What Child Is This

The night is far spent; darkness shrouds every corner; the moon dims in deference to the stars that surround it. Chill is the air. Trees rustle and pierce the stillness. In the distance lights flicker, promising warmth and shelter. Onward they travel in haste and in hope. Surely this night will surrender to joy, and the birth of new life will shatter the darkness with streams of heavenly light. A child is born, and gladness vanquishes fear and the pain of despair. Many will ask, what child is this?

The carols that we sing on Christmas Day herald the birth of Jesus. Their refrains invite us to be witnesses to that first Christmas night. We conjure up, both in mind and heart, romantic notions of what it was like on that gloomy, cold night. We focus on the final scene, a dramatic moment in time, and it is good to do so. However, we must never lose sight of the journey itself, a journey that to this day devours the resilience and hope of countless children, women, and men who travel in a world that values darkness over light, fear over hope, and hatred over love. Astonishingly there is a child who wants to travel with them. Many ask, what child is this?

This very day there is a pregnant woman who has walked hundreds of miles seeking refuge from violence and terror, but the door is shut. There is no room for her or her family. On Christmas Day, in many parts of the world, the moon will be shrouded and stars in the sky hidden because our planet itself is gasping for air. In a country that takes pride in its wealth and prominence, people will go hungry this night, will shiver in the icy chill of their homes, and will become helpless victims of indifference. There are also many who courageously bear the burden of ill health, or mourn the loss of loved ones, or suffer the anguish of unspoken torments. The stark reality of our moment in time is that many still tread the footsteps of a young couple on their journey to Bethlehem. They gaze toward a horizon that shows no sign of dawn’s light, yet they travel on, fueled by a residue of hope. They strain to hear, if only faintly, a chorus of voices that herald glad tidings. They walk toward a life yet to be born. They ask, what child is this?

Within the mystery of God’s love for us there is a child who yearns to be born in every generation and in every heart that is restless. This child is waiting to be born, longing to be embraced, and hoping to be understood. This child is anxious to be born to an expectant mother who labors with radiant grace, who dreams of a better tomorrow. Many continue to ask, what child is this?

How blessed are we to know the answer to the question asked by so many, today and down the ages, and to have faith in Him! Born this Christmas Day, Jesus Christ is the One promised by God to dispel the darkness, to provide rest for the weary, and to remove the chains of fear and despair from those held captive. His desire from all eternity is to be with us, to be born in our very hearts and into a world that often stumbles in blindness. Let that be our anthem—this year and always—so we may be heralds of joy, peace, and love to those who still are on their personal journeys to Bethlehem. Only then will we grasp the true meaning of what we believe as we join the chorus of angelic voices and sing What Child Is This!

— Rev. Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J.
Pastor
2018 CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

**Christmas Eve**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 24TH**

4:00 PM FAM IY Mass I  
Wallace Hall Choir & Children's Choirs  
Fr. Hilbert, Presider  
Doors open at 3:15 PM

6:00 PM F A M IY Mass II  
Parish Community Choir  
Fr. Konzman, Presider  
Doors open at 5:15 PM

8:00 PM VIGIL Mass  
Choir & Orchestra of St. Ignatius Loyola  
Fr. Bergen, Presider  
Doors open at 7:30 PM

**MIDNIGHT Mass**  
Choir & Orchestra of St. Ignatius Loyola  
Fr. Yesalonia, Presider  
Doors open at 10:45 PM

**Christmas Day**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH**

9:30 AM Mass  
Fr. Sullivan, Presider

11:00 AM Solemn Mass  
Fr. Yesalonia, Presider

**New Year's Eve**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 31ST**

Mass at 8:30 AM in the Lady Chapel & the Vigil Mass of the Solemnity at 5:30 PM in the Church  
(The Parish House will be closed)

**New Year's Day**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 1ST**

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
One Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 AM in the Church  
(The Parish House will be closed)

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.
LME invites all parishioners to a day of reflection, prayer and sharing
Saturday, January 26th | 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM
Wallace Hall

LME together with the Interfaith Ministry presents a retreat day focused on prayer practices. The day will be facilitated by Eastern Orthodox priest and scholar Father Sergey Trostianskiy, who serves at St. Gregory the Theologian Church, and Father Mesrop Parsamyan, vicar of St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral.

They will share ancient prayer traditions. The day will include continental breakfast, catered lunch, presentations, faith sharing, and a prayer service.

To register, visit https://tinyurl.com/lme-reg-2019 or register in-person at the Parish House.

Registration is required.

All are welcome!
With our sincere gratitude

$2500 and above
Kim Bepler in memory of Steve Bepler
Julie McGee

$1000 and above
In memory of H. Samios and the Brock Family
The Cameron Family
Alan and Virginia Marantz
Gerard M. Meistrell
Carla Pehowski
Monika and Joseph Stilwell

$500 and above
In honor of Philip Anderson
In Recognition of Philip Anderson, by Marlene Baumann
Mr. and Mrs. James E. Buckman
Ms. Stephanie Budijono & Mr. Jean-Francois Kagy
In memory of Nathan J. Davidson
In memory of John and Alice Fullam
Vincent Q. and Mary Ann Giffuni
Sarah W. Johnson
Marja Lutsep & Michael Karakasians
Judith E. and Mary A. Vaughn Williams

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In memory of Richard Adams
In memory of Richard J. Adams
Colleen & Bill Ambrose
In loving memory of our parents, Anzai Family
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Marlene Brommund
Karen Brown, MD
In memory of Frances A. Browne
The Buffon Family
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Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Califano, Jr.
Thanks Philip Anderson, Kate and Pat Carr
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In memory of Kathleen Cook
Neil Coughlan
Nancy Cruickshank,
in memory of Beatrice Scott-Hansen
Ann Marie and John Curtin
In loving memory of Ann D. and John P. Curtin
The Daniel and McGarrell Families
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In memory of George T. Gearty and Georgia Gearty
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In loving memory of William P. Gregg Maeve Gyenes
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In loving memory of Jack O’Leary
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In loving memory of: Helen & Charles Regan, and Daniel F. Kelly
Maureen Reidy & Christopher Reidy Ortiz
Richard and Angelika Reilly
In memory of Alice and Winthrop Rutherford
Andrea Santoriello, in memory of Beatrice Scott-Hansen
In memory of the deceased members of the Scheuerman-Skarzynski Families
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In memory of Raymond and Kate Zeitler
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Contributors to the Advent and Christmas Music Fund as of December 17, 2018
Gifts of $100 and above are listed.
We are also grateful for gifts received after December 16, 2018.
Thank you to all!
MUSIC

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

Passion For Bach and Coltrane
Friday, February 8th | 8:00 PM

FEATURING
Imani Winds | Harlem Quartet
A.B. Spellman, Poet and Orator
composed by Jeff Scott

Passion is a work for wind quintet, string quartet, piano, double bass, percussion and orator. It was inspired by the poetry of A.B. Spellman, from his book of poems Things I Must Have Known. The poetry speaks to the musical mastery of J.S. Bach, John Coltrane and Gonzalo Rubalcaba, as well as religion and mortality.

The tradition of Passions or musical settings of the Gospel narratives dates to the 4th century. Bach wrote several though only two have survived. Here the premise of the Passion is explored rather than the actual Biblical accounts. Orated poems in lieu of the intoned Gospel. Bach, Coltrane, Rubalcaba and Spellman in lieu of the traditional Biblical characters.

Though the work is original, it is anchored by this poetry with reference to two significant works by Bach and Coltrane, The Goldberg Variations and A Love Supreme, works written at the pinnacle of their maturation. Passion explores the influence of spirituality on the art of these masters and asks the inevitable question: What if J.S. Bach and John Coltrane might chance to meet?
Tickets: $20 to $80

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

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, December 24th
( Fourth Monday of Advent)
8:30 MEM John B., John A & Elizabeth A. Rooney

Tuesday, December 25th
(The Nativity of the Lord)
Isaiah 9:1–6 Psalm 96

Wednesday, December 26th
(St. Stephen)
8:30 MEM Emil Wittek

Thursday, December 27th
(St. John)
1 John 1:1–4 Psalm 97 John 20:1a, 2–8
8:30 MEM Christine Reilly
12:10 MEM Esperanza Moreno Contreras
5:30 MEM Living & Deceased Members of the Wallace Family

Friday, December 28th
(The Holy Innocents)
1 John 1:5–2:2 Psalm 124 Matthew 2:13–18
8:30 MEM Toni Brown
12:10 MEM Florence McCarthy
5:30 MEM William Powers

Saturday, December 29th
(Fifth Day in the Christmas Octave)
8:30 MEM Margaret Sullivan

Sunday, December 30th
(The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph)
1 Samuel 1:20–22, 24–28 Psalm 84

Special Collection
This weekend, we will take the collection for our parish Christmas Flowers Fund.
We thank you for your generosity.

Moving? Please don’t forget to notify us!
PARISH STAFF

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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. Bergen
9:30 AM Fr. Hilbert

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

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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.

Longest Married Couple Search.
The search begins for the longest married couple in the Archdiocese of New York. To enter, couples must be sacramentally married for a minimum of 65 years and reside in the Archdiocese of New York. The longest married couples will receive commemorative certificates signed by His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan. The winning couple will be interviewed and featured in an article in Catholic New York. Winners are determined by how long couples have been married as of World Marriage Day, February 10, 2019. For further information, contact Joan Brison at 646-794-3190. Email entries to joan.brison@archny.org. The deadline for entries is Thursday, January 24, 2019.

Travel: Riverboat Cruise through Europe. Thursday, May 30, 2019 – Monday, June 9, 2019. His Excellency Archbishop Joseph Augustine DiNoia, OP, will celebrate daily Mass throughout the course of the journey, in some of Europe's most magnificent churches and cathedrals. Travelers will begin their stay at Budapest's Danubius Hotel Gellért on the banks of the Danube. Following the two-day stay, travelers will embark on a seven-day river cruise through eastern Europe's most beautiful cities: Bratislava, Vienna, Salzburg, Dürnstein, Melk, Passau, Regensburg, and Nuremberg. Cost: $3695/person, with cabin upgrades available. For more information, contact tour coordinator Joseph Long at jlong@prorome.com or at 570-309-1346.

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