As the days grow shorter and colder, the warmth of our church—our spiritual home—beckons to us. In many respects, it has been a difficult year, as political dialogue has often been replaced with hostility. Relationships are fractured, nerves are on edge, and most of us, regardless of our political persuasion, are anxious to see what the coming months have in store. We wait.

*O come, O come, Emmanuel,*
*And ransom captive Israel*
*That mourns in lonely exile here*
*Until the Son of God appear.*
*Rejoice! Rejoice!*  
*Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

The promise of Emmanuel—God with us—sustains us in our daily practice. We wait, but with the realization God never left us, but rather manifests anew in our lives, through physical and emotional healing, through our relationships, and in our professional lives. Our spiritual journey is one of discovery, realizing that the grace we need already resides within us, a gift given at our birth.

If you sense the need to ground yourself in God's love and peace, I can think of no better way to begin that process than to be present for our Advent liturgies. Here we look inward, whether at Sunday Mass or weekday Masses, to find God's grace as it manifests itself in our everyday experiences. At these liturgies, we stand in the intersection of Time and Eternity, and this is where we meet God, and God in each other. May I let you in on a little secret? Every minute of every day, we stand in this intersection. We just don't realize it until a moment of grace—running into a friend on the street, a call from a loved one, a hug from a child—breaks through our routine and we realize our Oneness, not just with the other person, but with every sentient being in the universe. I don't know the Mind of God, and am usually leery of those who say they do. But if I were to guess, I would say the intersection where we find this grace is where God wants us to live our lives. Why? Because this is where we're happy, fulfilled, and best able to serve each other. It's very simple: we have to be fully present wherever we are, whatever we're doing. It's also very difficult, because our minds are always looking for a way to get away from the present moment and move prematurely into a future that we've imagined is better than the present. But this is the place where we encounter and worship the God who is always with us, even when we don't realize it.

Throughout this Advent season, there are manifold ways to encounter this grace. As we've said, the weekend and daily Masses offer the best possible starting point. Moving further into the season, we experience the transcendence of Chanticleer. The sheer beauty of their voices, married to the depth of spirit present in each of these men, transport us year after year as they present *A Chanticleer Christmas,* Friday, December 2 at 7 PM, and Sunday, December 4 at 4 PM.

Transcendence meets exuberant joy at our annual parish Christmas Concerts. One of the reasons I love these concerts so much is that the entire music ministry comes together for this dazzling celebration. The Children's Choirs, Parish Community Choir, Wallace Choir, *Canticum Sacrum,* and the Choir and Orchestra of St. Ignatius Loyola sing and play their hearts out, and you get to join in on the carols! This year, we will again present these concerts on two consecutive Sundays, December 11 and 18, at 3 PM.

But we are far from finished—the final Sunday of Advent awaits, as do Christmas Eve and morning, which are liturgical and musical banquets for our entire parish family. We again offer two Family Masses on Christmas Eve. At the 4 PM Mass, our combined Children's Choirs and Wallace Hall Choir will regale us with carols and anthems. Our wonderful, dedicated Parish Community Choir anchors the 6 PM Mass. At the 8 PM Mass, the Choir and Orchestra of St. Ignatius provide their customary exemplary leadership, as they do at the Midnight Mass. Finally, Christmas morning arrives and we celebrate with Mass at 9:30 AM and Solemn Mass at 11 AM.

Our prayer for you during this Advent season is that the warm embrace of God's love permeates every facet of your life, and draws you closer into this community, and to the God who continues to become incarnate in us, every minute of every day.

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

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27th**

*First Sunday of Advent*

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28th**

Ranger Rosary Ministry.
7:00 PM. Meeting Room.
Details on page 3.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30th**

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

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2nd, 7:00 PM & SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4th, 4:00 PM**

Sacred Music in a Sacred Space *presents*
A Chanticleer Christmas.
Details on page 5.

**FRIDAY – SUNDAY DECEMBER 2nd – DECEMBER 4th**

Shelter Weekend. Wallace Hall.
For information on volunteering, see page 3.

**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.

**FAMILY MINISTRY**

1st Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

Sunday, December 4th

Immediately following the 11:00 AM Mass
Wallace Hall

All are welcome.

Questions? Email parentcommittee.familyministry@gmail.com

**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.

**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

**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
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.

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

**FRIDAY – SUNDAY**

**DECEMBER 2nd – DECEMBER 4th**

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

**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, 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!**

**Compassionate Care**

**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.

**Interested in Becoming Catholic?**

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 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
**Announced Masses and Readings for the Week**

**Monday, November 28th** (First Monday of Advent)
Isaiah 2:1–5    Psalm 122    Matthew 8:5–11
8:30 MEM     Emil Wittek
12:10 MEM    Richard Nemeth
5:30 MEM    Michael Santangelo

**Tuesday, November 29th** (First Tuesday of Advent)
8:30 MEM    Deceased Members of the Brenninkmeijer Family
12:10 MEM    Casimira Perez
5:30 MEM    Ruby Jong Yuan

**Wednesday, November 30th** (St. Andrew)
Romans 10:9–18    Psalm 19    Matthew 4:18–22
8:30 MEM    Jody Haggerty
12:10 MEM    Bettina Caiola
5:30 ANN    William Powers

**Thursday, December 1st** (SS. Edmund Campion, Robert Southwell & comps.)
Isaiah 26:1–6    Psalm 118    Matthew 7:21, 24–27
8:30 MEM    Phyllis Browne
12:10 MEM    Bettina Caiola
5:30 MEM    Gregorio Dizon

**Friday, December 2nd** (First Friday of Advent)
8:30 LVG    Maryanne & Metro Sirko
12:10 MEM    Margaret Gallagher
5:30 MEM    Daniel F. Kelly

**Saturday, December 3rd** (St. Francis Xavier)
Zephaniah 3:9–10, 14–18    Psalm 86
Matthew 28:16–20
8:30 MEM    Peter Johnson

**Sunday, December 4th** (Second Sunday of Advent)
Isaiah 11:1–10    Psalm 72
Romans 15:4–9    Matthew 3:1–12

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**November is Jesuit Vocation Month**

Has anyone ever suggested you might have a Jesuit vocation? Have you ever asked yourself the question? If so, the Jesuits of the Maryland and USA Northeast Provinces would be happy to help you learn more about the Society of Jesus.

For more information, visit www.jesuitvocations.org or contact one of the Jesuits on the parish staff.

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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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**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.
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4th**

**11 AM SOLEMN MASS**

Phillips, Hovland & Near  
*Three settings of Comfort, comfort, O my people*  
Guerrero  
*Missa Inter Vestibulum: Kyrie, Sanctus, Agnus Dei*  
Guerrero  
*Canite tuba*

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**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*.

Called “the world’s reigning male chorus” by *The New Yorker* magazine, Chanticleer is known around the world as “an orchestra of voices” for the seamless blend of its twelve male voices ranging from soprano to bass and its original interpretations of vocal literature, from Renaissance to jazz and popular genres, as well as contemporary composition.

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**Heaven and Nature Sing: Annual Christmas Concerts**

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

The *New York Times* calls these concerts “part of the essence of Christmas in New York,” and our sellout audiences year after year agree!

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.*

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**Tickets for all concerts are available online at [www.smssconcerts.org](http://www.smssconcerts.org) or by calling 212-288-2520.**
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.

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

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

We pray for the faithful departed
Robert Caruso
May he rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

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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.

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