



SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11 Ps 85:9-14 2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8
Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98: 1-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11 Ps 96:1-3, 10-13 Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10 Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Is 41:13-20 Ps 145:1, 9-13b Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a: 12:1-6a, 10ab Ps Jdt 13:18bc, 19, Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47 or 707-712
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Mt 17:9a, 10-13

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY Dec. 8, 2014, Immaculate Conception
7:00AM Intentions of Mary and William Heimerle
9:00AM Clarence S. Lanier
12 Noon Joseph Milano
7:30PM George O'Grady
TUESDAY December 9, 2014
St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin
7:00AM Richard Pimentel
9:00AM Steve Verolla
WEDNESDAY December 10, 2014
7:00AM Intentions of Donor
9:00AM Jack Szabo
THURSDAY Dec. 11, 2014, St. Damasus I, Pope
7:00 AM Deceased Members of Fox Family
9:00 AM Edward Finn
FRIDAY: December 12, 2014
Our Lady of Guadalupe
7:00AM Intentions of William L. Cassese
9:00AM Helen Cleary
SATURDAY December 13, 2014, St. Lucy
9:00AM George O'Grady
5:00PM Gertrude West and Kristy Lyn Haley
SUNDAY Dec. 14, 2014, 3rd Sun. of Advent
7:30AM Michael R. Reid
9:30 AM Anthony Panarelli
Charles Morrissey
Margaret Hughes
Susan Scalogna
Parishioners of St. Ignatius Loyola
Peter F. Coen
11:00AM Deceased Members of the Biondi Family
12:30PM Carmine Prisco
5:15PM
7:00 PM Mass in Spanish

Mark Stapleton, Cecilia McLaughlin, John & Mary D'Antonio, Gloria Lane, CPL. Garrett Carnes, USMC, Anna Palewski, Philip Zederbaum, Michael Maher, Patrick McGee, Dawn Levchenko, Harry Mulligan, John Lupski, Raymond Morris, Maria Estupinan, Theresa Locke, Maureen Remsky, Joanne Wallick, Margaret Kropac, Brian Crowley, Newborn Luke Major, Mary Burdo, William Lee and Ernest Calza, Pedro Doblado, Infant Gabrielle Hailey Scannella, William Horbs, Rose Marie Heitschusen, Angelique Cadarr, Philip R. Sanita, Clare McCarthy, Jr., Justin David Wall, Sara Olsson, Dan Creamer, Helen Mackreth, Lisa Butler-Goss, Anthony Joseph Giampaolo and Fr Jim's relatives Pearl Bolcavage, Dr. Frank Gazda, Howard King

*We Pray For Our Dead
And We Mourn With You*

Rene Arecco
Joseph N. Fiordilino
Anthony S. D'Angelo



Immaculate Conception-Mon., Dec. 8th
Holy Day of Obligation

Masses are as follows:

December 8th

7AM, 9AM, 12 Noon and 7:30PM

"Belong More Deeply"

Theme: God is doing great things for us.

Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: 2nd Reading from
St. Paul 1 Thes 5:16-24

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil. May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it

Step One: Listen to the Word Listen carefully to Paul's word to the Thessalonians. What do you hear Paul saying here? What single word or phrase catches your attention?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

Question for Children: As we get closer to Christmas, name one thing you really want for your home or the world, such as peace, friendship, or food for the poor.

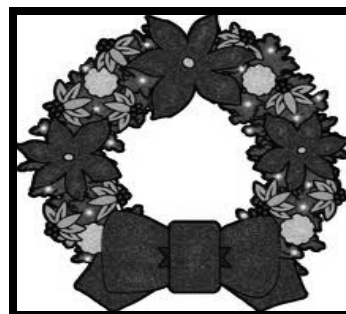
Question for Youth: John tried to help people prepare their lives for the coming of the Messiah. What do you need to change about your life to be ready for Jesus' coming?

Question for Adults: If you were to write three suggestions for those who follow Jesus, to keep them strong in their faith, what would you write?



***We Celebrate our Sacraments
Marriage Banns***

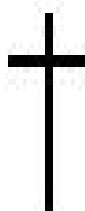
*Danielle Blomquist, St. Ignatius Loyola
Mark Kucharovic, St. Fidelis, College Point, NY*



The St. Ignatius Loyola Parish is having its annual wreath and blanket sale. They will be at each entrance after every Mass this weekend and next weekend, December 13th and 14th



***The Bread and Wine this week
Are in Loving Memory
Of
Thomas Duffy
From
Wife Millie and Children***



SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sunday, Nov.30, 2014 \$11,728
Maintenance \$ 4,451
Thanksgiving \$ 1,779

Sunday, Dec. 1, 2013 \$16,131



Kellenberg High School

National Honor Society -School Year 2013-2014

Michelle Dec
Danielle Engelhardt
Sarah Fiore
Kaitlin Geary
Regina Lacsa
Julia Stackpole

Kellenberg High School

Perfect Attendance -School Year 2013-2014

Brian Doyle
Kaitlin Geary
Kristen LaPolla
Ryan Wimbiscus

***Congratulations to all for a great job and
may God bless each and every one of you in
abundance!***



Volunteers Needed

Catholic Charities in Hicksville is seeking volunteers to assist in their Central Information and Referral Phone Line. Volunteers will answer calls and secure specific information for a return call from the Parish Social Ministry Program. They are looking for calm and compassionate people with good computer skills. Training will be provided. If you are interested and available for this opportunity, contact Mary Ellen Kwiecinski, Volunteer Coordinator at (516) 733-7044.

Your time and talent will be greatly appreciated!

Family Mass & Hospitality Sunday December 21st

Our next Family Mass is Sunday December 21st at 9:30 AM in the church. After Mass ALL are invited over to the Old School Downstairs in Rooms E&F for Hospitality. Join us for coffee, tea, juice and assorted goodies! We hope you can join us!

**Bus Trip to the Sands Casino, Bethlehem,
PA -Hosted by St. Ignatius Loyola Church**

When: Wednesday, January 28, 2015
Cost: \$42 per person includes driver's tip
Give back: \$30 slot play & \$5 food voucher
Time: Bus leaves at 9 am sharp. Please arrive
at 8:30 am -Return approx. 8:30 pm
Place: We will meet at Cantiague Park, West
John Street, Hicksville.
Reservations: Please call Barbara at (516)
935-5576

****The first to pay is the first on the bus,
etc.****

COOKIE WALK

Sponsored by Catholic Daughters of America

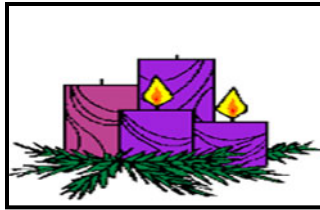
When: Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 13th and
14th after all Masses

Shop for your favorite cookies and chocolate for the Holidays. Complimentary coffee and tea. For more information, please call Margaret Fiore at 932-3823.

COOKIE WALK

Diciembre 13 y 14 después de todas las misas.
Para y escoge tus favoritas para este tiempo de fiestas.
También tus chocolates.
Tendremos café y té.
Para más información llama a MARGARET FIORE
932-3823

Pastor's Corner



2nd Sunday of Advent
Mk 1:1-8

Centuries ago, when a King wanted to make a tour of his region he would send a courier, someone entrusted, to bring a message to others to announce the King's coming, to help prepare the people for the King's arrival. The people would go out into the village and beyond to clear the roads from debris or rubble to make sure that the King has a clear path to follow since there were no paved roads. We still do something like this today when a Head of State, the President or royalty come to visit our city of New York. When Prince William and Kate come to visit New York, a lot of fuss will occur to make their journey as effortless as possible. Much to the chagrin of all of us commuters, they will not have to worry about clogs of traffic on our roads and highways.

Our theme for the Second and Third weeks of Advent focus on John the Baptist who is our courier or messenger announcing the arrival of another King into our lives. This king is very different from any earthly king. He is the King who gave his life for you and me. He is the King of both poor and rich. He is the King of all creation.

John challenges us to how are we preparing the path for Christ to enter into our lives? John says we need to make a path by lowering the mountains and filling in the valleys. He does not mean clearing out the physical roads that we travel, but the inner roads of our heart. Where are we depressed? Where are we too arrogant? The more clutter we clean from our hearts, the more effective Jesus is in our lives. This means that we need to identify just what is it that blocks Jesus from ourselves. We also need to let Jesus take over. We cannot do this on our own.

John the Baptist shows us that God makes a way where there is no way. John is like the prophet Isaiah who tells us in our first reading that God gathers his sinful people together like a Shepherd, his flock, and shows them a way out of their exile from slavery in Babylon. John shows us that now Jesus is that Shepherd, who is our salvation, showing us the way out from our sinful choices in life. We need not be a slave to our feelings or temptations. Advent is a reminder to push our weak tendencies out and let God in. It is also a time to ask what paths have opened up for us where we could see none? What hope is God leading me to in this life? This Advent may we be open to the power of the Holy Spirit who renews and refreshes us so that we no longer belong to the clutter of our world but to the healing freedom of Christ himself.

JOIN FR. JIM FOR THE SCRIPTURES OF ADVENT : WEDNESDAY DEC. 10, 2014-7PM

Want to hear more about the Scriptures of Advent? Please join me for the next 2 Wednesdays Dec. 10 & Dec. 17 at 7:00pm in the new school cafeteria to discuss the Scriptures of Advent. It will be held in the new school cafeteria.

JOIN US TO FOR THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE –THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT-JOY

Join us ON Sat. Dec. 13th after the 5PM Mass, for our annual Christmas Tree lighting near the convent gardens. There will be carols, the lighting, hot chocolate and other goodies. On Sunday Dec. 14th after the 5:15pm Mass, the crèche will be blessed and lit in front of the rectory.

May God bless you and Mary keep you and your families. May we remember to always do things for the greater glory of God. *St. Ignatius Loyola, pray for us!*

Fr. Jim , Pastor

COMMUNITY NEWS



Hours for Human Services

The St. Ignatius Human Service Center is open as follows:

Mondays from 1pm to 3pm

Tuesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 9:30am and 12 noon and from 1 until 3pm.

We are closed on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Please DO NOT LEAVE ANY ITEMS OUTSIDE OF OUR DOOR as we cannot accept items left outside in the weather.

Christmas Giving Tree

The Christmas Giving Tree is up and decorated with Angel Cards, and will remain through Sunday, December 14th. This year, due to space and time limitations, **we will be asking for gift cards from Sears, Macy's or Target department stores; or, you can purchase Broadway Mall gift cards which can be used at any store in the mall.** Please forward gift cards to Human Services by **Monday, December 15th**, for distribution to our households. Please remember our neediest families during this Christmas season.

A Note about Clothing Donations

During the months of November and December, we will not be accepting clothing donations. Please place your donations in the green SVDP collection bins located at Our Lady of Mercy or Holy Family churches. SVDP will distribute your donations to those in need through their stores and other programs.

May God bless you for all that you do!

Parish Human Service Center



As a parish, we will have the tree lighting and Creche blessing on December 14, 2014, The Third Sunday of Advent following the 5:15 pm Mass.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Anyone with a family member serving in the military, please forward their name and rank to our bulletin editor at bulletin1859@aol.com or bring the name to our Rectory Front Office. *We pray to give all of our soldiers the courage and strength to do the duty that is required of them. May they always remember our appreciation for the sacrifice they are making for us. We are thankful for the men and women who are willing to risk their lives to protect our freedom. I ask You to go with each of them and protect them wherever they go. Amen.*

Sgt First Class. Matthew Loheide
SSgt. Kevin J. Hennelly
Lt. Jonathan W. Lang
Lt. Jeanine A. Lang
SPC Justin T. Sikorski
Sgt. Mathew Burrafato
DCC James Pennington
Col. Paul J. Laughlin
Captain. Patrick O. Kelly, USMC
Sgt. Thomas P. McLoughlin, USMC
Atan Lisa Olynk, USN
M Sgt. Michael Marascia
Sgt. Stephen L. Emlaw
P.O.Third Class E-4 Kyle A. Kamermayer, Navy
Major Edward A. McGoldrick, US Army
Steven Orbon, 1st Lt., U.S. Army
Lt. David Jacobs
Pvt. Thomas Wright
Airman Peter F. Clark, USAF
Capt. Joseph Whittaker, USMC
LCPL Michael J. Mc Ilwraith, USMC
1st Lt. James Michael Vaz, U.S. Army
Louis Bombardiere, USMC
Gunnery Sgt. Brian Moran, USMC
Second Lt. Bridget Flatley, USAF
Cpt. Richard Macchio
Pvt. Joseph Gergely, U.S.M.C.
LTJG Alie Disher, U.S.N.
LTJG John Patrick Orr, USN, C.E.C.
PVC Andrew Hughes
Airman Denis C. Clark, USAF
Sgt. Lotachukwu Okoye
1st Lt. Brian W. Way, USMC
PFC. Christopher Paradiso, U.S.M.
PFC Jim Arbelaez, US Marine
Sgt. Dustin Lusby
LTJG Christopher Medford, US Navy
Lt. Lindsay Conte, USN
Sgt. Matthew Mercurio
Sgt. Phillip Michael Yopp, U.S. Army

**This week at St. Ignatius Loyola
Parish Facilities– e-mail parishfacilities.us****Sunday, December 7th**

7:30am Blanket and Wreath Sale-Parking Lot after Mass
10:30am Christmas Theme Poster Contest– Gym
2:00PM Mass for Hearing Impaired—Church
3:00pm Social for Hearing Impaired –Room 1
5:00pm Choir—Spanish –Old School-Room D

Monday, December 8th

Immaculate Conception-Holy Day of Obligation
No Activities

Tuesday, December 9th

9:30am Scripture Meeting-Room B, Old School
6:00pm CYO—gym
7:00pm Choir-Spanish, Old School, Room D

Wednesday, December 10th

5:00pm Children's Choir—Church
7:00pm Rel Ed—Upper Grades-Old School
7:00pm Scripture of Advent-New School Café.
7:30pm Adult Choir—Church

Thursday, December 11th

6:00pm CYO-Gym
6:30pm Rel. Education Reconciliation. Practice-Church
7:00pm Cub Scouts-Science Lab
7:00 pm Dance-Spanish-Room D
7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 382-New School Café

Friday, December 12th

6:00pm CYO-gym
6:00pm Charismatic Group-New School Café..
6:30pm GS Robotics Meeting-Science Lab
7:00pm SCJ Youth Group– Old School Art Room
7:00pm Middle School Youth-Old School Café Kite.B
7:00 pm Pastoral Formation—Rooms 6,7 and 8

Saturday, December 13th

7:30am Men's Prayer Group-Old School Room B&C
8:30am ESL-Human Services-Basement
9:30am Rel Ed Lower Grades –Old School
12:00pm Rel. Ed. Reconciliation—Church
Catholic Daughters'Cookie Walk-Old Sch.Cafe
12:00 CYO-Gym
2:00pm CYO-Gym
5:00pm Rel. Ed. Lighting of Christmas Tree-After Mass
5:00pm Blanket and Wreath Sale –After Mass
6:00pm Charismatic. Group Advent Event
New School Cafe

12/7/14

II DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

Editado por Ytala y Gabriel Ruiz

REFLEXIÓN

Este tiempo nos sirve para mirarnos a nosotros mismos y buscar cambiar todo lo que tenemos que cambiar, Jesús vino al mundo a dejarnos su ejemplo de Amor.



Comenzamos la cuenta regresiva de nuestra gran espera.

Ha sido mucho tiempo el que ha pasado para volver a encontrarnos con fe a las puertas del nacimiento más esperado por nosotros los cristianos. Estas semanas que nos separan de la Navidad, nos irán preparando para un nuevo inicio de meditación, limpieza y reconstrucción de nuestras vidas. Es un año muy importante para mantenernos vigilantes y estar despiertos para la llegada de Jesús a nuestras familias, a mi vida.

Estamos, entonces, preparados para la vigilia que nos aguarda? ¿Estamos preparados para recibir a aquel que viene y quiere caminar con nosotros?

Nuestro Adviento debe ser un tiempo muy especial. Un tiempo que nos prepare para hacernos mejores y, más felices. Adviento significa presencia de Dios ya comenzada. Esto implica que no debemos mirar solamente a lo que ya ha sido y ya ha pasado, sino también a lo que está por venir. Sabemos que la presencia de Dios, que acaba de comenzar, será un suceso verdadero, que nos fortalece.

Y esta certeza nos hace libres!!!

GANAR PUNTOS CON DIOS! INVITA A LA MISA OTRA PERSONAS LOS DOMINGOS Y PRIMEROS VIERNES A LAS 7:00 PM.

BAUTIZOS

CLASES: A Las 5:30 PM.

Segundo y Tercer Domingo de cada mes, en el sótano de la escuela. Padrinos, madrinas, papás y mamás deben asistir, y quedarse en la misa de las 7 PM. No es necesario hacer una cita para registrarse, pues en la clase lo hacen. No olvides traer el registro de nacimiento del niño.

LOS BAUTIZOS SON LOS ÚLTIMOS SÁBADOS DEL MES, A LA 1:00

PM. Diciembre 27, Enero 24, Febrero 22, Marzo 28, Abril 25, Mayo 30, 2015. Comunícate con ROSA y ROBERTO ROMERO: 516-749-4693 / 516-749-5135. Muchas Gracias por venir a las CLASES Y A LA MISA los



Preparémonos para la Llegada...

Hoy comenzamos la segunda semana de Adviento.

El Adviento es un tiempo de preparación para recibir al niño Jesús que viene en Navidad. Pero Jesús ya está presente en el mundo. Quiere nacer en

tu corazón para que tengas vida nueva, llena de amor, paciencia, alegría, espíritu de servicio y esperanza.



NO TE PIERDAS:

- ⇒ Nuestro grupo de oración los Viernes a las 6:30 pm. en la escuela nueva. Información: Rosio Rivera.
- ⇒ Clases de Inglés: en el sótano de Servicios Humanos. Los sábados de 9 a 11 am. Información: Liz Muñoz.
- ⇒ El Coro de los niños, ensayo los martes a las 7:30 pm. en la Iglesia, Información: Leyni - Tony Escobar
- ⇒ Reunión de jóvenes de 14-18 años en segundo piso de la escuela antigua. Los viernes de 7 a 9 pm. Info: Líderes.
- ⇒ Reunión de jóvenes de 11-13 años en el sótano de la escuela antigua, Viernes de 7 a 9 pm. Información: Thom.
- ⇒ Catequesis de Adultos: Los cuartos domingos del mes. De 4:30 pm. hasta la Misa. Información: Catequistas.

SERVIENDO A DIOS!

Pastor: Rev. James T. Stachacz

Pastor Asociado: Rev. Saúl Londoño

Coordinación: Mario Gómez y Erika A.

Catequesis: Colleen Tuzzolo (Educación Religiosa Niños 516 935 6873) Mario Gómez

José Contreras, Karina del Mar, Delfina

Hernández Rosa-José Romero, Julieta

McLaughlin (Educación Religiosa Adultos)

Clases Bautizos: Roberto y Rosa Romero

Clases Inglés: Lissette Muñoz, Gloria V.

Josué Flores, Kerry Engrert, Ingrid Aguilar.

Comité Festejos: Lorena Medrano, Erika

y Jaime Aldana, Maribel Adames, Luis

Reyes, Tesla Calderón, Ana Berrios, Rosa

Molina, Cistina Díaz, Álvaro Meléndez.

Comunicaciones: Ytala y Gabriel Ruiz,

Maria Romero

Divina Misericordia: Delfina Hernández,

Asunción Rivera .

Ensayos Bodas , Celebraciones de 15-

16 años: Lorena Medrano, Leny Escobar.

Grupo de Oración: Rosio Rivera, Rosa

Gutiérrez y Servidores.

Hospitalidad y Colectas: Marta Romero,

Luis Reyes, Guadalupe Aguilar.

Jardín Hispano: Fidel Zabala - Guadalupe

Lectura Misas de los Niños (as):

Viviana Echeverry y Dina Tenas.

Liturgia Dominical Niños: Carmen y

Daniela Gómez, Elva Cordone, Cindy

Medrano, Verónica Saquicela.

Ministerio de la Palabra: Jaime Aldana

Ministerio de los Enfermos: Rosio

Rivera, Romy Taveras, Rosa Gutierrez.

Ministerio Sagrado Corazón de Jesús:

Karina del Mar y Jovana Arteaga.

Ministerio de Música, Coro de los

Niños y Danzas: Leiny y Antonio Escobar

Ministros Ext. de la Comunión y

Sacristía: Juan Hernández, Rosio Rivera.

Monaguillos (Servidores del Altar)

Giselle Hernández, padrinos y madrinas.

Movimiento Familiar Cristiano

Católico: Roberto y Rosa Romero.

Pastoral Juvenil: Carlos Campos, Ytala y

Gabriel Ruiz, Lissette Muñoz, Carla Duran,

Samuel Sánchez, Katie Crayne, Eliséo

Meléndez., Francesca, Isabel & Diego.

Pre-Cana: Mario y Dora Gómez

Seguridad: Orlando Cruz, Diego Echeverry

Bienvenida hermanos de otros Continentes:

Oscar Hernández y Miguel Muñoz.

St Ignatius Loyola Parish

December 7, 2014

A Night in Bethlehem

When: Sunday, December 21st
Time: 3:30pm through 6:30pm
Where: St. James Parish Center, Seaford
(Lower Level –Delaney Hall)

Free Admission Tickets available at St. James Parish during regular Parish Office Hours, starting Monday, December 1st. Free Will Offerings will be accepted at the “Census” Table!

Go and See Live Characters and Real Stable Animals! Share the excitement of shepherds, Roman soldiers, shopkeepers and artisans, and witness the live production that tells the story of the very first Christmas.

Our Lady of Mercy
Bereavement Ministry
Candle Lighting Service for the
Bereaved

During this season of Advent as we prepare for Christmas, we invite you to participate in a candle lighting ceremony held at Our Lady of Mercy commemorating the lives of the loved ones you have lost.

When: **Thursday, December 11th at 4:00PM**

Where: Our Lady of Mercy, South Oyster Bay Road, Hicksville, Lower Church
If you have any questions, please call Mary Anne Scott at 931-1306

Why not consider memorializing one of the following items used for our weekly Liturgy: The names will be listed weekly in our bulletin; therefore, your loved one will be remembered.

Please remember the following individual (s) at the Altar of St. Ignatius Loyola:

Name _____ Living _____ Deceased _____

Offering: Bread & Wine \$50 _____ Altar Candles \$50 _____ Altar Flowers \$100 _____

Week of Date _____

Amount Submitted _____ Cash _____ Check # _____

Offered By: (Name) _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Annual Christmas Gift Wrapping at the Broadway Mall in Hicksville
Sponsored by Glen Cove-Hicksville-Syosset League Mercy Medical Center

Dates: December 10th to December 24th from 10am to 10pm. Except on 12/24 until 5pm
They will supply everything needed for a beautiful package—boxes, choice of many wrapping papers and bows. The cost will be from \$2.00 and up depending on the size of the item. All money goes to the Mercy Medical Center.

If you have any questions, please call Anna (516) 390-0200 or
Pat (516) 681-6690



*Saint Ignatius Loyola Parish
Christmas Tree Lighting
December 13, 2014*

*Christmas Tree Lighting will be held after the
5PM Mass in the Church parking lot by the
Convent Gardens.*

*Come join in our celebration and enjoy our
Parish Youth Choir singing Christmas carols.
We will also be serving hot chocolate & cookies.*

Enjoy the sounds & lights of the Christmas Season.

*Help keep Christ in Christmas and come celebrate
With Saint Ignatius Loyola Parish*

PASTORAL COUNCIL
Fr. James T. Stachacz, Pastor

Elizabeth Fitzgibbon
Jaime Aldana
John Crayne
Kevin Stoltz

Bruce Wimbiscus
Joe Malerba
Kieran Sullivan

"The Council serves as a forum of consultation for the pastor and members, primarily by engaging them in ongoing dialogue about the needs, feelings, hopes and reactions of parishioners."

Guidelines for Pastoral Councils #B-2

Please feel free to contact any council member at any time regarding your needs, feelings, hopes and reactions. All council members can be reached through the rectory office.

MEDIA MISGUIDANCE

By Rev. Msgr. James M. McNamara

The recently concluded Synod on the Family in Rome is sparking sound bites from the media. There were a number of very important concerns discussed in Rome. We need to be careful about media misguidance that comes down to catchy phrases and dramatic sound bites.

Our rich Catholic tradition and the doctrinal teachings of the Catholic Church cannot be reduced to phrases and sound bites. The magisterial teaching of the Catholic Church is not up for grabs. Pope Francis is trying to create a more pastoral and welcoming approach to persons who seek to live the Christian life. We are all sinners. We all fall short of perfection. At present it seems to me that the members of the Synod are in dialogue with how to assist people on this Christian journey to live with integrity as they strive to grow in Christian witness faithful to the teachings of Jesus Christ. Understandably there will be differences of opinion. Speaking the truth in love involves holding together both the truth as we proclaim it and the persons we value as members of the Christian community. Neither disregarding Church teaching nor excluding people through judgment serves the mission of the Church in the world today. I dare say that even the categories of liberal and conservative do not help in fostering a healthy Christian community.

In this age of openness there have been reports given to the media about the work of the Synod. This is fine but it is risky. It leaves the Synod vulnerable to misguidance by the media. We need to allow the Synod to do its work and not latch on to every sound bite that emanates from the media. People tend to give credence to what is on the internet, television or in print. Let us be astute about the limitations of the media.


First, the media loves a sound bite. But sound bites do not allow for context and the foundation and history of a given statement, no less the meaning of a synod. Second, whether it be progressives or conservatives, the media love to give their own spin on things rather than simply report the news. The same exact quote can be used to make a point via one's ideology. This is not helpful. In addition, too often condescension and prejudice mark the tone of the speaker's remarks.

If you want to receive comprehensive information about the Synod (and news about the Church) I encourage you to turn to **Telecare**, our Diocesan Television station which is now available on more platforms than ever before. Telecare is available on Cablevision, Channel 29 (Nassau and Suffolk) and Channel 137 (elsewhere), Verizon Fios, Channel 296 and Time Warner Cable, Channel 471. Telecare is also available on line at TelecareTV.org. [The Long Island Catholic Magazine](#) comes out monthly and they also have a website that is rich in Catholic teaching and news: www.licatholic.org.

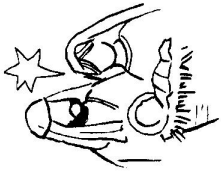
In today's world and in today's Church we have lost the art of respectful conversation. As the Synod members continue their work, our best stance is one of prayer to the Holy Spirit for guidance and inspiration. This Synod is meant to be a preparation for the Synod of 2015. So we have ample time and opportunity for prayer and to gather together as one in the presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament and around the table of the Lord where we are privileged to hear the Word of God and to receive the Body and Blood of Christ as we sinners seek to become saints.

May the Lord give you peace.

Advent 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 B uy or make an Advent wreath. Bless it and light the first violet candle each night this week.	1 W rite a new prayer for Advent this year. Recite it every day this Season.	2 C hoose a bad habit that leads you away from holiness. Work on overcoming it during Advent.	3 D ecide to give your parish a gift of your time, talent or treasure. Describe your gift in a Christmas card to your pastor.	4 T he presence of Jesus in our lives speaks of our hope in God's mercy and love. Today, list your reasons for hope in the future.	5 S et an alarm that will help you remember to pray every morning and evening this month. Try to make it a habit.	6 S how love on St. Nicholas Day by filling an old shoe with treats and leaving it outside someone's door.
7 L ight two violet candles in the Advent wreath each night this week. Take a moment to enjoy the quiet.	8 I n honor of Mary's Immaculate Conception, attend Mass and pray a Rosary.	9 T o honor St. Juan Diego today, eat Mexican food and think about his simple faith and obedience.	10 G o to confession and prepare your soul for the grace that comes with the birth of Christ.	11 M ake a list of the good things God has given to you this year. Take time to thank him today.	12 B uy a rose today to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe. She used this simple flower to bring hope to millions.	13 L ight a candle and sit quietly. Remember for whom we are waiting.
14 L ight two violet candles and the rose one for joy. Look for one new thing at Mass today that you haven't noticed before.	15 P ut a lamp or electric candle in a window to welcome the Christ child. Light it each night until Christmas Day.	16 P ray for the men and women in the military who cannot spend Christmas with their families.	17 E ven if you live alone, put up and decorate a Christmas tree.	18 T ake a drive or a walk around your home to look at the Christmas decorations or displays.	19 M ake time today to feed the hungry. Make cookies for a nursing home, serve at a soup kitchen, or offer a homeless person a meal.	20 D esignate or decorate a special candle as your "Jesus Candle." Light it to remind you of the light Jesus brings.
21 L ight all four candles in the wreath tonight and all week. Reread today's Gospel reading, Luke 1:26-38.	22 S et up your Nativity scene or crèche. Picture yourself in the scene and think about how you would act if you were there.	23 M ake an honest examination of conscience and ask God for forgiveness and healing.	24 G ather some friends and neighbors and go Christmas caroling at a nursing home or homeless shelter.	<div>  </div> 25 R ejoice! Read the story of Jesus' birth in Luke 2:1-20. Think of how joyful it will be to meet Jesus when he comes again.		

Calendario de Adviento 2014

Domingo	Lunes	Martes	Miércoles	Jueves	Viernes	Sábado
30 H aga o compre una corona de Adviento y bendícala. Encienda la primera vela morada todas las noches de la semana que entra.	1 C omponga una oración nueva para rezarla todos los días de este mes. Anótelas en un papel y sáquela todos los años en Adviento.	2 E scoja un mal hábito que lo aleja de la santidad. Haga el propósito de superarlo durante el Adviento.	3 O frézcale a su parroquia parte de su tiempo, de su talento o de su tesoro como obsequio. Descríbalo en una tarjeta de navidad para su párroco.	4 L esucristo en nuestras vidas habla de nuestra esperanza en el amor y misericordia de Dios. Haga hoy una lista de las razones que le dan esperanza en el futuro.	5 P onga un reloj despertador o algo que le recuerde orar todas las mañanas y todas las tardes de este mes. Intente que se le vuelva un hábito.	6 P ara honrar a San Nicolás. Deje un zapato viejo lleno de golosinas en la puerta de entrada de alguien.
7 E ncienda dos velas moradas y la corona de Adviento. Siéntese y disfrute la quietud.	8 P ara honrar la Inmaculada Concepción de María vaya a misa y rece un rosario.	9 E n honor a San Juan Diego hoy, prepare comida mexicana y piense sobre la sencillez de su fe y su obediencia.	10 V aya hoy a confesarse y prepare el alma para la gracia que llega con el nacimiento de Cristo.	11 H aga una lista de todas las cosas buenas que Dios le ha llevado a su vida este año. Tómese un momento para agradecerlo.	12 C ompre una rosa hoy para honrar a Nuestra Señora de la Guadalupe. Ella usó esa sencilla flor para llevarles esperanza a millones.	13 E ncienda un vela y siéntese en silencio. Recuerde a quién espera.
14 E ncienda dos velas moradas y la rosada de la alegría. Busque en misa hoy algo que no le había llamado antes la atención.	15 P onga una lámpara o una vela eléctrica en una ventana para darle la bienvenida al Niño Jesús. Enciéndala todas las noches hasta el día de Navidad.	16 R ece por los hombres y mujeres en las fuerzas armadas que no podrán pasar la Navidad con sus familias.	17 A unque viva solo, ponga un arbolito de Navidad y adórmelo.	18 V aya a pasear en carro o a pie por su casa para ver los adornos de Navidad en las calles y jardines.	19 H aga tiempo hoy para darle de comer al hambriento. Prepare galletitas o bizcochos para un anciano, ayude en un comedor público o simplemente invite a un amigo a almorzar.	20 E scoja o adorne una vela especial como su "velón de Jesús". Enciéndalo todos los días hasta Navidad para recordarle la luz que Jesucristo nos trae.
21 E ncienda las cuatro velas de la corona de Adviento esta noche y todas las noches de la semana que entra. Lea de nuevo el pasaje del Evangelio para hoy, San Lucas 1:26-38.	22 P onga su nacimiento o pesebre e imagínesse en la escena. Piense en cómo actuaría si estuviere allí.	23 H aga un examen de conciencia honesto y pídale perdón y salud a Dios..	24 V aya con sus seres queridos a cantar aguinaldos o villancicos de Navidad.	 <p>¡Felicidad! Lea la historia del nacimiento de Jesús en Lucas 2 : 1-20 . Piense en lo alegre que será para encontrarse con Jesús cuando venga de nuevo.</p>		