As a minister of liturgical music, I tend to view time in broad swaths. For me, Christmas has happened, and I’m now focused on Lent and Easter. You might put me in the same category as the over-zealous retailer who decided that mid-August was the perfect time to deck the halls, much to the chagrin of those trying to enjoy the waning moments of summer.

But it is November 11. Ordinary Time is drawing to a close, the Marathon is history, we’ve returned to Standard Time, and the first concert of the Christmas season is only nineteen days away.

We begin on Friday, November 30 at 8 PM with A Chanticleer Christmas. This is the first of two concerts (the other being Sunday, December 2 at 4 PM) by the Grammy Award-winning chorus. The graceful and elegant music made by these twelve gentlemen is the perfect foil for the frenetic busyness of the holiday season. The concert begins with a candlelight procession and the timeless sounds of Gregorian chant, culminating in the exuberance of spirituals such as Go, Tell It on the Mountain and Children, Go Where I Send Thee. According to a recent accolade in The Boston Globe, “The singing of Chanticleer is breathtaking in its accuracy of intonation, purity of blend, variety of color and swagger of style.” You will not want to miss them!

Among my favorite events of the year are our parish Christmas Concerts, and one of the reasons I love them so much is that the entire music ministry comes together for this dazzling celebration. Well over 100 musicians—the Children’s Choirs, Parish Community Choir, the Wallace Choir, and the Choir and Orchestra of St. Ignatius Loyola—sing and play their hearts out, and you get to join in on the carols! The New York Times calls our Christmas concerts “part of the essence of Christmas in New York.” The concerts are on consecutive Sundays, December 9 and 16, at 3 PM. This year we feature Ralph Vaughan Williams’ Fantasia on Christmas Carols and Gustav Holst’s Christmas Day, as well as other favorites such as Do You Hear What I Hear, In the Bleak Mid-Winter, and O Holy Night.

All these concerts usually sell out quickly, so go to www.smssconcerts.org and reserve your tickets today.

Of course, the heart and soul of our holiday celebration begins with Advent. As our forebears in the faith longed for the Messiah, we come once again to this time of expectation, as we await Christ’s presence born afresh in our lives. The great spiritual traditions teach us that Emmanuel—God with us—is an ever-present condition. Our Advent journey is one of discovery, realizing that the grace we need already resides within us. We warmly invite you to spend these cold, short days here, in our church, our spiritual home. The Advent liturgies offer a privileged time to look inward, whether at Sunday Mass or weekday Masses, to find God’s grace as it manifests itself in our everyday experiences.

The four weeks of Advent fly quickly by, and before we know it, we are ushered into the joy of Christmas. The church is bedecked with trees, wreaths, and poinsettias, and is overflowing with thousands of people. Cherished melodies reverberate from the rafters at the 4 PM Family Mass, sung by the Children’s and Wallace Hall Choirs; the 6 PM Family Mass, sung by the Parish Community Choir; and the 8 PM and Midnight Masses, led in song by the Choir and Orchestra of St. Ignatius Loyola. We return Christmas morning for celebratory masses at 9:30 AM and 11 AM.

May the coming season be one of joy and light for you and your entire family.

— K. Scott Warren
Director of Music Ministries
Dear Parishioners,

You will soon receive in the mail a request from me asking you to contribute to the 2018–2019 ANNUAL APPEAL. The Annual Appeal is a significant source of income that supports the operating budget of the parish.

I acknowledge that this is the second time within a month that I have written to you seeking your financial support. In my earlier letter I reported on Your Parish, Your Home—The Campaign for the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola. The funds raised through this capital campaign will pay for capital improvements to the parish’s physical plant. Each and every contribution to Your Parish, Your Home is an investment in the future of the parish.

Equally important to the vitality of the parish is the Annual Appeal. This source of income helps to cover the day to day operating expenses of the parish. All the ministries, programs, activities, liturgies, and concerts as well as the maintenance of parish facilities rely upon funds raised through the Annual Appeal. To state it more simply, contributions to the Annual Appeal, together with the income generated through weekly and special collections, pay the bills of the parish.

There is no doubt that our future as a parish is bright. Each month an average of 25 people register as parishioners. We are obviously doing something right. It is our shared responsibility to maintain and nurture all that we do through our prayers, dedication, and financial support. Please contribute to the 2018–2019 Annual Appeal.

May we continue to be joyful disciples of Jesus Christ and faithful to the mission of this parish that God has entrusted to us!

Sincerely in the Lord,

Fr. Yesalonia
Ignatian Interfaith Ministry

*Tuesday, November 13th*

*6:30 PM*

*Parish Lounge*

Join the Ignatian Interfaith Ministry for its monthly meeting. We will be exploring the Armenian church and its rich heritage this month and next month.

**Interfaith Thanksgiving Service**

*Hosted by Temple Shaaray Tefila*

*250 East 79th Street*

*Tuesday, November 20th at 7:00 PM*

Connect with your neighbors of all faiths and share a message of peace. Featuring music by The Young People’s Children’s Chorus of NYC and the Temple Shaaray Tefila volunteer choirs.

A special dessert reception will follow the service.

**More Than A Book Club**

**November Selection Book Discussion**

*Thursday, November 15th at 2:00 PM*

*Meeting Room*

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*People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks*

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To register for the November 15th book discussion, email [MoreThanaBookClubSIL@gmail.com](mailto:MoreThanaBookClubSIL@gmail.com)

Registration required.

**Parish Women’s Faith Group**

*Thursday, November 15th*

*7:00 PM | Faber Lounge*

The Parish Women’s Faith Group is a forum for women to reflect on their faith life and experience fellowship as women committed to learning from one other about how to navigate successfully the cross currents of faith, family, and daily life.

Meetings will be facilitated by Adele Gallo.

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**Meeting Christ in Prayer**

*Continuing the Journey Through Holy Listening*

*Monday Evenings*

*Nov. 26, Dec. 3, 10 & 17*

*7:00 PM to 8:30 PM*

*Parish Lounge*

*Tuesday Mornings*

*Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11 & 18*

*9:30 AM to 11:00 AM*

*Faber Lounge*

If you treasured the faith sharing experiences of Meeting Christ in Prayer and long to deepen your relationship with Christ by sharing your prayer experience with your brothers and sisters, you are invited to join either of two groups that will meet for four sessions of Holy Listening.

Based on Advent readings, this program provides new opportunities for spiritual conversation.

For registration and information, contact Grace Gorman or Rosario Conde-Johanek at [MCIP@saintignatiusloyola.org](mailto:MCIP@saintignatiusloyola.org)
Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, November 12th (St. Josaphat)
8:30 MEM Fred Viscusi
12:10 MEM Mary Scott
5:30 MEM Valentino Mazzia

Tuesday, November 13th (St. Francis Xavier Cabrini)
8:30 MEM Mae Rooney
12:10 MEM Maureen Sullivan
5:30 MEM Jack Kehoe

Wednesday, November 14th (St. Joseph Pignatelli)
8:30 MEM Giro & Elina Zullo
12:10 MEM Maureen Sullivan
5:30 MEM Golden Fitzgerald

Thursday, November 15th (Thirty-second Thursday in Ordinary Time)
Philemon 7–20    Psalm 146    Luke 17:20–25
8:30 MEM Ciro Saracino
12:10 MEM Helena Frelicot
5:30 MEM Jack O’Leary

Friday, November 16th (Thirty-second Friday in Ordinary Time)
8:30 MEM John & Nora Reilly
12:10 MEM Maureen Sullivan
5:30 MEM Ellen McMahon

Saturday, November 17th (St. Elizabeth of Hungary)
8:30 MEM Victoria Coronel

Sunday, November 18th (Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Daniel 12:1–3                          Psalm 16
Hebrews 10:11–14, 18            Mark 13:24–32

Snow Ball Dance
Put on your dancing shoes for the Second Annual St. Ignatius Loyola Snow Ball Dance.

Saturday, December 8th
7:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Wallace Hall

Come eat, drink and dance to live music with your friends and other fellow adult (21+) parishioners. Tickets can be purchased at donate.stignatiusloyola.org/snowball.

Tickets: $40/person
For more information, contact ram.akella@pchllp.com

November is Jesuit Vocation Month
Please join us in praying for vocations to the Society of Jesus.
For more information, visit www.jesuit.org

Join Our Email Mailing List!
Whether you’re traveling or staying close to home, stay current on parish news, programs, and events.
To sign-up, scan the QR code at left or visit stignatiusloyola.org/index.php/about_us/parish-email-list
Thanksgiving Food Drive
to benefit
the New York
Common Pantry

NYCP’s Food Pantry Program is New York City’s largest community-based food pantry. Throughout the holiday season NYCP will serve meals to over 2,000 low-income families.

Please bring your non-perishable food items to the Parish House through

Wednesday, November 14th

Requested items:
• pasta (1 lb.)
• canned beans
• dry beans (1 lb.)
• juice
• (46 oz. cans/bottles)
• 1 qt. shelf-stable milk
• (No glass jars please.)

Annual Turkey Drive
to benefit the
New York Common Pantry

A donation of $40 will help the Common Pantry to purchase a turkey plus plenty of delicious side dishes and dessert for one of the thousands of families who rely on their Choice Pantry services.

Please bring checks to the Parish House by Wednesday, November 14th, and make them payable to: Society of St. Vincent de Paul (note Turkey Drive in the memo section).

Christmas Angel Project
Begins the weekend of November 17th–18th
to benefit Church of the Immaculate Conception and the Church of the Annunciation

Beginning the weekend of November 17th and 18th, after all Masses, participants will be able to select up to three Angel cards from one of the tables that will be placed in the Narthex and Wallace Hall. Cards will also be available at the Parish House while the supply lasts.

Gifts must be returned to the Parish House no later than Sunday, December 9th.

Arvo Pärt: The Sound of the Sacred
Monday, November 12th at 8:00 PM

The leading proponent of Arvo Pärt’s music in the world, The Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir has won two Grammy awards for recordings of Pärt’s works. Arvo Pärt is the most performed living composer in the world today. People of all religious faiths—and of none—find his music riveting and spiritually stirring.

Tickets: $38–$88

A Chanticleer Christmas
Friday, November 30th at 8:00 PM &
Sunday, December 2nd 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.

Called “the world’s reigning male chorus” by The New Yorker magazine, the San Francisco based GRAMMY® award-winning ensemble Chanticleer celebrated its 40th season in 2017-18. Praised by the San Francisco Chronicle for their “tonal luxuriance and crisply etched clarity,” 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.

Tickets: $25–$93

Tickets are available online at www.smssconcerts.org or by calling 212-288-2520.
Religious Education
for Children
Ms. Carly-Anne Gannon, Director
M.Phil., M.Ed.
(212) 861-4764

St. Ignatius Loyola
Grammar School
Ms. Mary Larkin, Principal
M.S. Ed. (Admin.), M.S. Ed. (Literacy)
48 East 84th Street
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St. Ignatius Loyola
Day Nursery
Ms. Joy L. Blom, Executive Director
M.A., M.Ed.
240 East 84th Street
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(212) 734-6427  Fax: (212) 734-6972

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 Maureen Haley at the Parish House (212-288-3588 x636) 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 Maureen Haley at the Parish House (212-288-3588 x636) 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.

Travel: Retreat Pilgrimage on the Camino Ignaciano with Fr. George Drance, S.J. Wednesday, March 13, 2019 to Sunday, March 24, 2019. Follow the footsteps of St. Ignatius Loyola, from his castle in Loyola to Barcelona. Option to walk or take the bus. Cost: $3,295 (rate guaranteed until Saturday, December 15th). Spaces limited to 20 pilgrims. For more information, contact Angie Cruz at angiecruzphd@gmail.com or 917-607-0937.

Lecture: Capital Punishment: Changes in Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Attitudes. Tuesday, November 13th, 6:00 PM. Fordham University at Lincoln Center, McNally Amphitheatre, 140 W. 62nd Street. Presenter: Rev. Patrick J. Ryan, S.J., Laurence J. McGinley, Professor of Religion and Society. Respondents: Pierre M. Gentin, J.D., Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP and Ebru Turan, Ph.D., Fordham University. Free and open to the public. For more details, call 718-817-4745, visit fordham.edu/mcginleychair or email mcgchair@fordham.edu

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

Interested in becoming Catholic?
For more information about this process, which is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, contact Maureen Fullam at 212-288-3588 or email church@saintignatiusloyola.org