. Carmel – St. Benedicta
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 This 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.

Thank you for remembering those in need.

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.

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.
Author Discussion and Reception: The Miracle Chase. Sponsored by the New York Chapter of the Santa Clara University Alumni Association. Monday, November 30th, 7:00 PM. Cristo Rey High School, 112 East 106th Street. Authors of The Miracle Hill, Katie Mahon and Joan Luise Hill, will discuss the discoveries they have made, not only about God and miracles, but also about themselves. Light refreshments will be served. Cost: $5. To register, visit tinyurl.com/qdeuaaz and for more information, email tanyakschmidt@gmail.com.

Viewing Film Through An Ignatian Lens: Babette’s Feast. Sponsored by the Ignatian Volunteer Corps of Metro New York. Friday, December 4th, 6:30 PM. Xavier High School Library, 30 West 16th Street. A screening of the Oscar-winning film will be followed by a discussion led by Fr. Marc Roselli, S.J., Associate Pastor of Staten Island’s Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish.

Volunteer Eucharistic Ministers Needed. Volunteers are needed as “spiritual visitors” to the residents of the DeWitt Rehab and Nursing Center, 221 East 79th Street (between 2nd and 3rd Avenues). If you are interested in bringing the Eucharist to residents of DeWitt and are able to make a monthly two-hour commitment, please contact Janet Traub at 646-645-0217 or by email at PastoralCareDeWitt@gmail.com. If you have not served as a Eucharistic Minister in the past, a short training program will be offered to prepare you for this very important and rewarding ministry.

ArchCare Care Navigation Center: Resources for Seniors. Need help caring for yourself or someone else but not sure where to turn? ArchCare, the healthcare system of the Archdiocese of New York, has a Care Navigation Center staffed by health and social service professionals dedicated to helping people better understand and access the services for which they are eligible. Call 855-951-2273 between 9:00 AM and 9:00 PM seven days a week.

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. Feely
Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Feely
9:30 AM Fr. Hilbert
Wallace Hall 11:00 AM Fr. Judge
Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Martin
7:30 PM Fr. Martin

For your convenience
To reach the Giving page on the parish website, scan the QR Code at left.