As we conclude our twenty-eighth season, Sacred Music in a Sacred Space will present Franz Joseph Haydn’s (1732–1809) monumental oratorio, The Creation. Written between the autumns of 1796 and 1797, The Creation is a mature work authored by Europe’s most famous musical master, then in his mid-sixties. Haydn had received the anonymously penned English-language libretto during a trip to London in 1795. Upon returning to his home in Vienna, Haydn showed the libretto to Baron Gottfried van Swieten, who was at the time serving as Imperial Librarian. Van Swieten immediately created a German translation, and Haydn set about composing with an eye toward creating a work that could function well in both languages.

We will present the oratorio in its English version, even though the libretto is problematic to the point of being unintentionally comical. It is a collection of passages from the biblical account of creation, the Psalms, and Milton’s Paradise Lost. Full of vibrant imagery, the text lends itself to rather outrageous musical renderings of the chaos that reigned prior to the appearance of firmament and seas, the creation of light, the emergence of full-grown animals, and finally, the creation of Adam and Eve. Haydn exploits every resource in the orchestra and choir to paint vivid pictures of soaring eagles, roaring lions, the heavy trod of large mammals (depicted by the contrabassoon, with the most famous low B-flat in the history of that instrument!), great whales and fish slicing through the deep, cooing doves, and melodious nightingales. Papa Haydn—as he was known all over Europe—had a famously wicked sense of humor, and a flair for drama is apparent from the very first note: fortissimo octave C’s depict the Big Bang, followed by nebulous chords in the strings and scattershot solo lines from the woodwinds, calling to mind the atmospheric debris sifting about before coalescing into terra firma. At the piece’s premiere, the depiction of the creation of light so shocked and delighted the audience that it took several minutes for them to settle down so the orchestra could proceed.

The action unfolds briskly, with three angels, Raphael, Uriel, and Gabriel, providing the narrative. Each day ends with a punctuating chorus, acclaiming the glory of God manifest in each new creation.

The oratorio is divided into three parts: Part One relates the creation of the universe; the earth and light; the division of waters; establishment of land, sea, and plant life; and the positioning of the sun, moon and stars. This carries us through the end of the fourth day. In Part Two, birds, fish, and land animals appear, as well as the first two human beings. The humans take center stage in Part Three, as they gain consciousness and express their mutual love. It is in this section that the soloists depicting the angels Gabriel and Raphael are transformed into the Eve and Adam. At no point in Part Three is the Fall or concept of Original Sin introduced, although the angel Uriel—the one narrator remaining—does hint at trouble down the road, speaking of their constant bliss “if not misled by false conceit.”

Haydn’s wide-eyed romp through the familiar story has delighted audiences for over two hundred years. In his notes on the program, annotator James Keller says, “A child-like quality pervades The Creation, as if Haydn were relating the narrative to young listeners who had never heard it before.” Whether you are young or not so young, I hope you will join us Wednesday evening—May 24th—as we revel in this most delightful of musical masterpieces.

— K. Scott Warren
Director of Music Ministries
Dear Parishioners,

On occasion, I will use this column to communicate with you on important matters which come across my desk. I will also use this column as a vehicle to answer your questions concerning the parish which may merit a public response. Please identify yourself if you wish to present an issue which may be of common concern to parishioners.

The reason I write today is to inform you of a Statement of Principle which has been reviewed and endorsed by the Parish Trustees, the Ministry Council, the Ignatian Social Justice Committee, and the Parish Staff. It was drafted in response to the observation of many parishioners that we, as a parish, cannot simply be silent on a significant issue of social justice which the Holy Father himself has championed.

The issue is the worldwide plight of immigrants and refugees. The statement which follows is not simply our response to this tragedy, but a commitment on our part, as a parish, to respect the human dignity of our sisters and brothers who desperately seek the compassion which we profess by our faith.

As your Pastor, I encourage all of us who are nourished in our faith through our worship at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola to take heart, to herald hope, and to live the words embodied in the following Statement of Principle.

As a Catholic Jesuit parish committed to the Gospel values of justice and reconciliation, we stand in solidarity with all God’s children without regard to religion and ethnicity, and find morally objectionable any attempts at displacement, separation of families, or denial of basic human rights of those who seek refuge among us. We find it equally reprehensible to deport or detain anyone who seeks sanctuary from harm’s way. We believe such actions violate Christian morality and the very principles upon which our nation was founded.

Sincerely in the Lord,
Fr. Yesalonia

Available at the Parish House
The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola: A Walking Tour
Cost: $8

St. Ignatius is now on Facebook!
To stay up-to-date on upcoming events, follow us at churchofstignatiusloyolanyc
RANGER ROSARY MINISTRY

Monday, May 22nd
7:00 PM in the Meeting Room

Over 17,550 rosaries and counting!
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!

IGNATIAN YOUNG ADULTS

Sunday Social Spring 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
May 28       June 18

IGNITE! TEEN MINISTRY
Saturday, June 10th
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM in the 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

SPRING APPEAL

The Spring Appeal is an important source of funds for the many ministries and ordinary operations of the parish.

Please support your parish and contribute to the 2017 Spring Appeal.

To give online, visit https://donate.stignatiusloyola.org/church/spring or scan the QR code at left.

Thank you in advance for your continued generosity!

Join choristers from local schools and sing with our St. Ignatius Children’s Choirs next season!

Do you have a child who loves to sing? Have them become a member of the St. Ignatius Loyola Children’s Choir!

Rising 1st through 8th graders may ‘audition’ on Tuesday, June 6th, 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM, and Wednesday, June 7th, 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM, in the Parish House Meeting Room.

Please contact Maureen Haley, Director of Children’s Choirs, at halem@stignatiusloyola.org for an audition time.

All parish children are welcome and no prior experience is necessary. A parent or guardian must be present to fill out the registration materials. Please see the brochure in the Narthex or on our website, stignatiusloyola.org, under “Music” then “Join Our Choirs” for additional information.

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

If you feel attracted to the Catholic faith, we want you to know about a program at the Parish that will begin in the fall.

A group will meet during the year to inquire into the Catholic faith, to come to know Jesus through the Gospels, and to pray and to prepare for the Easter Sacraments.

This process, which is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is also open to those Catholic adults who have not received the Sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation.

For more information, contact Maureen Fullam at 212-288-3588 or email church@stignatiusloyola.org

Become a member of the Dominican Sisters’ Harmony Farm CSA!

You can purchase organic, biodynamic vegetables directly from the Sisters from June to November 2017. The cost of a share is $600 for 22 weeks. Each share feeds a family of 4 and the vegetables are delivered to the Parish House each week.

CSA members are invited to participate in two retreats at Harmony Farm on June 3rd & September 9th.

All members receive pictures from the farm each week as well as readings for reflection.

For more information, visit harmonyfarmny.com or email harmonyfarmcsa@gmail.com
Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, May 22nd
(Sixth Monday of Easter)
Acts 16:11–15    Psalm 149    John 15:26–16:4a
8:30  MEM    Elizabeth Bolus Wilson
12:10  MEM    James Gallacher
5:30  ANN    Richard Nolan

Tuesday, May 23rd
(Sixth Tuesday of Easter)
8:30  MEM    John B., John A. & Elizabeth A. Rooney
12:10  MEM    Frank McGoldrick
5:30  MEM    Marianne T. Bogunovich

Wednesday, May 24th
(Sixth Wednesday of Easter)
Acts 17:15, 22–18:1    Psalm 148    John 16:12–15
8:30  MEM    Charles Denihan
12:10  MEM    Douglas Handal

Thursday, May 25th
(The Ascension of the Lord)
Acts 1:1–11                     Psalm 47
Ephesians 1:17–23         Matthew 28:16–20

Friday, May 26th
(St. Philip Neri)
8:30  MEM    Emil Wittek
12:10  MEM    Marie Serra Warhola
5:30  MEM    Sose & Mark Prekelezaj

Saturday, May 27th
(Sixth Saturday of Easter)
8:30  MEM    Di Vico Rosa

Sunday, May 28th
(Seventh Sunday of Easter)
Acts 1:1–11          Ephesians 1:17–23
Psalm 47     Matthew 28:16–20

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.

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

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Taking Hold:
Creative Planning for Retirement and Beyond

An interfaith adult education program sponsored by the Episcopal Church Foundation and organized by Rabbi Leonard Schoolman

Tuesday, May 23rd & Tuesday, May 30th at 7:00 PM
Wallace Hall

May 23rd: Living Fully in Retirement and Estate Planning
May 30th: Ensuring Your Wishes are Fulfilled and Planning for the End of Life

Every day, ten thousand Americans turn sixty-five. Different challenges and opportunities will confront them every day, yet nothing has prepared them for these massive changes in their lives.

This program will join individuals and experts from various faith traditions, ages, and backgrounds as an interfaith collaboration of congregations that seeks to answer common questions and provide guidance on the next steps in this exciting new stage of life.

Registration is required.
To register for either or both of the evenings, visit http://bit.ly/2lKjtA1

The Parish Ministry Council cordially invites those St. Ignatius Parishioners who have served this year to

The Ministers’ Night Annual Supper Social

Thursday, June 1st
7:00 PM
Wallace Hall

RSVP by Sunday, May 28th:
212-288-3588 or silministrydinner@gmail.com

Please leave both your name and your ministry.
We look forward to sharing a meal together!

MUSIC

SUNDAY, MAY 28th
11 AM SOLEMN MASS

Hancock
An Evocation of Urbis beata Jerusalem

Biery
Ubi caritas

Duruflé
Ubi caritas

Buxtehude
Gig Fugue in C Major, BUXWV 174

Haydn’s
The Creation
Wednesday, May 24th
7:00 PM

Performed in English, Franz Joseph Haydn's beloved oratorio depicts the creation of the world as told in the Book of Genesis and John Milton's Paradise Lost.

Tickets: $25 – $80

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY NOW

PLEASE REMEMBER US LATER!

Remember St. Ignatius in Your Estate Plan

Over the years, it has been the gifts left to the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola in wills, bequests, and memorials that have helped us to continue to flourish as a place of worship, as a place to protect and teach our children, and as a caring and generous parish where area residents may come for spiritual guidance.

If you would like information about planned giving, contact Fernando Castro, Treasurer, or visit our website at www.stignatiusloyola.org
Sunday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Every Sunday from 3:15 PM to 5:30 PM. Saint Joseph's Church, 404 East 87th Street. An opportunity for quiet prayer and silent adoration. All are welcome.