As we move through the season of Advent, the season of joyful preparation, the Archdiocese of New York offers us a new online resource for faith formation that I am happy to present today: FORMED.

Perhaps some of you have already received information about this new initiative from Cardinal Dolan himself in his Advent letter of December 1st. “We all know how busy this time of year can get as we prepare for Christmas—with holiday gatherings, shopping, travel plans, etc. Yet we can never forget that the Church gives us these four weeks of Advent as an opportunity to prepare ourselves for the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.”

What is FORMED?

You might say it is like Netflix for Catholics, and it is now accessible for all our parishioners. It is a 24/7 online web-based digital formation series produced by the Augustine Institute and Ignatius Press. It is available anywhere, anytime, on computers, tablets, and phones.

FORMED is an online platform that provides Catholic content such as movies, eBooks, audio talks, Bible studies, and much more. There is a video series called “Catholicism” in which Bishop Robert Barron explains the Catholic faith, another entitled “Reborn” that presents the Sacrament of Baptism in a most engaging way. Cardinal Dolan recommends especially a new program on the Sacrament of Confession called “Forgiven” as we prepare for the Archdiocesan Day of Reconciliation on Monday, December 19th. There is a daily Advent program and a Christmas movie, “The Story of the Nativity.”

Thanks to support from a generous anonymous donor, as well as funding from the archdiocese itself, Cardinal Dolan made the decision to provide a one-year subscription to all of the archdiocese’s parishes and parishioners, which will enable us to take advantage of features including entertaining films for all ages, inspiring talks, enlightening courses, lectio divina, and reflections on the Sunday readings. The variety of resources is quite extensive, from discussion topics for youth to features on seasonal themes. Indeed, your first visit to the site may be dauntingly disorienting, but I do encourage you to navigate as best you can to find something that nourishes your faith.

How can I register for FORMED?

Every parish has been assigned a parish code. Our parish code is JM4KZX (case sensitive). Here are the steps to take:

1. Go to www.formed.org
2. Click on “Register—Sign up free using your parish code.”
3. Enter our St. Ignatius Loyola Parish code JM4KZX
4. Create a personal account with user name/email and password. This is optional.
5. Start navigating! For subsequent visits, log in by going directly to formed.org and entering your user name/email and password.
6. You may also go to our parish website, where you will find a simple link with the parish code pre-inserted.
7. Finally, if you are reading this Bulletin essay in digital format, here is the link: https://formed.org/?code=JM4KZX

How can I get the most out of FORMED?

The educational and spiritual formation opportunities are almost endless (and the site is regularly updated and enriched with new material). The user will do well to narrow a search depending on interest, time available, medium and content. For example, the Christmas resources include programs in English and Spanish, eBooks, movies, and theological reflections on the Incarnation. It might be a 15-minute guided prayer or a full-length movie, discussions of human dignity and discipleship for youth groups, or an explanation of the doctrine of the humanity and divinity of Jesus—the hypostatic union, if you please!

Father Yesalonia has asked me to be the parish point person as we move forward in discovering the potential of FORMED for adult faith formation, sacramental preparation, youth ministry, marriage ministry, and more. The members of the parish staff and ministry leaders have been evaluating the offerings, including the many study and discussion guides that can be downloaded for free. Since the archdiocese is subsidizing 100% of the annual subscription cost for 2017, it is incumbent on us that we be good stewards of this gift: that we participate in this innovative program with gratitude and magnanimity; that we learn more about our faith so that we not only live it out more deeply but also share it with others; that we offer our constructive feedback to improve the quality of the programs and render the investment fruitful; and that we decide whether to continue this investment as a parish community.

Your thoughts and comments are most welcome!

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11th
Third Sunday of Advent

Christmas Angel Project ends this weekend. Details on page 5.

Christmas Caroling. 1:30 PM.
Hosted by Boomers & Beyond and Ignatian Young Adults. Details on page 3.

Sacred Music in a Sacred Space presents Heaven and Nature Sing — Annual Christmas Concert. 3:00 PM. Church. Details on page 5.

Sunday Social and the Annual Parish Christmas Cookie Exchange. 8:30 PM. Wallace Hall.
Hosted by the Ignatian Young Adults.
Follows the 7:30 PM Mass. Details on page 3.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12th
Ranger Rosary Ministry.
7:00 PM. Meeting Room.
Details on page 3.

SVdP Annual Toy Drive ends.
Details on page 5.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14th
Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting.
7:00 PM. Conference Room.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15th
Ignatian Social Justice.
7:00 PM. Conference Room.

FRIDAY – SUNDAY
DECEMBER 16th – DECEMBER 18th
Shelter Weekend. Wallace Hall.
For information on volunteering, see page 3.

NEXT WEEKEND:
BLESSING FOR EXPECTANT FAMILIES

A special Blessing for Expectant Families will be offered to expectant families at all Masses next weekend, December 17th–18th.

As we draw near to the celebration of the birth of the Christ Child, we encourage those families about to experience the miracle of birth or adoption to join us for this special blessing.

ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19th
RECONCILIATION MONDAY

All parishes in the Archdiocese of New York will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Monday, December 19th.

Confessions will be heard beginning at 4:00 PM.
Many priests will be available for Confession.

ADDITIONAL CONFESSION TIMES
Thursday, December 22nd & Friday, December 23rd
6:00 PM–8:00 PM in the Parish House

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.

THE ANNUAL APPEAL

As you plan your Christmas gift-giving, 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     | Dec. 11 | Jan. 8 | Feb. 19 | March 5 |
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To receive updates on IYA events and other opportunities, you can follow us on Facebook at “Ignatian Young Adults (NYC).”

ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE
Hosted by the Ignatian Young Adults at the IYA Sunday Social

TONIGHT at 8:30 PM in Wallace Hall
All parishioners are welcome.
Bring your homemade cookies to swap with others!

To participate:
BAKE your favorite Christmas cookies.
(If you’re not a baker but would still like to participate in the exchange, treats from a bakery are fine, too!)

We recommend bringing 2 dozen cookies (24), but any amount is fine as long as you bring that many home!

BRING your treats to Wallace Hall on Sunday, December 11th, before or after the 7:30 PM Mass.
Please bring your treats in a container you can reuse for carrying your new cookies home.

EXCHANGE your cookies.
All are welcome to stay for our Christmas Social, also in Wallace Hall!

IGNITE! TEEN MINISTRY
Saturday, January 14th, 2017
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/jUpawgmEXNRGJjc53

BOOMERS & BEYOND

Calling all Boomers & Beyonders and Ignatian Young Adults for our annual Christmas Caroling event.

TODAY AT 1:30 PM
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 for a snack and drink afterwards.

Place: Lott Assisted Living Residence – 5th Avenue (between 107th and 108th Streets)

RANGER ROSARY MINISTRY

Monday, December 12th
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.

New members are always welcome!

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
FRIDAY – SUNDAY
DECEMBER 16th – DECEMBER 18th
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

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
Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

**Monday, December 12th**
(Our Lady of Guadalupe)
- Zechariah 2:14–17
- Judith 13
- Luke 1:26–38
  - 8:30 MEM Thomas Flammer
  - 12:10 MEM Christopher Begley
  - 5:30 MEM The Clancy Family

**Tuesday, December 13th** (St. Lucy)
- Zephaniah 3:1–2, 9–13
- Psalm 34
- Matthew 21:28–32
  - 8:30 MEM The Gunning Family
  - 12:10 MEM Eugene Gundrum
  - 5:30 MEM Deceased Members of the Scanlon & McLoughlin Families

**Wednesday, December 14th** (St. John of the Cross)
- Isaiah 45:6c–8, 18, 21c–25
- Psalm 85
  - 8:30 MEM Giro & Elina Zullo
  - 12:10 MEM George McGoldrick
  - 5:30 MEM Elizabeth Stoerk

**Thursday, December 15th**
(Third Thursday of Advent)
- Isaiah 54:1–10
- Psalm 30
  - 8:30 MEM William & Ann Reilly
  - 12:10 MEM Thomas Morgan Kelly
  - 5:30 MEM Jack O’Leary

**Friday, December 16th** (Third Friday of Advent)
- Isaiah 56:1–3a, 6–8
- Psalm 67
- John 5:33–36
  - 8:30 MEM Olga Abi-Hassoun
  - 12:10 MEM Herb Finley
  - 5:30 MEM Paul F. Reilly

**Saturday, December 17th**
(Third Saturday of Advent)
- Genesis 49:2, 8–10
- Psalm 72
- Matthew 1:1–17
  - 8:30 MEM Lois Staub

**Sunday, December 18th**
(Fourth Sunday of Advent)
- Isaiah 7:10–14
- Psalm 24
- Romans 1:1–7
- Matthew 1:18–24

*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 provides a detailed overview of the rich architectural history of the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola.

**Cost: $8**
**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

**Ends This Weekend!**

**Christmas Angel Project**

to benefit
The Church of Our Lady of Lourdes in Harlem
and St. Mary’s Church on Grand Street

All Christmas Angel Project cards have been selected. Thank you for remembering those in need!

Gifts must be returned to the Parish House by 9 PM tonight.

**Ends Tomorrow!**

**Annual Toy Drive**
to benefit the children from
the Church of St. Mary of the Assumption +
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel – St. Benedicta

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.

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**ADVENT FOOD DRIVE**

**Continues This Weekend!**

Benefiting the Community Food Pantry at the Church of St. Gregory the Great

Through
Monday, December 19th, 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 through **Monday, December 19th.**

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**MUSIC**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18th**

**11 AM SOLEMN MASS**

Yon  
Praeludium on Rorate caeli desuper

Demessieux  
Praeludium on Rorate caeli desuper

Byrd  
Mass for Four Voices: Kyrie, Sanctus, Agnus Dei

Rachmaninoff  
Vespers, Op. 37: Bogoroditse Devo

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**December at Sacred Music in a Sacred Space**

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

**TODAY 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**

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

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

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**Please support the Advent & Christmas Liturgical Music Fund**

This fund supports the liturgical music program throughout the year — our musicians, staff, music, robes, and maintenance of instruments.

Gifts of $100 or more that are received by Friday, December 16 will be listed in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship aids. Contributions of $500 or more will be featured in a separate section.

To donate, visit https://donate.stignatiusloyola.org/christmasmusic

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**Copies of the Christmas and Holiday Mass Schedule, which includes the listing of music being sung at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses, are available in the Narthex, the Parish House, and at stignatiusloyola.org**
liturgy: 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.

Performance: Christmas Revelations. Saturday, December 17 at 3:00 PM & 7:30 PM and Sunday, December 18 at 3:00 PM. Sheen Center for Thought & Culture, 18 Bleecker Street. This theater/dance production weaves together Christmas stories and dances from A Dancer’s Christmas and Christmas Reflections, featuring new choreographic works. Creator Fr. Robert VerEecke, S.J., is pastor of Manhattan's Church of St. Francis Xavier and Visiting Jesuit Artist at Boston College. Cost: $25 for adults/$15 for children. To purchase tickets, call 212-925-2812 or visit sheencenter.org

Travel: U.S. National Rosary Pilgrimage to Lourdes, France. Thursday, June 22, 2017–Saturday, July 1, 2017. Includes all meals, a guided tour of Lourdes, a guided visit to Gavarnie, and scheduled liturgical services. The group will be accompanied by medical staff, clergy, and volunteers to assist with the needs of the pilgrims. Prices start at $2,745 (for a JFK/New York departure). Reservation deadline is Wednesday, March 15, 2017. For additional details and rate information, visit lourdes-pilgrimage.com, call 877-276-7279, or email lourdespilgrimageoffice@comcast.net

Services: 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 understand and access the services for which they are eligible. Call 855-951-2273 between the hours of 9:00 AM and 8:00 PM seven days a week.

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Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.

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Fernando Castro

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

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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. Confessions will be heard at St. Ignatius Loyola Church during the Archdiocesan Day of Reconciliation on Monday, December 19th, beginning at 4:00 PM.

Baptisms
Please call Teresa Cariño at the Parish House (212-288-3588) 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) 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