December 1st was World AIDS Day, a day set aside annually to remember the 35 million people estimated to have died of AIDS and HIV. In that number are John Fallabella, whom I went to my high school Junior Class Prom with; Jack Fitzsimmons, who was a fellow corporate law partner; and John Megna, who won a regional debate trophy for my grammar school. But HIV and AIDS have not gone away. According to the United Nations, every week about 7,000 young women aged 15-24 are becoming infected, many as a result of sexual violence. Here in the US, there were 37,600 new cases recorded in 2014 (the last year for which data is available). So, World AIDS Day is more than about remembering something in the past. It is a day to recommit ourselves to fighting AIDS and HIV.

Our LGBT Catholics & Friends ministry at St. Ignatius sponsored a special Mass last Friday. Called a Mass of Welcome, it was to remember those who have died of AIDS, but, equally importantly, it was to announce with joy that here at St. Ignatius LGBT persons are our brothers and sisters, and we celebrate their lives among us and join hands with them around the table of the Lord.

If you couldn't be at the Mass of Welcome, we want you to know that:

• If you are lesbian or gay or bisexual or transgender, you are welcome here at St. Ignatius. This is Your Parish, Your Home.
• If you are the parent or child or grandparent or aunt or uncle or cousin or friend of an LGBT person, you are welcome here at St. Ignatius. This is Your Parish, Your Home.
• If you have distanced yourself from the Catholic Church because of the harsh and hurtful statements made about LGBT persons and the harsh and hurtful actions taken against them, you are welcome here at St. Ignatius. Make it Your Parish, Your Home.

Some may not be aware that we have an LGBT ministry in the parish. We do. Initiated in 2017 by our pastor, we are now in our second year. First and foremost, our goal is to create a home where all LGBT persons and those who love them are affirmed and cherished. Second, we strive to be a beacon of hope for persons who have been marginalized and cut off from our Church, inviting them to renewal through a ministry of reconciliation and justice. Many of us have been parishioners for years—I am one for over 25 years—serving our parish community as extraordinary ministers, lectors, music ministers, members of the social justice and St. Vincent de Paul and family ministries, and more. Now, as a separate ministry, we are “out” fully as LGBT persons and moms and dads of LGBT persons, bringing our whole selves to our worship and service. It feels so much better! For those of you who have never had to hide something central to who you are, you can’t know the joy and relief of a full-throated, open-hearted WELCOME.

For those of you who were able to join us last Friday, many, many thanks. By your presence, you said that the forces of exclusion and division that still have influence in our Church are in the wrong and don’t speak for you. By your presence, you brought the Kingdom closer, more evident, more universal.

For those of you who couldn’t come, our ministry has other events planned for 2019. When you see the announcements for them, please join in.

Finally, we are always looking for new members. Don’t hesitate to just show up at one of our regular 3rd Thursday of the Month meetings.

— Rose F. DiMartino
Co-chair, LGBT Catholics and Friends
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9th
Second Sunday of Advent
Sacred Music in a Sacred Space presents
Glad Tidings! — Annual Christmas Concert.
3:00 PM. Church. Details on page 5.

Sunday Social and the Annual Parish Christmas Cookie Exchange. 8:30 PM. Wallace Hall.
Hosted by the Ignatian Young Adults.
Follows the 7:30 PM Mass.
Details on page 5.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10th
Moms, Pops & Tots.
10:00 AM. Gonzaga Meeting Room.

Ranger Rosary Ministry.
7:00 PM. Gonzaga Meeting Room.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12th
Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting.
7:00 PM. Conference Room.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13th
More Than a Book Club:
December Selection Book Discussion.
2:00 PM. Gonzaga Meeting Room.
Details on page 3.

FRIDAY – SUNDAY
DECEMBER 14th – DECEMBER 16th
Shelter Weekend. Wallace Hall.
For information on volunteering, see page 3.

BOOMERS & BEYOND

Christmas Caroling
TODAY at 1:00 PM
Lott Assisted Living Residence
(between 107th and 108th Streets)
Come join us in bringing the magic of merriment to these wonderful residents.

Bambinelli Sunday
December 16th
Following the 11 AM Wallace Hall Mass
Following the December 16th 11 AM Wallace Hall Mass, we will bless Infant Jesus figurines that will be placed in your home crèches.
We invite parishioners to bring their figurines in for the blessing.

ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17th
RECONCILIATION MONDAY
All parishes in the Archdiocese of New York will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Monday, December 17th.
Confessions will be heard from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

NOW AVAILABLE

Advent Daily Reflection Booklets
Booklets featuring daily reflections from the clergy, staff, and lay leadership of our parish are available in the Narthex and at the Parish House.

Their thoughts and meditations are rooted in the words of the mystics—men and women who grew into deep compassion for the world and love of God.

Join Our Email Mailing List!

To sign-up, scan the QR code at left or visit stignatiusloyola.org/index.php/about_us/parish-email-list

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

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

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.
MORE THAN A BOOK CLUB

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

DECEMBER BOOK SELECTION
Daughters of the Samurai
by Janice P. Nimura

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.

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

WALLACE HALL
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Sunday, December 16th
Immediately following the 11:00 AM Family Mass
We hope that your family will join us in this celebration of our Lord’s birth. There is a role for everyone!

To participate: Scan the QR Code at left to be directed to the online registration form or visit stignatiusloyola.org

Two rehearsals are required:
• Today at noon in Wallace Hall &
• Sunday, December 16th at 9:30 AM in Wallace Hall

Questions?
Email Mary Jo Ward at mjward@med.cornell.edu

PARISH MEN’S FAITH GROUP

Tuesday, December 18th
7:00 PM
Parish Lounge

DREAMS:
UNOPENED LETTERS FROM GOD

Dreams are a tailor-made pilgrimage just for you. Dream-work has deep roots in our Tradition—our ancestors-in-faith saw dreams as a primary way the divine seeks to communicate with us.

Our presentation and discussion will explore ways we can be more attentive to our dreams and how dream-work can assist us in our journey to deeper spiritual maturity and wholeness.

Brian Pinter, Pastoral Associate, will present and facilitate the discussion.

To register, email simensgroup@aol.com

Please support the Advent & Christmas Liturgical Music Fund

This fund supports the liturgical music program throughout the year — our musicians, staff, music, robes, and maintenance of instruments.

Gifts of $100 or more that are received by Sunday, December 16th will be listed in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship aids. Contributions of $1000 or more and $2500 or more will be featured in special sections.

To donate, visit https://donate.stignatiusloyola.org/christmasmusic

Special Collection

This weekend, our Parish will take the annual collection for the retired women and men religious of the New York Archdiocese.

We thank you for your generosity.
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Your Parish, Your Home

CAMPAIGN FOR THE
CHURCH OF
ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA

At the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, we warmly welcome those who seek to be a part of a vibrant worshipping community.

We are always open to where God is calling us. But our magnificent church buildings don’t reflect the welcome we extend to everyone.

You can help change that by making a gift to this important capital campaign.

To learn more about the Your Parish, Your Home Capital Campaign, visit stignatiusloyola.org/index.php/capitalcampaign

IGNIATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS
Experience Making a Difference

Join the Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) and become a contemplative in action in the spirit of St. Ignatius Loyola and the Jesuits!

IVC volunteers are adults over 50 years of age who offer their life skills and experience one to two days a week to directly serve those in need. Volunteers gather monthly to prayerfully reflect on their service and to deepen their spirituality in the Ignatian tradition. There is also the opportunity for spiritual guidance.

Interested?
Contact Maureen Fullam,
Regional Director, at 917-859-0928 or email mfullam@ivcusa.org and visit our website at ivcusa.org

WALLACE HALL
AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL

The space is available for a variety of events including fundraisers, lectures, receptions, and formal banquet-style dinners.

For more information, contact Caroline Fernandes at 212-288-3588 or fernandesc@saintignatiusloyola.org

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

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

**Monday, December 10th** (Second Monday of Advent)
- Genesis 49:2, 8–10  Psalm 72  Matthew 1:1–17
- 8:30 MEM Simona Saracino Fendi
- 12:10 MEM Alan Mortazavi
- 5:30 MEM Catherine Scanlon

**Tuesday, December 11th** (Second Tuesday of Advent)
- Jeremiah 23:5–8  Psalm 72  Matthew 1:18–25
- 8:30 MEM Living & Deceased Members of the Brenninkmeijer Family
- 12:10 MEM Maureen Sullivan
- 5:30 MEM The Meehan Family

**Wednesday, December 12th** (Our Lady of Guadalupe)
- 8:30 MEM Living & Deceased Members of the Scanlon & McLoughlin Families
- 12:10 MEM Mario D’Aiuto
- 5:30 MEM Maureen Sullivan

**Thursday, December 13th** (St. Lucy)
- 8:30 MEM Elizabeth Piacentine
- 12:10 MEM William & Ann Reilly
- 5:30 MEM Maureen Sullivan

**Friday, December 14th** (St. John of the Cross)
- Song 2:8–14  Psalm 33  Luke 1:39–45
- 8:30 MEM Nora & Robert Blackstock
- 12:10 MEM Maureen Sullivan
- 5:30 MEM Valentina Mazzia

**Saturday, December 15th** (Second Saturday of Advent)
- Sirach 48:1–4, 9–11  Psalm 80  Matthew 17:9a, 10–13
- 5:30 MEM Jack O’Leary

**Sunday, December 16th** (Third Sunday of Advent)
- Isaiah 35:1–6a, 10  Psalm 146  Matthew 11:2–11

Copies of the Christmas and Holiday Mass Schedule, which includes the listing of music being sung at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses, are available in the Narthex, the Parish House, and at stignatiusloyola.org
SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Christmas Angel Project

Ends This Weekend!
to benefit
Church of the Immaculate Conception
and the Church of the Annunciation

Through today, 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 today.

Annual Toy Drive

Continues 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.

ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE

Hosted by the Ignatian Young Adults at the IYA Sunday Social

TONIGHT at 8:30 PM in Wallace Hall

All parishioners are welcome.

Bring your homemade cookies to swap with others!

To participate:

BAKE your favorite Christmas cookies. (If you’re not a baker but would still like to participate in the exchange, treats from a bakery are fine, too!)

We recommend bringing 2 dozen cookies (24), but any amount is fine as long as you bring that many home!

BRING your treats to Wallace Hall before or after the 7:30 PM Mass. Please bring your treats in a container you can reuse for carrying your new cookies home.

EXCHANGE your cookies.

All are welcome to stay for our Christmas Social, also in Wallace Hall!

MUSIC

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16th

11 AM SOLEMN MASS

Hovland, Ferguson
Two settings of Comfort, o my people
Anon., 16th c.
Rejoice in the Lord alway
Hassler
Cantate domino

Glad Tidings!:
Annual Christmas Concerts

Today at 3:00 PM

Sunday, December 16th at 3:00 PM

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

Warmth and joy abound in our beloved annual Christmas concerts, where audience and choirs together join in singing popular carols.

Featuring Ralph Vaughan Williams’ Fantasia on Christmas Carols and Gustav Holst’s Christmas Day, this heart-warming yearly favorite includes traditional carols for the whole family to sing together.

Tickets: $25–$88

The N.P. Mander Organ Recital Series presents

Renée Anne Louprette & Ivan Goff

Sunday, January 20th

3:00 PM

All N.P. Mander Organ Recitals feature large-screen projection, offering the audience a rare view of the organist at work.

Tickets: $25

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

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Diane M. Boyle

Administrative Assistant
Patricia Schneider

Communications Coordinator
Elizabeth O’Sullivan

Director of Facilities
Robert Cisternino

Asst. to the Director of Facilities
Caroline Fernandes

Director of Development
Erin Pick

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

Religious Education for Children
Ms. Carly-Anne Gannon, Director
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(212) 861-4764

St. Ignatius Loyola Grammar School
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240 East 84th Street
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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 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). Space is limited to 20 pilgrims. For more information, contact Angie Cruz at angiecruzphd@gmail.com or 917-607-0937.

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.

We pray for the faithful departed
Susana Acosta
Thomas Gleason
May they rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.