Today we celebrate the glorious Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, and the conclusion of the liturgical year. Next week, as we gather around the altar, instead of glorious music and golden vestments, we will light the first candle of hope around the Advent wreath in a church festooned with purple banners. The music will be a cappella and poignant as we wait for the coming of that Child whose birth transformed our lives, all humanity and the universe. However, we know that Christ, Our Light—the Alpha and the Omega—has already come, waits faithfully for us and passionately yearns for us today and tomorrow.

Next Sunday at the 11:00 a.m. Solemn Mass, we will witness a tangible sign of God’s waiting, yearning and presence among us and for us. Twenty-one adults will be part of a liturgical action called The Rite of Welcome/Acceptance into the Catechumenate. These adults will acknowledge before the Lord and the community their desire to know Christ and follow Him more closely in the Gospels. They will express their desire to have their hearts and attitudes shaped by the teaching and life of Jesus. This willingness is expressed in response to the question: “What do you ask of God’s Church?” Their sponsors, representing the local and universal church, will give them a cross and make the sign of the cross on their brows as the following words will be prayed by our Pastor Father Yesalonia:

Receive the sign of the cross on your forehead. It is Christ who now strengthens you with the sign of His love … on your ears, that you may hear the voice of the Lord … on your eyes, that you may see the Glory of God … on your lips, that you may respond to the Word of God … over your heart, that Christ may dwell there by faith … on your shoulders, that you may bear the gentle yoke of Christ … on your hands, that Christ may be known in the work that you do.

This Rite is incarnational—a visible, tactile sign of our loving God’s action in transforming the lives of these adults. It is also a sign of God’s presence with us, flowing through the lives of these women and men as we witness this sacred action.

And how does all of this affect us? Who among us is not longing for God? We are often challenged by the felt absence of God’s presence. We ask: Where is God? In suffering? In brokenness? In death? In Church crisis? These questions touch at the core of life—its meaning and our meaning in the world.

This Rite is a reminder for us all. In seeking God, these adults have gone to liturgies with friends and have listened to homilies and to our sacred music. They have noticed the love and care we give to the vulnerable and they want to do likewise. They have been welcomed by hospitality ministers, the Pastor and Parish staff. They have sent their children to IREP or the Saint Ignatius Loyola Grammar School and have been enlivened and stirred to come closer themselves. The open doors, open minds, and open hearts of the community that is St. Ignatius Parish have provided a welcome to these seekers.

May we walk with these adults through Advent and Lent to the Cross and the Easter Vigil as we experience our God—the Alpha and the Omega—ignite our whole world.

— Maureen Fullam
Director, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26th
Moms, Pops & Tots.
10:00 AM. Gonzaga Meeting Room.
Ranger Rosary Ministry.
7:00 PM. Gonzaga Meeting Room.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28th
Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting.
7:00 PM. Conference Room.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30th
Sacred Music in a Sacred Space presents
A Chanticleer Christmas.
8:00 PM. Church.
Details on page 5.

FRIDAY – SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 30th – DECEMBER 2nd
Shelter Weekend. Wallace Hall.
For information on volunteering, see page 3.

ANNUAL APPEAL

Please support this year's Annual Appeal.
The Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2018 is now available.
A copy of the Annual Report is available online at stignatiusloyola.org or by scanning the QR Code at left.
Thank you for your generosity!

FAMILY MINISTRY

Annual Christmas Tree Lighting
Sunday, December 2nd
Wallace Hall
Immediately following the 11:00 AM Mass.
All are welcome.

BOOMERS & BEYOND

Sunday Brunch
Sunday, December 2nd
1:00 PM
Doc Watson's Outdoor Garden | 1490 2nd Avenue
Price: $22 per person
(includes tax, tip and 2 complimentary drinks)
Space is limited.
To RSVP, email boomersandbeyond.st.ignatius@gmail.com

Christmas Caroling
Sunday, December 9th
1:00 PM
Lott Assisted Living Residence–5th Avenue
(between 107th and 108th Streets)
Come join us in bringing the magic of merriment to these wonderful residents.

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@pchlplp.com
Continuing the Journey Through Holy Listening

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

IGNATIAN INTERFAITH MINISTRY

Armenian Vespers
St. Vartan Cathedral
630 Second Avenue
Tuesday, November 27th at 7:30 PM

This service is a traditional format and is specifically geared for all to have more appreciation for the items in the Armenia exhibit at the Metropolitan Art Museum and how they are used in liturgy.

Attendance is free on a first come basis, but the Cathedral would like to know in advance how many will be coming from our parish.

To RSVP, email ignatianinterfaithministry@gmail.com

Guided Tour of the Armenia Exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum of Art
Saturday, December 15th at 10:00 AM

Please join the Ignatian Interfaith Ministry for a guided tour of the Armenia exhibit as we explore the rich traditions of the Armenian church.

Cost of the Tour: $31/person
($24/person, if you are age 65 or older)

Send a check (payable to "Church of St. Ignatius Loyola", with the memo line note "Metropolitan Museum Armenia Tour") to: Ignatian Interfaith Ministry, c/o St. Ignatius Loyola, 980 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10028

Checks must be received by Wednesday, December 5th.

Registrants will meet by 9:45 AM at the main entrance of the museum—by the Groups check-in.

MEETING CHRIST IN PRAYER

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

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MORE THAN A BOOK CLUB

DECEMBER SELECTION BOOK DISCUSSION
Thursday, December 13th at 2:00 PM
Gonzaga Meeting Room

In 1871, five young girls were sent by the Japanese government to the United States. Their mission: learn Western ways and return to help nurture a new generation of enlightened men to lead Japan. Ten years later, they returned to Japan—a land grown foreign to them—determined to revolutionize women’s education. The passionate relationships they formed reveal an intimate world of cross-cultural fascination and connection.

To register for the December 13th book discussion, email MoreThanABookClubSIL@gmail.com

Registration required.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

FRIDAY – SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 30th – DECEMBER 2nd
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

Follow us on Facebook at churchofstignatiusloyolanyc
Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, November 26th
(St. John Berchmans)
8:30 MEM Emil Wittek
12:10 MEM Ann Baglivi
5:30 MEM Mr. & Mrs. Edward Brennan

Tuesday, November 27th
(Thirty-fourth Tuesday in Ordinary Time)
8:30 MEM Carla Fendi
12:10 MEM Barbara Curry Walsh
5:30 MEM Veronica Raible

Wednesday, November 28th
(Thirty-fourth Wednesday in Ordinary Time)
8:30 MEM Fritzy Esterhazy
12:10 MEM Pedro Carreño Caballero
5:30 MEM Toni Brown

Thursday, November 29th
(Thirty-fourth Thursday in Ordinary Time)
Revelation 18:1–2, 21–23; 19:1–3, 9a    Psalm 100
8:30 MEM Thomas F. McEvily, Jr.
12:10 MEM Andrea Battocchio
5:30 LVG Jo Ellen Butler

Friday, November 30th
(St. Andrew)
Romans 10:9–18    Psalm 19    Matthew 4:18–22
8:30 MEM John Donovan
12:10 MEM Maureen Sullivan
5:30 MEM William Powers

Saturday, December 1st
(Ss. Edmund Campion, Robert Southwell & comps)
8:30 MEM Roger Goodwin

Sunday, December 2nd (First Sunday of Advent)
Jeremiah 33:14–16    Psalm 25

Interested in becoming Catholic?
If you feel attracted to the Catholic faith, we want you to know about a program here at the parish.

For more information about this program which is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, contact Maureen Fullam at 212-288-3588.

Special Collection
This weekend our parish will take a collection for the Ukrainian Catholic School Appeal
Sr. Maria vid Khresta, SSVM, will speak briefly at all Masses.
Thank you for your generosity.
**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

**Christmas Angel Project**

*Continues This Weekend!*

to benefit
Church of the Immaculate Conception
and the Church of the Annunciation

Through Sunday, December 9th, 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.

**Annual Toy Drive**

*Begins This Weekend!*

to benefit the children from the
St. Mary of the Assumption & Our Lady of Mt. Carmel–St. Benedict on Staten Island

*Through Sunday, December 16th*

Please bring new, unwrapped toys or games for boys and girls between the ages of 6–12 to the Parish House.

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**MUSIC**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2nd**

11 AM SOLEMN MASS

Mason, Manz

Two settings of Gabriel’s Message

Manz

E’en so Lord Jesus, quickly come

Brahms

O Heiland reiss die Himmel auf, Op. 74, No. 2

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**A Chanticleer Christmas**

*Friday, November 30th* 8:00 PM  &  
*Sunday, December 2nd* 4:00 PM

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

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**MASS OF WELCOME**

*For the LGBTQ+ Community & Friends*

Friday, December 7th at 7:30 PM

Join the LGBT Catholics & Friends ministry for a Mass to welcome the LGBTQ+ community.

A reception will follow in Wallace Hall.

All are welcome!

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**How to Pray: An Interfaith Approach**

A LAY MINISTERS’ ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Saturday, January 26th

*Details to follow in an upcoming bulletin.*
**PARISH STAFF**

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

**Associate Pastors**
Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.
Rev. Vincent B. Sullivan, S.J.

**Assistant Pastor**
Rev. Brian G. Konzman, S.J.

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

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

**Pastoral Assistant**
Maureen Haley

**Assisting Priests**

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

**Assistant to the Pastor**
Diane M. Boyle

**Administrative Assistant**
Patricia Schneider

**Communications Coordinator**
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**Director of Facilities**
Robert Cisternino

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

**Director of Development**
Erin Pick

**Treasurer**
Fernando Castro

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

**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
New York, NY 10028
(212) 861-3820 Fax: (212) 879-8248

**St. Ignatius Loyola Day Nursery**
Ms. Joy L. Blom, Executive Director
M.A., M.Ed.
240 East 84th Street
New York, NY 10028
(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.

**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.

**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). Space is limited to 20 pilgrims. For more information, contact Angie Cruz at angiecruzphd@gmail.com or 917-607-0937.

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**Blood Drive:** New York Catholic Center. Thursday, November 29th, 9:30 AM–3:30 PM. New York Catholic Center, Cafeteria, 1011 First Avenue. To make an appointment, visit https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/142168 For questions regarding medical eligibility, call (800) 688-0900.

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**Available at the Parish House**

**The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola: A Walking Tour**

The updated Walking Tour—with all-new photographs—provides a detailed overview of the rich architectural history of the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola.

**Cost:** $8

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