When Pope Francis called for a Jubilee Year of Mercy, who knew what was in store for the world, the Church, our country, our families, and our parish? The Year of Mercy began last December 8, 2015, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, patronal feast of the United States. It ends today, the Solemnity of Christ the King. From the pure heart of the Mother to the universal reign of the Son, we have had the balm of mercy abundantly available—we believers and those far away.

From the beginning of his pontificate, we learned that mercy was the key to understanding the path Pope Francis was proposing for the church. “The mercy of God changes the world. A little mercy makes the world less cold and more just…. This mercy is beautiful” (Angelus Address, March 17, 2013).

Pope Francis desires everyone to experience mercy; this was the reason for calling a Jubilee Year. “How much I desire that the year to come will be steeped in mercy, so that we can go out to every man and woman, bringing the goodness and tenderness of God!”

“The goodness and tenderness of God” is about the best description of mercy I can imagine, and it is eminently “Franciscan” (both Saint and Pontiff). But the phrase that strikes me as being wonderfully Jesuit is “go out to every man and woman.” The experience of the closeness of God—God’s caress—is to be shared, in word and deed, with the world.

In a recent address to the bishops of the United States, the Papal Nuncio observed that, “throughout the Year of Mercy, following the very long process which has led to the recent national election, I honestly think that mercy is what this country needs to heal the wounds of division after a polarizing campaign. As Catholics…we need to give witness to hope, to carry on through the coming days, so that we can truly be ‘one nation under God.’” But I digress.

What graces of divine mercy have we received this year? Each must answer personally; let me simply stimulate you with my own musings.

I believe Jesus has said to us: Wake up! Invite me in! I am at the door knocking!

They say that still waters run deep, but still water, if shallow, can be stagnant. We might assume that a tranquil conscience is a sign of the Spirit’s presence, consolation in the Ignatian sense. Like the Neapolitan fisherman in a well-known Italian song, sleeping beneath his nets, his companions call to him, “Wake up! The moon is full! It’s time to go fishing.”

Jesus, out of tender love for us, wants to shake us out of our torpor. When the soul of a church community or a family or an individual is at ease, the easiness itself should be tested, examined. If it says, ‘all good here, nothing to worry about, chillin’!’ God is not there, that is not God’s consolation, which always brings a certain disquiet, a keen alertness, a little rough water. God’s mercy carries a cross. Wake up to contemplation, to seeing the magnificent works of God! Turn off the parking lights and put on the high beams!

In another way, the Lord is knocking at the door, extending an invitation, and asking to be let in. The sense of sight joins the sense of hearing, and together they form the basis for discernment. The grace of divine mercy—the goodness and tenderness of God—that we as an Ignatian community are called to bring to every man and woman we meet, is the capacity to see the Lord near, to hear the Lord knocking, when all the other images and noises cause sensory overload, or else blanket us with a lullaby that dulls with the false consolation of torpor and prevents us from discerning the call to fruitfulness and adventure, to celebration and gratitude, graces that we will enjoy in a special way this Thanksgiving.

Jesuits around the world also give thanks for the abundant mercy shown to us by the election of our new Superior General, Father Arturo Sosa, and the visit that Pope Francis made to the 200 Jesuits gathered in Rome for the General Congregation. (The Holy Father walked down the street and knocked on the door himself: Wake up! I’m here! Open up!)

The Pope spoke of three aspects of our service: that the greater good is accomplished through joy, through the cross, and through the church, our mother. Ask for the consolation that awakens us to the joys and the sufferings of others, ask to be moved by the Lord placed on the cross, ask to join the community of discerning disciples. The Jubilee Year of Mercy is over; the goodness and tenderness of God, and our mission to share mercy, continues.

— Rev. Michael J. Hilbert, S.J.
Associate Pastor
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24th
Thanksgiving Day Mass
9:30 AM. Church.
This will be the only Mass celebrated on Thanksgiving Day.
The Parish House will be closed.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25th
One Daily Mass will be celebrated in the Lady Chapel at 8:30 AM.
The Parish House will be closed.

CALL TO MINISTRY
We need to expand the number of our parishioners serving as

- Eucharistic Ministers
- Hospitality Ministers
- Lectors

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 in January.

For more information, contact Fr. Feely at feelyt@saintignatiusloyola.org

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Saturday, December 24th
Christmas Eve
- 4:00 PM Family Mass I
- 6:00 PM Family Mass II
- 8:00 PM Mass of Christmas
- Midnight Mass

Sunday, 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.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
Fr. Dennis Yesalonia, 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 24th and 25th 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.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Saint Ignatius Loyola Grammar School extends a cordial invitation to join us at our

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR
Saturday, December 3rd & Sunday, December 4th
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM in McKinnon Hall

Offered at the Christmas 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 and a booth of fun seasonal activities hosted by our Brownie and Girl Scout Troops.

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

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.

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
We have the privilege at St. Ignatius of welcoming those who may be thinking of becoming Catholic. If you feel attracted to the Catholic faith, we want you to know about a program at the Parish. A group will meet during the year to inquire into the Catholic faith, to come to know Jesus through the Gospels, 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

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**Ignite! Teen Ministry**

Saturday, December 10th
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/UpawgmEXNRGjhc53

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**Volunteer Eucharistic Ministers Needed**

Volunteers are needed as “spiritual visitors” to the residents of the DeWitt Rehab and Nursing Center at 211 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, contact Janet Traub at PastoralCareDeWitt@gmail.com or (646) 645-0217.

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**Ranger Rosary Ministry**

**Monday, November 28th**
7:00 PM in the Meeting Room

The Ranger Rosary ministry, which started at St. Ignatius in August 2009, 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!
**Announced Masses and Readings for the Week**

**Monday, November 21st**  
(The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary)  
8:30 MEM   Thomas L. Napierala  
12:10 MEM   Philip Barbero & the DeSisto Family  
5:30 MEM   Nathan Davidson  

**Tuesday, November 22nd**  
(St. Cecilia)  
8:30 MEM   Joseph Signorelli  
12:10 MEM   Erilda Gloria  
5:30 MEM   Sose & Mark Prekelezaj  

**Wednesday, November 23rd**  
(Thirty-fourth Wednesday in Ordinary Time)  
8:30 MEM   Carmen Fernandez  
12:10 MEM   Carolyn Hughes Gerhardt  
5:30 ANN   Raymond J. Feerick  

**Thursday, November 24th**  
(St. Andrew Dung-Lac & comps.)  
Revelation 18:1–2, 21–23; 19:1–3, 9a   Psalm 100  

**Friday, November 25th**  
(Thirty-fourth Friday in Ordinary Time)  
8:30 MEM   Stanley Hinds  

**Saturday, November 26th**  
(St. John Berchmans)  
8:30 MEM   Craig Jacko  

**Sunday, November 27th**  
(First Sunday of Advent)  
Isaiah 2:1–5   Psalm 122  
Romans 13:11–14   Matthew 24:37–44  

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**Daily Reflections for Advent & Christmas**  
Bishop Robert Morneau of Green Bay, WI offers Advent and Christmas meditations and prayers, reflecting on Scripture readings from the daily Mass.**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.

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**THE BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD**  
The Book of Remembrance 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 end of the month.  
Departed loved ones will be remembered in prayer at all Masses during the month.

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**Available at the Parish House**  
The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola: A Walking Tour  
Updated in commemoration of our Sesquicentennial Celebration, the redesigned Walking Tour—with all-new photographs—provides a detailed overview of the rich architectural history of the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola.  
Cost: $8
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27th

11 AM SOLEMN MASS

Bach, J. S.  Nun komm der heiden heiland, BWV 659
Praetorius Missa brevis: Kyrie
Praetorius Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland
Praetorius Missa á 8: Agnus Dei

Caritas Concert: Ávila & Fiacco - Violin and Cello

Monday, November 21st, 6:30 PM
Wallace Hall

Jorge Ávila & Arthur Fiacco are the beloved concertmaster and principal cellist of the Orchestra of St. Ignatius Loyola. For this evening, they offer a program of chamber music with celebrated pianist Adrienne Kim. All proceeds will benefit the organization Hour Children.

Tickets: $50

December at Sacred Music in a Sacred Space

A Chanticleer Christmas

Friday, December 2nd at 7:00 PM & Sunday, December 4th at 4:00 PM

Now for its fourth year at St. Ignatius Loyola, A Chanticleer Christmas accompanies your holiday season with joy and tranquility in music old, new, and familiar.

Seasonal anthems and carols by Americans from Billings to Ives to Steven Sametz will make for a classically rich and resplendent Chanticleer Christmas.

Heaven and Nature Sing: Annual Christmas Concerts

Sunday, December 11th at 3:00 PM & Sunday, December 18th at 3:00 PM

The Vivaldi Gloria is the centerpiece of this year’s concerts, accompanied by well-known seasonal favorites and festive carols for everyone to join in singing.

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

Tickets for all concerts are available online at www.smssconcerts.org or by calling 212-288-2520.
Interfaith Thanksgiving Service and Celebration. Sunday, November 20, 7:00 PM. Temple Shaaray Tefila, 250 East 79th Street. This annual ecumenical celebration will feature musical presentations from Kol Rinnah, Shaaray School of Rock, and the Young People’s Chorus of New York. For more information, visit www.shaaraytefilanyc.org

Mass for the Feast of St. Lucy, Patron Saint of the Blind. Tuesday, December 13, 6:30 PM. St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Lady Chapel, East 50th Street and 5th Avenue. Presented by the Xavier Society for the Blind. Readings for the Mass will be available in large print and braille. All are welcome. For further information, call 212-473-7800

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 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM seven days a week.

Sunday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Every Sunday, 3:15 PM–5:30 PM. Saint Joseph’s Church, 404 East 87th Street. An opportunity for quiet prayer and silent adoration. All are welcome.

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

Remember St. Ignatius in Your Estate Plan
If you would like information about planned giving, contact Fernando Castro, Treasurer, or visit our website at www.stignatiusloyola.org

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

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Children’s Liturgy of the Word
Sundays at the 9:30 AM Mass.
Centering Prayer
Mondays at 6:30 PM.

Confessions
4:30 PM Saturday or by appointment.

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.

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