

Church of St. Ignatius Loyola

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December 30, 2018 | The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

He Dwells Among Us

St. Ignatius Loyola's classic text, *The Spiritual Exercises*, leads a person by a series of imaginative meditations through the life of Christ. And Ignatius asks the retreatant to begin before the earthly life of Jesus even began.

In one of the loveliest of his meditations, St. Ignatius asks us to imagine the Holy Trinity in heaven. Looking down, they gaze upon all of humanity and see men and women greatly diverse in dress and behavior: "some white and others black, some at peace and others at war, some weeping and others laughing, some healthy and others sick, some being born and others dying..."



The Holy Family.
Jacob Jordaens. 1619.

In their compassion, they decide that the second person of the Trinity should become human. "And thus when the fullness of time had come, they send the Angel Gabriel to Our Lady," writes Ignatius. Christmas marks the time when God, out of compassion, became human, or, as the *Gospel of John* has it, "pitched his tent among us."

Today the Holy Trinity watches over a world that would be virtually unrecognizable to the men and women in first-century Palestine. Just in the past decade, technological advances have enabled millions, at least in the West, to enjoy better health, increased educational opportunities and other unforeseen advantages.

But the Holy Trinity also sees a world surprisingly similar to that of first-century Palestine, a world with "some weeping." Jesus was born into a violent time. Today terrorism, its complex roots maddeningly confusing, frightens millions. Likewise, the poor in Jesus' day were, as today, powerless, marginalized and disenfranchised. Even St. Joseph was not exempt from financial woes. Like Palestinian peasant farmers, as the Rev. John Meier, a

noted Scripture scholar, points out, he led a "precarious existence, sometimes at subsistence level." How similar this is to our world this Christmas, when the poor are still marginalized and millions of middle-class Americans fear for their future.

Into such a place came Jesus: a world riven with differences between rich and poor, facing the threat of violence and, like that world, hoping for salvation. To enter this world, Jesus was born into the Holy Family, each of whose members offers a distinctive lesson for believers during Christmas—especially for those facing hard times, financial or otherwise.

Again we turn to Joseph, who is often relegated to second-class status in the Nativity scenes. A "righteous" man, as the *Gospel of Matthew* has it, Joseph shoulders the confusing task God has given him. Not only is he asked to accept the strange message from an angel about the miraculous circumstances of his wife's pregnancy; he is also charged, later, to guard his family in their perilous trip to Egypt. This would have been a particularly hard road for a Jewish family—Egypt lies in the wrong direction. Joseph trustingly accepts God's upending of his expectations.

Mary's great yes to God offers not only a model for women, but for any disciple. Indeed, Mary's encounter with the angel Gabriel offers a model of discipleship for those under duress. When God invites Mary to accept a strange future, she initially hesitates and, like any believer, voices her honest emotions. "How can this be?" she asks in the *Gospel of Luke*. In reply, the angel points to the example of her cousin, Elizabeth, in essence saying, "Look what God has already done." How often this happens in our own lives. When doubtful, we are invited to look backward, to see God's hand more clearly and magnify our trust. But even after Mary's Fiat, her story provides a lesson. "Then the angel left her." Then comes the part that we know well: faith.

The Holy Trinity chose "in the fullness of time" to enter into the complicated world of first-century Palestine. Christ, in his Spirit and in the church, continues to dwell in our lives. Christians are also called to insert themselves into what is becoming a more complicated world. For ways to do this, we need look no farther than the crèche, to the example of the Holy Family.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

I am very happy to inform you that as we approach the end of the year \$5,100,614 of our goal of \$7.5 million has been contributed to *Your Parish, Your Home – Campaign for the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola*. What a remarkable milestone to have achieved within 9 months of my announcement of the capital campaign!

In January work will begin on the installation of fire alarm systems in the church and Wallace Hall and a sprinkler system in Wallace Hall. As part of this renovation project, the exterior stairway entrances and interior loggia to Wallace Hall will be retrofitted with enhanced lighting and a water tight ceiling. There will also be the construction of a handicap accessible bathroom that will be located on the floor level of Wallace Hall.

Sometime in the Spring, during the renovation projects in Wallace Hall, work will begin on the construction of the elevator that will provide floor access to Wallace Hall from a sidewalk entrance on 84th Street. Also, the exterior bulletin boards of the church will be retrofitted to allow for electronic displays of announcements.

The progress of all this work is due to your generosity. Thank you for your support of the capital campaign! We are not yet there, but I am confident that we will achieve our campaign goal within the three-year timeline of the campaign. How wonderful it would be if I could announce at the end of the campaign that there was 100% participation among parishioners! If you have yet to contribute to the campaign or make a pledge, you still have time.

We have reached this milestone because of your generosity and the hard work of the Capital Campaign Committee. On behalf of a grateful parish, I thank you for the commitment you have shown to your parish, your home.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Fr. Yesalonia



Your Parish, Your Home
CAMPAIGN FOR THE
CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA

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

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, December 31st (*Seventh Day in the Christmas Octave*)

1 John 2:18–21 Psalm 96 John 1:1–8

8:30 MEM William Resk

5:30 VIGIL MASS MEM William Wallace

Tuesday, January 1st (*Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God*)

Numbers 6:22–27 Psalm 67 Galatians 4:4–7 Luke 2:16–21

Wednesday, January 2nd

(*Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen*)

1 John 2:22–28 Psalm 98 John 1:19–28

8:30 MEM The Choix & Gordon Families

12:10 MEM Patricia C. Burdick

5:30 MEM Peter Joseph Burke, Sr.

Thursday, January 3rd (*The Most Holy Name of Jesus*)

Sirach 51:8–12 Psalm 81 Philippians 2:1–11 Luke 2:21–24

8:30 MEM Ciro Saracino

12:10 MEM Douglas & Hilda Handal

5:30 ANN Dolorita Wallace

Friday, 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 Ray Rasenberger

5:30 MEM Maureen C. O'Brien

Saturday, January 5th (*St. John Neumann*)

1 John 3:11–21 Psalm 100 John 1:43–51

8:30 MEM Jack Kehoe

Sunday, January 6th (*The Epiphany of the Lord*)

Isaiah 60:1–6

Psalm 72

Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5–6

Matthew 2:1–12

LECTURE



The Joy of Justice

Monday, January 14th at 7:00 PM

Wallace Hall

Moderated by Eric van Nostrand

Chair, Ignatian Social Justice ministry

PANELISTS

Joanne Kennedy | Managing Editor, *The Catholic Worker*

Nick Napolitano | Assistant for Social Ministries
for the Maryland and USA Northeast Provinces
of the Society of Jesus

Danielle Riley | Executive Director, Roots & Wings

Susan Whelan | Legal expert/delegate,
Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31st

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

TUESDAY, 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.

MUSIC

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6TH

11 AM SOLEMN MASS

Tournemire
L'Épiphanie (L'Orgue Mystique):
Introit, Communion

Mendelssohn
There shall a star from Jacob

Lassus
Omnes de Saba venient

Preston
Alleluyas

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



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

Tickets: \$20 to \$80

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

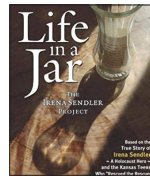
MORE THAN A BOOK CLUB

BOOK DISCUSSION & FILM SCREENING

January Selection Book Discussion
Thursday, January 17th | 2:00 PM
Parish Lounge

&

Screening of the film
The Courageous Heart of Irena Sendler
Thursday, January 24th | 2:00 PM
Parish Lounge



JANUARY BOOK SELECTION

Life in a Jar:
The Irena Sendler Project
by Jack Mayer

Life in a Jar is the story of a Polish Catholic woman, Irena Sendler—who saved 2,500 Jewish children in the 1940s— interwoven with the story of three Protestant high school girls in Kansas in the 1990s who discovered her story after the Communist government of Poland had suppressed it for half a century.

To RSVP for the book discussion and/or the screening, email MoreThanaBookClubSIL@gmail.com

LAY MINISTERS' ENRICHMENT



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!



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

Religious Education for Children

Ms. Carly-Anne Gannon, Director
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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 a 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.

**We pray for
the faithful departed**

Daniel Johnson

**May he rest in the peace
of the Risen Lord.**

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