

# St. Ignatius Loyola RC Church, Hicksville, NY

*Wish you all a*



*Christmas*



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**Continuing  
the Legacy of  
164 years**



**WE BELIEVE**

*For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life. (Jn.3:16)*

**WE WELCOME**

*With joy we welcome all to worship God. Let us lift up our minds, hearts and spirits to our loving and merciful God, from whom all good things come, and thank and praise Him.*

**WE WORSHIP**

<b>Weekend Mass Schedule</b>	<b>Weekday Masses</b>
<b>Saturday: 5:00 PM (Live)</b>	<b>Monday - Friday</b>
<b>Vietnamese 9:00 PM</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>
<b>Sunday: 7:30 AM</b>	<b>9:00 AM (Live)</b>
<b>9:30 AM (Live)</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>Family Mass 11 AM</b>	<b>9:00 AM (Live)</b>
<b>12:30 PM</b>	<b>5:00 PM (Live)</b>

**Spanish 5:00 PM (Live)**

**Adoration: Sunday 10:30 AM to 4:45 PM**

**Monday to Saturday 9:30 AM to 3 PM**

**Every Monday, except in July and August:**

Adoration, Rosary & Scripture Study at 7:30 PM

**Every Friday:**

Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 PM. **(Live)**

**Every First Wednesday:**

Rosary to St. Joseph at 8:25 AM. **(Live)**

**Every First Friday:**

Holy Hour after 9:30 AM Mass. **(Live)**

Mass in Spanish at 7 PM

**Every First Saturday:**

Rosary Meditation at 8:25 AM. **(Live)**

Holy Hour at 6 PM. To 7 PM

**December 24, 2023, Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Forever I will sing the  
goodness of the Lord.**



**WE SERVE**

**Confessions: Saturday 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm (English)**  
**Every First Saturday: 6 pm to 6.30 pm (English)**  
**Every First Sunday of the month and Sundays of Lent : after the 9:30 am Mass till 10:55 am (English)**  
**Every First Sunday : 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm (Spanish) or by appointment**

**Baptism:** Celebrated twice monthly in English (the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month) and once in Spanish (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month). Since these dates may be subject to change, please call the Rectory Office to confirm the date and to register your child. Baptism preparation classes in English for new parents have been postponed until further notice. Baptism preparation classes in Spanish are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 7:00pm - 9:00pm. Please contact the Rectory Office to register for a class in Spanish.

**Marriage:** Arrangements for weddings should be made at least 6months in advance, and prior to make reception arrangements. Pre-Cana Sessions are required for all couples planning to marry.

**Wedding times: Fridays 3:30 pm & 5:00 pm**  
**Saturday 11:30 am, 1:30 pm & 3:00 pm**  
**Sundays 3:30 pm**

**Anointing of the sick : After the 9:30 am Mass on the second Sunday of every month, and upon request.**

**Parish Mission Statement : We Believe, We Welcome, We Worship, We Serve.**



**We Pray...**



**For our Sick**

Jennifer Lentini, Carolyn Fitzgerald, Antonio Esposito, Austin Contreras, James Keough, Maria Lucas, Jeff Clark, Marie Vesely, Robert Lambe, Lorraine Mierzejewski,, Barbara Martucci, Pedro Janampa, Barbara Family, Lynn Schweitzer, Terry Jenkins, Don Glass, Gloria Viruet, Cathy Jansen, Kenneth Romeo, Greg Scavetta, Aidan Lyons, Eleanor Sharp, Michael Pitonza, Johnny Martin, Angela Funef, Corinne Clark, Katherine Yorke, Valarite Sferrazza, Richard Burgos,, Anna Silvestre, James Kenna, Mike O’Grady, Anthony Pignataro, George Fitzgibbon, Declan Jurgens, Maria Santoro Mawhinney,Carol Fields, Raymond Victor III, Emme Kate Scavetta, Paul Scavetta, Patricia Gatt, Samantha Cooke.

*Heavenly Father, we lift up all who are going through various sickness. Have compassion on them, and lay Your healing hands on them. We pray that You would restore their health, soothe their pain and ease their worries. Give them Your peace and comfort them as they wait. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen Get well soon...*

Names will be kept on the Prayer for the Sick List for three weeks, unless a family member calls to extend the time.



**For our Birthday and all Wedding Anniversary celebrants for the month of December.**

*May God bless you all.*



**For Our Dearly Departed**

**Maryanne Goldberg**

**Dn. Frank A. Odin**

*(1984, Retired, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lindenhurst)*

*Jesus died and has risen again, so through Jesus, God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep; and so also in Christ will all be brought to life.*

*Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them.*

*May the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen .*

**We pray for their mourning families also.**

*Merciful Father, comfort all those whose hearts overflow with grief, as they face this sense of loss. May they know the consolation of Your love.*



**For our Military.**



*Almighty Father, give them courage and strength against all enemies, both spiritual and physical. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they do to protect this land and us. Keep them safe in Your loving hands .We ask this through*

Sgt First Class. Matthew Loheide	Major Edward A.McGoldrick,US Army	Atan Lisa Olynk, USN
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PVC Andrew Hughes	P.O Third Class E-4 Kyle A.Kamer Mayer	Sgt. William J. White, USMC
Sgt. Lotachukwu Okoye	Navy	Robert Van-Horn US Air Force
Paul Vermillion US Marines	Tech. Sgt. Shawna Clark, US Air Force	



**ALL FOR THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD. *St. Ignatius of Loyola***

**Nourishment by Word of God and Body of Christ...**

**Sunday, December 24, 2023 Fourth Sunday of Advent**

*Readings: 11:21 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16, Rom 16:25-27, Lk 1:26-38*

*Vigil: 13:Is 62:1-5, Acts 13:16-17,22-25, Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25*

Fr. Shibi	7:30 AM	* Multiple Intentions Ana Diaz
Fr. Jacob	9:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Ignatius Loyola
Fr. Jacob	11 AM	Mary and Dominic Sanzoverino
Fr. Reid	12:30 PM	Kathryn Raub (Living)
Fr. Shibi	4 PM <b>Church</b>	Gerard and Mary Jansen
Fr. Jacob	<b>Gym</b> —English	*
Fr. Francis	5:30 PM <b>Church</b>	*
Fr. Cesar	<b>Gym</b> —Spanish	*
Fr. Shibi	12 Midnight <b>Church</b>	*

**Monday, December 25, 2023, The Nativity of The Lord (Christmas)**

*Readings: 16:Is 52:7-10, Heb 1:1-6, Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5,9-14*

Fr. Francis	7:30 AM	Louis and Louise Parmigiani
Fr. Jacob	9 :30 AM	Eleanor Aldridge (Living) Birthday Blessings
Fr. Shibi	11:00 AM	Maria Cairoli
Fr. Reid	12:30 PM	*
Fr. Cesar	2:30 PM	Mass in Spanish (Church) -No Evening Mass

**Tuesday, December 26, 2023, St. Stephen, The First Martyr**

*Readings: 696:Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59, Mt 10:17-22*

7 AM	Chris Swift (Living)
9 AM	Robert Romeo

**Wednesday, December 27, 2023, St. John, Apostle and Evangelist**

*Readings: 697: 1Jn 1:1-4, Jn 20:1a, 2-8*

7 AM	*
9 AM	Thomas Flood

**Thursday, December 28,, 2023, The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

*Readings: 698: 1Jn 1:5-2:2, Mt 2:13-18*

7 AM	*
9 AM	Maureen Gallagher and Joan McCabe

**Friday, December 29, 2023, St. Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr**

*Readings: 202: 1Jn 2:3-11, Lk 2:22-35*

Fr. Francis	7 AM	*
Fr. Shibi	9 AM	Maureen Gallagher.

**Saturday, December 30, 2023**

*Readings: 203: 1 Jn 2:12-17, Lk 2:36-40*

9 AM	Richard Budinich
Fr. Jacob	5 PM Mary and Charles Grossane

**Sunday, December 31, 2023, Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

*Readings: 17: Sir 3:2-6,12-14. Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17, Lk 2:22,-40 or 2:22,39-40 or in year B Gn 15:1-6;21:1-3, Heb 11:8,11-12, 17-19, Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22,39-40*

Fr. Francis	7:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Ignatius Loyola
Fr. Jacob	9:30 AM	Leona and Tom Bergin
Fr. Sean	11 AM	Christine and George O’Grady
Fr. Reid	12:30 PM	Billy, Tricia and Bill Schrader (Living)
Fr. Cesar	5:00 PM	Mass in Spanish
Fr. Jacob	7:30 PM	*

**\*\* Priest schedules are subject to change \*\***

**\* If you see a Mass listed in the bulletin with no intention and you wish to remember a loved one (living or deceased) for their Birthday, Wedding or Anniversary of their passing, please call the rectory office to secure that date and time.**

*Jesus, The Bread of Life, nourish us.Amen.*



*The Bread and Wine this week are in Loving Memory of Christine Rigert from The Rigert Family.*

*Jesus, Light of the World, lead us to eternity. Amen*



*The Candles are in Loving Memory of Elizabeth and Charles Lang from The Lang Family*



*The flowers this week are in Loving Memory of Lucy and Carl Mize from their loving Family.*



**Sacrificial Giving**



<i>Sunday, December 17, 2023</i>	\$ 13,458
<i>Sunday, December 18, 2022</i>	\$ 13,217

*Thank you for your generosity. God Bless you all!*



**For December**

**For persons with disabilities**

**We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.**

**Parish Hymn - After Communion**

¶ Jesus ! my Lord, my God, my all !  
How can I love Thee as I ought ?  
And, how revere this wondrous gift,  
So far surpassing hope or thought ?  
{ Sweet Sacrament! we Thee adore !  
O,make us love Thee more and more! } \*2¶



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Christmas 2023

To the People of God of the Diocese of Rockville Centre:

Merry Christmas to you and your families!

In recent years at Christmas, I have meditated on the relationship between the Nativity of the Prince of Peace and the Parable of the Good Samaritan.

I have been especially inspired by Pope Francis' analysis of the Parable of the Good Samaritan in the second chapter of his 2020 encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*. It is powerful and provocative, and I would recommend it for your mental prayer.

The short phrase in the Christmas Gospel narrative in the second chapter of the Gospel of Luke reads: "She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn."

"No room for them in the inn." No Good Samaritan stepped up to help the Holy Family. They were ignored and treated perfunctorily and impatiently. Some passed them by. Some pretended not to notice their plight.

Remember too that in the Parable of the Good Samaritan an "inn" is also mentioned. Luke 10 reads: "But a Good Samaritan while traveling came near him, and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn and took care of him."

The inn that the Holy Family approaches on the way to Bethlehem is a sign of rejection and indifference.

The inn in the Parable of the Good Samaritan is a sign of the Good Samaritan's compassion and commitment to go the extra mile and to make sure that the wounded man is taken care of until he is completely healed.

Contemporary literary criticism might very well emphasize that the use of "inn" by the Gospel writer in both the Nativity in Luke 2 and the Parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10 is not by accident.

In a sense, the phrase "there was no room at the inn" in the Nativity foreshadows and connects with the phrase in the Parable of the Good Samaritan describing the callous indifference of both the priest and the Levite toward the wounded man on the side of the road: "[H]e passed by on the other side."



# ALL FOR THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD. *St. Ignatius of Loyola*

DIocese of Rockville Centre  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

As Pope Francis says in *Fratelli Tutti*: “Each day we have to decide whether to be Good Samaritans or indifferent bystanders.”<sup>1</sup>

Our Lady, St. Joseph and the unborn Christ Child experienced the reality of people who decided to be indifferent bystanders.

The Christmas Gospel narrative from Luke 2 poses a question which is posed again later in the Parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10.

Will we be Good Samaritans?

Or will we be indifferent bystanders?

As the Holy Father reminds us, we make that choice every day.

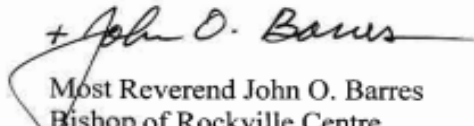
May our prayer, silent contemplation and creative family catechesis of the Nativity scene help us to be instruments of a Nativity Mystery. May the Good Samaritan Gospel revolution of humility, charity, mercy, tenderness and peace unite us in solidarity with the sick, the poor and the suffering, especially in the Middle East, Ukraine and all war-ravaged areas of the world.

May our commitment to “holiness and mission” bless our contemplative Synodal listening and our Eucharistic Revival and Evangelization.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your families!

May the Light and Love of the Christ Child animate and guide our global Catholic Missionary Spirit on this Christmas night and throughout the New Year.

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend John O. Barres  
Bishop of Rockville Centre

<sup>1</sup> Francis, encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*, October 4, 2020: AAS 112 (11) 969-1074, at no. 70.

*Beloved St. Ignatius family and friends,*

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, I want to express my gratitude for each one of you. Your presence in our parish brings joy and warmth. May the bonds we share in our parish grow stronger, and may the spirit of Christmas unite us all. The joy of that Holy Night in Bethlehem, which filled the hearts of Mary and Joseph, and the shepherds who came to see the baby Jesus lying in the manger, warm your hearts with ever greater faith, fervent hope, and true love for God this Christmas!

On behalf of Fr. Francis, Fr. Jacob, Fr. Michael Ried, Deacon George, Deacon Antonio, Nuns, Staff, and myself, we wish you all a Happy and Holy Christmas! May it be a time of great joy and hope, a time of renewed faith and love, for you and your family. May you grow ever stronger in your Catholic faith and in your relationship with our Lord and Savior born Christmas Day. May the love of Jesus surround you, and may you experience the true meaning of this beautiful season. Please do not abandon Christ from Christmas and do not forget to pray for the divine protection of the Holy Land! Merry Christmas to you and your family!

*Fr. Shibi*



December 24, 2023 | Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 | Rom 16:25-27 | Lk 1:26-38

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

**GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE**

“Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you.” The angel Gabriel announces this in the Gospel today, and it is a phrase with which we are all familiar thanks to our recitation of the Hail Mary prayer. Although some may be comforted by such a message and its angelic messenger, it is troubling to Mary because the angel goes on to tell her she will conceive and bear the Son of God. Thinking practically, Mary is being told the impossible will happen – who wouldn’t be troubled? And yet Mary offers herself: “I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” Despite her fear and trepidation, Mary went on to answer God’s call and do his will. Our Blessed Mother became a great example of fortitude at that moment, as she exemplified what it means to step outside of our own uncertainty and trust God completely. Although doing God’s will can be difficult at times, St. Paul reminds us in his Letter to the Romans that we can ask God for the strength to say “yes” in spite of our fears.

**GO EVANGELIZE**

**PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

Up until today, December has probably been a whirlwind. Trees and lights, ornaments, parties and presents – all these things help to kick off “the most wonderful time of year” beginning soon after Thanksgiving. Come Dec. 26, however, for many, the decorations become a nuisance and Christmas trees are out on the curb for pickup. Thank goodness for our Catholic faith because for us, Christmas is just beginning! Mary didn’t say “may it be done to me” only to forget about it the next day. No, in the coming months, the Blessed Mother nurtured the baby Jesus in her womb, anticipating the arrival of her firstborn and the Son of God. And on that blessed Christmas night, her work as the Mother of God was only just beginning. So, as we anticipate the arrival of the Christ Child, we are joyful that *our* Christmas season continues until we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord on January 8. Let us use this time to draw closer to God and make every effort in the new year to do his will.

**SING** *Angels, announce with shouts of mirth / Christ who brings new life to earth. / Set every peak and valley humming / With the word, the Lord is coming. / People, look east and sing today: / Love, the Lord, is on the way.*

**Gospel verse for reflection**

The Holy Spirit will come upon you,  
and the power of the Most High will  
overshadow you.



*We  
do not go to  
Holy Communion  
because we are good;  
we go to become good.*



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**QR Code for our Parish Prayer Book, Weekend Readings & Priest Schedule.**

**Thought of the week**

*You do not take hold of  
the power of the Holy spirit,  
rather it takes hold of you.*



**Saint quote ...**

*“As the soul is the life of the body,  
so the Holy Spirit is the life of our souls.”*

*St. Peter Damian.*







## Christmas is almost here!



Christmas is almost here! Isn't it exciting? It's like when it's getting really close to your birthday, except that people all over the world are going to be celebrating Christmas! We should help make Jesus' birthday as special as we can!

I CAN WASH THE SINK FOR MOM!



If your family has an Advent wreath, today all four of the candles will be lit. This represents the light of Jesus coming closer and getting brighter. Jesus is the light of the world. If we want to make Christmas beautiful, then we should make our own lives shine with the love of Jesus.

HERE, I'LL HELP YOU PICK UP THE TOYS.



HI DAD! I VACUMMED UNDER YOUR DESK!



Does your family have a Christmas tree? Are there lights on it? Do you have Christmas lights on your house? All the little lights you see can represent all the people whose lives are lit up with the love of God. Or maybe they can represent all the good things you can do to brighten up other people's lives! Think of some things you can do to love God and bring His love to your family and your friends and neighbours this Christmas!

Answers to True or False: 1. false; 2. false; 3. true; 4. true; 5. false; 6. true; 7. true; (the baby was John the Baptist!)

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# The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 24th, 2023



Hail, full of grace! ... Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High...

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.



Then the angel departed from her.

What did the angel Gabriel say to Mary?  
What did she reply to him?  
Look in the mirror to find out!



## Jesus is Born!



Christmas is one of the most important days in the year. We know that it's Jesus' birthday, but let's think a bit more about what that means...

Who is Jesus? He is God. He is also a real man. When Adam and Eve sinned they lost the privilege of going to Heaven. Now people needed to pay back for their sins, but no sacrifice they could make could ever be big enough. Only a perfect man could make a perfect sacrifice. And because God loved us so much He became a man to die for us!



Now think about God, Who made Himself a little baby, coming down to our world. He had a poor mother and foster father, and He was born in a little barn, far away from their home. The first people who came to visit were the rough men who lived in the fields, looking after their sheep.

God loved us so much that He made Himself into a poor baby. Doesn't that just make you want to love Him more? Today or in the next few days, spend some time looking at a creche (a nativity scene) and think about Baby Jesus and how much God loves us.



Answer to front page: there are seven shepherds hiding in the picture. 4, 7, 5, 1, 2, 3, 6.

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Christmas Day  
December 25th, 2023



During the night of the first Christmas, the shepherds were out in the fields watching their sheep before the angels came to tell them that the Saviour was born.

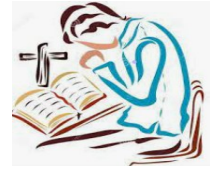
Can you find all the shepherds in this picture? How many are there?

You can colour in the picture too!

**Prepare for the upcoming Sunday**

**Good News Reflection**

December 31, 2023; Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph



**Pray:** Beloved Father: May the truth of your Holy Spirit fill my mind and my heart. Give me a spirit of listening to help me understand everything You want to show me and teach me. Amen.

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 or Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9  
Colossians 3:12-21 or Hebrews 11:8,11-12,17-19; Luke 2:22-40

**Trust Jesus despite not understanding**

"Joy mixed with drama marks the fifth [joyful] mystery, the finding of the twelve-year-old Jesus in the Temple." Saint John Paul the Great wrote this in *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, his interesting encyclical about the Rosary.

He continued: "Here he appears in his divine wisdom as he listens and raises questions, already in effect one who 'teaches'. The revelation of his mystery as the Son wholly dedicated to his Father's affairs proclaims the radical nature of the Gospel, in which even the closest of human relationships are challenged by the absolute demands of the Kingdom. Mary and Joseph, fearful and anxious, 'did not understand' his words."

We, too, often fail to understand the words of Jesus. His teachings challenge us to accept a more difficult life, a life of doing good to our enemies, turning the cheek and going the extra mile, a life of courageously standing up for the truth and adhering to high moral standards that are counter-cultural.

Our preference, when living this way is inconvenient or unpleasant, is to rationalize and make excuses for our worldly behavior. But once we truly understand the demands of the Kingdom of God, we see their benefits and we obey gladly.

Without this understanding, we have to simply trust that the words of Jesus are right and true. Like Mary and Joseph, we need to ponder in our hearts what we don't understand, while moving forward and doing what Jesus wants us to do.

As challenging as this is, that's when we discover how amazing God can be.

**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

What teaching of the Church have you rationalized away so that you don't have to obey it? Or what teaching of Christ in the Sermon on the Mount (see Matt. 5,6,7) or elsewhere in the Gospels do you excuse yourself from? How much is your disobedience due to not understanding what is really being taught? What will you do to seek and gain a better understanding?

**Questions for Community Faith Sharing:**

How meaningful is the Holy Family to you? What is it about the relationships between Jesus, Mary and Joseph that appeals to you? What has this taught you about God's Kingdom?



*Mark Your Calendars*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**



*Please tune in to our YouTube Channel and subscribe for notifications of live streamed events*

<p>December 10 Sunday to December 17 Sunday</p>	 <p>St. Andrew Christmas Novena</p>	<p><i>In joyful anticipation of Christmas, we will continue to pray the St. Andrews Christmas Novena at the 9 am Mass (Live) on weekdays, and at the 9:30 am Mass (Live) on Sundays. ( Page 170 of our Parish Prayer book )</i></p>
<p>December 25 Monday</p>	 <p>MERRY Christmas THE LORD IS COME! WISHING YOU EVERY BLESSING THIS FESTIVE SEASON!</p>	<p><b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> <i>All Masses in the Church</i> 7:30 am, 9:30 am (Live), 11 am, &amp; 12:30 pm in English and 2:30 pm in Spanish (Live)</p>
<p>December 26 Tuesday to January 3 Wednesday</p>	 <p>Christmas Novena</p>	<p><i>Christmas Novena adapted from St. Alphonsus Ligouri's prayers at the 9 am Mass on weekdays and 9:30 am Mass on Sunday (Live)</i></p>
<p>December 29 Friday</p>	<p><i>Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 pm (Live)</i> <i>( Page 15 of our Parish Prayer book )</i></p> 	
<p>December 31 Sunday</p>	<p><b>HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY</b> <b>USUAL SUNDAY MASSES AT 7:30 am, 9:30 am (Live), 11 am, &amp; 12:30 pm in English , and 5 pm in Spanish</b> <b>NEW YEAR EVE</b> <i>Bilingual Adoration from 6:15 pm to 7:15 pm, followed by Vigil Mass in English at 7:30 pm</i></p>  <p>SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD</p>	
<p>January 1 Monday</p>	 <p>Happy New Year</p>	<p><b>NEW YEAR DAY</b> <i>All Masses in the Church</i> 7 am, 9 am (Live), 12:10 pm</p>

*The Rectory and all Parish Departments including the Adoration Chapel will be closed on*  
 (i) Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, and Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>  
*and will re-open on Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> at 9AM*  
 (ii) Saturday, December 30<sup>th</sup>, Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, and Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9 am.



# St. Ignatius Loyola **AROUND THE PARISH** Happenings



*"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given...  
The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."*

(KJV) Isaiah 9:6



*May you be blessed with the Lord's love  
and your **Christmas** be filled  
with the joys of the holy night!*

*The Priests, Parish Staff and nuns here at St. Ignatius Loyola wish you all a Blessed Christmas.*

## Human Services

**Human Services is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday** to help families from all backgrounds and beliefs thanks to your generosity.

**We are in need of the following:**

*Pasta sauce, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, 1 lb rice,  
soap/body wash*

Unfortunately, we are still not accepting clothes at this time.

God Bless you. **The Office of Human Services. (516) 935-8846.**

Stewardship  
*A way of living*

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Don't miss  
the <sup>Bulletin</sup>  
Deadline*

Please submit  
all bulletin  
materials at

least 12 days prior to the date of  
the bulletin in which you want it  
to appear. The materials will be  
published based on time sensitivi-  
ty and on a First Come basis.  
Thank you. for your cooperation.

*Bulletin Reflection:* Jesus came into the world to die for us.

*Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Service:* This Christmas, be at service to those in need. Invite a lonely friend or family member over for Christmas dinner. Perhaps, also, after Christmas dinner you can assist family and friends in cleaning up.





**Congratulations  
Winners**

**December 2023 Drawing**

**First Prize \$100 – Patrick Devlin.  
Second Prize \$75 – Linda Grossi  
Third Prize \$50 – Joseph Del Priore**

For information please call **Diane (917) 923-1541**

Please note that in order to fulfill your Sunday Obligation of the Fourth Sunday of Advent, you need to attend the evening Mass on Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> or any of the morning or 12:30 pm Mass on Sunday, December 24. For the fulfillment of the Sunday Obligation for the Holy Family Sunday, you have to attend one of the usual Sunday Masses.



We welcome into the Family of God and to our Parish Family here at St. Ignatius Loyola,

the following new members baptized in November:

Sunday, November 12, 2023

*Jason Alexander Perez*

Sunday, November 19, 2023

*Faith Nguyen*

*Reagan Eileen Smith*

Wednesday, November 22, 2023

*Esme Grace Foreman*

Sunday, November 26, 2023

*Manuel Antonio Arriola Chacon*

*Sabrina Michelle Chacon Trigueros*

*Jacob Galindo Vergel*

*James Ivan Galindo Vergel*

*Lexi Michelle Galindo Vergel*

**2023**

**CATHOLIC  
MINISTRIES  
APPEAL**

DIocese of ROCKVILLE CENTRE

**We made it !  
It's a great Christmas gift  
to our Parish.**

Thank you all donors, especially the anonymous donor who donated \$ 4000.



Day	Winners	Amount
18	Karnay, John	\$50
19	Warner, Karen	\$50
20	Donohue, Karen	\$50
21	Vinciguerra, Joseph & Arlene	\$50
22	Del Priore, Diane	\$50
23	Rosinsky, Marian	\$50
24	Hernandez, Carlos	<b>\$125</b>

St. Ignatius C.Y.O
Basketball 2024 Instructional Season

Registration Fee ~ \$95.00 (includes 10 weeks instruction)
Season Scheduled to Begin January 2024 (pending coach's schedule)

ALL INFORMATION MUST BE COMPLETE

Table with 4 columns: Registrant's Name, Address, Town & Zip Code, Mom e-mail Address, Dad e-mail Address, Date of Birth, Gender, School, Mom Cell Phone, Dad Cell Phone.

Grade as of September 2023

Kindergarten 1st Grade 2nd Grade 3rd Grade

I, the parent/guardian of the child listed above, hereby give my approval to his/her participation in any and all CYO activities during the current year. It is my responsibility to determine physical fitness of said child. I assume all risk and hazards incidental to such participation of my child including transportation to and from activities; and I do also hereby waive, release, absolve, indemnify and agree to hold harmless CYO, its organizers, supervisors, participants and any other volunteer personnel from any claim whatsoever arising out of my child's participation in CYO related activities.

Further, I, the parent/guardian of the child specified above, hereby authorize the St Ignatius Sports Staff to give oral and/or written consent to have emergency medical and/or dental care or treatment performed on the player specified above with the same force and effect as if I had given such consent myself. This authorization is given in order to avoid delay in treatment. This authorization is intended to remain in full force and effect until terminated by me in writing or at the conclusion of the playing season. I release St Ignatius of any liability from any injury incurred or treatment given during the playing season.

I further give permission for said child's image, likeness and/or name to appear in various print and electronic media in relation to activities associated with CYO. This includes, but is not limited to the St Ignatius CYO website as well as local newspapers.

I, the parent/guardian of the child specified above, hereby agree to abide by all rules as regulations regarding Fair Play and Sportsmanship as specified by the CYO of Nassau/Suffolk, St Ignatius CYO, the Town of Oyster Bay and all other leagues, towns and municipalities.

Parent/Guardian Name (Print) Parent/Guardian Signature

Relationship to Player: Date:

Registration Forms & Checks Payable to St. Ignatius CYO Should Be Mailed To:

ST IGNATIUS CYO BASKETBALL

37 Hope La
Hicksville NY 11801
Mpitonza@verizon.net

St Ignatius Pride: In our Church, In Our Children, In our Community



MERCY HOSPITAL Glen Cove-Hicksville-Syosset League

Gift Wrapping at the Broadway Commons Mall

Wrapping Hours: Dec 14th thru 23rd-11am-9pm and on Christmas Eve Dec. 24th-10am to 4pm

Large selection of gift paper, decorative gift bags, Ribbons and bows. Prices range from \$2 to \$10 depending upon size of package & options chosen., Oversize will be priced accordingly.



# COMUNIDAD HISPANA

Evangelio según San Lucas (Lc. 1, 26-38)



En aquel tiempo, el ángel Gabriel fue enviado por Dios a una ciudad de Galilea, llamada Nazaret, a una virgen desposada con un varón de la estirpe de David, llamado José. La virgen se llamaba María. Entró el ángel a donde ella estaba y le dijo: "Alégrate, llena de gracia, el Señor está contigo". Al oír estas palabras, ella se preocupó mucho y se preguntaba qué quería decir semejante saludo. El ángel le dijo: "No temas, María, porque has

hallado gracia ante Dios. Vas a concebir y a dar a luz un hijo y le pondrás por nombre Jesús. Él será grande y será llamado Hijo del Altísimo; el Señor Dios le dará el trono de David, su padre, y él reinará sobre la casa de Jacob por los siglos y su reinado no tendrá fin". **Palabra del Señor / Gloria a ti Señor Jesús**

## EL CUARTO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

**CERCA ESTA!!!!**



*La presencia del Señor Jesús entre nosotros nos llena de gozo y alegría. Es la Madre quien nos lo hace cercano, quien permite que esa Luz llegue a nosotros e ilumine nuestra vida. En compañía*

*de Santa María encendamos la última vela de nuestra corona de Adviento*

### MISA EN ESPAÑOL

**CADA DOMINGO 5:00PM**

**Invita un amigo, un familiar, un vecino.**

**¡Dios te bendice y te espera!**

### SERVIMOS A DIOS

**PASTOR:** Rev. Shibi Pappan OIC

**PASTOR ASOCIADO:** Jacob Varughese, OIC

(Orden de la Imitación de Cristo)

**DIACONADO:** Antonio & Aura Gordon

### CONFESIONES

PRIMER DOMINGO DE CADA

MES en la Iglesia.

**DE 4:00 PM**

**A 4:45 PM**



### BAUTIZOS

Las charlas serán impartidas los segundos y terceros Martes de cada mes, a partir de las 7:00pm

**Favor de contactar a**

**Roberto y Rosa Romero (516) 749-5135**



(Bautizos son celebrados el CUARTO DOMINGO DEL MES A LAS 2:00PM)



*Cada Domingo antes de la Santa Misa*

*Empezando a las 4:45pm*

***Jesús, en ti Confío!***

La liturgia dominical está disponible en nuestro sitio web:  
[www.stignatiushicksville.org/](http://www.stignatiushicksville.org/)



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Navidad 2023

Al Pueblo de Dios de la Diócesis de Rockville Centre:

Feliz Navidad para usted y su familia!

En estos últimos años, en la Navidad, he meditado sobre la relación entre la Natividad del Príncipe de Paz y la parábola del Buen Samaritano.

Me ha inspirado especialmente el análisis que el Papa Francisco hace de la parábola del Buen Samaritano en el segundo capítulo de su encíclica *Fratelli Tutti* [Hermanos Todos] del 2020. Esto es poderoso y provocador y se los recomendaría para su oración mental.

Una corta frase en el relato del Evangelio de Navidad en el segundo capítulo del Evangelio de Lucas dice: "Ella lo envolvió en pañales y lo acostó en un pesebre, porque no había sitio para ellos en la posada".

"No hay sitio para ellos en la posada". Ningún buen samaritano se acercó a ayudar a la Sagrada Familia. Fueron ignorados y tratados con ligereza e impaciencia. Algunos pasaron de largo. Algunos fingieron no darse cuenta de su situación.

Recuerda también que en la parábola del Buen Samaritano se menciona también una "posada". Lucas 10 dice: "Pero un buen samaritano que viajaba se acercó a él y, al verlo, se compadeció. Se acercó a él y le vendó las heridas, echándoles aceite y vino. Luego lo montó en su propio animal, lo llevó a una posada y cuidó de él".

La posada a la que se acerca la Sagrada Familia camino de Belén es un signo de rechazo e indiferencia.

La posada de la parábola del Buen Samaritano es un signo de la compasión y el compromiso del Buen Samaritano de hacer un esfuerzo extra y asegurarse que el hombre herido sea atendido hasta que esté completamente curado.

La crítica literaria contemporánea podría muy bien enfatizar que el uso del termino "posada" por el escritor del Evangelio tanto en la Natividad de Lucas 2 como en la parábola del Buen Samaritano de Lucas 10 no es casual.

En cierto sentido, la frase "no había sitio en la posada" de la Natividad predice y se conecta con la frase de la parábola del Buen Samaritano que describe la dura indiferencia tanto del sacerdote como del levita hacia el hombre herido al borde del camino: "Pasó por otro lado".

Como dice el Papa Francisco en *Fratelli Tutti*: "Cada día tenemos que decidir si ser buenos samaritanos o espectadores indiferentes." (70)

Nuestra Señora, San José y el Niño Jesús por nacer, padecieron la experiencia de sentir la indiferencia de las personas que decidieron ser espectadores.



# ALL FOR THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD. *St. Ignatius of Loyola*

DIocese of Rockville Centre  
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El relato del Evangelio de la Navidad en Lucas 2 plantea una pregunta que es retomada más adelante en la parábola del buen samaritano de Lucas 10.

¿Seremos buenos samaritanos?

¿O seremos espectadores indiferentes?

Como nos recuerda el Santo Padre, cada día hacemos esa elección.

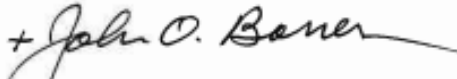
Que nuestra oración, nuestra silenciosa contemplación y la creativa catequesis familiar del Pesebre nos ayude a ser instrumentos del Misterio de la Natividad. Que la revolución evangélica del Buen Samaritano de humildad, caridad, misericordia, ternura y paz nos una en solidaridad con los enfermos, los pobres y los que sufren, especialmente en el Oriente Medio, Ucrania y en todas las zonas del mundo devastadas por la guerra.

Que nuestro compromiso de "santidad y misión" bendiga nuestra escucha sinodal contemplativa y nuestro Renacimiento Eucarístico y de Evangelización.

Feliz Navidad y Próspero Año Nuevo para usted y su familia!

Que la Luz y el Amor del Niño Jesús animen y guíen nuestro Espíritu Misionero Católico global en esta noche de Navidad y durante todo el Año Nuevo.

Sinceramente en Cristo,

  
Reverendísimo John O. Barres  
Obispo de Rockville Centre

***Queridos familiares y amigos de San Ignacio,***

Al celebrar el nacimiento de Jesucristo, quiero expresar mi gratitud por cada uno de ustedes. Su presencia en nuestra parroquia trae alegría y calidez. Que los lazos que compartimos en nuestra parroquia se fortalezcan y que el espíritu de la Navidad nos una a todos. La alegría de aquella Noche Santa en Belén, que llenó los corazones de María y José, y de los pastores que vinieron a ver al Niño Jesús acostado en el pesebre, calienta vuestros corazones con una fe cada vez mayor, una esperanza ferviente y un verdadero amor a Dios en esta Navidad.

En nombre del P. Francis, el P. Jacob, el P. Michael Ried, el Diácono George, el Diácono Antonio, las Monjas, el Personal y yo, les deseamos a todos una Feliz y Santa Navidad. Que sea un tiempo de gran alegría y esperanza, un tiempo de fe y amor renovados, para ti y tu familia. Que crezcan cada vez más fuertes en su fe católica y en su relación con nuestro Señor y Salvador nacidos el día de Navidad. Que el amor de Jesús te rodee y que experimentes el verdadero significado de esta hermosa temporada. ¡Por favor, no abandonéis a Cristo desde Navidad y no olvidéis rezar por la protección divina de Tierra Santa! ¡Feliz Navidad a ti y a tu familia!

***P. Shibi***

**PRESENTACION DE NIÑOS Y BENDICIONES DE CUMPLEAÑOS Y ANIVERSARIOS**

Las presentaciones de niños recién nacidos y que no han sido bautizados, y las bendiciones de cumpleaños y parejas que cumplan aniversario serán los cuarto domingos de cada mes.

Trate de llegar 15 minutos antes a la misa para inscribirse con la hermana Lorena Medrano.

**SAN IGNACIO DE LOYOLA**

Te desea una muy FELIZ NAVIDAD!!!

La Santa Misa en Español el día de Navidad será el Lunes 25 de Diciembre 2023

HORA: 2:30pm

Los esperamos!



Si usted trabaja con azulejos y pisos, es Plomero, Electricista, Carpintero o Techador (Roofero), y le gustaria donar sus talentos a nuestra parroquia cuando se requiera alguna persona que conozca de estos oficios, por favor, llame al hermano Luis Reyes al (516) 749-1081. Gracias!!

**OBREROS DE SAN JOSE**



*El Avivamiento Eucarístico Nacional es un movimiento para restaurar la comprensión y la devoción a este gran misterio aquí en los Estados Unidos, ayudándonos a renovar nuestra adoración a Jesucristo en la Eucaristía.*

**Horarios de Adoración Eucarística**

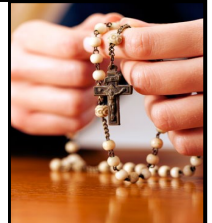
- 9:30am—3:00pm Lunes a Viernes en la Capilla de Adoración
- 8:00pm—9:00pm Viernes primero del mes después de Santa Misa de 7pm
- 8:00pm—9:00pm Miercoles tercero de mes después de Santa Misa de 7pm



**¿QUIERES ORAR? CONECTATE CADA DIA**

A LA LINEA DE ORACION PARA QUE JUNTOS OREMOS POR LA PAZ, POR LOS ENFERMOS Y POR TODAS LAS NECESIDADES DE NUESTRA COMUNIDAD. **TODOS LOS DIAS DE LUNES A VIERNES.** REZAMOS A LAS 3:00PM LA CORONILLA A LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA Y EL SANTO ROSARIO

PARA CONECTARTE **MARCA (425) 436-6301 PIN 736657#** LA ORACION CON FE TODO LO PUEDE!!



**EL GRUPO DE ORACION CARISMATICA DE SAN IGNACIO LOYOLA**



Les invita a tener un encuentro de amor con Dios a través de oraciones, alabanzas y enseñanzas

**Día: Todos los Viernes** (excepto primer viernes del mes)

**Lugar: Sótano de la Escuela Hora: 7:00PM**



Intenciones del Papa Francisco para el mes de

**Diciembre 2023**

**Por las personas con discapacidad**



SI VIVISTE LA EXPERIENCIA DEL RETIRO DE EMMAUS, NO TE PIERDAS DE REUNIRTE CON NOSOTROS EL SEGUNDO Y CUARTO LUNES DE CADA MES A LAS 7:00PM EN EL SOTANO DE LA ESCUELA.

*¡Jesucristo ha resucitado!*

**RECEMOS POR LA PAZ DEL MUNDO**

