

# St. Ignatius Loyola Parish

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**December 13, 2020** Third Sunday of Advent

**Rectory Office:** Phone: 931-0056

Monday - Friday: 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon & 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM\*

Saturday: Closed

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Sunday:

\*Evenings by appointment only

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& 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

#### **Religious Education**

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Office Hours (September to June; closed July & August)

Sunday: Closed

Monday: By Appointment Only Tuesday: 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM

8:00AM - 12:00 Noon: 5:00 PM - 8:30 PM Wednesday:

Thursday: 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Friday: Closed

Saturday: 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

**Weekend Mass** Weekday Schedule Masses Saturday: 5:00 PM Monday-Friday: 7:00 AM,

Sunday: 7:30 AM,9:30 AM,

9:00 AM

11:00AM, 12:30PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM

5:00 PM (Spanish)

**Confession** 

Saturday: 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM in the old school or by appointment in the Rectory

**Baptism** 

Ex. 140

Celebrated twice monthly usually on the second and fourth Sunday. Call the Rectory office for dates and to register. Baptism preparation for new parents is the third Sunday of the month following 12:30 Mass. Please plan well in advance.

#### **Marriage**

Arrangements for Weddings should be made at least six months in advance and prior to making reception arrangements. Pre-Cana Sessions are required for all couples planning to marry.

Wedding Times: Fridays - 2:30PM & 4PM Saturdays - 11:30AM, 1:30PM & 3:00PM Sundays - 3:30PM Ceremony Only -Unless the Couple Provides A Priest

#### **Nocturnal Adoration Society**

First Saturday Adoration following the 5:00 PM Mass with

Benediction at 9:00 PM.

#### Parish Mission Statement

We Believe, We Welcome, We Worship, We Serve.





#### READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11, Thes 5:16-24,

Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a, Mt 21:23-27 Monday Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13, Mt 21:28-32 Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25, Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Gn 49:2,8-10, Mt 1:1-17 Friday: Jer 23:5-8, Mt 1:18-25

Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a, Lk 1:5-25

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16, Rom 16:25-27, Sunday:

Lk 1:26-38

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY December 14, 2020** St. John of the Cross 7:00AM Peter F. Coen Louis R. Ferrara 9:00 AM **TUESDAY December 15, 2020** Tina R. Ferrara 7:00AM WEDNESDAY **December 16, 2020** 7:00AM Michael Callavechio 9:00AM Ann Schatzie Murphy **December 17, 2020 THURSDAY** 7:00AM Michael Schmidt 9:00 AM Lorraine G. Reinheimer **FRIDAY December 18, 2020** Marie V. Bergin 7:00AM Samuel C Avati 9:00AM **SATURDAY December 19, 2020** Francis and Arcangela Donovan 9:00AM 5:00PM Irene Nichavonack

**December 20, 2020 SUNDAY** 

**Fourth Sunday in Advent** 

7:30AM Carol White 9:30AM John M. Vitrano

Parishioners of St. Ignatius Loyola

Past and Peresent

Carol White

Gerard and Mary Jansen

11:00AM Carol White 12:30PM Joseph Tuzzolo

5:00PM For all those suffering with COVID-19 Mass in Spanish



#### We Pray For Our Sick

Jennifer Lentini, Josephine Lucas, Carolyn Fitzgerald, Mary Messina, Florence Morris, George Natarus, Timothy Mulligan, Arthur Marks, Remedios Koenig, Jacqueline Perez, Brian Shea, Victor D'Amico, Mary Manascalco, Lou Pinto, Jayden Handowar, Joanne Mulligan, Rita Bergin, Joe Giordano, Antonio Esposito, Joseph Albanese, Eli**z**abeth Sarah Me**r**z, Bob Cassese, Lawrence Wilson, Jim Keough, Michael Krummenacker, Ann Fisher. Bendirck Nacua, Thomas Kennedy, Glen Smith, Cathy Stengl

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

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

Mary Quinn Maria DeLourdes Garrido Rene Marlon Rojas



The Bread and Wine this Week Are in Loving Memory Elizabeth and George Fitzgibbon From Elizabeth Fitzgibbon

St. Ignatius Loyola December 13, 2020

#### PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Anyone with a family member serving in the military, please forward their name and rank to our bulletin editor at <u>bulletin1859@aol.com</u> or bring the name to our Rectory Front Office.

We pray to give all of our military personnel 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 MSgt. Kevin J. Hennelly CDR. Jonathan W. Lang CDR.. Jeanine A. Lang SPC Justin T. Sikorski Staff Sgt. Mathew Burrafato Col. Paul J. Laughlin Major Patrick O. Kelly, USMC 2nd Lt. 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 Tech Sgt. Peter F. Clark, USAF Capt. Joseph Whittaker, USMC SSGT Michael J. Mc Ilwrath, USMC 1st Lt. James Michael Vaz, U.S. Army Gunnery Sgt. Brian Moran, USMC 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** Sgt. Lotachukwu Okoye PFC Jim Arbelaez, US Marine Sgt. Dustin Lusby LTJG Christopher Medford, US Navy Airman First Class Gianinna Roldan (USAF) PVT Lorenzo LaPlaca, US Army Corporal William J. White, USMC Pvt. Daniel Sullivan, US Army PO3 Hunter Morales, US Navy HA Morrigan Hayes, US Navy SA Peter Cavallo, US Navy Adam Cespo—Air Force Oscar Martinez—Marines

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#### Mass Schedule for Saturday, Dec. 19th and Sunday, December 20th (The following is subject to change)

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4	Day_	<u>Time</u>	<u>Presider</u>
	Saturday	5pm	Fr. Benjamin/
			Dn. Jose
9	Sunday	7:30am	Fr. Reid/Dn. Jose
		9:30am	Fr. Francis/Dn.Jose
		11am	Fr. Frank/Dn.George
		12:30pm	Fr. Shibi/Dn. Mario
(	(Spanish)	5pm	Fr. Miguel/Dn. Mario



#### SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sunday, Dec. 6, 2020 \$12,648

SUNDAY, DEC.8, 2019 \$10,549



#### Third Sunday of Advent John 1:6-8, 19-28

My dear St. Ignatius Family,

The third Sunday of Advent is called **Gaudete Sunday**. The Latin word Gaudete means "rejoice". Hence the readings focus on the first coming of Jesus. The Gospel tells how John the Baptist paved the way for Christ, the Messiah. The first reading is the passage which Jesus read in the synagogue before He started His public ministry. The psalms and the second reading exhorts us to rejoice As God is always near to us.

This Sunday is **Gaudete Sunday**-the Sunday of Joy. Why must we rejoice? We must rejoice because Jesus comes to bring good news to the poor, bind up hearts that are broken, proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to those in prison. We need His presence more than ever in this present time. The awareness of Jesus as the true source of happiness, makes us courageous and joyous during this challenging time. **There is another reason to be joyous.** We present the finance report that shows our parish as a debt free parish. Thank you to all who financially support the work and mission of St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish.

I am grateful for the leadership and hard work of Fr. Jim Stachacz and former Finance Chairman, Robert Howard. I take this opportunity to express our gratitude to the dedicated members of the **Parish Finance Council** chaired by Sister Karen Lademann, Joseph Panerilli, Gerard Mulholland, Mary Ann Lang, Luisa Adames, Erika Aldana, and Mike Krummenacker.

Throughout this year, while facing the restrictions of the pandemic, we have remained faithful stewards. Thank you to all parishioners who, despite the present circumstances, continue to come to Church as well as those who send in their contributions for the support of St. Ignatius. Regardless of the uncertainties ahead, we will **trust in God's faithfulness as we continue to rely on the generosity of all** those who are members and well-wishers of St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish.

I present the Annual Report of St. Ignatius in the following pages for your study and suggestions. Let us together work for the greater glory of God!.

In Jesus and Mary, Fr. Shibi Pappan

# St. Ignatius Loyola, Hicksville Highlights of Fiscal Reports For the Fiscal Years 2016 – 2020

- After three consecutive years of operating deficits, the parish had an operating surplus of \$55,364 for fiscal 2020.
- While operating revenue decreased 2.8%, operating expenses decreased by 8.7%.
- Despite the pandemic, the parish saw a 4.4% increase in Collections and Holy Days with parishioners taking advantage of automated giving options.
- All operating expense categories reduced from 2019 except less than 1% increases in Auxiliary Expenses and Building Maintenance.
- Budget for fiscal 2021 indicates another operating surplus of \$42,730.
- The parish received a PPP Loan (Payroll Protection Program) of \$100,000 that enabled the parish to keep all employees. It will eventually be a grant and not have to be repaid.
- The parish collected \$1,511,000 in the Capital Campaign that will end December 2020. The goal was an aggressive \$1,500,000 and thanks to the parishioners we exceeded goal.
- The parish completed all capital projects and paid for a few unforeseen expenses such as a boiler in the Convent.
- With the help of the Diocesan match of Campaign Funds, the parish was able to eliminate the debt to the Diocese which has existed for many years.
- For the first time in decades, the parish is completely debt free and has a positive Net Reserve.

#### FISCAL REPORT of REGULAR OPERATIONS

St. Ignatius Loyola For the years ended August 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017 and 2016

OPERATING REVENUE	Budget						% inc/dec between
	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2020/2019
Weekly Collections and Holy Days	586,000	621,544	595,298	628,225	643,516	773,167	4.41%
Christmas	43,000	44,688	41,083	44,141	40,914	42,027	8.77%
Easter	30,000	22,314	32,434	35,499	32,567	29,273	-31.20%
Fund Raising (Garage Sale, Golf Outing and Raffles)	75,000	44,411	99,055	65,992	60,808	85,662	-55.17%
Parish Programs (Rel Ed, Human Serv, CYO, etc)	62,000	65,479	67,079	71,966	117,135	133,506	-2.39%
Auxiliary Revenue (Bulletin, Votive Shrines, Pergs,			. Coverie	GAG A	2007		
Clergy in Residence, Donations and Bequests, Other)	124,900	124,253	117,704	120,040	142,134	135,926	5.56%
Convent Rent, VEEB and CYO Rent	224,000	224,526	224,209	218,292	219,810	216,259	0.14%
Collections on Behalf of Others	30,000	27,456	31,042	40,797	35,837	34,388	-11.55%
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	1,174,900	1,174,671	1,207,904	1,224,952	1,292,721	1,450,208	-2.75%
OPERATING EXPENSES							
Salaries	384,420	386,148	428,890	416,352	401,890	425,270	9.97%
Fringe Benefits	109,190	116,216	134,366	149,721	142,889	139,901	13.51%
Fund Raising (Golf Outing and Raffles)	42,000	15,544	47,580	43,186	39,660	47,077	67.33%
Parish Programs (Rel Ed, Human Serv, CYO, etc)	43,400	45,206	48,038	52,832	71,307	90,587	5.90%
School Support	80,000	80,258	84,944	86,040	76,002	52,348	5.52%
Printing and Office	79,670	86,668	88,612	81,949	88,691	99,948	2.19%
Auxiliary Expenses (Assessment, Mass Miss, Choir,					2.100		
Flowers, Other)	104,090	102,388	101,767	104,269	115,818	120,863	-0.61%
Rectory Household	18,800	18,705	20,888	21,431	22,234	27,526	10.45%
Building Repairs, Utilities, Maintenance	240,600	240,718	239,212	262,346	333,662	307,789	-0.63%
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TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	1,132,170	1,119,307	1,225,339	1,258,923	1,327,990	1,345,697	8.65%
NET OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	42,730	55,364	(17,435)	(33,971)	(35,269)	104,511	417.55%

## ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA PARISH

## Sacramental Life, Religious Formation, Parish Ministries

	2019	<u>2018</u>
Registered Families	2026	2470
Weekly Average Mass Attendance	1265	2202
Baptism	52	101
Confirmation	39	56
First Holy Communion	30	57
Marriages	17	21
Funerals	88	82
Anointing of the Sick	19	140
RELIGIOUS FORMATION		
Religious Education		300
RCIA	0	4
Adult Faith Formation	0	3
Weekly Scripture Group	10	12
Vacation Bible School	0	60
PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY		
Human Service Volunteers	0.7	240
Average # of families helped monthly(unduplicated individuals		340
Average # of families helped monthly(includes repeat visits)	196	810
Number of people helped at Thanksgiving-households	103	108
Number of people helped at Thanksgiving – individuals	186	304
Number of people helped at Christmas-households	54	78
Number of people helped at Christmas-individuals	112	275

#### 🌲 Jesse Tree symbols for third week of Advent. 🌲

🌉 🎐 Day	Person	Incident	Scripture	Symbol 🥬 🌉
Dec.13(3rd Sun)	King David	Shepherd for the people	Gen.28;10-19	David's harp.
Dec.14(3rd Mon)	Solomon	Solomon's Wisdom & his temple	1 Kings 3:3 - 14; 1 Kings 5:1 - 5	A temple.
Dec.15(3rd Tues)	Elijah	The triumph over Baal priests and false gods.	1 Kings 18:16 - 39	Stone Altar
Dec.16(3rd Wed)	Issiah	Call to holiness.	Isaiah 6	Fire tongs with hot coal.
Dec.17(3rd Thurs)	Daniel	God's protection	Daniel 6:10 - 23	A Lion
Dec.18(3rd Fri)	Jonah	Divine plan	Jonah 1 - 4	A Whale.
Dec.19(3rd Sat)	Zechariah & Elizabeth	Anticipation and joy	Lk 1:5 - 25	Praying hands.

# Third Candle—Joy



This Sunday the 3rd candle is lit. It symbolizes **Joy**, the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus. It is also called the **Shepherd's Candle**, because to the shepherd's great joy, the angels announced that Jesus came for humble, unimportant people like them, too. This candle is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy. The faithful are rejoicing as they have reached the midpoint of Advent.

As we light this candle of Joy we pray:

Jesus the light of the world, fill us with overflowing inner Joy .Help us to share that joy with all whom we meet. May we be excited in the anticipation of Your birth, and may that be a sign to the world that You are always near.

In Jesus and Mary, Fr.Shibi Pappan

"Pray as though everything depended on God; Act as though everything depended on you".

P.S: As a preparation for Advent, all are encouraged to check our bulletin and website to know more about Jesse Tree. There are no hard and fast rules regarding the selection of the event or ornament representing it. Feel free to use whichever works for you. In the website, you will get guided reflection for each symbol.

Interesting facts on Christmas Tree...Know the reason for the season....



- One story about the Christmas tree says that St.Boniface left England and travelled to Germany. He preached to the pagan German tribes to convert them to Christianity. He stopped the pagans from sacrificing a young boy by cutting down an oak tree which they were worshipping. To his surprise, a young fir tree sprang up from the roots of the oak tree. St. Boniface took this as a sign of the Christian faith. He and his followers decorated the tree with candles.
- In Victorian times, the tree was decorated with candles to represent stars.
- In Germany, the first Christmas trees were decorated with edible things.
- In 1880, it was Edward Johnson, a colleague of Edison, who put electric lights on the tree in his New York Apartment.
- It was in the 20th century, artificial trees became popular.
- The tradition of placing a Christmas tree in Vatican started during the pontificate of St. John Paul II.
  - Each year Vatican accepts a Christmas tree donated

a different European country/region.

• The 2020 Vatican Christmas tree is donated by

Slovenia.

Our own Christmas tree lit after December.5th Vigil Mass.

#### FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR



Dn. Jerry and Debbie (proud parents of Fr. Sean Magaldi, Vocation Director of our Diocese, graced us with their presence and a meaningful homily on December 5th.



CHRISTMAS TREE\_LIGHTING 2020





Mi querida familia parroquial de San Ignacio,

El tercer domingo de Adviento se llama **Domingo Gaudete**. La palabra latina Gaudete significa "regocijarse". De ahí las lecturas se centran en la primera venida de Jesús. El Evangelio cuenta cómo Juan el Bautista allanó el camino para Cristo, el Mesías. La primera lectura es el pasaje que Jesús leyó en la sinagoga antes de comenzar su ministerio público. Los salmos y la segunda lectura nos exhortan a regocijarnos porque el Señor está siempre cerca de nosotros.



En Jesús y María, 9. Shibi Pappan Este domingo se enciende la tercera vela. Simboliza la **alegría**, la alegría que el mundo experimentó en elnacimiento de Jesús. llamada la **Vela del Pastor**, porque al gran gozo del pastor, los ángeles anunciaron que Jesús también vino por personas humildes y sin importancia como ellos. Esta vela es rosa, rosa es el color litúrgico de la alegría. Los fieles regocijan al llegar al punto medio del Adviento. Al encender esta vela de alegría oremos:

Jesús la luz del mundo, llénanos de desbordante alegría interior. Ayúdanos a compartir esa alegría con todos los que encontremos. Que estemos emocionados con la anticipación de Tu nacimiento, y que sea una señal para el mundo que Usted siempre está cerca.

"Ora como si todo dependiera de Dios; actúa como si todo dependiera de ti."

# San Ignacio de Loyola, Hicksville Aspectos destacados de los informes fiscales Para los años fiscales 2016-2020

- Después de tres años consecutivos de déficits operativos, la parroquia tuvo un superávit operativo de \$55,364 para el año fiscal 2020.
- $\bullet$  Mientras que los ingresos operativos disminuyeron 2.8%, los gastos operativos disminuyeron 8.7 %.
- A pesar de la pandemia, la parroquia experimentó un aumento del 4.4% en Colecciones y Días Santos con los feligreses aprovechando las opciones de donaciones automatizadas.
- Todas las categorías de gastos operativos se redujeron desde 2019, excepto aumentos de menos del 1% en Gastos Auxiliares y Mantenimiento de Edificios.
- El presupuesto para el año fiscal 2021 indica otro superávit operativo de \$42,730.
- La parroquia recibió un préstamo del PPP (Programa de Protección de nómina) de \$100.000 que permitió a la parroquia mantener a todos los empleados. Eventualmente será una subvención y no tendrá que reembolsarse.
- La parroquia recaudó \$1,511,000 en la Campaña Capital que terminará en diciembre de 2020. La meta era un agresivo \$1,500,000 y gracias a los feligreses superamos la meta.
- La parroquia completó todos los proyectos de capital y pagó algunos gastos imprevistos
   como la caldera en el Convento.
- Con la ayuda de la contribución Diocesana de los Fondos de Campaña, la parroquia pudo eliminar la deuda con la Diócesis, que habían existido por muchos años.
- Por primera vez en décadas, la parroquia está completamente libre de deudas y tiene una Reserva Neta positiva.



#### **CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2020**

#### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Regular Confession – December 12th and 19th 3:30 – 4:30pm (in school building)
Monday December 21st 5:00 – 8:00pm

#### **CHRISTMAS MASSES**

#### **Christmas Eve**

Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>
Mass in *English* in Church 2:00p.m -3:30pm and 5:00pm
Mass in English in School Gym 2:10pm and 3:40pm
Mass in *Spanish* in church 6:30pm
Mass in *English* in Church 12:00 Midnight

#### **Christmas Day**

Friday December 25th

#### **All Masses in Church**

7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. (all English) 2:30pm Spanish (NO EVENING MASS)

#### New Year's Schedule

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATON

Saturday December 26th 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

New Year's Eve Mass For New Year's Day Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Thursday December 31st – Mass in Church 5:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish – 7:00 p.m.

#### New Year' Day

Friday, January 1-Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 7:30am, 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30pm

# PLEASE CHECK ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEBSITE FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SCHEDULE UPDATES

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#### Christmas Novena

This year we will have a Christmas Novena from December 25th to January 2nd. During these uncertain times, it is a nice way of letting your loved ones know that you are remembering them in prayer. The Novena cards are available in the Rectory Office. Please stop by during rectory hours to obtain a card and make a donation.



December 6th Patricia McLean \$125.00 December 7th M/M Antonio Molines \$50.00 December 8th Diane Conway \$150.00 Margaret Bardalamas \$50.00 December 9th December 10th Diane Lawrence \$50.00 James Mulligan \$50.00 December 11th Michael & Roseann December 12th Ciminio - \$150



#### We Celebrate Our Sacraments Marriage Banns

Nicole Oddo, St. Ignatius Loyola Paul Valvo, Maria Regina, Massapequa, NY



Never stop doing little things for others, Sometimes those little things occupy the biggest part of their hearts.

Why not consider memorializing one of the following items used for our weekly Liturgy: The 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 Car	ndles \$50	_ Altar Flo	wers \$100	
Week of Date					
Amount Submitted	Cash	Check #_			
Offered By: (Name)					_



## LETTER FROM THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL AT ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA PARISH

"May our presence and care to those most in need reflect the gentleness, esteem and dignity we see reflected in the life and work of Jesus."

- St. Vincent de Paul

Dear Friends in Christ,

We hope you had a blessed and safe Thanksgiving! As we begin the Christmas season, we know you share our vision that, despite so many challenges, it is a time to be grateful. As we reflect on this season, we want to share an update and ask that you keep our neediest neighbors in your prayers. As you may know, our motto is, "We Help People" and despite the pandemic, we have been working hard, made possible with the generous support of so many of you, to meet the needs of our neighbors in Hicksville.

There are so many heartbreaking stories we hear from our neighbors in need, but we can share in their burden, as Christ has taught us, by sharing our help. Here are two stories that illuminate how the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Ignatius Loyola parish supports our community:

Our neighbor B. suffered an injury on the job and as a result, she was months behind in her rent. Although she was back at work, she was still trying to get back on her feet and was scared she was going to be evicted and end up homeless. Through our partnership with St. Vincent de Paul at Our Lady of Mercy Church, we were able to work together and cover her back rent and prevent her from being evicted.

Our neighbor S. had lost her job in a restaurant because of the COVID-19 shutdown and was left without the means to feed her 4 children. Somehow, she fell through the cracks and was ineligible to receive unemployment benefits or government relief. We could not abandon her, and we helped pay two months' rent. We were also able to help her re-certify her food stamps and helped her find another job by helping her apply online, as she did not have a computer or internet access. We were there in her time of need.

With the help of our generous and loving donors throughout the year we ALSO:

Partnered with Fred's Deli in Levittown, who generously donated home cooked Thanksgiving Day 41 meals for 10 Hicksville families in need

Helped over **200 neighbors** in our area by distributing supermarket gift cards, food and helped with rent, utility bills and obtaining furniture

Conducted over **60 home visits** to families while maintaining social distance and following precautions

Been there to lend an ear when our neighbors needed it the most

Too often the face of poverty is unknown. Let us remember, this holiday season, Jesus' words to "strive to soften our hearts and make them sensitive to the suffering and worries of the neighbor." This pandemic has taken a toll on so many of us, but for those of us who will be warm and fed, let us open our hearts and continue to pray and persevere with the hope that all lives can be restored with dignity and justice.

The four poor boxes at the corners of our church are a simple means of showing your support, as these crucial donations are used to directly provide aid to our neighbors in need. If you would like to learn more about our ministry, please reach out to our members (below) or visit us on the St. Ignatius Loyola web page. God Bless you and thank you for your support!

#### With gratitude,

Erika Aldana, Joan Bickard, Diane Brosseau, Carlos Campos, Lissette Campos, Joan Cunningham, Thomas Kenny, Mary Ann Lang, Lorena Medrano and John Toner

# Background Screening Update The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People:

The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People (The Charter) promulgated by the Bishops of the United States in 2002 outlines specific practices and guidelines providing standards of safety in parishes and dioceses throughout the United States. As directed in The Charter, the Diocese of Rockville Centre requires all employees, clergy, and volunteers to complete three requirements within thirty days of employment or volunteering:

- 1. Attend Protecting God's Children Program (Virtus)
- 2. Sign the Codes of Conduct;
- Complete a background screen application. The Diocese requires all those who remain in active ministry be rescreened at 5 yr. intervals. volunteers/employees.

#### A Word on Background Screening of Volunteers:

The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People (OFPCYP) has streamlined the volunteer application process enabling volunteers to complete the three safe environment requirements in one step. Individuals wishing to volunteer in a parish or school:

- Register to attend a Protecting God's Children class and create a Virtus account on the Virtus website: www.Virtus.org
- Electronically acknowledge the Diocesan Code of Conduct- provided during the Virtus registration process.
- 3. Follow the instructions to complete the Sterling Volunteers background screening application background offered during the Virtus registration process.

#### **Active Volunteers:**

If you are active in a parish ministry, have already attended Virtus and have been background screened you may be at – or beyond- the *5yr. rescreening requirement*. If this is the case, you will receive an email from *Sterling Volunteers* asking you to complete the background screening application on-line. You may access the background screening application by following the prompt in the email or logging into your Virtus account. *Please be aware-this is not a scam nor has your e-mail been hacked.* The OFPCYP has been working with your parish to update the Safe Environment records and noted it is time for you to be rescreened. You may also be prompted to electronically resign the Code of Conduct when you log into your Virtus account.

#### **Edit Your Virtus Account:**

To access your Virtus account: <a href="www.Virtus.org">www.Virtus.org</a> You will need your Username and Password. If you need assistance, please contact Virtus: 1-888-847-8870 or <a href="helpdesk@virtus.org">helpdesk@virtus.org</a>. Once in your account, review your account information-particularly your e-mail address. If your account requires updating, please hit the TOOLBOX tab at the top of the screen. On the left side of your screen in the green column click "Update My Account" You will be able to make the necessary changes-please remember to hit the SAVE button at the bottom of the screen.

Questions or concerns: <a href="mmcmahon@drvc.org">mmcmahon@drvc.org</a>; <a href="mmcmahon@drvc.org">amendoza-cantos@drvc.org</a>; <a href="mmcmahon@drvc.org">jwinter@drvc.org</a>; <a href="mmcmahon@drvc.org">pditomasso@drvc.org</a>

Thank you to all who continue to serve in a ministry during these extremely challenging days.

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Señor Jesús, si junto con ese conocimiento de la identidad y persona de Jesucristo creces también en tu amor a Él, ten la certeza de que también crecerás en un auténtico conocimiento de ti mismo, de ti misma, y que en ese conocimiento descubrirás la inmensa grandeza de tu vida así como la grandiosa misión que Dios en su amorosa providencia te tiene reservada.

#### Próximas Novenarios:

Del 15 a el 24 de Enero 2021 Virgen de la Altagracia

Del 29 de Enero a el 7 de Febrero 2021 Virgen de Suyapa

Unámonos en comunidad, conectándonos a la línea de oración, si le gustaría ser parte de las novenas, por favor comuníquese con alguien de hospitalidad para mas información.

Terminaremos las Novenas con la Santa Misa en la Parroquia

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#### **SERVIMOS A DIOS**

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#### Misa de la Divina Misericordia

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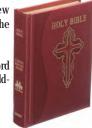
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