



News from ST. IGNATIUS' CHURCH

DECEMBER EVENTS

SPECIAL SERVICES

Sunday, December 16th, the Third Sunday of Advent, is also **Rose Sunday**. Please join us for a special Coffee Hour hosted by the Choir after the 11:00 Mass.

Sunday, December 16th through Sunday, December 23rd at 6 P.M.—The “**Great O**” Antiphons will mark Solemn Evensong at St Ignatius as they have for many years. These simple services of Solemn Evensong are a wonderful way to prepare spiritually for Christmas. Many people take part in them. If you would like to read one or more lessons, please speak with Clyde Kuemmerle or sign up on the sheet posted outside the sacristy. Please come and give praise to God through these beautiful services.

**Monday, December 24th, Christmas Eve
5:30 P.M.**—Procession and Sung Mass

10:30 P.M.—Carol Service

“*Nesciens Mater*,” Jean Mouton

“*Quem vidistis*,” Francis Poulenc

“*Quaeramus cum pastoribus*,” Thomas Crecquillon

11:00 P.M.—Procession and Solemn Mass

Missa “O Magnum Mysterium,” G. P. da Palestrina

“*O magnum Mysterium*,” Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

Tuesday, December 25th, Christmas Day

10:30 A.M. Solemn Mass

SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION

Sunday, December 9th, we will have another open forum with the Rector on liturgy. In this second “Ritual Notes” session, the Rector will answer more of your questions.

Sunday, December 16th, our guest preacher, The Rev'd Stephen Arbogast, will speak about mission work in South Africa. For more information, visit our website: http://saintignatiusnyc.diocesenyc.org/Formation_Schedule.html.

CONCERTS

Sunday, December 9th at 3 P.M.—**Russian Chamber Chorus of New York concert.** “Joy and Radiance from Russia and Ukraine”: A rare chance to hear liturgical music and festive carols by Russian and Ukrainian composers including Bortnyansky, Yegorov, Strokin, Skripnik, Kachanov, and more. Tickets: \$25 at the door; \$15 seniors and students; or buy discount tickets online: <http://rccny.org/index.html>.

Saturday, December 15th at 8 P.M.—**Canticum Novum Singers**, Harold Rosenbaum, conductor. “Welcum Yule – 7 Centuries of Christmas Music.” Tickets: \$20 at the door. www.nyvirtuoso.org.

Thursday, December 27th, at 8:00 P.M.—**Choir and Orchestra of St. Ignatius of Antioch**, Douglas Keilitz, director. Johannes Sebastian Bach: “Christmas Oratorio, Parts 1-3.” Tickets \$35 at the door; \$25/seniors. www.saintignatiusnyc.org.

UPCOMING PREACHERS

In the coming weeks we will be welcoming two neighbors from two neighboring institutions as our guest preachers:

Sunday, December 9th we welcome **The Rev'd Winnie Varghese**, Episcopal Chaplain at Columbia University and a member of the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church.

Sunday, December 16th we welcome **The Rev'd Stephen K. Arbogast**, head of the religion department at the Trinity School. We hope that you will come and meet these wonderful and interesting people.

BIRTHDAYS IN DECEMBER

5 Anne Darnell
5 Elisabeth Koenig
6 Jo-Ann Christian
12 Gilbert Cattell

19 Colin Leinster
23 Nancy J. Dobi
24 Kate Ellis
27 Robert Oakes

28 Eileen
29 Leon Metz

MISSION AND OUTREACH:

Ecclesia Ministries, modeled on Common Cathedral in Boston, is a service held outdoors for a homeless congregation. Every Sunday at 2:00 in Madison Square Park, a group of homeless men and women gather in a semi-circle around a portable altar for prayer, song, and to receive the sacrament. A priest from a supportive, housed congregation, like St Ignatius, leads the service, and there are parishioners from those housed congregations who come to participate in the service and in fellowship. Following the service, sandwiches, fruit and cookies are shared from the same altar, and everyone just hangs out and visits. There is the distinct feeling that this is a congregation: people who know and care for each other, and who keep their eyes open for new people to attract in.

St Ignatius hosts the first Sunday of every month. Why not consider joining us for one Sunday, this fall, winter or spring? It is a moving experience—truly living out Jesus' directive to "feed my sheep." It enriches the worship we have here at church by extending that love of God out to the margins of society.

Equally helpful would be to volunteer in preparing the food which we serve in the Park: to come for an hour on any first Saturday of the month to the Undercroft to make sandwiches or to help us on that Sunday between the two masses to pack up the food.

Please speak with James Marshall or Clyde Kuemmerle if you would like to "come and see," or could help with the food.

Be prepared to be surprised! — *Lucy Kuemmerle*

Looking Ahead to Christmas: This year, we will again be giving gifts to children in a shelter in the neighborhood, ages 12 and under. As there are 90 kids in the shelter, if you can provide several small gifts, rather than one large one, we'll be able to have something for every child. Please wrap gifts, tagged with gender and age-range, and have them at Church by **December 23rd**. Any questions, see Lucy Kuemmerle.

Christmas at Fessenden House: We will be bringing gifts for ten men at Fessenden House for Christmas. Names and sizes will be available at coffee hour beginning **December 2nd**, and we will need the gifts by **December 16th**. For more information, call Brother Stephen Storen (917-586-6313) or Lucy Kuemmerle (212-865-9239).

Recommended Children's Books From Constance Vidor:

I Believe: the Nicene Creed

Beautifully illustrated book presentation of the creed. The last page presents a brief history of the creed.



The Lord's Prayer by Tim Ladwig

Big, colorful illustrations show a father taking his child to visit and help an elderly neighbor. Their actions illustrate each phrase of the beloved prayer.



The Heavenly Village by Cynthia Rylant

A spiritual novel about the wonders of life and the afterlife. In this book, a series of touching vignettes, she paints a moving picture of the stopping place between heaven and earth—and in the process, she reminds us that life is an extraordinary gift, and that those we love are never really far away.



Who wants a pretty bike? It needs new rubber tires, but it is a lightly used, yellow Peugeot bicycle and it can be yours for a donation of \$75 [or more?!] to the Music Fund of St Ignatius Church. If interested, call Alison Howard-Levy: 212-580-8964.