When, in Our Music, God Is Glorified: Choosing Music for Our Liturgies

A new dimension in the world of sound, / As worship moved us to a more profound / Alleluia! — Fred Pratt Green

This stanza from When, in Our Music, God is Glorified points to something music ministers strive to create: the musical conditions that lead to a deeper understanding of what it means to be a Christian. Whether intentionally created or actively listened to, music can be transformative. “I never really understood the story of Abraham and Isaac,” one parishioner told me, “until I heard Philip Anderson sing about it.” Indeed, music expresses scripture and its teachings in a different way than simply speaking or reading them can. And when the conditions are right, all of us can share more fully in that “new dimension” of sound.

Our goal as music ministers is never to play or sing hymns at you, but with you; these are your songs as much as they are ours. Hymn-singing cultivates a sense of connection with those immediately around us, our wider Christian community, and generations that have come before us. One of my most beloved childhood memories is singing Gift of Finest Wheat with my grandfather at Mass—a favorite hymn he sang with gusto! Since his passing, I can’t help but hear his voice whenever I play or sing this hymn.

I’m often asked what goes into choosing music for our liturgies. In general, there are five criteria that guide my decision-making:

1. The scripture readings of the day.
   This is where it all begins. Musical connections to scripture can be overt—direct quotations or adaptations of the text, or explorations of a particular theme—or subtler, such as personal associations I think others may find meaningful.

2. Liturgical seasons, feasts, and Rites of the Church.
   Composers of sacred music have gifted us with an abundance of music created especially for specific liturgical seasons, feast days, and Rites.

3. Actions in the liturgy.
   What’s happening in the Mass right now, who’s doing it, and why? What hymns and anthems explore these liturgical actions?

4. Current events.
   What’s happening in our world here and now, and how do we, as followers of Christ, relate to it?

5. Music and text considerations.
   Is the music skillfully crafted? Is the text set well, and is it theologically sound? If a piece of music directly follows another, do the keys relate in a consonant way? What’s the overall musical arc in the liturgy?

Of course, we all have our own preferences when it comes to liturgical music. Some pieces I find challenging to relate to. Perhaps a certain style is not my cup of tea, or the music and text seem too archaic. Or, perhaps I’m just not familiar with a particular hymn.

There are three things that help me navigate through these barriers. The first is remembering that no matter what happens or doesn’t happen musically, the Mass is the most important thing.

Secondly, the ways in which we relate to ourselves, to others, to the world, and to God naturally change over time. Keeping this in mind helps me not to dismiss music that seems foreign or in conflict with my experience. Music, just as liturgy, is a living, breathing thing.

Finally, I try to hold my views and opinions lightly. I’m not always successful at this, but when I am, I’m open to receive all that music has to offer us—understanding, connection, and transformation.

May we all be moved to a more profound Alleluia! at our liturgies this weekend!

— Robert Reuter
Associate Director of Music
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27th
Ranger Rosary Ministry.
7:00 PM. Meeting Room.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29th
Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting.
7:00 PM. Conference Room.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1st
Sacred Music in a Sacred Space presents
A Chanticleer Christmas.
8:00 PM. Church. Details on page 5.

FRIDAY – SUNDAY
DECEMBER 1st – DECEMBER 3rd
Shelter Weekend. Wallace Hall.
For information on volunteering, see page 3.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2nd
IGNITE! Teen Ministry.
6:30 PM. Parish Lounge. Details on page 3.

LGBT CATHOLICS & FRIENDS

Our Stories: Being LGBT and Catholic
Thursday, December 7th
7:00 PM in Wallace Hall

FEATURED PRESENTER
Frank DeBernardo
Executive Director
New Ways Ministry

About New Ways Ministry
Since 1977, New Ways has been dedicated to...
• Fostering dialogue
• Combating homophobia
• Working for change in attitudes
• Promoting acceptance of LGBT persons as full and equal member of church and society

PLUS 6 members of the LGBT Catholics & Friends ministry will share their personal stories.

FAMILY MINISTRY

Annual Christmas Tree Lighting
Sunday, December 3rd in Wallace Hall
Immediately following the 11:00 AM Mass.

LECTURE

Jesuits & The Arts:
Gerard Manley Hopkins, S.J.
Monday, December 11th
7:00 PM
Wallace Hall

Fr. Thomas Lucas, S.J., University Professor of Art and Rector of the Jesuit Community at Seattle University, will present an illustrated lecture on Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins.

In this presentation, Fr. Lucas will sketch out the complicated biography of this enigmatic genius, opening up both the poet's faith and his profound psychological difficulties, with readings of selected poems.

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

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

Monday, 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.

MOVING?
Please don't forget to notify us! This information helps us to keep our database current.
BREAKING OPEN THE WORD
Thursday, November 30th  |  7:00 PM to 8:00 PM  |  Wallace Hall
Parents are invited to an evening of scripture study, conversation and prayer, facilitated by Brian Pinter. Our focus will be the prophet Isaiah and the message of hope and transformation he proclaims to us in Advent. Light refreshments will be served.
To RSVP, email brianbpinter@gmail.com

BOOMERS & BEYOND
Calling one and all for our annual Christmas Caroling event
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.
Date: Sunday, December 3rd
Time: 12:45 PM
Place: Lott Assisted Living Residence – 5th Avenue (between 107th and 108th Streets)

IGnite! Teen Ministry
Saturday, December 2nd
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
Parish Lounge
Ignite is forming a community of high school students guided by Ignatian spirituality though Saturday sessions, small groups, retreats, and more.

Parents can register their teens by scanning the QR code at left or by visiting https://form.jotform.com/7157544498166

ADvent Lectio Divina
Sunday, December 3rd, 10th & 17th
6:30 PM – 7:15 PM
Parish Lounge
Facilitated by Brian Pinter
Lectio Divina is an ancient approach to praying with scripture that invites us to hear God’s word with the ear of the heart.
All are welcome to join us for this prayerful reading and short discussion of the Sunday gospel.
Registration is not required.

SOciety of St. Vincent de paul
Friday – Sunday
December 1st – December 3rd
Svdp Women’s Shelter
Wallace Hall
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is in need of volunteers for the Women’s Shelter 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

More than a Book Club
December Selection
Book Discussion
Thursday, December 14th
2:00 PM
Parish House Meeting Room
To register for the December 14th book discussion, email MoreThanaBookClubSIL@gmail.com Registration required.

December Book Selection
The Ninth Hour by Alice McDermott
Tracing three generations of an Irish immigrant family, The Ninth Hour centers on a widow and her daughter and the nuns who serve their Irish-American community in Brooklyn.
The Ninth Hour is available for purchase from most book retailers, including Amazon.com and Barnes & Noble.
To register for the December 14th book discussion, email MoreThanaBookClubSIL@gmail.com Registration required.

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Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

**Monday, November 27th**
(Thirty-fourth Monday in Ordinary Time)
Daniel 1:1–6, 8–20    Daniel 3    Luke 21:1–4
8:30 MEM    Emil Wittek
12:10 MEM    Rose Hynes
5:30 MEM    Barbara Pierson

**Tuesday, November 28th**
(Thirty-fourth Tuesday in Ordinary Time)
8:30 MEM    John B., John A. & Elizabeth A. Rooney
12:10 MEM    Richard McKeever
5:30 MEM    Antoninette Brown

**Wednesday, November 29th**
(Thirty-fourth Wednesday in Ordinary Time)
Daniel 5:1–6, 13–14, 16–17, 23–28    Daniel 3
Luke 21:12–19
8:30 MEM    Deceased Members of the Brenninkmeijer Family
12:10 MEM    Carol O’Connor
5:30 MEM    Charles A. Whittingham, Jr.

**Thursday, November 30th**
(St. Andrew)
Romans 10:9–18    Psalm 19    Matthew 4:18–22
8:30 MEM    Juan Manzano & Niña Santana
12:10 MEM    Brendan Cryan
5:30 MEM    William Powers

**Friday, December 1st**
(Ss. Edmund Campion, Robert Southwell & comps)
8:30 MEM    Mae Rooney
12:10 MEM    Margaret Gallacher
5:30 MEM    Linda Foa

**Saturday, December 2nd**
(Thirty-fourth Saturday in Ordinary Time)
8:30 MEM    The Leary Family

**Sunday, December 3rd**
(First Sunday of Advent)
Isaiah 63:16b–17, 19b; 64:2–7    Psalm 80
1 Corinthians 1:3–9    Mark 13:33–37

**OCTOBER SACRAMENTS**

**BAPTISMS**
Frank Lee Acevedo
Alice Yilan Chovanec
Rachel Xinlan Chovanec
Sophia Lori Conlon
Shannon Robin Dunn
Greta Eileen Florest
John Edward Gallaudet
John Crowe Grenier
Nora Jane Guiterman
Axel James Kirby
Violet Isabel Mellia
Madelyn Rose Murphy
Fiona Margaret O’Leary
Lucia Elvira Pedroso
Everett Blake Rochowicz
Penelope Van Benthysen
Victoria Elizabeth Zappone

**FIRST COMMUNION**
Eduardo Artacho
Jacqueline Lucille Anne Beckman
James Aaron Beckman
Annalise Chia
Capucine Ganter
Lea Camille Ganter
Logan Kelly
Nathaniel Pelaez
Stephan James Pinder
Josh Mathias Pulster
Ella Louisa Maria Del Carmen Quesada
Thomas Joseph David Christian Quesada
Pablo Sandoval Tapuerca
Maximiliano Schmidt
Elizabeth Siddiqui
Imran Siddiqui

**WEDDINGS**
Brian James Lee & Candice Marie Turner
Antonio Manuel Sobrevinas Silva & Paulyn Dalsay
Ryan R. Stuckert & Samantha A. Kleinman
John M. Viola & Nicole Marcella Di Bona
James S. Wortman & Diana Sorbera

**INTERFAITH MINISTRY**

*Wednesday, December 6th*  
7:00 PM  
*Meeting Room*

If you are interested in interfaith dialogue to promote greater understanding of other faith traditions and how we can collaborate with other faith communities, please join us!

**WALLACE HALL AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL**

For more information, contact Caroline Fernandes at 212-288-3588 or fernandesc@saintignatiusloyola.org
We welcome new parishioners and invite you to fill out a Parishioner Registration Card located in the pew racks, at the Parish House, and online at stignatiusloyola.org

**Snow Ball Dance**

Join us for this adults-only event, featuring an evening of dancing and hors d'oeuvres.

**Saturday, December 9th**
7:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Wallace Hall

**Tickets:** $25/person

To RSVP, visit donate.stignatiusloyola.org/snowball

**MUSIC**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3rd**

11 AM SOLEMN MASS
Ferguson & Moore
Two settings of Veni, Emmanuel
Rossi
Elohim hashiveinu
Brahms
O Heiland, reiss die Himmel auf

**A Chanticleer Christmas**

Friday, December 1st at 8:00 PM & Sunday, December 3rd at 4:00 PM

Christmas is our favorite time of year, when we accompany your holiday season with joy and tranquility in music old, new, and familiar.

Nanino, Byrd, Praetorious, Gabrieli, and Poulenc are among the composers who wrote of what happened at the manger; Joseph Jennings, Alice Parker and Robert de Cormier are among those who have made beloved arrangements of popular carols and songs. Seasonal anthems and carols by Americans from Billings to Ives to Steven Sametz will make for a classically rich and resplendent Chanticleer Christmas.

**Tickets:** $35 – $90

**Love's Pure Light: Annual Christmas Concerts**

Sunday, December 10th at 3:00 PM & Sunday, December 17th at 3:00 PM

**Tickets:** $35 – $85

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

**Pastor**
Rev. Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J.

**Associate Pastors**
Rev. Thomas H. Feely, S.J.
Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.

**Assistant Pastor**
Rev. Brett B. McLaughlin, S.J.

**Senior Priest**
Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J.

**Pastoral Associates**
Teresa Marie Cariño, Carly-Anne Gannon

**Assisting Priests (Sunday)**

**Music Ministries**
Scott Warren, Director
Daniel Beckwith, Maureen Haley
Robert Reuter, Philip Anderson
Michael Sheetz
Sara Murphy, Executive Director of SMSS Concerts
Danya Katok, Administrator

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**Asst. to the Director of Facilities**
Caroline Fernandes

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**Treasurer**
Fernando Castro

**Weekday Masses (Monday to 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. McLaughlin
Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Bergen
9:30 AM Fr. Martin
Wallace Hall Family 11:00 AM Fr. Feely
Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Yesalonia
7:30 PM Fr. Yesalonia

**Religious Education for Children**
Ms. Carly-Anne Gannon, Director
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Ms. Theodora Crist, M.S.
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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.

**Volunteer Eucharistic Ministers Needed.** Lenox Hill is in need of Eucharistic Ministers to bring communion to their Catholic patients. Prospective volunteers will need to complete an application, come in for an interview, be medically cleared and attend an orientation session. A weekly commitment is required. If you are interested in this or any other volunteer opportunities at Lenox Hill Hospital, please contact Carlos Cuartas at ccuartas@northwell.edu for more information.

**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 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.

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