When pressed for a completion date for the Basílica de la Sagrada Familia in Barcelona, Antoni Gaudí would insist: “My client is not in a hurry.” Man of faith, observer of nature and great architect, Antoni Gaudí has become a universal figure of modern architecture.

Gaudí worked for forty-three years on the basilica until his passing in 1926. Five generations have already witnessed the basilica’s rise in Barcelona; construction continues today. Gaudí poured everything he had into creating what he believed to be his masterpiece for God. He knew his work would not be completed in his lifetime. Gaudí trusted in the slow work of God.

Just like the unfinished Sagrada Familia, the work of the family does not have a completion date. It is an ongoing project; a continual investment; a true labor of love. Trusting in the slow work of God and the absolute pouring out of one’s life is seen in high relief in the nuclear family structure.

The official website of the Sagrada Familia describes the basilica as a “symbolic expression in stone of the Christian faith. In this temple, an exaltation of the Family of Nazareth as a model for a united family, Christians, especially Roman Catholics, can recognize the tenets of their faith.”

Saint Pope John Paul II’s favorite metaphor for the family was “the domestic church.” It appears twelve times in his 1981 Apostolic Exhortation, Familiaris Consortio, written after the Synod on the Family. This metaphor highlights the importance of the role of the family in the plan of salvation. He holds up the family as the natural school of love, which is essential to enabling human persons to achieve the fulfillment of their fundamental dignity.

Similarly, in his 2016 Apostolic Exhortation, Amoris Laetitia, after the Synod on Marriage and Family Life, Pope Francis builds upon the theme of the family as the “domestic church” and expands upon the primacy of love. He begins, “The joy of love experienced by families is also the joy of the Church.”

Pope Francis encourages every family to look to “the icon of the Holy Family of Nazareth. Its daily life had its share of burdens and even nightmares, as when they met with Herod’s implacable violence. This last was an experience that, sad to say, continues to afflict the many refugee families who in our day feel rejected and helpless. Like the Magi, our families are invited to contemplate the Child and his Mother, to bow down and worship him (cf. Mt 2:11).”

He continues: “Like Mary, [parents] are asked to face their family’s challenges with courage and serenity, in good times and bad, and to keep in their heart the great things which God has done (cf. Lk 2:19, 51). The treasury of Mary’s heart also contains the experiences of every family, which she cherishes. For this reason, she can help us understand the meaning of these experiences and to hear the message God wishes to communicate through the life of our families.”

Like the construction of the Basílica de la Sagrada Familia, raising a family is a true labor of love. It takes many people and generations to bring such a task to fulfilment. The continual shaping, molding and building that are required in family life make for truly beautiful and good work. Every family is a work in progress. Let us look to the Holy Family as we continue to foster tenderness, understanding and patience in each of the schools of love to which we belong under the careful guidance of the Master Builder.

— Carly-Anne Gannon
Director of Religious Education
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY, JANUARY 1st
Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God.
One Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 AM
in the Church.
The Parish House will be closed.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

SAVE THE DATE

BLOOD DRIVE
Sunday, January 28th
McKinnon Hall

The New York Blood Center requires
2,000 donations daily to meet the
transfusion needs of our community.

Your donation could enable a premature baby to live,
a burn victim to recover, a cancer patient to be treated,
or an accident victim to survive.

Registration details to follow
in an upcoming bulletin.

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!

Announced Masses and Readings
for the Week

Monday, January 1st
(Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God)
Numbers 6:22–27 Psalm 67

Tuesday, January 2nd
(Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen)
1 John 2:22–28 Psalm 98 John 1:19–28
8:30 MEM John & Nora Reilly
12:10 MEM Jim & Nora Blackstock
5:30 MEM Peter A. Lamalfa, Sr.

Wednesday, January 3rd
(The Most Holy Name of Jesus)
Sirach 51:8–12 Psalm 81 Philippians 2:1–11
8:30 MEM The Choix & Gordon Families
12:10 MEM Helen Walker
5:30 ANN Dolorita Wallace

Thursday, January 4th
(St. Elizabeth Ann Seton)
1 John 3:7–10 Psalm 98 John 1:35–42
8:30 MEM Patrick Murphy
12:10 MEM Hans Peot
5:30 MEM Andrew & Gertrud Diakun

Friday, January 5th
(St. John Neumann)
1 John 3:11–21 Psalm 100 John 1:43–51
8:30 MEM Carol Ann O’Connor
12:10 MEM Ana M. Spadafora
5:30 MEM Dolores O’Neill Ventura

Saturday, January 6th
(St. André Bessette)
1 John 5:5–13 Psalm 147 Mark 1:7–11
8:30 MEM Ralph Pero

Sunday, January 7th
(The Epiphany of the Lord)
Isaiah 60:1–6 Psalm 72
Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5–6 Matthew 2:1–12

NEXT WEEKEND: SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend, January 6th & 7th,
our Parish will take up a
special collection at all Masses for the
Catholic Communication Campaign
and
The Catholic University of America.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.
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, you can follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/IgnatianYoungAdults

MORE THAN A BOOK CLUB

JANUARY SELECTION
BOOK DISCUSSION
Thursday, January 18th at 2:00 PM
Meeting Room

JANUARY BOOK SELECTION
The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows

January 1946: Writer Juliet Ashton receives a letter from a stranger, a founding member of the Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society. And so begins a remarkable tale of the island of Guernsey during the German occupation, and of a society as extraordinary as its name.

To register for the January 19th book discussion, email MoreThanABookClubSIL@gmail.com

Registration required.

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.

MUSIC

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7th

11 AM SOLEMN MASS

Buxtehude
Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern

Mendelssohn
There shall a star from Jacob

Lassus
Omnes de Saba venient

Duruflé
Prélude sur l’Introit de l’Epiphanie

The N.P. Mander Organ Recital Series
presents

SIMON JOHNSON
Organist and Assistant Music Director of St. Paul's Cathedral, London

Sunday, January 14th at 3:00 PM

The N.P. Mander organ is the largest tracker-action pipe organ in the New York metropolitan area. All N.P. Mander Organ Recitals feature large-screen projection, offering the audience a rare view of the organist at work.

Tickets: $25

The King’s Singers: Gold
Sunday, January 21st at 4:00 PM

Fifty years ago, the original six King’s Singers came together through their shared love of singing and quickly became renowned for their mesmerizing performances. Gold charts a journey through the music that has defined the King’s Singers over the past 50 years, and moves on to exciting and unexplored musical worlds.

Tickets: $35 – $90

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

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.

Registration information to follow in an upcoming bulletin.
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)
Rev. Philip G. Judge, S.J.
Rev. James Martin, S.J.

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

Assistant to the Pastor
Diane M. Boyle

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Patricia Schneider

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Director of Facilities
Robert Cisternino

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Caroline Fernandes

Director of Development
James P. MacGuire

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

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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.


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 cuartas@northwell.edu for more information.

We pray for the faithful departed
John Koprowski
Janet Elder
May they rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

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