

Church of St. Ignatius Loyola

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December 24, 2017 | Fourth Sunday of Advent

Back to Basics, A Christmas Story

A few weeks ago, I was invited to visit two classes at the Day Nursery so that I could read to them. Since my visit coincided with the approach of Christmas, I had in mind reading to them the classic poem, *A Visit from St. Nicholas*. To add color commentary to the poem, I considered gaining weight so that at the appropriate time in the reading I could demonstrate how a belly shakes *like a bowl full of jelly*. But alas, my imaginings were soon dashed when I was handed two books from which to choose. Both books were stories about the birth of Jesus. While I was heartened by the teachers' commitment to the children's learning about Jesus, I felt finessed of the opportunity to, at long last, play the role of Santa Claus, if only vicariously through the reading of the poem. And so, since I no longer needed to bulk up for the role I returned to the cupboard the dozen chocolate chip cookies I intended to eat and I selected the book, *No Room at the Inn*. I thought at least that book might provide me with the opportunity to do an exuberant imitation of a donkey hee-hawing as it stood beside the manger.

When I entered one of the classrooms, I was warmly greeted by the teachers who informed me that the children had a question to ask me. Filled with curiosity, I approached the children who were seated on the floor and said, "Good morning, boys and girls!" They enthusiastically responded in a charmingly rhythmic cadence, "Good morning, Father!" I then invited them to ask me their question. In unison they said, "How old are you?" My reaction was a quizzical look until the teachers said that the children had been learning their numbers and counted to 60 that very morning. I replied that they would have to add several more numbers to get to my age, then revealed it. And you, dear reader, will need to learn from the children of the Murray Hill class what I told them in response to their question.

Walking back to the Parish House after my visit I was smiling as I reveled in this brief encounter with youthful inquisitiveness and playful wonder. Not too far from the Day Nursery I ran into a parishioner who is at the other end of the age spectrum of Day Nursery children. I asked him, "How are you?" As we walked side by side he spoke in a stoically positive fashion and brought me up to date on the progress of his treatment for cancer. When we reached 84th and Lex, we parted, he to CVS to pick up his prescriptions and me to my office to a mountain of paperwork.

Two seemingly basic questions: How old are you? How are you? On that day each one provided me an insight into the meaning of Christmas. In the innocence and simplicity of their question love's pure light sparkled in the children as they learned something about each other and me, about the story of the birth of Jesus, and about the world around them. Filled with wonder, they radiated joy as their minds opened to a wider reality, a world they enthusiastically embrace. And witnessing in the response to a question more often used as a greeting than an inquiry the radiance of someone at peace, trusting in God's love and reveling in the hope which each day brings.

As I was reminded that day, Christmas is a time to go back to the basics, to what really matters. God loves us. Love's pure light, Jesus Christ, is with us in each moment of our day, every day of our lives. We never walk alone nor live in the darkness of ignorance. Childlike curiosity and the wisdom that comes with age are gifts to us this Christmas and every Christmas. They open our hearts to the wonder of God's love. All that we need do to experience them is to ask and respond to simple, basic questions.

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



*The Virgin of
the Lilies.*
William-
Adolphe
Bouguereau.
1899.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24th &
MONDAY, DECEMBER 25th

To view our complete Christmas Mass schedule, see below.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26th

The Parish House will be closed in observance of the Christmas Holiday.

One Daily Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 AM.

FRIDAY - SUNDAY
DECEMBER 29th - DECEMBER 31st
Shelter Weekend. Wallace Hall.

For information on volunteering, see page 3.

Merry Christmas!



*Fr. Dennis Yesalonia, S.J.,
and the Parish Staff
of the
Church of
St. Ignatius Loyola
extend best wishes
for a
blessed Christmas.*

2017 CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

4:00 PM FAMILY MASS I

Children's Choirs

Fr. Judge, Presider

Doors open at 3:15 PM Prelude begins at 3:45 PM

6:00 PM FAMILY MASS II

Parish Community Choir

Fr. Hilbert, Presider

Doors open at 5:15 PM Prelude begins at 5:45 PM

8:00 PM VIGIL MASS

Choir & Orchestra of St. Ignatius Loyola

Fr. Bergen, Presider

Doors open at 7:30 PM Prelude begins at 7:45 PM

MIDNIGHT MASS

Choir & Orchestra of St. Ignatius Loyola

Fr. Yesalonia, Presider

Doors open at 10:45 PM Prelude begins at 11:15 PM

Christmas Day

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

9:30 AM MASS

Fr. McLaughlin, Presider

11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS

Fr. Yesalonia, Presider

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26TH

One Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 AM

(The Parish House will be closed)

New Year's Eve

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

Masses at 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM

(Solemn & Wallace Hall), and 7:30 PM

New Year's Day

MONDAY, JANUARY 1ST

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

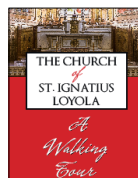
One Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 AM
in the Church

A Gentle Reminder

The Christmas Masses here in the Parish are unusually crowded, especially the 4:00 PM Family Mass and the Midnight Mass.

People will be seated as they arrive. In fairness to all, please do not attempt to save or hold seats for those who are expected later.

The ushers have been instructed not to honor such arrangements.



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The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola:
A Walking Tour

Cost: \$8

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Moving? Please don't forget to notify us!
This information helps us to keep our database current.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



FRIDAY – SUNDAY
DECEMBER 29th – DECEMBER 31st

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

IGNATIAN YOUNG ADULTS



Sunday Social 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

January 7 February 4 March 4

To receive updates on IYA events and other opportunities, you can follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/IgnatianYoungAdults

THE ANNUAL APPEAL



As a new year approaches, 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 2017, visit our website at stignatiusloyola.org

Thank you for your continued generosity!

RETREAT



From the Rising of the Sun to Its Setting: Prayer East and West

A silent weekend retreat based on Ignatian and Buddhist prayer methods.

Friday, January 19th to Sunday, January 21st
Jogues Retreat, Cornwall, NY

Led by Fr. Michael Hilbert, S.J., & Issan Koyama

The retreat is an invitation to silent meditation, with periods of guided prayer using both Ignatian and Buddhist methods. The group will pray morning and evening prayer together, and the weekend will conclude with the celebration of the Eucharist.

There are 15 spaces available for this retreat.

Cost: \$150 per person

To register, email John Vernon at sil.retreat@gmail.com

MEETING CHRIST IN PRAYER

SAVE THE DATES



The winter sessions of Meeting Christ in Prayer will be held **Tuesday mornings, January 30th through March 13th at 9:30 AM** or **Wednesday evenings, January 31st through March 14th at 7:00 PM.**

More details and registration information will follow after Christmas.

IGNITE! TEEN MINISTRY



Saturday, January 20th
6:30 PM
Parish Lounge

Ignite is forming a community of high school students guided by Ignatian spirituality through Saturday sessions, small groups, retreats, and more.

Parents can register their teens by visiting
<https://form.jotform.com/71575444498166>

ST. IGNATIUS IS ON FACEBOOK!

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MUSIC



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31st



11 AM SOLEMN MASS

J. S. Bach

Christum wir sollen loben schon, BWV 611

Bach

In dir ist Freude, BWV 615

The N.P. Mander Organ Recital Series



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Tickets: \$35 – \$90

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www.smsconcerts.org or by calling 212-288-2520.

LECTURE



Jesuits & Interfaith Dialogue

**Monday, January 22nd at 8:00 PM
Wallace Hall**

Fr. Tom Worcester, S.J., President of Regis College in Toronto, will discuss the role of Jesuits in interfaith and ecumenical dialogue from the origins of the Society of Jesus to the present day.



Fr. Thomas Worcester, S.J., is President of Toronto's Regis College. Prior to his appointment, Fr. Worcester was a History professor at the College of the Holy Cross in Massachusetts.

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, December 25th

(Nativity of the Lord)

Isaiah 9:1–6 Psalm 96

Titus 2:11–14 Luke 2:1–14

Tuesday, December 26th

(St. Stephen)

Acts 6:8–10; 7:54–59 Psalm 31 Matthew 10:17–22

8:30 MEM Emil Wittek

Wednesday, December 27th

(St. John)

1 John 1:1–4 Psalm 97 John 20:1a, 2–8

8:30 MEM John B., John A & Elizabeth A. Rooney

12:10 MEM Irene Tenga

5:30 MEM Samuel Chierchio

Thursday, December 28th

(The Holy Innocents)

1 John 1:5–2:2 Psalm 124 Matthew 2:13–18

8:30 MEM Eileen O'Connor Nesmith

12:10 MEM Dimitria Kotsoginnis

5:30 MEM William Wallace

Friday, December 29th

(Fifth Day in the Christmas Octave)

1 John 2:3–11 Psalm 96 Luke 2:22–35

8:30 MEM Michael Santangelo

12:10 MEM Catherine Rollings

5:30 MEM William Powers

Saturday, December 30th

(Sixth Day in the Christmas Octave)

1 John 2:12–17 Psalm 96 Luke 2:36–40

8:30 MEM Margaret Sullivan

Sunday, December 31st

(The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph)

Genesis 15:1–6; 21:1–3 Psalm 105

Hebrews 11:8, 11–12, 17–19 Luke 2:22–40



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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. Yesalonia

Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Hilbert

9:30 AM Fr. Hilbert

Wallace Hall Family 11:00 AM Fr. Feely

Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. McLaughlin

7:30 PM Fr. McLaughlin

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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.

Art Exhibit: A New World: Contemporary Art Exploring Dorothy Day's Vision of Social Justice. Through January 12, 2018. Gallery at the Sheen Center for Thought and Culture, 18 Bleecker Street. Co-sponsored by The Sheen Center for Thought and Culture & the Dorothy Day Guild. The exhibit explores the legacy of radical activist and candidate for sainthood, Dorothy Day, through the juxtaposition of her writings with the work of 21 contemporary artists.

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.

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.

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.

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