The subject of birthdays came up the other day—those nasty birthdays like the 40th and the 50th. These can be the birthdays that cause some people to want to pull down the shades and go to bed for the day. I was speaking with someone who had turned fifty and who felt that life was coming apart for him. Mainly this had to do with the realization that his life was more than half over and that already he was experiencing physical and psychological diminishment.

What made a big difference to him, and the beginning of a change for the better, was learning about the account in the Book of Exodus of how the Jewish people were fed manna each day during their forty years in the Sinai desert. God would send them what scripture describes as a small round substance which tasted like wafers made with honey. It came each morning and could be collected each day for that day alone. If anyone tried to collect more than needed for the day it spoiled overnight. Each person went off to sleep at night knowing that the food supply was entirely used up. Yet each one went to sleep trusting that God is faithful and would supply exactly what was needed for the next day.

And this is the way they lived for forty years! One day at a time. I would like to think most of them came to realize that this was the best way to live, because it was the only way they could learn to trust God completely.

To live one day at a time is a New Testament bidding as well. I think especially of the Lord’s teaching in the Sermon on the Mount in the sixth chapter of Matthew’s Gospel where he teaches the Our Father prayer (Give us this day our daily bread). And a little later in that same chapter: I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and how you are to clothe it. Surely life means more than food, and the body more than clothing. So, do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

I think anyone can fight the battles of just one day. It is only when you and I add the burden of tomorrow, and the dread of what tomorrow may bring, that we can break down. We cannot see the future, and it’s a blessing that we can’t. We couldn’t bear to know all the future. This is why God only reveals it day by day. What we have to learn to do is to live in the present. To live fully in this day. To be attentive to what is happening in me and around me this day.

And why is this so important? It is important, even critical, because God is here and active today, in the now. And, surely, I will never notice him if I am somewhere else—if I am too much in the past, or too much in the future. One of my favorite gems of wisdom is this: Do not fear tomorrow. God is already there.

This is not an easy lesson to learn. Some very good Christian people never learn it. I know many good people who suffer terribly from fears and anxiety about their futures—even to their dying day. Somehow they have never accepted God’s revelation to us that we are meant to live one day at a time! We have to become much more comfortable with that. This would make a good Lenten resolution in case you’re looking for one.

— Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J.
Senior Priest
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Sincerely in the Lord,

Fr. Yasalona

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**BOOMERS & BEYOND**

**Sunday Brunch**

**TODAY at 1:00 PM**
Doc Watson’s Outdoor Garden  
(1490 Second Avenue)

Price: $24 per person  
(includes tax, tip and 2 complimentary drinks)

Space is limited.

To RSVP, email  
boomersandbeyond.st.ignatius@gmail.com

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**FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK**

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LME invites all parishioners to a day of individual reflection, faith sharing, and guided prayer.

Saturday, April 6th
9:30 AM to 4:00 PM
Wallace Hall

The Rev. Kaji Dousa, Senior Pastor of Park Avenue Christian Church, will lead a reflection on compassionate connections. Relationships are beautiful and complex, but they function best when we can find ways to connect with compassion. This workshop will explore how we can deepen in our capacities to love compassionately, following the example of Christ himself.

The day will include continental breakfast and catered lunch, and will conclude with a prayer service.

To register, visit tinyurl.com/lme-april-2019.

Registrations are required.

FAMILY MINISTRY

Potluck Dinner
Saturday, March 30th
5:00 PM in Wallace Hall

Come join us for a casual dinner with other St. Ignatius families and friends.

What to Bring:
• Your favorite dish or a contribution at the door (Contribution: $50 for a family up to four or $75 for a family of five or more)

To RSVP, email parentcommittee.familyministry@gmail.com

If you are interested in volunteering to assist at the children’s activity & food tables during the event, please send a message to the above email address.

All are welcome.

SPARK MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

Sunday, March 24th
12:00 PM
Parish Lounge

Middle Schoolers meet weekly* on Sundays from Noon to 1 PM to perform a one-hour service project under the direction of Teresa Cariño, Youth Minister.

Gather in the Parish Lounge after the Wallace Hall Mass. Pizza will be served.

All Middle Schoolers are welcome.

*Except the first Sunday of the month when there is a Saturday Night Liturgy at 7:00 PM in the Lady Chapel for Middle and High School students.

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RANGER ROSARY MINISTRY

Monday, March 25th
7:00 PM in the Gonzaga Meeting Room

The Ranger Rosary ministry meets twice a month to make rosaries for Catholics who are serving in the armed services.

New members are always welcome!

LENT 2019 BROCHURE

A complete list of Lenten activities, including Holy Week Mass times, can be found in the Lenten brochure.

Copies are available in the Narthex, at the Parish House, and online at stignatiusloyola.org
New Parishioners

We welcome new parishioners and invite you to fill out a Parishioner Registration Card located in the pew racks, at the Parish House, and online at stignatiusloyola.org.

FEBRUARY SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISMS**
Charlotte Lynne Bai
Cecilia Anne Beard
Madison Ali Gomez
Laila Margaret Hammond
Vivian Alara Kalkay
Leina Rose Nidzgorski
Sophia Frazao Ochman
Jake Joseph Persico
James Emerson Roberts
Josephine Rose Anastasia Sadd
Aurelia Jeanne Scarpa
Neil Guatam Shrikhande
Nora Rose Woehr

**WEDDINGS**
Neil Franco & Nicole Marie La Perna

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

**Monday, March 25th** *(The Annunciation of the Lord)*
Isaiah 7:10–14; 8:10 Psalm 40
8:30 MEM Anunciacion Dancel & Josefa Dancel
12:10 MEM Marie Monaco
5:30 MEM George Bonadio

**Tuesday, March 26th** *(Third Tuesday in Lent)*
8:30 MEM Emil Wittek
12:10 MEM Anthony Oroszlany
5:30 MEM Joan Mendelson

**Wednesday, March 27th** *(Third Wednesday of Lent)*
Deuteronomy 4:1, 5–9 Psalm 147 Matthew 5:17–19
8:30 MEM Tom Dyett
12:10 MEM Mary Campbell
5:30 MEM Tony Oroszlany

**Thursday, March 28th** *(Third Thursday of Lent)*
8:30 MEM Francisco Dancel
12:10 MEM Toni Brown
5:30 MEM Tony Oroszlany, Sr.

**Friday, March 29th** *(Third Friday of Lent)*
Hosea 14:2–10 Psalm 81 Mark 12:28–34
8:30 LVG Josephine V. Dancel
12:10 MEM Leona & Oscar Verhoff
5:30 MEM William Powers

**Saturday, March 30th** *(Third Saturday of Lent)*
8:30 MEM Fredrick Filak

**Sunday, March 31st** *(Fourth Sunday of Lent)*
Joshua 5:9a, 10–12 Psalm 34

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

**Volunteer at Ronald McDonald House**
For 10 years, SVdP has been serving dinner once a month for the families at Ronald McDonald House, which provides a place to stay for families with children undergoing cancer treatment.

*To volunteer or learn more, please contact svdpdinners@gmail.com.*

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

**Your Parish, Your Home**

**Campaign for the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola**

At the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, we are always open to where God is calling us. But our magnificent church buildings don't reflect the welcome we extend to everyone.

You can help change that by making a gift to this important capital campaign.

*To learn more about the Your Parish, Your Home Capital Campaign, visit stignatiusloyola.org/index.php/capitalcampaign*
SUNDAY, MARCH 31st
11 AM SOLEMN MASS
Victoria
Laudate Dominum
Monteverdi
Missa in illo tempore: Sanctus, Agnus Dei

So We Must Make the Journey
Sunday, April 14th
4:00 PM
FEATURING
Lorelei Ensemble
Beth Willer, founder and artistic director
Take flight on a transcendent journey from the soaring perspective of birds, and trace humanity’s parallel journey through the cycle of life with the Lorelei Ensemble.
Boston’s Lorelei Ensemble is recognized nationally for its bold and inventive programs that champion the extraordinary flexibility and virtuosic capability of the human voice.
Tickets: $20–$80

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday Evenings
Through April 16th
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM in the Church
The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 6:00 PM. The church will be open for private adoration until shortly before 8:00 PM when the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed and the church will close.
PARISH STAFF

Pastor
Rev. Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J.

Associate Pastors
Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.
Rev. Vincent B. Sullivan, S.J.

Assistant Pastor
Rev. Brian G. Konzman, S.J.

Senior Priest
Rev. William J. Bergen, S.J.

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Teresa Marie Carino Carly-Anne Gannon

Pastoral Assistant
Maureen Haley

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Daniel Beckwith Maureen Haley
Robert Reuter Philip Anderson
Michael Sheetz
Scott Warren, Director
Sara Murphy, Executive Director of SMSS Concerts
Danya Katok, Administrator

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Diane M. Boyle

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48 East 84th Street
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St. Ignatius Loyola Day Nursery
Ms. Joy L. Blom, Executive Director
M.A., M.Ed.
240 East 84th Street
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Children's Liturgy of the Word
Sundays at the 9:30 AM Mass.

Centering Prayer
Mondays at 6:30 PM.

Confessions
4:30 PM Saturday or by appointment.

Baptisms
Please call Maureen Haley at the Parish House (212-288-3588 x636) to arrange for a Baptism and the preparation given prior to Baptism.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
Contact Maureen Fullam, M.A., Director, at the Parish House.

Marriages
The Bride or Groom should call Maureen Haley at the Parish House (212-288-3588 x636) to begin preparation for Marriage, normally one year in advance.

Visits to the Sick
Please contact the Parish House between the hours of 9:00 AM and 9:00 PM.

Lecture: The Hopes & Challenges Facing Christians in the Middle East. Wednesday, April 10th. 6:00 PM. America Media, 1212 Avenue of the Americas, 11th Floor. Fr. Drew Christiansen, S.J., Distinguished Professor of Ethics and Human Development in Georgetown's School of Foreign Service, will deliver a lecture on the challenges and hopes for the Christian communities struggling to survive in the Middle East. The lecture is free & open to the public. To RSVP, email events@americanamagazine.org.

Travel: Two Pilgrimages in the Footsteps of Ignatius of Loyola: Ignatius in Rome (June 14th–20th) & The Loyola Experience (July 4th–14th). Following Ignatius Loyola's footsteps in Rome and Spain, you will experience the Spiritual Exercises with a renewed and revitalized appreciation for their place in the history of Christian spirituality through daily talks at critical sites in the life of one of the Catholic Church's great spiritual guides. For more information about the Ignatius in Rome trip, visit paulist.org/pilgrimages/rome. To learn about The Loyola Experience pilgrimage, visit paulist.org/pilgrimages/loyola.

Weekday Masses (Monday to Friday)
8:30 AM, 12:10 PM, and 5:30 PM
Saturday: 8:30 AM

Masses for Next Weekend:
Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM Fr. Yesalonia
Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Hilbert
9:30 AM Fr. Bergen
Wallace Hall Family 11:00 AM Fr. Konzman
Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Yesalonia
7:30 PM Fr. Judge

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

Available in the Parish House
Six-Minute Reflections for Lent
The goal of these booklets is to find six minutes each day for quiet reflection during Lent.

We pray for the faithful departed
Patrick Farrell
Elsie Nelson
May they rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.