Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem. Your light has come.”

This opening verse from the first reading for the Feast of the Epiphany reminds me of another verse from the Old Testament: “Light is sweet and it is good for the eyes to see the sun” (Ecclesiastes 11:7). I am sure we know this to be true from our own experience, especially if we have been on a summer vacation at the shore and all we have known is rain from day one.

There has been a longing to see light and sun these past months in the northernmost cities above the Arctic Circle where, from the end of November to the end of January, the sun doesn’t rise above the horizon. This dark period is known as Polar Night and it can easily give rise to the disorder termed winter SAD — Seasonal Affective Disorder. The main symptoms are tiredness and oversleeping, feelings of sadness, depression and irritability.

The most common way people in these northern territories cope with the wintertime darkness is to turn on all the lights. Street lights burn twenty-four hours a day, and in homes special lamps are used that simulate the sun by progressively brightening at a specific time each morning. People count the days until the sun reappears. And on that great day they go to a favorite outdoor spot to watch and to celebrate as the sun makes its appearance over the horizon.

I am reminded of this part of the world during the Christmas and Epiphany season when scripture relies so often on the imagery of light to express who Jesus is, and on what Jesus does for our world.

We learn from Matthew’s gospel today that it was light from the bright star of Bethlehem that guided the wise men to Jesus. “The star they had seen at its rising preceded them until it came and stopped over the place where the child was” (2:9). You might say that the star was their GPS, their global positioning system. Nowadays you can buy them for your car, or to use when you are out on a hike. They provide great security for people who have a poor sense of direction and who are liable to lose their way if they are traveling in darkness or on unfamiliar roads.

The First Letter of John begins: “This is the message that we are announcing to you: God is light. There is no darkness in him at all.” And in John’s Gospel, Jesus describes himself as “the light of the world” and claims that anyone who follows him will not walk in darkness. Humankind has a deep fear of darkness. And there is good reason for this. We are made for light, not for the dark. Blindness is a terrible privation.

In the scriptures, darkness is often used to describe the part of life that is lived without God. Because we are human and sinful, there are times in our life when we do walk in darkness. And that darkness can make us anxious, confused and fearful...somewhat like those people in the northern countries who suffer from winter SAD. We can give in to that darkness. And this is a sure way into depression, even into despair. Or we can fight against the darkness with every means at our disposal. We can light a few lights, do something to lift our spirits. Above all, we can draw nearer to Christ the light. With the psalmist we can hope to say that “The Lord is my light and my salvation.”

There is much darkness in our world today. And whenever the outlook seems especially bleak, and darkness seems dangerously close to overcoming the light, there seem to be prophets of doom on every corner. But history reminds us that darkness has loomed in every age, and scripture reminds us that God’s light is stronger than any darkness. Because Jesus is the light, he does not wish, nor will he allow, darkness to win out. We can be as sure of this as the people in those northernmost cities of the Arctic are sure that the sunlight will come back to them by the end of January.

— Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J.
Senior Priest
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 9th
Ranger Rosary Ministry.
7:00 PM. Meeting Room.
Details on page 3.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11th
Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting.
7:00 PM. Conference Room.

FRIDAY – SUNDAY
JANUARY 13th – JANUARY 15th
Shelter Weekend. Wallace Hall.
For information on volunteering, see page 3.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14th
IGNITE! Teen Ministry.
6:30 PM. Parish Lounge.
Details on page 3.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

BLOOD DRIVE
Sunday, January 29th
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
McKinnon Hall

The New York Blood Center requires 2,000 donations
daily to meet the transfusion needs of our community.

While all donations are welcome, there is particular need
for the following blood types: O Negative, O Positive, A
Negative, and B Negative. Your donation may enable a
premature baby to live, a burn victim to recover, a cancer
patient to be treated, or an accident victim to survive.

To register:
Online – www.nybloodcenter.org/blood
Telephone – (800) 933-2566
Please reference Group Code 06239 when registering.

Walk-ins are also welcome.
A photo or signature ID is required.
Please drink plenty of fluids and eat a well-balanced
meal before giving blood.

LAW MINISTERS’ ENRICHMENT

SAVE THE DATE
Ignatian Spirituality:
The Role of Desire in Prayer and Daily Life
with
Sr. Karen Doyle, SSJ
Co-director, Spiritual Direction
Training Program,
Center for Ignatian Spirituality,
Fairfield University

Saturday, January 28th
9:30 AM – 3:30 PM
Wallace Hall

Continental breakfast and lunch
will be provided.
All are welcome.
Registration information to follow
in an upcoming bulletin.

Catholic Schools Week
January 29th – February 4th

Catholic Schools Week is an annual
national celebration of Catholic
elementary and secondary schools and the important
role they play in providing a values-added education
for America’s young people.

THE ANNUAL APPEAL

As we embark on a new year,
please remember to include your
contribution to the Annual Appeal
on your to-do list.

In order to fund the current level of service and
programming, we rely on the Annual Appeal,
which is now underway.

If you have not yet made a donation, you
can do so by visiting the Annual Appeal
page on the St. Ignatius website by
scanning the QR code at left.

To electronically access the Annual Report for Fiscal
Year 2016 and a letter from Father Yesalonia about the
Annual Appeal, visit our website at stignatiusloyola.org
Copies are also available at the Parish House.

Thank you for your continued generosity!
IGNATIAN YOUNG ADULTS

**Sunday Social 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.

**Sunday Social Dates**

Jan. 8  Feb. 19  March 5  March 19

IGNITE! TEEN MINISTRY

Saturday, January 14th
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
Parish Lounge

*All high school students are welcome!*

Ignite is a Catholic community of high school students rooted in the Ignatian way of prayer, service, and community. We meet twice a month on Saturdays from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM.

To register, scan the QR code at left or visit https://goo.gl/forms/fUpawgmEXNRGJjc53

RANGER ROSARY MINISTRY

Monday, January 9th
7:00 PM in the Meeting Room

The Ranger Rosary ministry meets twice a month to make rosaries for Catholics who are serving in the armed services. These rosaries are constructed from materials with no metal parts that might reflect light or make a rattling noise.

*New members are always welcome!*

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

**FRIDAY – SUNDAY**

**JANUARY 13th – JANUARY 15th**

SvDp Women’s Shelter
Wallace Hall

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is in need of volunteers for the Women’s Shelter, which is located in Wallace Hall, every other weekend through April.

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

**EMMAUS BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

A six-session support group for those who have experienced the death of a loved one will begin on **Tuesday evening, February 7th**, in the Parish Lounge, from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM.

The sessions, both educational and supportive, are run by experienced facilitators.

To register, email EmmausBereavementGroup@gmail.com

Registration is required.

**MEETING CHRIST IN PRAYER**

Meeting Christ in Prayer is an interactive 8-week guided prayer experience for small groups. Based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola, it introduces participants to various ways of praying and provides an opportunity to support one another through faith sharing.

**Morning Sessions**

Tuesdays, February 7th – March 29th*
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

**Evening Sessions**

Wednesdays, February 8th – March 29th*
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

*Note: Both sessions will conclude at the evening meeting on Wednesday, March 29th

What does it offer?

Weekly meetings are 90 minutes long and include group prayer, guided meditation, small group faith sharing, and an orientation for the following week’s prayer or prayer techniques. The cost of the program is a sliding scale of $30-$50 and covers all materials. Scholarships are available.

To register, email MCIP@saintignatiusloyola.org

**CALL TO MINISTRY**

We need to expand the number of our parishioners serving as

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Response forms and brief descriptions of each ministry are available in the Narthex (Church lobby) and in the Parish House.

Instruction for new ministers will be offered later this month.

For more information, contact Fr. Feely at feelyt@saintignatiusloyola.org
Available at the Parish House
The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola:
A Walking Tour
Cost: $8

Announced Masses and Readings
for the Week

Monday, January 9th  
(The Baptism of the Lord)  
Isaiah 42:1–4, 6–7  Psalm 29  
8:30 MEM  Simona Saracino Fendi  
12:10 LVG  Joseph & Catherine Caracciolo  
5:30 MEM  Stratford Wallace

Tuesday, January 10th  
(First Tuesday in Ordinary Time)  
Hebrews 2:5–12  Psalm 8  Mark 1:21–28  
8:30 MEM  Eugene A. Tolomeo  
12:10 MEM  Valentino Mazzia  
5:30 MEM  Deceased Members of the Scanlon & McLoughlin Families

Wednesday, January 11th  
(First Wednesday in Ordinary Time)  
Hebrews 2:14–18  Psalm 105  Mark 1:29–39  
8:30 MEM  Giro & Elina Zullo  
12:10 MEM  The Meehan Family  
5:30 MEM  Michael Santangelo

Thursday, January 12th  
(First Thursday in Ordinary Time)  
Hebrews 3:7–14  Psalm 95  Mark 2:13–17  
8:30 MEM  Andrew Martin  
12:10 MEM  Karl Gould  
5:30 MEM  Barry Sullivan

Friday, January 13th  
(First Friday in Ordinary Time)  
Hebrews 4:1–5, 11  Psalm 78  Mark 2:1–12  
8:30 MEM  Arthur Santoro  
12:10 MEM  Sose & Mark Prekelezaj  
5:30 MEM  Jeannette Paolo

Saturday, January 14th  
(Second Saturday in Ordinary Time)  
Hebrews 4:12–16  Psalm 19  Mark 2:13–17  
8:30 MEM  Katherine Patricia Lane

Sunday, January 15th  
(Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)  
Isaiah 49:3, 5–6  Psalm 40  
1 Corinthians 1:1–3  John 1:29–34

PRAYER SUGGESTION
Sacred Space
Spend 10 minutes in prayer, as you sit at your computer, with the help of on-screen guidance and scripture chosen specially every day.  
Visit www.sacredspace.ie

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Both are available 24 hours per day.

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For more information about IVC, visit IVCUSA.org or contact Mary Ellen O’Driscoll, Metro New York Area Director, at 917-609-8163.

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FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE
The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity  
January 18th – 25th  
This year’s theme is Reconciliation — The Love of Christ Compels Us (2 Corinthians 5:14–20)  
The Week of Christian Prayer invites Christians throughout the world to pray in communion with the prayer of Jesus: “that they all may be one... so the world may believe.” (John 17:21).  
For more information, visit www.geii.org

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The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola will be participating in the food drive scheduled from Sunday, January 29th through Sunday, February 5th.

Donations will go to the Community Pantry at the Church of St. Gregory the Great on West 90th Street. Please bring non-perishable foods to the Parish House.

While all donations are greatly appreciated, these items are especially welcome:

- 100% fruit juices
- beans (canned or dry)
- canned fish (salmon, sardines, or tuna)
- canned fruits
- canned meat (chicken, beef, or ham)
- canned stews (chicken or beef)
- canned vegetables
  - coffee/tea
  - couscous
  - dried fruits
  - dry cereal and hot cereal (farina, grits, or oatmeal)
- dry milk packets
- flour/cornmeal/baking mixes
- nutritional beverages (Boost, Ensure, Carnation Instant Breakfast)
- nuts
- pasta/noodles
- peanut butter
- personal care items
- rice
- shelf-stable milk
- soy/almond/rice milk
- spices
- tomato sauce
- vegetable soups
- whole wheat crackers

Every item counts! Thank you for your generosity.

Feeding Our Neighbors: Archdiocesan-Wide Food Campaign

MUSIC

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15th
11 AM SOLEMN MASS

Buxtehude
Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam

Pachelbel
Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam

Howells
Like as the hart

Palestrina
Sicut cervus

Mathias
Processional

COMING IN FEBRUARY

Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir: Arvo Pärt

Wednesday, February 1st, 7:00 PM

The leading proponent of Arvo Pärt’s music in the world, The Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir has won two Grammy awards for recordings of Pärt’s works. Arvo Pärt is the most performed living composer in the world today. People of all religious faiths—and of none—find his music riveting and spiritually stirring.

Tickets: $35–$85

WORLD PREMIERE OPERA

Upon this handful of Earth

Friday, February 24th, 7:00 PM

In honor of the publication of “Laudato Si,” Pope Francis’ recent encyclical about the environment, SMSS and The New York Opera Society have commissioned a new chamber opera from renowned Norwegian composer Gisle Kverndokk and librettist Aksel-Otto Bull based on the writings of Father Pierre Teilhard de Chardin.

Inspired by and featuring Teilhard’s “Mass on the World,” Kverndokk’s opera tells the stories of people whose lives have been irrevocably altered by environmental catastrophes. The work offers a hopeful, empowering meditation on the way forward from the toll of these events.

Tickets: $25–$80

Tickets for all concerts are available online at www.smssconcerts.org or by calling 212-288-2520.

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.

Event: March for Life in Washington, D.C. Friday, January 27. A Manhattan bus (sponsored by the Archdiocesan Family Life/Respect Life Office) will leave from Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 457 West 51st Street. Mass at 6:15 AM/Depart 7:00 AM. Total cost for the trip: $50. If you are not able to make the trip, please consider making a donation so that others can attend. For further information and to register, call Sr. Shirley at 212-371-1011 x3195 or email sr.shirleyann@archny.org

Travel: An Ignatian Journey to Spain, Plus Lourdes. Sunday, October 1–Wednesday, October 11. Trip includes visits to Loyola, San Sebastian, Montserrat, and Barcelona. Trip leaders: Fr. George Witt, S.J. (Trip Spiritual Director), Provincial Assistant for Spiritual Ministries, Maryland & USA Northeast Provinces of the Society of Jesus, and Mr. Joe Naylor (Group Coordinator), Provincial Assistant for Advancement and Communications, Maryland & USA Northeast Provinces of the Society of Jesus. Prices (not including airfare) start at $3,899 (if paid by check)$4,098 (if paid by credit card). Accommodations, sightseeing, and meals are included. To download a brochure, visit GoCatholicTravel.com/NaylorWitt For more information, contact Joe Naylor at jnaylor@jesuits.org or call 212-774-5529.

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

We pray for the faithful departed
Aileen Stenson
May she rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

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Centering Prayer
4:30 PM Saturday or by appointment.

Confessions
Baptisms
Please call Teresa Cariño 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 Teresa Cariño at the Parish House (212-288-3588 x632) to begin preparation for Marriage, normally one year in advance.

Visit to the Sick
Please contact the Parish House between the hours of 9:00 AM and 9:00 PM.

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