

Church of St. Ignatius Loyola

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January 5, 2020 | The Epiphany of the Lord

Welcome, Fr. Grodecki!

As I reflected on the readings for this feast day, I remembered a choral piece I sang as child: “Thou shalt know him when he comes / not by any din or drums, / Nor his manners nor his airs, / nor by anything he wears... / But his coming known shall be / by the holy harmony / which his coming makes in thee.” It is curious that the magi go first to Jerusalem; they likely thought, rather reasonably, that a king would be born in a palace in the capital. Perhaps they even saw the star leading them to a small village away from Jerusalem and thought, “This just can’t be right.” While the star would have led them there directly, Herod, of all people, points them back. The magi—whoever they were—represent the elite of non-Jewish nations. They come upon the house of the Holy Family, and despite all outward indications to the contrary, they kneel in adoration and offer their gifts to the Christchild and His Mother. The magi encounter Christ and recognize him through the “holy harmony,” which can only come from God (what Ignatian spirituality calls consolation), though God drew them there by means both holy and worldly.

My own journey to Jesuit life and to this parish, too, has been circuitous and not without detours. I grew up in the Chicago suburb of Winnetka, Ill., where I attended Catholic grade school. Having attended public high school, I would only encounter Jesuits for the first time at Georgetown, where Frs. Murphy, King, and Schall, would, through literature, theology and philosophy, respectively, point me toward deeper questions about life and faith. After graduating, rather



than discerning a religious vocation, I thought of going into law. Wanting a break from school, too, I stayed in Washington and worked for a few years at a non-profit public interest firm as a writer and researcher, where I focused my time on advocacy on behalf of families and small businesses affected by eminent domain for private redevelopment. At the same time, I became more involved as a parishioner at St. Matthew’s Cathedral. Eventually, it became clear that I had to take up the vocation question I thought I had laid aside.

I entered the Jesuit novitiate in Syracuse in 2009. During those first two years in Syracuse, I was sent to Wheeling, W.Va., Calvary Hospital in the Bronx, and Washington Jesuit Academy. Returning to Chicago after professing vows, I studied philosophy at Loyola University and served in two parish-based ministries, RCIA and Special Religious Education for the Disabled. I was sent to Saint Joseph’s University in Philadelphia, where I taught philosophy and continued my work with the RCIA there for two years. I come to New York after three and a half years of theology studies at Regis College, Toronto. During the summer after my diaconate ordination I was fortunate to serve at

St. Anthony’s, Oceanside, on Long Island, and in the following year, I assisted as deacon at the University of Toronto’s Newman Centre. I was ordained a priest last June at Fordham and continued to serve at the Newman Centre in Toronto as well as at the other university parish, St. Basil’s, while I completed a licentiate in systematic theology.

If we reflect on the places we’ve been, we can likely think of the “stars” who have guided us; I’m grateful to have had many in every place along the way. Pope St. Leo the Great expressed the spirit in which I begin these coming months in serving you, the people of St. Ignatius Loyola—although his words apply to us all: “The obedience of the star calls us to imitate its humble service: to be servants, as best we can, of the grace that invites all to find Christ.” Happy New Year and a blessed Epiphany!

— Rev. Christopher E. Grodecki, S.J.
Assistant Pastor

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5th

Blessing for Expectant Families.
At all Masses this weekend.

Ignatian Young Adults Sunday Social.
Following the 11 AM Mass. Parish Lounge.

MONDAY, JANUARY 6th

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

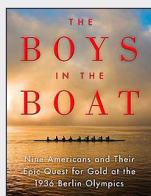
SATURDAY, JANUARY 11th

Saturday Night Liturgy. 7:00 PM. Lady Chapel.
For middle and high schoolers.

MORE THAN A BOOK CLUB

JANUARY SELECTION BOOK DISCUSSION

Thursday, January 16th at 2:00 PM
Parish Lounge



JANUARY BOOK SELECTION

The Boys in the Boat
by Daniel James Brown

Cast aside by his family at an early age, abandoned and left to fend for himself in the woods of Washington State, young Joe Rantz turns to rowing as a way of escaping his past.

What follows is an extraordinary journey, as Joe and eight other working-class boys exchange the sweat and dust of life in 1930s America for the promise of glory at the heart of Hitler's Berlin. Stroke by stroke, a remarkable young man strives to regain his shattered self-regard, to dare again to trust in others —and to find his way back home.

Told against the backdrop of the Great Depression, Daniel James Brown's *The Boys in the Boat* is narrative non-fiction of the first order; a personal story full of lyricism and unexpected beauty that rises above the grand sweep of history, and captures instead the purest essence of what it means to be alive.

To register for the book discussion,
email MoreThanaBookClubSIL@gmail.com

Registration required.

LME RETREAT

An Overview of Sacred Music: From Beginnings to Today

Saturday, January 18th | 9:15 AM | Wallace Hall



Dr. Jennifer Pascual will present an overview of sacred music of the Church, including different styles and forms from the early beginnings of sacred music to the practices of today. The morning presentation will cover the early beginnings of sacred music up until Vatican II, touching on forms such as Gregorian Chant & Polyphony and briefly discussing sacred music through the major musical periods. Sacred musical works by men and women composers will be discussed and how they can be utilized in modern-day liturgies.

The afternoon presentation will cover sacred music as practiced today, church documents pertaining to sacred music, and styles and forms such as hymnody, contemporary music and ritual music.

*Continental breakfast and lunch will be served.
The day will conclude with an optional Mass.*

To register, visit tinyurl.com/lme-winter-2020.

LECTURE

Broken: My Journey from Addiction to Redemption and Beyond

Monday, January 27th
7:00 PM in Wallace Hall



PRESENTER

William C. Moyers

*Vice President, Public Affairs &
Community Relations,
Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation*

William C. Moyers uses his own personal story to emphasize the power of addiction and the promise and possibility of recovery from this chronic illness that does not discriminate.

A public advocate for the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation, Moyers has carried this message to audiences across the country and around the world for the past 25 years. Along the way the evolution of his journey of faith has become integral to the story he shares with us.

MUSIC

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12TH

11 AM SOLEMN MASS

Hancock

Fantasy on Divinum Mysterium

Byrd

Surge illuminare

Palestrina

Sicut cervus

Alain

Final sur le carillon de Luçon, Op. 324



MOMS, POPS & TOTS

Tuesday, January 14th

10:00 AM

Gonzaga Meeting Room

This weekly gathering provides parents with young children the opportunity to make friends and develop community while strengthening their own spiritual lives. Coffee and treats are available for the parents.

For more information,
email Nicole O'Reilly at n_fusaro@yahoo.com.

RETREATS



Two parish retreats will take place at Jogues Retreat Center, Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY (north of West Point). The retreats will begin with dinner on Friday, and end with lunch on Sunday.

“Retreat for People Who Don’t Pray (Much)”

March 6-8, 2020

Facilitator: Fr. Michael Hilbert, S.J.

Maximum 10 persons

To register, email march2020silretreat@gmail.com

“Choose Life, That You May Live” (Dt. 30:19)

April 24-26, 2020

Sponsors: LGBT Catholics and Friends

Maximum 20 persons

To register, email april2020silretreat@gmail.com

Cost per person: \$150

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, January 6th (Monday After Epiphany)

1 John 3:22–4:6 Psalm 2 Matthew 4:12–17, 23–26

8:30 MEM Bernie Thielen

12:10 MEM Ana M. Spadafora

5:30 MEM Jack Kehoe

Tuesday, January 7th (Tuesday After Epiphany)

1 John 4:7–10 Psalm 72 Mark 6:34–44

8:30 MEM Caroline Choix

12:10 MEM Martin Philip Murphy

5:30 MEM Dolores O'Neill Ventura

Wednesday, January 8th (Wednesday After Epiphany)

1 John 4:11–18 Psalm 72 Mark 6:45–52

8:30 MEM The Choix & Gordon Families

12:10 MEM Elise Nelson

5:30 MEM Deceased Members of the
Scanlon & McLoughlin Families

Thursday, January 9th

(Thursday After Epiphany)

1 John 4:19–5:4 Psalm 72 Luke 4:14–22a

8:30 MEM Simona Saracino Fendi

12:10 MEM James Grady

5:30 MEM Stratford Wallace

Friday, January 10th (Friday After Epiphany)

1 John 5:5–13 Psalm 147 Luke 5:12–16

8:30 MEM Andrew J. Jick

12:10 MEM Valentino Mazzia

5:30 MEM George Terriberry

Saturday, January 11th (Saturday After Epiphany)

1 John 5:14–21 Psalm 149 John 3:22–30

8:30 MEM The Meehan Family

Sunday, January 12th

(Baptism of the Lord)

Isaiah 42:1–4, 6–7 Psalm 29

Acts 10:34–38 Matthew 3:13–17

HOME COMMUNION CALL



If you or a loved one is confined to home and would like to receive Communion on a periodic or regular basis, someone from the parish's Compassionate Care Ministry will come to your home and bring Communion.

If interested, please contact
Kathy Murnion at murnionkj@aol.com and
she will schedule someone to visit you.



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Weekday Masses (Monday to Friday)

8:30 AM, 12:10 PM, and 5:30 PM

Saturday: 8:30 AM

Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM Fr. Grodecki

Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Yesalonia

9:30 AM Fr. Judge

Wallace Hall Family 11:00 AM Fr. Bergen

Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. O'Connell

7:30 PM Fr. O'Connell

Religious Education for Children

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Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sundays at 9:30 AM.

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.

Parish

Mission Statement

The love of Christ impels us to welcome all, to worship joyfully and pray fervently, to walk together with those in need, and to reverence God in the wonder of Creation.

Men's Weekend Retreat. Thursday, January 23rd – Sunday, January 26th. *Loyola Jesuit Center, Morristown, NJ.* Fr. George Collins, S.J. will offer reflections on the theme *Embracing Who You Are*. The weekend includes preached talks on the theme, daily Mass, optional private consultations with retreat leaders, Reconciliation, a Healing Mass, outdoor stations of the cross, the saying of the Rosary and free time for personal prayer and reflection. Cost: Free will offering. Retreatants should arrive on Thursday any time after 3 PM, with the retreat concluding on Sunday at 1:00 PM. For more information and to register, contact Peter Riordan at 347-525-4429 or Carlos Cuartas at 917-509-5329.

Vocation Discernment Weekends—Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne. Hawthorne, New York: March 6th–8th & August 14th–16th; Atlanta, Georgia: May 8th–10th & September 25th–27th. The Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne invite women ages 19–44 who are discerning a religious vocation to join them for a weekend to experience their prayer and apostolate. Reservations are required. For more information, contact Sr. Catherine Marie, OP, at 845-745-1319 or vocationdirector@hawthorne-dominicans.org.

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